RECEPTION AT THE LEGATION.

His excellency George W. Merrill and Mrs. Merrill received their friends at the legation, 2 till 6 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. During the entire afternoon the rooms were crowded, and many expressed their regrets that they were soon to leave and return to their country, to give place to new representatives of the great Republic. It is not certain how soon Mr. Merrill's successor will arrive, as he had not been named at the latest advices from Washington.

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The glorious Fourth—Remarkably eventful holiday—Reports of all the festivities.

A finer day, except for some hours of great heat, could not have been desired for the glorious Fourth. Besides the various items of public celebration, many picnic parties went to the seaside or mountains. As full a report as possible of each part of the programme appears below. The American, British, and Chilean war ships were dressed with equal resplendence, the O. S. S. Umatilla was gaily bedecked, and there was a fine display of flags from other shipping and on shore. Salutes of thirteen guns each were fired at sunrise and sunset, and of thirty-eight guns at noon, from the shore battery.

THE REGATTA.

First race—Six-oared gig race. Sliding seats. Free to all. Prize, $40. Donated by the 4th July celebration committee.

Lilioukalani—White and blue, Carl Widemann. Alice M.—Red and white, H. Gunn.

Second race—Galley or gig race. Six oars. Stationary seats. Free to all. First prize, $50; second prize, $25; third prize, saves stakes. Donated by the 4th July celebration committee.


Third race—Yacht race. Open to all yachts over 5 tons and not exceeding 10 tons in measurement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to yachts now in Hawaiian waters and that enter for the race this year. Prize, Hawaiian challenge cup and pennant for 1889.


Fourth race: Yacht race. Open to all yachts below 5 tons measurement. First prize, $75; 2d prize, $50; 3d prize, $25; donated by the 4th of July committee.

Kaoahui, 3.40 tons, white burges, red letters, W. W. Dimond; Park St.,—tons, white and blue, S. H. Priestly; Laura, 1.76 tons, blue, Hingley and Graham; Pokii, 1.91 tons, blue W in center, W. Williams; Laura Doone,—tons, blue, yellow and red, S. B. Dole; Pauline,—tons,—W. L. Wilcox; Edith L., 1½ tons, red, Alex. Lyle; Oneward,—tons; blue with M. P. in white, J. A. Magoon.

Fifth race: Boat boys' race; opened to all licensed boats. First prize, $10; 2d prize, $5.

Dido, white; Flying Fish, American; Benicia, red; Fair Play, yellow; Lita, blue; Alameda, white and blue.

The regatta being the first event in celebration of the Fourth, mostly everybody consulted the weather immediately on awakening. The day dawned gloriously calm, and yachtsmen despaired.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock the first race came off, being that of six-oared gigs, sliding seats, between the Myrtle club's Alice M. and the Honolulu club's Lilioukalani. Alice M. won easily by 25 seconds; time of winning boat, 25 minutes.

Second race: Galley or gig, six oars, stationary seats. A good start was made but the native boat Kapiolani soon took the lead and walked away with the cake. The struggle between the U. S. S. Alert and H. B. M. S. Espiegle boats for second prize was closely contested. The Espiegle boat, Puuala, was in advance of the Alert's to the turning point, where the Alert's bow oar fouled the stern of the Puuala, but no foul was claimed. Although the Alert's boat lost some space by the collision she afterwards gradually crawled up on the Espiegle boat and passed her. Time of the boats: Kapiolani, 29:10; Alert, 31; Puuala (Espiegle), 31:55, and Pilcomayo, 33.