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LAND BOARD AGAIN IN SESSION

CONTINUED DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN TRENT AND OTHER MEMBERS.

The land Board met again yesterday afternoon, and the first business was the consideration of the applications of the Makoe Sugar Co. and Charles Rice, for Kaula lands for other than homesteading, containing 3,679 acres, more or less, grazing and waste lands, at an annual rental of \$300, same to be paid semi-annually. The lease was for fifteen years from July 1, last.

Mr. Trent—"Less than ten cents an acre. I am willing to vote for it at about fifty cents an acre."

The Land Commissioner said that in fifteen years the cost of fencing required in the lease, would take, he should judge, anything between \$2,000 and \$3,000. It was part and parcel of the lease that those improvements must go to the government. In fifteen years, at \$200 a year, the government was getting, practically, a return on the basis of \$500 a year.

Trent stated that he was in favor of a five year lease at fifteen cents; a fifteen years lease at twenty cents; or a twenty year lease at twenty-five cents, making allowances for the fencing.

Secretary Brown thought that \$500 a year was quite enough.

Mr. Trent moved "that the board give its consent to a fifteen years lease at twenty cents."

Mr. Andrade moved as an amendment "that the board consents to fifteen cents an acre." He stated that that was an upset price, and if the land was worth any more than that then the board could get it.

The Commissioner reiterated that it would cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to fence it, as there were about 42,000 feet to be fenced.

Mr. Trent to Mr. Andrade—"Strike ten years at fifteen cents."

Mr. Andrade—"All right."

Mr. Trent—"I move 'That we approve the lease of this land for ten years at fifteen cents an acre.'"

Mr. Andrade seconded the motion, which was carried.

The commissioner stated that he sincerely hoped that the applicant would take it.

The application of J. L. McLean for the purchase of a piece of land at the junction of the old and new Nuuanu road, was approved. It was pointed out that the land actually belonged to the applicant, so the price to be charged should be only a nominal one.

John H. Wilson applied for permission to purchase the lot at the intersection of Beretania Avenue and King street, Mofhill at \$200. On the motion of Mr. Andrade it was resolved to put the land up to public auction without fixing an upset price.

Zono K. Meyers, of Hilo, had an application for a block of land 79-100ths of an acre. His application was approved on the motion of Messrs. Trent and Dwight.

That concluded the business of the board, but before the members left, the land commissioner mentioned that he would be only too happy to furnish free transportation for all the members to look at the Kapaa lands. He pointed out that if the Board was as familiar with the lands they were dealing with as he and Secretary Brown, it would indeed assist them in their decisions.

LAND BOARD ADVERTISING

At a recent meeting of the Land Board, the question of economizing in the matter of advertising was brought up. Mr. Trent at yesterday's meeting of the Board, said that he had received a couple of visits from a learned editorial gentleman of Hilo named Conness, who had stated that the plan to advertise only in Honolulu would be unjust to the other newspapers. Mr. Conness thought that when there was land to be sold in Hawaii, it should be advertised in the Hilo papers, and so on with the other islands, and not only advertised in the Honolulu papers. Mr. Conness gave it as his opinion that the Board would not be doing the right thing by advertising it only in the Honolulu papers. Mr. Conness gave it as his opinion that the change would be a good one, if it were carried out in the way he had suggested. Mr. Trent agreed with the idea, and so did the other members of the Board.

There was a conversational form of discussion on the matter, all the members apparently agreeing that it would be fairer to advertise in the manner suggested by Mr. Conness, if

any change were made, but no decision was arrived at.

Secretary Brown stated that there was no immediate hurry for steps to be taken in the matter, so he said that he would go into it again, and report at a later meeting the result of his labors.

The meeting then adjourned.

FILIPINOS AT PEPEEKEO STRIKE

HILO, September 22.—Filipinos on Pepeekeo plantation started trouble last Tuesday morning and as a result three of them have been placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff Fetter and over thirty have quit work on the plantation. The trouble started on account of a calling down which one of the lunas on the plantation gave a Filipino laborer who had shirked his work.

On Monday evening when the luna was coming home, he found a row of cane which was supposed to have been hoed, but which the man on the work had not touched, except at the end, where it would show from the road. The next morning he spoke to the man about it and trouble started at once. The shirker immediately called his friends together, someone whistled and about forty Filipinos quit work, going on strike to demand that the luna who had done his duty be discharged.

All the Filipinos on the plantation with the exception of one man quit work. He could not see where the reproval of a man who deserved it affected him, and went out to work. This infuriated the other Filipinos, who went out to the field to persuade him to quit. The first means which they took to this end was to knock him down. Even after this he wanted to keep on working, but one of his opponents drew a knife and another produced a file with which they threatened to kill him. They finally picked him up bodily and carried him to the field.

The plantation authorities telephoned to Deputy Sheriff Fetter, who immediately started for the scene of the trouble and arrested the three ringleaders. A large number of the other Filipinos who had taken part in the trouble came into town on Tuesday night.

MANOA VALLEY HARMONY LUAU

The Manoa insurgents and regulars will get together this evening at six o'clock, at a luau being given by the insurgents. It is to be a harmony luau, and an occasion for burying the hatchets swung in the recent primary. Republicans who were on both sides have been invited, and a large attendance is expected. The Republican territorial and county leaders will also be present.

POOR CONVICT'S OATH.

