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HARMONY IN REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Expected Fight on Chairmanship Fails to Develop and Kauai Gets Honor

REVISION OF RULES PROCEEDS CAREFULLY

Delegates Take Time for Organization and Plan to Act in Committee of Whole

With a rousing speech from Robert W. Shingle, chairman of the Republican territorial central committee, urging the delegates to make new rules for the party broad and just enough to unite all factions, and rules that will be in harmony with the spirit of the direct primary law, the Republican convention, composed of delegates from all the six districts, convened this morning, organized and prepared the way for the business of the meeting.

Almost up to the minute the convention was called to order, a fight was expected for the chairmanship. A movement to place Lorrin Andrews in the chair was spoken of among the political insiders several days ago and given publicity yesterday afternoon and this morning. E. P. Fogarty and Clarence Crabbe were looked upon as Andrews' men in the convention this morning and when the chairmanship first came up, it was expected that Andrews would be nominated.

The expected did not happen. John H. Wieg and several others were pretty active overnight and whatever strength Andrews might have developed was more than offset by the movement to place a Kauai man in the chair. Consequently J. M. Kaneakua was named without any trouble whatever. Fogarty was nominated for temporary secretary but withdrew and George G. Guild was elected to that office.

The threatened factional fight did not materialize during the morning and when the noon recess was taken there was every indication that it would not bother the delegates. Andrews has been credited by some of his opponents with a desire to be chairman of the Republican territorial committee and the first step, it was said, was to rule the rules convention, but if so, the first step went astray. To Business in Afternoon.

Convening again at 1 o'clock this afternoon when the report of the committee on procedure and permanent organization was made, the 94 delegates present sat as a committee of the whole for the revision of the rules of the party.

Ed Towse was made chairman of the committee of the whole.

Using the draft of the proposed rules and regulations as prepared by the territorial committee, which were printed and distributed, the delegates got down to serious business early in the afternoon. It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the length of the convention at this time, but it is very probable that it will last at least until late this evening; possibly it will be necessary for the delegates to convene tomorrow morning to complete the work.

But so far there has been no serious or time-taking disputes; and if the temper of the convention continues throughout as it is now, there seems every likelihood that the business of making new party rules will be finished tonight.

The preliminary work, that is the election of officers, the appointment of committees, etc., went as smoothly as possible. The movement, predicted in the Star-Bulletin yesterday, to put a Kauai man in as chairman succeeded without opposition.

J. Mahial Kaneakua, county clerk of Kauai, was nominated by W. H. Rice for temporary chairman. His election was unanimous—the same was the case with George G. Guild for secretary. Kaneakua was applauded for his choice of committeemen to serve on the credential and rules procedure committees.

Delegates Fewer Than Expected. There were not as many delegates present as had been expected. Out of the six districts 147 delegates are entitled to be seated; only 84 were present. Twenty-six proxies were held. Eli Crawford, retiring secretary, stated that this was the smallest number of delegates to assemble at a Republican convention in his memory.

As Mr. Shingle pointed out in his speech many radical changes are necessary to be made in the rules and regulations of the party. The draft presented by the central committee, he said, was nothing but tentative; and its function was merely to be used as a basis or foundation for the rules as finally adopted.

Convention Off on Time. The convention was called to order by Robert W. Shingle, retiring chairman of the territorial central Rep-

TWO REPUBLICANS ON CONVENTION PLATFORM



Ed Towse, chairman of committee of the whole.



George G. Guild, secretary of the convention.

OFF TO KAUAI NOW THE SLOGAN OF THE AD CLUB

"Off to Kauai" will be the slogan of the Honolulu Ad Club for the next few weeks, in fact until March 27, when an excursion, 72 strong, composed of the booster brigade from Honolulu's premier boosting organization will sail in the Mauna Loa for the Garden Island. The trip will extend until Monday morning, March 30, when the travelers will return. The fare, including everything, will be \$17.50. J. M. Lydgate, on behalf of Kauai, delivered a strong invitation for all the members of the Ad Club to visit that island, in relays of 72 until the entire membership, their wives and sweethearts, had seen the island and diffused a little of that popular brand known as the "Ad Club Spirit." Previous to Mr. Lydgate's remarks there had been a statement made to the effect that there might be a number of outsiders take the trip. "We want the Ad Club and we want you to know that we want you," he said. "Of course there is no desire on our part to keep the 'outsiders' away but on these particular excursions we want to have the membership of this sterling organization for our guests. We want to show you the sights of our island and we want you to know just how we feel towards you and towards Honolulu." Speaking on behalf of Maui, W. O. Aiken said: "We want the Ad Club, after its trip to Kauai, to pay us a visit and we want it to be before the Civic Convention of next October. We need some of that Ad Club spirit to wake us up and put us right on convention matters. The prominent part played by the Ad Club in the last convention down here showed us that 'you know how' and we are willing to learn. Come before the convention, come during the convention and come after the convention as often as you like."

