

VOTE COMES OUT STRONGLY AROUND PRECINCTS; MORNING HOURS BUSY

Workers Around Polling Booths Report Quiet Day; Plenty of Balloting

With few visible indications of election fever, and with very little campaigning at the polls, voting in the fourth district this morning was fairly heavy, and at noon several of the precincts reported that nearly half of the transferred voters had cast their ballots.

Following the usual method in the Republican and Democratic candidates during the campaign, political workers around the polls this morning advocated the straight-ticket vote which gives more weight to the general belief that the purpose of the election is going to be interesting.

The keenest interest in the election in the fourth district appeared to be the contest between Edward Hopkins and Charles H. Rose for the office of sheriff, and it is predicted this fight will be close. There is also considerable interest in the same from a local point of view, as the candidates have expressed doubt whether Fern will be able to "come back." It is expected by many that Lane will poll a much larger vote today than he did in the primaries.

The following summary shows how the vote went this morning:

Fourth District
 First precinct—Voting in this precinct was heavy throughout the morning and at 10:35 172 ballots had been cast.

Second precinct—In the second precinct 175 votes had been cast by 10:25 o'clock, the voting being fairly heavy.

Third precinct—At 10:47 o'clock the vote had been cast in this precinct. This was one of the busiest precincts in the fourth district.

Fourth precinct—The heaviest voting of the morning was done in this precinct, 181 ballots having been cast by 10:16 o'clock.

Fifth precinct—Up to 10:19 o'clock 201 votes had been received in the fifth precinct. Pankham voted here at 9 o'clock.

Sixth precinct—The voting in the sixth was fairly heavy, 156 persons having marked their ballots by 10:35 o'clock.

Seventh precinct—With a total registration of 356, the voting in the seventh was slow, only 51 votes having been cast up to 10:14 o'clock.

Eighth precinct—Fairly heavy voting prevailed at this precinct throughout the morning, 142 votes having been cast up to 10:54 o'clock.

Ninth precinct—At 11:06 o'clock the vote in the ninth was 174, which the inspectors declared was slow.

Tenth precinct—Seventy-five votes had been cast in the tenth up to 10 o'clock, the total registration being 160.

Eleventh precinct—Out of a total registration of 442 voters, 142 votes had been cast in the 12th up to 10:57 o'clock.

The eleventh, Waimanalo, is an out-town precinct.

FERN OPTIMISTIC AS VOTERS IN FIFTH HASTEN TO BALLOT EARLY

At noon today, Joseph Fern, Democratic candidate for mayor, expressed confidence of victory. Fern was interviewed by the Star-Bulletin at the famous "fighting ninth" of the fifth district. He was gaily decorated with leis from the hands of admirers.

"I will poll 400 votes in the ninth of the fifth, 275 in the 10th of the fifth, 375 in the 11th of the fifth and 400 in the sixth of the fourth," said Fern.

Voting was heavy in the early part of the day throughout the entire fifth. Aala park, which is proverbially slow in voting, having almost 50 per cent of its registered voters in by noon. Voting by precincts was as follows:

FIFTH DISTRICT.
 Ninth Precinct—At noon today 287 votes out of 698 registered voters had been cast in this precinct with polling place near the Kalia pump. Votes during the first hour after the polls opened reached the total of 112.

Tenth Precinct—Out of 409 registered, 145 voters had cast their ballots just before noon today at the Kalia-waena school. This is one of the

strong Democratic precincts and the 700 votes of Democracy floated from the hands of many bystanders. Eighty votes were cast in the first hour, 102 up to 10 o'clock.

Eleventh Precinct—At 11:45 a total of 270 voters had cast their ballots. The total registration in this district, near Kalia school, is 721.

Twelfth Precinct—Voting here was fairly light through the morning hours, only 70 votes out of 226 registries having been polled at 11:40 o'clock.

Thirteenth Precinct—At 11:05 o'clock 138 votes had been cast in this precinct. L. L. McCandless is said to have protested against handing folded ballots to the voters, asserting they should be allowed to fold their own ballots after they had voted.

Fourteenth Precinct—Early voting characterized the activity in this precinct also, 212 out of 632 votes being recorded up to 11:30 o'clock. With many of the voters from this precinct busy at Fort Shafter and Watertown it was expected that there would be a rush toward the closing hours this evening.

