

START OVERRULING MAYOR

ADDRESS BY FERN

THE MAYOR TO THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—ROAD WORK, A NEW CITY HALL, MORE PARKS AND MANY OTHER THINGS NEEDED—SAYS HE HOPES FOR HARMONY AND A FURTHER LOCALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Fern's address was as follows:

"Fellow Citizens:—The City of Honolulu, as a municipal organization, has just come into existence. I am sure it is the wish of every one of you, and of every citizen and resident, that the new government shall be honestly, effectively and economically administered. I promise you that I shall do everything in my power to make of City and County government a success. I believe that those who have been elected to me—the Supervisors, the City and County Sheriff, the City and County Treasurer, the City and County Auditor, the City and County Attorney, the Deputy Sheriffs of the various districts—all wish as I do, each to do his duty and to work together for the best interests of the whole people. I believe that if we all have this purpose we can work together in harmony and give a good city government.

"It is true that the Municipal Act is not clear in all of its provisions, and that differences of opinion may arise as to what the law directs and what it requires. Some such differences have already arisen. But many of these differences can be harmonized by frank and honest discussion between those who differ, and where they can not be, it is the duty of the courts to decide what the law is; and when the courts have decided it will be the duty of all of us to accept the law thus declared and to carry it out. I promise for myself that I shall do this cheerfully.

"Cause of the increasing pleasure deriving it will afford, and as a tourist attraction but because it is necessary for the development of large portions of the island. It must be a very important part of any complete plan of roads for the City and County.

MILITARY ROADS.
"But in planning and building this road, and the side roads that should be built from it, so as to reach all places to which a road should be built, as well as in planning other new road work, the military plans of the National government should be considered. It is the announced plan of the national government to make of the Island of Oahu, all of which is included in the City and County of Honolulu, a strongly fortified and a strongly garrisoned Army and Navy

"In this matter we have the experience of the County Act and the County government under it. We know that questions arose under that act. Some of them the courts decided. And we know that in spite of these questions and differences and the lawsuits that arose, county government has been on the whole, satisfactory throughout the Territory. At any rate the people of Hawaii would not now be willing to give up local self government.

CITY GOVERNMENT AN ADVANCE.
"City and County government, which we now begin, is a still further advance in local self-government. If it is to reach its highest success the people of the City and County must take an active and intelligent interest in it. If they do it will greatly help me as Mayor and will greatly help every other City and County official. But more than this, it will hasten the time when full city powers will be given to the city government, and this shall be a city in the real sense in which that term is generally understood on the mainland. The time must come when the City and County must control matters that are essentially city and county matters such as water-works, sanitary matters, and sewers, and must control its own sources of revenue.

"The importance of this will grow as this City and County become more and more a fortified and garrisoned Army and Navy post, and the need of co-operation in many matters, such for instance as roads, police, and health matters, becomes more essential and necessary. For co-operation between two authorities is much easier than among three, which will be necessary if the present system of Territorial and City government continues.

A CITY HALL.
"Honolulu is a capital city. It is the first American city and American outpost reached from the Orient. It cannot long continue to house her city offices in rented rooms in a commercial building. A suitable City Hall is something for which the new City and County government should begin at once to mature plans. A suitable site would be provided from the publicly owned lands, and means should be found to provide for the cost of such a building.

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Supervisors As Temporary Chairmen

MAKE LOGAN TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN WHEN THE MAYOR REFUSES, AS CHAIRMAN TO PUT MOTIONS—ALL OFFICES EXISTING UNDER THE OLD BOARD ARE ABOLISHED—THE COMMITTEES OF THE NEW BOARD.

Acting under rules they had just adopted, the City and County Supervisors this afternoon abolished all offices existing under the old board. This includes any offices for which the mayor last week assumed to make appointments. The supervisors then named standing committees. Fern at times refused to put motions. This had been anticipated, for there was a rule to cover it, and under this rule members were made temporary chairmen for the purpose of putting the motions the mayor wouldn't put.

The reading of the rules, before their

possible adoption, was suggested and McClellan proceeded to read Section 82 of the Municipal Act to show an argument against the passage of the rule, to the effect that meetings must follow the program of procedure outlined by the Mayor in his call for meetings, special meetings.

Quinn drew attention to the fact that McClellan had no right on the floor, not being an accredited member of the Board of Supervisors.

McClellan sat down, explaining he had forgotten to get the sufficiency of his bond approved.

McClellan asked for a recess to get his papers endorsed by a circuit judge.

There was no sign of the Board approving the suggestion in view of the fact that Supervisor Logan had appear-

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Warrant Issued

CHISE'S ASSAILANT MUST ANSWER CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE.

U. S. District Attorney Breckons has sworn to a warrant charging Morimoto, who assaulted Chise, the wife of Isol of Iwilei fame, yesterday, with attempting to obstruct justice. This charge will be prosecuted in the Federal Court. The claim is made and appears to be with good foundation that Morimoto had some connection with the so-called Twelve Dollar Club, and that, reading in the daily papers that Chise had given this away to the U. S. District Attorney, attempted to obtain vengeance by assaulting her.

It is understood that the police were very lax in the manner in which the arrest was made yesterday. Telephone messages for an officer were neglected for about an hour and a half and the only way in which an arrest was finally made, was by calling in the services of the United States marshal's office.

OPERATE ON CASTRO

BERLIN, Germany, January 4.—Ex-President Castro was operated on for kidney trouble in this city today.

SOLONS IN SESSION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., January 4.—The State Legislature met today in its opening session. Wolfe was elected President of the Senate and Stanton speaker of the Assembly.

TRANSPORT DANCE AT MOANA TONIGHT

The Moana Hotel will give a dance tonight in honor of the U. S. A. transport Sheridan, which is due from Manila, unless she should not get in before night.