Carrying out the idea of Inter-Island day C. C. Kennedy, on behalf of Hawaii, said: "Hilo has improved wonderfully since the first visit of the Ad Club. There is a better feeling towards Honolulu and I believe we have a better feeling between ourselves. Come again and we will see if we can not bury the knocker a little deeper." It was announced, at the meeting,

Paid Admissions Are Nearly 20,000

Approximate Figures Now Announced

	No. Persons	Receipts
Carnival of Nations	850	\$ 450
Band Concert	1,950	570
Pyrotechnic Display	2,750	1,425
Hibiscus Show	1,900	465
"Mayor of Tokio"	1,450	1,450
Umi and Pikee	1,670	1,580
Masked Ball	1,700	1,025
Water Carnival	1,320	480
Swimming Meet	1,050	2,185
Floral Parade	530	115
Review of Autos and Floats	450	203
Japanese Lantern Parade	635	270
Military Parade	2,850	1,400
Total	19,950	\$12,591

The above does not include the receipts from the Carnival base ball games, which were well attended.

SCHOOL BUDGET CUT BUT SALARY LIST TO STAND

Economy Found Possible in Supplies, Maintenance and Repairs

In compliance with a request made by Governor L. E. Pinkham at the beginning of his administration, the amount of the estimated expenditures under the school budget covering the period from January 1, 1914, to May 15, 1915, has been subjected to a generous paring with the result that a reduction of \$16,756.54 has been made. This fact was brought out in a report made this morning at the meeting of the commissioners of public instruction by T. H. Gibson, superintendent of public instruction. "Special attention," he said, "has been given to the items of supplies, libraries and books, and maintenance and repairs, the appropriation for vocational instruction being but slightly reduced." Present at the meeting were Commissioners D. C. Lindsay of Maui, Mrs. Theodore Richards of Oahu, E. W. Sutton of Oahu, Mrs. B. D. Bond of Hawaii and W. H. Smith of Hawaii; also T. H. Gibson, superintendent, and G. S. Raymond, inspector of schools. T. Brandt, commissioner from Kauai, was absent. Following is a list of the reductions made in the budget: Supplies—Cut from \$750 to \$600, the latter figure being the estimated minimum monthly pro rata. Libraries and books—Cut from \$416.66 to \$240, the latter figure being the estimated minimum monthly pro rata. Maintenance and repairs for the boys' industrial school were cut from \$1041.66 to \$1000. The estimated monthly minimum for manual training equipment was placed at \$700, having been cut from \$1041.66. The appropriation for vocational instructors, \$833.33 monthly pro rata, was cut to \$800, the latter figure being the estimated minimum monthly pro rata. No Salaries Lowered. Other than the appropriation for vocational instruction being reduced, there were no teachers' salaries lowered. The commission raised one salary, that of the instructor at Ewa, Superintendent Gibson reported that at least 37 new teachers will be needed for next year. The commission is making elaborate plans to conduct the summer school this year, and already Superintendent Gibson is in communication with institutions on the mainland with a view to securing a competent man to come to Honolulu this summer and lecture at the summer school. It is the idea of the commission to get just as much work done this summer as possible, as there will be no summer school in 1915 on account of the San Francisco fair, it is said. The latest report to be submitted to the commission shows that there are 26,841 pupils in the public schools of the territory, while there are 6293 in private institutions. The department now employs 705 teachers. The report brings out the interesting fact that the nationalities most largely represented among the Hawaiian, part-Hawaiians and Japanese. During the past year the number of American children in the schools has increased from 1.56 per cent to 2.5 per cent. With regard to the cut in the several appropriations, Superintendent Gibson stated that the reductions may discourage the teachers to some extent, but that it was absolutely necessary for the department to make such a cut from the fact that at this time there is no money available. The session of the commissioners will come to a close this afternoon.

That the benefit baseball game for the All-Chinese team, to be played Sunday under the auspices of the Ad Club, gave promise of being a gigantic success. James S. McCandless, as chairman of the roads committee, reported work continuing for betterment of conditions around the island.

