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CHINA AND GERMANY.

## WHAT ABOUT THE CITY ELECTION?

Do the voters want the present board of supervisors, or a majority of the board, reelected?

If so, there is a fair chance for four or five out of the seven, since new aspirants for the office are distinguished chiefly by their absence.

If the voters want new blood on the board, other men, other methods, other ideas, the time to begin getting results is now. It is time to begin getting good candidates out for office.

Honolulu will get just as good government as the majority of the voters permit it to have—and no better. If the majority of the voters are satisfied with the present administration, they can easily keep it in power for two years longer. Most of the supervisors intend to run for reelection. Mayor Lane will be a candidate to succeed himself, so will City Clerk Kalaualani, Auditor Bicknell, City Attorney Brown, Sheriff Rose and Treasurer Conkling.

The present administration, particularly the supervisors, went into office pledged to certain definite things. Those who listened to the stump speeches of the municipal campaign two years ago last November remember the promises of good roads, application of the frontage-tax, efficient administration of city departments. The time has now come when the majority of city officials will ask for reelection and this time they must ask it not on the basis of promises for the future but on the basis of what they have done to make good their pledges.

If the majority of voters are satisfied the pledges have been kept, with due regard to the circumstances, there will be little difficulty in insuring the reelection of the administration, since the city is normally Republican and this is a Republican administration, except in the sheriff's office.

But if a change is desired, it is quite time now that other candidates be suggested.

The Star-Bulletin would like to hear from citizens on this subject. What do you think of the city government? Has it made good? If not, why not? Can you suggest worth-while candidates for supervisor, in case you ask a change?

Not mere criticism, not senseless "knocking" is wanted, but constructive suggestions and definite facts in case there is condemnation of any supervisor or city department. Write the Star-Bulletin a letter and let us have your opinion.

## THE BORE.

I know a man whom I respect as a good citizen, and would bet on his honesty; but he has a number of disagreeable ways which he never tries to get rid of, and I avoid him, because I know he will soon become disagreeable in a petty way.

I really know dozens of such men, and so do you. Few mean realize the importance of the little amenities of life. It is not enough to be fairly honest, efficient and temperate; a man who hopes to get along a little better than the average must attend to another thing: he must avoid being a bore.—E. W. Howe.

The Advertiser suggests this morning that Judge Hatch would have a harder time getting elected for another term than any other supervisor. The Star-Bulletin does not believe this to be the case. We believe he would poll a surprisingly large vote. That he has been independent in his convictions and his vote on the board is in his favor. The Star-Bulletin and Judge Hatch have differed on a few matters of city government and probably would occasionally differ if he were in office another term, but we recognize the quality of his service, the intelligence he applies to city problems, the sympathy with which he approaches difficulties inseparable from local politics, and finally his willingness to stand by his guns. We believe he has made comparatively few opponents and very many staunch supporters among the voters of the city.

We were under the impression that Uncle Sam had severed relations with Mexico, but Carranza evidently has not been informed, as he has just named a new ambassador for Washington.

## BOTH SIDES OF KAWAIAHAO CHURCH ROW GIVEN IN STATEMENTS TODAY

### Due to Financial Irregularity, Says One Side; Pastor Parker Gives a Different View

The factional differences in historic Kawaiahao church, reaching a climax last Sunday night, bark back to charges of financial irregularity in the Christian Endeavor Society four months ago, according to a statement to the Star-Bulletin today by Mrs. Alice Kahokuoluna, one of the storm-troopers in the scene Sunday night.

This venerable church, long the bulwark for Christian work among the Hawaiians and with many traditions about its famous edifice, with a pastor who has seen more than half a century of devoted service, is now in tumult with charges and counter-charges. One of these charges, strange to the ears of the visitor, but familiar to those living in Hawaii, has to do with alleged consultation of "kahunas" by one of the members.

"Kahunaism" is outlawed in Hawaii, placed on a plane with witch-doctoring and voodooism as a resort to superstition and to the ancient practice of consulting medicine-men and soothsayers.

Mrs. Kahokuoluna presided at the Christian Endeavor meeting which Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of the church, tried to disband. She and her husband claim that the whole row is due to the fact that the pastor has taken sides with Mrs. Julia Bowers, former president of the Endeavor Society, after Mrs. Bowers was suspended by the society following the discovery that she had wrongfully used Endeavor funds, borrowed from the treasurer, John Kea.

Mr. and Mrs. Kahokuoluna visited the Star-Bulletin early this morning to put their side of the case before the public.

