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THE PRIMARIES TONIGHT.

Tonight the Republican primary nominations are to be held, the elections a week thence. It is tonight that the work and watch of good citizens must start. Intelligent and patriotic delegations to the nominating convention for the legislative and municipal elections in November are wanted. This end cannot be gained if cliques of self-seeking politicians are given walkovers for their secretly made up slates.

The elections this year are of more than usual importance on this island, as they inaugurate the working of the municipality of Honolulu, with its office of mayor new to us and carrying great power. Whether the initial period of the municipality is to be an improvement on the county system or a serious disappointment will depend on the class of men elected to carry it out. The process of selection of these men will begin tonight at the precinct club meetings.

Not only to the citizens at large but to the Republican party—since wisely or otherwise we have adopted the party system in local affairs—is the occasion of supreme importance. There is no doubt that the Democratic party is better organized here now than ever before. Though it may be anomalous, in view of that party's doctrines, it is nevertheless a fact that it is ruled from the top rather than the bottom in greater degree, here in Hawaii, than is the Republican party. One result of this condition is that it selects a higher average type of its membership for office than the Republican party, on the whole, does in its case. Unless the rank and file of Republicans, therefore, on the present occasion can be led to appreciate and act upon high ideals, both as to men and measures, the party will be liable to receive some heavy shocks in the count of votes in November.

BROTHER O'BRIEN'S BAD BREAK.

Frederick O'Brien, well known in Honolulu as city editor of the Advertiser a few years ago, recently perpetrated one of the most delicious journalistic "breaks" that ever happened. This was in Manila, where he is editor of the Cablenews-American. He was evidently the orator of the evening on the occasion of a fleet fund dinner, at which Governor General Smith was "also present" and on the speaking list. O'Brien, to get his ideas in shape for reading, had his speech put in type in the Cablenews-American office. The dinner came off in grand style on a Saturday night, and in the Sunday issue of the Cablenews-American what purported to be a verbatim report of Governor General Smith's speech appeared, besides condensed reports of all of the speeches, including a bordered summary of His Excellency's speech at the top of the report. Here are the opening sentences of the address that the paper attributed to the Governor General:

Though I am the first speaker tonight, the second I promise you shall follow close, though my tongue be a-wagging. Orators are supposed to hitch their chariots to stars, but my wagon has no silver tongue as have those of the succeeding speakers.

I feel unfit to initiate the important subject which is to be unfolded tonight. I am more used to putting the body of my thought between the sheets of a newspaper, and after much labor, giving my opinions birth on the bed of a printing press. But now, upon my feet, I already feel those bearing-down pains which indicate that I am not long to remain on them. Therefore, suffer yet a little while only.

There are two columns following of a patriotic appeal to the citizens of Manila to do themselves proud in entertaining the fleet. This is what was played up next to the display head of the report:

Governor General Smith, at the fleet fund dinner last night, made a forceful speech in which he said that it was the duty of all the inhabitants of the Philippine islands to do their utmost to welcome the great fleet which is to arrive here in October. He spoke of the courage of President Roosevelt, who staked his prestige on the journey of the American armada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and emphasized the fact that the President had recognized that America has two coasts, and that the Pacific had come into its own.

And this is part of "an open letter" to the Governor General which O'Brien printed in his editorial columns on the following Tuesday:

In Sunday's Cablenews-American a speech which I delivered at the fleet fund dinner at the Metropole hotel was charged to you. This was a grievous error and needs public explanation and apology. The speech had been set up in type merely to furnish a more legible copy for its writer, and with no intention that it should ever appear in a newspaper. Unfortunately the type was not immediately destroyed after a proof was taken, and thus the door left open for the unfortunate mistake which occurred. On returning from the dinner I myself wrote the account of it which appeared in this paper. In it your real statements at the board were given briefly, as were those of the other speakers. Then through inexplicable blundering on the part of the Filipino foreman

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When the Disraeli appears who will write the "Curiosities of Journalism," his book will not be complete without a record of Bro. O'Brien's comical blunder.