Special arrangements have been made for music, and a very enjoyable time is assured all who attend. All friends of the Army and guests and friends of the Moana Hotel are cordially invited.

SACHS' ANNUAL SALE.
Sachs' Annual January sale of ladies' muslin underwear will begin Monday, January 4th. Tremendous reductions.

Best cup of coffee in the city at New England Bakery.

IT HAS COME.
We have received that large shipment of Tengu Japan rice and we are selling it fast, as the demand is very great. It surpasses all others in flavor and quality. K. Yamamoto, sole agent, Hotel near Nuuanu, England Bakery.

A NOTABLE FACT.
The absence of all narcotics makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the safest and best medicine for all coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough that can be procured. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.
The Alexander Young Cafe extends to its patrons hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Voice at other end—Doctor, I've tried everything, and I cannot get to sleep. Can't you do something for me?
The Doctor—Yes; hold the wire and I'll sing you a lullaby.—Woman's Home Companion.

STANDARD OIL FINALLY AVOIDS \$29,000,000 FINE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 4.—The United States Supreme Court has decided against the government in the Standard Oil \$29,000,000 fine case.

RACE RESULTS AT HILO

AYRES WON THE WALKING MATCH

(Special to The Star)

HILO, January 4.—The races on Saturday took place with rainy weather and a wet track.

In the third race Frolic finished in the lead, Aidion second and Trilby third.

The fifth race was won by Collier, with Indigo second.

In the seventh, Hanonica won, Frolic second, Aidion third.

The eighth was won by Collier, Indigo second, Elko, third.

In a special half mile, the order was

Notch, first, Breakwater, second, Elko, third.

The special pacing event for horses owned by Elks was won by Waldo Jr., Dickey Davis driving. Hurst finished second. Waldo made the mile in 2:31 flat.

In the special one mile walk H. M. Ayres defeated Dick Sullivan.

Several horses have changed hands during the racing days. Farnell being sold to Billy Campbell and Aidion being sold to a Honolulu buyer.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK USELESS HERE UNDER THE PROPOSED PLAN

(Special Correspondence of The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19.—If the postal savings bank bill should be enacted into law in its present form, the man depositing money with his postmaster would experience some difficulty, or rather delay, in withdrawing his account, or checking upon it. The bill provides a system of red tape, drawn ostensibly to protect the government, but also to discourage depositors from withdrawing funds deposited in the postal banks. Funds once deposited with the postmaster, can, under the bill, only be

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FERN'S HAND IS FORCED AT THE START

MAYOR COMPELLED TO CALL A MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT ONCE—THE SIX REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OVERRULE THE CHAIR AND PROCEED TO ADOPT RULES AND NAME THEIR OWN COMMITTEES.

WITHIN HALF AN HOUR AFTER MAYOR FERN HAD TAKEN HIS OFFICE TODAY, THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS IN SESSION AND BEGAN TO ADOPT ITS OWN SET OF RULES, UNDER WHICH HIS SUPPOSED APPOINTMENTS ARE TO BE IGNORED, AND THE BOARD IS TO ORGANIZE ITSELF AND SELECT ITS OWN COMMITTEES. IT HAD BEEN THE MAYOR'S INTENTION NOT TO CALL A MEETING UNTIL TOMORROW, BUT SUPERVISOR QUINN LED A PROTEST, CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE CITY WOULD BE WITHOUT POLICE UNTIL APPOINTMENTS WERE CONFIRMED, AND A MEETING WAS THEREFORE CALLED AT ONCE.

Midday witnessed a hiatus in local government, between the letting go by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oahu and the taking hold by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mayor Fern, the new Supervisors all being in their seats promptly took the chair at noon, all present rising to greet him and a bunch of chrysanthemums being placed on his desk.

Having been introduced by retiring Chairman Hustace, who asked that the new board get in and work with the Mayor for success, Fern sprung a surprise, when he had finished his address, by declaring that the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu would be held at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

"Inasmuch as no request has been made of me to appoint any other time of meeting than on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, as was the case under the old Board," said the Mayor, "I hereby set tomorrow evening, Tuesday, at 7:30 for the time of meeting."

Supervisor Quinn was on his feet to declare that unless a meeting for organization was held at once, no officers could take office, the sheriff would be unable to act; even the clerk and County Attorney were powerless until the board had met to approve bonds.

"No officers can qualify until we have met and organized," said Quinn. "I ask that this board be called in meeting at once for the purpose of organization."

Supervisor McClellan suggested that the Mayor at once called a special meeting in writing for the purposes of organization.

Meanwhile the Mayor had little to say, repeating the proposition that, according to the Municipal Act, as he

understood it, there was no obligation to call a meeting of the Board on the first day, today.

Supervisor Aylett declared that the Board was here for no other purpose than that of organization and it was absurd to suppose otherwise. What were the police, or any other City and County departments to do unless the Board met and at once? The clerk had no right to sit where he was, his bond had not been approved.

Supervisor Cox said offices could not be held until the bonds were approved.

The Mayor finally consented, at 12:35 p. m., over half an hour after the old Board had gone out of existence, to write a special call for a meeting, at once, for the approval of bonds.

Hill called preceded the notice of meeting issued by Fern, McClellan answering "No," to the interrogation as to whether he was present, occasioning laughter.

Cox suggested oaths of office being taken first and the Mayor ordered the clerk to proceed with the election certificates of the Supervisors.

Here another sensation was sprung, for McClellan didn't have his certificate approved by a circuit judge.

No sooner had certificates been read than Jim Quinn jumped up with a typewritten epistle and moved that the Board proceed to adopt rules for the guidance of its meetings, inasmuch, said he, as nothing could be done without rules.

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