"The whole trouble arises from our difficulty with Mrs. Bowers and Mr. John Kea," says Mrs. Kahokuoluna, "and this dates back about four months ago. We were going to have an Endeavor convention at Waianae and raised about \$120 for the expenses of our president and other delegates. Mrs. Bowers had been the president, but she did not run for reelection, and a little later on we found out why."

David P. Kahalelo, our new president, was to go to Waianae but when the time came he found that Treasurer Kea had only about \$10 of the money. Then it came out that Mrs. Bowers had borrowed the rest and spent it."

Investigation is held. Mrs. Kahokuoluna tells a long story here of the investigation of this alleged irregularity by the society, and the suspension of Mrs. Bowers and Treasurer Kea. Mrs. Bowers finally made restitution of most of the money, but she says that the society refused to take Mrs. Bowers back until the latter had made public apology.

"Mrs. Bowers went to Pastor Parker and worked on his sympathies," the story goes on, "and he sided with her and ordered our Christian Endeavor Society to disband. We refused and this was the real reason for his opposition to our president, David Kahalelo, which resulted in the scene Sunday night."

Mrs. Kahokuoluna says that the society consulted Rev. Akiko Akana, another Hawaiian pastor, and was advised not to disband, but to stand by its guns, and this, she says, it has been doing, and was doing on Sunday night when she, as leader of the meeting, was ordered by Mr. Parker to leave the chair. She refused and then came the scene when Pastor Parker ordered G. Naukana, who has a special policeman's commission, to take the woman away. He also ordered the janitor to turn out the lights. She says she also appealed to the board of deacons to "drag me out of the chair," but they declined to do so. The meeting later was brought to an abrupt and excited close.

Says Members Stood by Her Action. Mrs. Kahokuoluna says that she asked the society if it wished to stand by her or the pastor on Sunday night, and that virtually the entire membership stood by her, and thus by David Kahalelo, president. She insists also that Pastor Parker was offered 15 minutes to state his case before the society and declined to do so, instead ordering the meeting to disband.

Both she and her husband say that when the society suspended Mrs. Bowers, the pastor ordered the society to disband. This was about three months ago. The society refused and sent a written protest, which, they say, the pastor threw in the face of the committee carrying it to him in his study.

The charges of Pastor Parker against Kahalelo, they maintain, were never properly preferred, nor was the Endeavor president allowed to appear on his own behalf before the board of deacons, which suspended him. They say also that though he was suspended from the society, he

was not suspended as a member of the board of deacons, nor from the church itself.

Did Not Consult Kahunas. Referring to the nature of the charges, they declare that their investigation does not bear out the accusation that he was guilty of immorality or of consulting "kahunas," as it is alleged, the pastor claims.

They also make counter charges of a serious nature against Mrs. Bowers, saying that these partly account for her suspension by the society.

The charges preferred by Rev. Mr. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahao, against Kahalelo as president of the now disbanded Christian Endeavor Society, will be investigated this evening with a view to determining whether Kahalelo shall be expelled from the church, if a meeting of the board of lunas can be arranged.

Rev. Mr. Parker told the Star-Bulletin that the board of lunas, or deacons, recently brought charges of kahunaism and immorality against the president of the C. E.

"I dislike very much to discuss these church rows," the aged minister, for more than 50 years pastor of Kawaiahao, said, "and especially that this is the first church row Kawaiahao has experienced in many years."

The minister's story of the events which led to the disbanding of the C. E. Society is, in substance, as follows:

"Last Sunday I gave notice that in the evening I would lead a prayer meeting. That evening Kahalelo's faction went in and started the meeting about 6:15 o'clock. When I went in there was an immediate uproar. They did not want me to lead the meeting."

"About two months ago Kahalelo, the C. E. president, expelled certain church workers, prominent members, who belonged to the C. E. I did not hear about this proposal until the evening on which action was taken, which was on a Thursday."

"I went to the president and asked if this was so. He said it was. I used all my influence to have him defer any action until I could look into the matter. He refused, however, and that evening three or four members were expelled."

"I then put the matter before the board of lunas of the church. The board passed a resolution disbanding the C. E. as a part of the church work. The C. E. is still disbanded, but an other resolution has been passed providing that steps be taken to reorganize the work."

"A committee also was appointed to investigate charges of kahunaism and immorality against the president. Kahalelo is not now president of the C. E., but he is still a member of the church."

Rev. Mr. Parker said he hoped to have a meeting of the board of lunas this evening to consider the report of the committee on charges against Kahalelo, and also to consider whether Kahalelo shall be expelled from the church.