Possibly the six Hawaiian delegates may have decided some planks of the platform at Denver if any votes thereon were close, as one Hawaiian delegate in 1900 on the resolutions committee gave the deciding vote that inserted the free silver plank. There was no need of the six Hawaiian votes, however, to ensure the nomination of Bryan last night on the first ballot. An editorial paragraph in the Troy, N. Y., Record of June 22 reads: "The Denver convention will have 1008 delegates, if the six applicants from Hawaii are seated. Of this number 727 are pledged to Bryan, with 22 for Johnson, 11 for Gray, 178 uncommitted, and 64 to be chosen. As 672 will cover the necessary two-thirds, with the Hawaiians counted in, the Nebraskan has a sure hold upon the convention, with considerable room for defections without endangering his control. This is an advantage which the perpetual candidate will not allow to escape him."

Sheriff Iaukea has not made a brilliant success in his executive capacity, judging by his confessed inability to make the various divisions of the force even ordinarily polite to each other. The affray between a station house officer and a detective in the receiving station the other night was one of the most disgraceful episodes in Honolulu police annals. That the sheriff has glossed it over as a trivial matter, without administering discipline to whomever was to blame, is not to his credit. No disorderly conduct in a public office is to be regarded as either private or trivial. The sudden collapse of the detective organization under the sheriff is another very bad showing for Iaukea's administration.

All of the Manila labor unions and societies formed a combination which resolved to maintain itself free from the influence of political parties. Several notable Filipino politicians who had used different unions as political machines were thus frozen out. There is hope for the Philippines.

ALAMEDA ARRIVES

SIXTY-THREE CABIN AND FULL FREIGHT—LARGE BOOKING FOR RETURN.

The Oceanic steamship Alameda arrived this morning from San Francisco, docking at the Oceanic wharf at 7:15 o'clock, bringing sixty-three saloon passengers and about thirty in the steerage, and a full load of general merchandise.

Among the passengers were Mrs. W. G. Ashley of this city and her daughters.

Miss Grace Hortense Tower, Miss Bonney Bonnell and Miss Earley, three girls from Pasadena, are visiting here. Mrs. George C. Perkins, wife of Senator Perkins, is here for her health.

Superior Judge J. V. Coffey of California and his brother, Jeremiah Coffey are other passengers. J. T. McGrew returns and Dr. J. H. Raymond is back.

Roughish weather was experienced for a day or two out and the Alameda slowed during the last two days on account of heavy seas, nevertheless making her usual good run.

There were the usual pleasant functions aboard the popular boat on the way down, dancing attracting many.

The Alameda sailed from San Francisco on the fourth of July. On that day she received the last mail at 11:55 a. m. and was at the lights at 12:27 p. m. On July 5, at 8:51 a. m. she passed a four-masted barkentine in 34-49 north and 127-53 west.

Yesterday at 11:35 a. m. the Alameda passed the P. M. S. S. Korea, in 23-24 north and 163-57 west.

At 9:30 p. m. yesterday she passed the U. S. N. supplyship Culgoa in 22-10 north and 156 west.

Diamond Head was passed at 6 o'clock

this morning. Her steaming time was 5 days, 19 hours and 3 minutes.

The Oceanic S. S. Co. is still waiting for tests in wireless apparatus before installing a plant aboard the Alameda.

On Wednesday morning next, at 10 o'clock, the Alameda sails again for San Francisco, leaving the day before the arrival of the Atlantic fleet. She has a large booking, the names of intending passengers appearing elsewhere. Her passengers will have a splendid opportunity of seeing the battleships of Admiral Sperry's command in fleet formation, passing them early Thursday morning.

The Oceanic wharf is reserved for one of the vessels of the fleet.

SILVER KING STIRS ORPHEUS CROWD

Buhler, in the title role, and the Lumley Company, in the Silver King at the Orpheum last evening created a big stir, for seagom is an opportunity afforded to see so thrilling a play. Buhler was splendid throughout and all who took part received deserved appreciation; the story is a startling and moves the blood to renewed circulation.

QUICK ABOUT IT

EDITOR STAR:—If Hustace wants to be Mayor and Dwight wishes to be re-elected, they had better get upper Fort street fixed up right away. Besides the parade line is straight up Fort street. Just fancy our navy walking on that road, why, it would make a sailor seasick. Better get that road finished before Harvey gets back. He is after the Mayor job too.

Four acres of land was deeded to the United States government today by papers filed with Registrar of Conveyances Morriam. The land is at Makapuu Point and was sold for \$75.

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