RAPID TRANSIT CARRIES 500,000 CARNIVAL WEEK

Half-million People Ride in the Street-cars During 10 Days of the Fete Season

A good index to the number of persons who took part in the various Carnival festivities, is to be had from figures compiled by G. G. Ballentyne, general manager of the Rapid Transit Company. This table, which is given below, shows that the street-car company transported approximately a half million persons during the 10 days of the Carnival, starting last night, or an average of just under 50,000 per day. The figures below are of actuality, paid fares, and does not include a considerable number of "deadheads," and those missed by conductors on account of the crush on some of the cars. The company did remarkably well in handling the crowds promptly, though Mr. Ballentyne stated this morning that they were handicapped on account of insufficient cars. The table showing fares collected each day of the Carnival follows: Saturday, Feb. 14, 49,931; Sunday, Feb. 15, 37,695; Monday, Feb. 16, 49,678; Tuesday, Feb. 17, 49,887; Wednesday, Feb. 18, 42,408; Thursday, Feb. 19, 45,594; Friday, Feb. 20, 52,781; Saturday, Feb. 21, 67,242; Sunday, Feb. 22, 43,015; Monday, Feb. 23, 60,876; Total, 499,047.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL DOUGHERTY WELL PLEASSED WITH SUCCESS OF CARNIVAL

The Carnival has been a success. I think everyone will agree with me in this. Personally I am pleased beyond words with what we have been able to accomplish, and it has been entirely due to the never faltering support and co-operation of the men who worked on the different committees, of the merchants and business men, of the army, and of the people of the territory as a whole. No one person or group of persons could have been responsible for the success or failure of the Carnival—it required the combined force of everybody working together to one end. It was team work that did it. As director-general, I am deeply grateful for all this unselfish support. We have been most fortunate in the weather. All our events have been made comfortable and the more pleasant through efficient and careful policing, and the crowds have been protected from the depredations of crooks of every kind. In large measure, I am told, through the activity of the local detective force of the police department. There have been no serious accidents to mar the success of the Carnival. We don't claim that everything was perfect—that mistakes have not been made, or that others might not have done better. But we have shown something of the grand possibilities of the Mid-Pacific Carnival for the future, and our experience will certainly be of greatest value to the men who will head the carnivals to come. And speaking of the future, I predict that the Carnival next year will be 10-fold better than this. I feel that the most valuable lesson has been well learned of the importance of team work in this thing, and also that the merchants and business men of the entire territory appreciate now as they never have before just how big and important a thing we have in our Carnival from a cold-blooded business standpoint—from a standpoint of dollars and cents. I can't say much about the financial side of the Carnival now. We have not realized as much as we had counted on from the sale of seats. The prices were too high for some of the events. That is one of the things we have learned that will be of value in the future. It is impossible to tell what the expense figures will show when all accounts are settled, but this will be ascertained as soon as possible. The press deserves, and has all the appreciation and thanks that I can express for the invaluable services which it has rendered. And in closing I want to again thank the army in Hawaii, the merchants and business community generally, the people of all nationalities in Honolulu and throughout the territory, and our visitors from abroad, for what they have done to make the 1914 Mid-Pacific Carnival successful. JAMES S. DOUGHERTY, Director-general, 1914 Mid-Pacific Carnival.

N. Y. POLICE OFFICIAL IS GRANTED NEW TRIAL



Charles A. Becker

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The sensational legal battle to save former Police Lieutenant Charles A. Becker of New York from the electric chair developed today in the granting of a motion for a new trial by the court of appeals at Albany. Becker, convicted once of complicity in the murder of the gambler, Rosenthal, in front of the Hotel Metropole nearly two years ago, has been fighting against the death penalty. The court, though granting the former police official a new trial, unanimously upheld the sentences of the four gunmen convicted of being the murderers of Rosenthal. One of the seven judges dissented from the findings in the Becker case.

MAN WHO HEADED FINANCING SAYS MUCH IS LEARNED

By L. J. WARREN, President Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd. We believe we have learned a number of things which will be of value to our successors in undertaking to finance an affair of this kind. We were on new ground, not only in that we have had no previous personal experience of the kind, but also in that we could scarcely rely upon the apparent results of carnivals elsewhere as furnishing a gauge of the fair range which such a carnival should have in Hawaii. One important difference is that we have not a large floating population from which to draw patronage. I also think that their efforts form much argument that we ought not to plan to make the carnival enterprise wholly self-supporting in Hawaii. It would require a too constant call upon the public for admission to events. Either we must regard the non-income producing features as purely promotional.

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U.S. ORDERS VIGOROUS PROBE INTO BENTON'S DEATH; VILLA SAYS HE WAS COMMON CRIMINAL

Bryan's Note to British Foreign Office, Telling of Rigid Inquiry Ordered at Juarez, Read to House of Commons and Is Cheered — Rebel Leader Says Was Necessary to Have British Subject Killed

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 24.—Feeling over the killing of William Benton, the British subject, at Juarez, by rebel soldiers under Gen. Pancho Villa continues at high tension in Europe. The British government has asked the state department at Washington to make sure that Villa does not hamper British Consul Percival's investigation of Benton's death. Sir Edward Grey today read the following note from Secretary Bryan, cabled to the foreign office: "The American consul at Juarez has been instructed to exhume and examine Benton's body, to take statements from all discoverable witnesses, to employ legal and medical aid and assistance and to do everything possible to elicit the facts surrounding his death." When Sir Edward had finished, loud cheers resounded through the house of commons.