Fifteenth Precinct—At 12:05 o'clock today 124 voters out of 357 in the Aala park district had been recorded. This is considerably heavier than the voting in either of the last three elections for the same length of time.

BALLOT BOX CHARGES MERE CANARD, ASSERT REPUBLICANS

That charges by the Democrats that there were irregularities in the primary election because a block of 32 unused ballots was found outside of Bourbon headquarters near midnight on May 19, and intimations that the Republicans "stuffed" the ballot boxes, formed nothing more than an eleventh hour political canard, is the opinion expressed today in Republican circles.

County Clerk David Kalauekani says that the ballots actually used at the primaries check up correctly with the number of persons who voted, and he has so informed Attorney-General I. M. Stainback.

"As a rule, all unused ballots are thrown away, or laid away, after 5 o'clock on election day," said Kalauekani. "We do not have to check up on the number of ballots issued; only on the number of ballots actually used."

"After 5 o'clock anyone could have gotten unused ballots from almost any of the polling places. They could have been secured at the clerk's office, for that matter, after 5 o'clock."

"Elections in Honolulu are conducted properly and the inspectors always have been fair, irrespective of whether the judges were Republicans or Democrats. As far as I know there is absolutely no evidence of 'stuffing' the ballot boxes at the primaries."

W. A. Bryan, one of the Democratic managers, yesterday requested the attorney-general to ascertain from the county clerk the results of the final checking up of the ballots. The following letter was sent by the clerk's office:

"Your letter of June 4, 1917, was received in my absence, and on being informed of your request, I have asked my deputy to make the following reply to you:

"As to your oral request of May 21, as you know press of business in this office in preparing for the final election of June 5, has caused your request to be temporarily overlooked. "I call your attention to such records as were submitted to this office showing that the report of the number of ballots cast in each precinct tallies with the number of voters reported as signing the roster at the primary election.

"Nothing in these records show anything abnormal nor has any complaint been made by any election inspector or any voters to show that this tally of voters and ballots was in error or that any voter's name was scratched wrongfully or wrongfully entered upon the roster in any precinct. To tally the blanks would add nothing to such an inquiry and to check the blanks with the used ballots would require opening of the sealed packets in the presence of a justice of the supreme court.

"This office knows no facts making such a judicial inquiry warranted. If you, however, have such facts at your command and desire to open and check the official returns of this election, this office is ready to bring such records as you desire before the supreme court.

"The records submitted to this office would indicate that there was no irregularity in the primary election which would affect the official returns published by this office in any way, shape or manner."

COASTAL CHANGE WILL NOT HURT LOCAL SHIPPING

passengers between San Francisco and Honolulu. However, they are now carrying capacity cargoes to and from the Orient, so it is not likely they would drop this profitable business to take up local freight, shipping men think.

According to T. M. Church, manager of the merchandise department of Alexander & Baldwin, rates on freight from the Orient to Honolulu have tripled in the last year, are still going up, and the Japanese lines are getting any price they want.

Rice Rates Aviate
 "Up to three weeks ago the freight rate on rice from Kobe here was \$17 a ton," he said. "On the last two boats it went up to \$33, and there are rumors here that it rose to \$35 on the first of this month. We have cabled to the Orient for information but have not had a reply. Tramp steamers from the Orient are now asking \$45 a ton to bring rice to Honolulu. This doesn't look as though the Japanese lines would care to compete with the Matson company's \$4.25 rate, the lowest of any Pacific line today."

From other sources on the waterfront it was learned today that local Japanese have been trying to contract with the M. B. K. to bring 20,000 tons of freight, mostly rice and salt, to Honolulu from the Orient. The T. K. K. has refused this class of freight owing to the low rate it has been carried for.

Local Chinese importers say that the freight rate on tea from Hongkong here has soared to \$51 a ton.

BIG VOTE CAST, ELECTION QUIET

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a strong attempt is being made to swing the "Chinese vote"—about 500—solely for the sheriff.

At noon today the Republican organization felt confident that Mayor John C. Lane would be re-elected and was fairly sure of a majority of the board of supervisors.