## MRS. W. F. FREAR WILL HEAD Y. W.

Mrs. Walter F. Frear was reelected president of the Y. W. C. A. at a meeting held at the association this morning by the board of directors. The election was made unanimous by the members present. Mrs. C. T. Fitts was chosen first vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Smith, second vice-president, and Mrs. A. L. Andrews, third vice-president. Other officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. R. J. Shepherd, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Hemenway, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Frank Atherton, recording secretary.

Mrs. Frear upon election then appointed the various committees for the ensuing year. The chairmen of the committees appointed this morning were as follows:

At large, Mrs. Alexander Lindsay, Jr., and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham; finance, Mrs. C. T. Fitts; membership, Mrs. W. H. Ketchum; education and extension, Mrs. A. L. Andrews; Home-stead, Mrs. W. A. Ramsay; social, Mrs. Ralph Johnston; building, Mrs. R. G. Moore; physical, Miss Alice Hopper, and employment, Mrs. O. H. Walker.

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be held on Tuesday, February 20.

## "AMERICA'S DUTY" IS TIMELY LECTURE TOPIC

"America's Duty" will be the subject of a lecture by Prof. M. M. Scott at the Young Men's Christian Association on Thursday evening of this week. Prof. Scott will discuss the international situation now confronting this country and point out the moves that

## CIVIL SERVICE PLANS INDORSED

The opinions of Edward Fogarty, member of the civil service commission, concerning the police department and his ideas towards increasing its efficiency have caused considerable favorable comment and there seems to be a feeling about the city that the civil service laws should be continued and the commission given more power.

Among those who believe that more power should be invested in the commission is Clarence Cooke, member of the legislature. "The selecting of police officers by civil service examination he believes is the duty of America to make. He is known as a keen student of world politics, which will make his views of unusual interest."

The lecture will be in Cooke Hall at 8 o'clock and is open to members of the association and their men friends.

tion is the only fair method," says Cooke. "It is equitable to all and more good men are obtained that way than any other."

Supervisor Horner Approves. Robert Horner, chairman of the police committee of the board of supervisors, also approves the suggestions made by Fogarty. "If we are to have an efficient police force we must have civil service," Horner said. "I would, of course, like to see the salaries raised, but right now the funds are low and that will have to wait."

"There is, however, something which I would like to see and that is classes in law. Deputy Attorney Carden had a class of traffic officers about a year ago and it did a lot of good. I would like to see this taken up in all the departments."

Cable advices today to the shipping department of H. Hackfeld & Company, the local agency, state that the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador left San Francisco on time at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. She will arrive here Tuesday morning, February 20, unless she is delayed by bad weather, and will leave the same afternoon for Yokohama.

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## FOUR SENATORS ARE ON GROUND

To be on the ground early and get acclimated to Honolulu's weather and ways four senators from other islands are already in town as the advance guard of the coming legislature. There are also a few representatives. One of the new senators is George Kamaoaha, who, from the way he is keeping his eyes open and his mouth shut, may be destined to become the "wise old fox" of the session.

Kamaoaha of Kona, Hawaii, is one of the oldest in political experience in Hawaii and his service dates back to the time of the house of nobles in the days of royalty. He has little to say about what he will do and would not even commit himself on the appropriation to bring the congressional party here, although other legislators believe he will favor that.

One thing Kamaoaha did say, however, and with emphasis, was that the people up in Hawaii wanted roads. "We would like to have the tourist visitors come to Hawaii and travel

## SAY KOREANS EAGER FOR ENLISTMENT IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

Because they desire to enlist in the U. S. navy is the reason given in court circles for the rush during the last few days of Koreans to federal court to declare their intention to become American citizens. Up to noon today four Koreans had taken out their first papers. They were:

Whang Sung Kook, tailor, native of Seoul; Chung Sun, laborer, native of Seoul; Yong Woon Or, student, native of Chemulpo; Cha Pyung Soo, secretary, native of Pyung Yang.

Yong Woon Or is a junior at the College of Hawaii and is completing a course in engineering. On several occasions he has acted as Korean interpreter in circuit court. He says he desires to join the engineer company of the National Guard.

around on good roads," remarked the senator. "We have some fair highways, but we need some more."

Other senators who have arrived from the other islands are Senator Raymond Makekau and Senator Robert Hind of Hawaii and Senator William T. Robinson of Maui.

## NEW AUSTRALIAN WARSHIP INJURED

(By Associated Press)

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The minister for the navy, J. A. Jensen, in an address before parliament has just disclosed the fact that some persons were never properly preferred, nor was the Endeavor president allowed to appear on his own behalf before the board of deacons, which suspended him. They say also that though he was suspended from the society, he

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