JUAREZ, Mex., Feb. 24.—General Villa today telegraphed from Chihuahua: "I had expected the scandalous American press to denounce Benton's execution, but I had no alternative if I hoped to prevent the murderous assaults of hostile foreigners who believed that the protection of their flags authorized them to commit any crime. Benton was all of his life a criminal of the worst kind. He killed four men without provocation and stole a thousand cattle after the fall of Chihuahua."

Huerta Would Raise Money By Selling Rich Oil Fields

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 24.—Querrido Moreno, minister of commerce and industry, today admitted that the Mexican government plans to take over control and nationalize the rich Mexican oil fields, which will amount to seizure. It is currently believed that Huerta then intends to sell the fields to Lord Cowdray, the British capitalist who holds vast concessions here, for a sum of \$50,000,000.

South African Labor Leaders Say They Were Sent By Force

GRAVESEND, Eng., Feb. 24.—Ten departed South African labor leaders arriving here by steamer today declared that they had been placed aboard ship against their will. They asserted that they would not disembark until they were landed again in South Africa. British labor leaders finally persuaded them to land. They received an ovation.

BERT BOWER ON TRIAL ON ONE OF MANY CHARGES

Another trial which promises spectacular features began in federal court this morning when U. S. District Attorney Jeff McCann and his assistant, C. C. Bittling, took up the prosecution of George A. "Bert" Bower on one of the several statutory charges for which he was indicted by the federal grand jury last year. Bower, as public chauffeur and former baseball umpire, is a well known young man in Honolulu and the first indictment against him created some surprise and elicited much comment. The first indictment was followed by others from time to time. On each charge he obtained bail, until at the present time he is perhaps one of the heaviest bonded individuals who has ever been held to trial in the local federal court. The prosecution's chief witness in the present case, it is understood, is Victoria Mortenson. Bower is represented by E. A. Douthitt and L. M. Straus. The question as to the young woman's age caused a tilt between the attorneys early in the case this morning. In his preliminary questions to the first prospective juror, Harry A. Wilder, the prosecuting attorney referred to Victoria Mortenson as a "little girl." Attorneys Straus and Douthitt came to their feet simultaneously with a shout of protest. They objected hotly to the term "little girl," declaring the reference in the examination of possible jurors tended to prejudice them against the defendant and, moreover, was unfair to the jurors, as it did not give them an opportunity to judge impartially as to her age. They urged that the facts introduced in evidence should be sufficient to show that point. After both had exhausted their objections McCann said he had no intention of prejudicing the jurors by that method, that he had used the term unthinkingly, and that thereafter he would be willing to refer to the young woman as a "female," if that would be satisfactory to the defense. Wilder said he did not want to serve on the jury in this case. He is personally acquainted with Bower, as in fact were most of the original twelve men called to the jury box, but counsel for neither side seemed to find excuse to challenge him, for cause and thus obtain his dismissal. The hearing probably will occupy several days time.

BOND ISSUE IS STILL SUBJECT FOR MUCH WORK

Governor Pinkham is still working on the territorial bond issue matter and it is now understood some time may elapse before his application to the president for its authorization is made. At present he is awaiting the assessment figures, which have not been received from the assessors of the various islands. Treasurer Conking stated today that he has issued a call for a meeting of the board of equalization, to be held in Honolulu beginning March 9 and continuing probably for a week. The board consists of the four assessors and the treasurer and the purpose of the approaching session is to review the assessment returns and determine the amounts in total and detail which shall be set against the properties in the territory for the year.

CHINESE REFUSES TO GET OFF EASY JUST BY PLEADING GUILTY

When Yee Jan Fan, a Chinese who already is serving a lengthy term in prison for embezzlement, was led before Circuit Judge Cooper this morning and informed he would be given a suspension of sentence for two similar charges remaining against him if he would agree to plead guilty, he doggedly declined the favor. He declared he was innocent, and that if he failed to prove it when the case was brought to trial he was ready to serve the additional time which would be imposed. The cases accordingly were set for hearing next Thursday morning. Owing to the stress of other court affairs the actual hearing may be further postponed, however.

ALL-SERVICE AND HAWAII TEAMS IN BALL GAME TODAY

There will be a ball game at Athletic park this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock between the All-Service and Hawaii teams. The game is being staged as an added attraction of the Carnival series, and is in the nature of a comeback, the first game between the two teams having been forfeited to the soldiers, 9 to 0, when the Hawaii players left the field after protesting a close decision at the plate. There is a lot of interest and rivalry and the day's meeting should draw a big crowd. The game will not count in the percentage table of the tournament.

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