J. W. H. Kibe, who was convicted of forgery on November 20, 1908, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, and ordered to pay \$500 fine and costs of the prosecution, was before Judge Robinson this morning on the petition of Attorney General Lindsay. Kibe it was stated was a poor convict within the meaning of the act, and had no means of discharging the debt. Judge Robinson ordered that Kibe be discharged from custody.

HER OWN JUDGE

A Porto Rican woman charged with using obscene language at the Police Court this morning, was asked to plead.

"After I have made my statement I will decide whether I am guilty or not," she said.

"I will have to do that for you," said Judge Andrade, and the woman, with a surprised expression, took her seat to await her trial.

MAUI BANK CHANGES.

At the directors' meeting of the First National Bank last Saturday Mr. W. T. Robinson resigned from the directorate, and Mr. J. Garcia was elected to serve in his stead. Mr. Robinson has long been a director of the bank, and the officials were sorry to find that he felt it necessary to withdraw. Mr. Robinson felt that he could not devote the necessary time to the bank's affairs that was required of a director.—Maui News.

President Taft's letter to Chairman McKinley, of the Republican congressional committee, telling why all shades of Republicans should continue to support the administration and co-operate in securing a majority in the next Congress, places him in the forefront as the party peacemaker.—Scranton Truth.

HAWAII COUNTY DEMOCRATS WOULD REMOVE CAMPBELL

HILO, September 22.—The Democratic county platform, as adopted in convention last night, is short but contains two sensational features. These are first, a demand for the removal of Land Commissioner Marston Campbell from office, principally on account of the fact that he is cutting up land into too small tracts to suit the homesteaders, and the plank in which special attention is called to the failure of Henry C. Hapai to put in a sidewalk in this city, the blame of which is placed upon the shoulders of Governor Frear and Marston Campbell. The mention of the last matter brought forth the only noticeable applause which was given during the reading of the platform.

The platform as adopted reads as follows:

"We, the representatives of the Democratic Party of the County of Hawaii in convention assembled do hereby endorse that platform adopted by the Territorial Convention held at Honolulu September 15, 1910, and in addition thereto we desire the following to be consistent therewith and particularly representing our local conditions:

"We heartily endorse that portion of the Territorial Platform dealing with public land. We pledge our delegates to support any legislation tending to establish a liberal administration of the present land laws. We believe that the land laws should be administered in such a way as to give any bona fide homesteaders an opportunity to obtain public land in sufficient quantity to enable them to earn a living therefrom, and in this connection we deplore the spirit in which the present law is being administered by the Hon. Marston Campbell, Commissioner of Public Lands, for the reason that the public lands under his administration are being divided into lots so small as to be inadequate for the above purpose. We therefore pledge our representatives and senators elected from this county, to use their utmost endeavors with the Governor of this Territory to have the said Marston Campbell removed from office as such land commissioner for the above stated reason. The present land law as recently amended provides:

"In laying out any homestead the Commissioner of Public Lands shall include therein an amount not exceeding eighty acres in area, sufficient to support thereon an ordinary family."

Inasmuch as the said Marston Campbell has been surveying lands in blocks of from ten to twenty acres, of inferior land and even homesteads by the square foot, characterized in some places as 'pig pen' homesteads, and inasmuch as we believe that this is not sufficient for the support of an ordinary family and is not in accordance with the spirit of the said act, we believe that the said Marston Campbell should be removed from office as Commissioner of Public Lands.

"We further endorse the plank in the Territorial Democratic platform referring to county control and to the extension of county government. We pledge our representatives and senators

to advocate the passage by the Legislature of a law giving to the counties a larger percentage of the general income of the Territory than that which they now receive. The Territory of Hawaii at the present time is receiving more money than is necessary for the purpose of carrying on the territorial government. There is at the present time a large surplus of cash in the territorial treasury, and we see no reason why the Territory should receive more money than is absolutely necessary for the purpose of carrying on the general government.

"We condemn the policy of corporations which have their farms, fields and factories in the County of Hawaii from which their income is derived, but who make returns for taxes in the City and County of Honolulu, thus depriving this county of funds to which it is rightfully entitled. We pledge our candidates for the Legislature if elected to so amend the tax laws as to compel all such corporations to make tax returns in the county or counties in which its property or any portion thereof is situated, to the end that each county may receive its just shares of all taxes to which it is entitled under Act 15 of the Session Laws of 1907.

"We believe that the present law by which the control of sidewalks and the building of the same is left in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Works is inconvenient and should be amended. We believe that this matter should be left in the hands of the Board of Supervisors, and we pledge our representatives and senators to advocate the passage of a law to that effect by the next Legislature. As an example of the inconvenience and delay caused by this method of control over sidewalks we cite the case of Henry C. Hapai, for many years a Territorial office holder, who is the owner of a piece of land situated in the heart of the City of Hilo, and who has continuously refused to construct a sidewalk along the same; the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, the Commissioner of Public Works and Lands, etc., do not seem to have the nerve, power or desire to compel one of the government officials to do his duty in this regard; if this matter were placed in the hands of the local Board of Supervisors this unsightly blot in the heart of the City of Hilo would soon be removed.

"We endorse the candidacy of L. L. McCandless for Delegate to Congress. We congratulate him and the Democratic Party upon the work which he did before the Congressional Committee at the last session of Congress with reference to the amendments to the Organic Act, and more particularly with reference to the amendments made in the land laws."

The Germans seem to be much wrought up over the Kaiser's claim of his divine right to rule. Over here nobody seems to take Rooreveit's big talk seriously.—Green-ville (S. C.) News.

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