As the day progressed the prophets began to say that Lester Petrie, Democratic candidate for supervisor, does not look as strong as he did a few days ago, and that while they rather think William H. McClellan will be elected to the board, his fellow-Democrat's chances are not so good.

Many of the observers say that Daniel Logan's strength has developed to such an extent that he is extremely likely to poll a higher vote than Petrie.

As usual, the "slates" came forth early in the day. Several reports reached the Star-Bulletin that the race issue had been raised in fifth district and that Hawaiians there were voting a straight Hawaiian ticket. On the other hand, many declared this to be an unjust exaggeration, saying that the same stories are raised every year, and every year it is found that the race-issue voting has been confined to a few ballots only.

Enlisted men of the 25th Infantry are to give a dance tonight at the National Guard armory in honor of the 50 non-commissioned officers who were recently ordered to the mainland for appointment as lieutenants. These appointees will sail on the next transport for the mainland. The armory is gay with flags, special music has been procured and a good time is expected by the infantrymen.

CANDIDATE D. KAHALELIU VICTIM OF PRACTICAL JOKE?

"Secret Invisible Government" is "Exposed" By Lahui Party Creator, Said to Be Only "Obi, Obi, Obum!"

"Obi, Obi, Obum!" Not that it is a whimsical code stopped by the censor—it is the kernel of a political joke that is convulsing the Honoluluans who know the story.

Honolulu's "Secret Invisible Government" code, which David Kahaleliu, Lahui candidate for mayor, has waded through in circular letters mailed to hundreds of Honoluluans in the past few days, is the political joke—a practical joke de luxe.

The joke, it is whispered, was played on Kahaleliu by a well-known local official who is also a humorist. He put up a "plant" for the confiding David and had a trap into which the unwitting victim fell—or rather walked.

All of the voters and other fellow citizens who have received Kahaleliu's campaign literature in the present campaign, last week got through the mails a remarkable printed statement in which he declared that a gigantic business graft conspiracy had been hatched in Honolulu. He said the graft ring had first taken him up, knowing his great influence and splendid character, and intended to use him in a mock-reform program, to stave off real reform, but that when they found he was for real reform, and couldn't be "used," they dropped him and took up one of his opponents.

In the course of this statement, Kahaleliu went into some alleged history. He declared that his first intimation of the existence of this organization came when last August he received the following letter—the letter being duly quoted in his statement:

OFFICE OF THE NON-PARTISAN SECRET FEDERATION FOR MUNICIPAL REFORM.
 Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 9, 1916.
 David K. Kahaleliu, Esq.,
 604 Kalia Road, Honolulu.
 Sir: The organization of the Secret

Secretary and Treasurer, N. P. S. F. M. A.

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Star-Bulletin Election News

Star-Bulletin election returns will be shown tonight at the usual location—on King street, west of Fort. The Star-Bulletin's special election headquarters being in the Waiy headquarters, and the illuminated screen across the second-floor front of W. W. Dimond & Company.

And as usual, everybody is invited and "Star-Bulletin Service" will be the slogan in putting out the figures. Arrangements are being made for rapid collection of the figures throughout the voting precincts and they will be put on the screen as quickly as received.

Each election night the friends of the Star-Bulletin in the various precincts give very helpful cooperation in telephoning in the count as it progresses, or in many cases, send in messengers with ballots marked up with the latest figures. It enables this paper to give the news to the public quickly and accurately and every such bit of assistance is much appreciated.

The Star-Bulletin's special telephone number for tonight is 2160.

Ring up this number if you have any news to send in, or if you are unable to come down town and join the big crowd getting the returns on the street.

The illuminated screen will be in operation as soon as dusk comes. As the ticket is short, the result of the election should be known by 9 or 10 o'clock, perhaps earlier.

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Army Registration Proceeding Quietly

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.—News from all over the country, coming into the war department and elsewhere in Washington, shows that registration under the new army law is proceeding quietly everywhere in the United States. The percentage of evasion of the law is believed to be small.

No organized disturbances have taken place. Only in a few cases have disorderly opposing individuals been arrested.

The government, it was announced here last night, will have no definite figures regarding the registration until after the state officials have completed their work of gathering in the names of those liable for military service.

It was also announced that the proclamation including Hawaii and Alaska in the selective draft, will not be forthcoming until the governors of those territories have