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A TRAGIC ILLNESS.

The sudden illness of King Edward and the consequent postponement of the coronation is one of the most dramatic peaceful incidents that has occurred in the world's history. The illness of the King at any time would have startled the world. But coming as it did a bare day or so before the coronation fete, brings the shock home to millions of hearts with trip hammer effect.

The preparations for the day in all their stupendous proportions were complete. Embassies from the ends of the earth were in the King's city. Representatives from the distant provinces of the empire were at the feet of their sovereign. Thousands of official visitors were awaiting the coronation splendors and thousands more who had traveled far to be private spectators of the fete, were ready to view the royal ceremonies. As suddenly as the report of an assassin's pistol, the news of the King's illness reached his guests in the city. The transition in so many hearts from hope to fear, joyful anticipation to dread alarm, has no duplicate in the annals. From the heart of the good Queen Alexandra, who on hearing the news, said: "Have I not expected this?" the fateful blow has passed to every heart in Christendom.

THE Hilo public and the visitors within our gates were amply satisfied with the celebration of the Fourth of July. The whole demonstration was well organized and faithfully carried out. Such a celebration in the middle of the Pacific is indicative of a firm foot hold of American principles and sympathies.

THE resignation of Judge A. S. Humphreys takes from the Honolulu judiciary its most brilliant light. Setting personality aside it can be safely said that a judge with a keener insight into the law than Judge Humphreys, will never grace the bench of the First Circuit of Hawaii.

IF the Honolulu bar cannot offer a proper successor for the place of Judge Humphreys, Hilo can. The local bar contains a number of lawyers who would grace with distinction the bench to be abandoned by Judge Humphreys.

THE departure of C. E. Richardson from this life was not only a personal bereavement to nearly everyone on this Island but it came as a shock to his wider circle of friends and acquaintances living on other islands.

So long as the Pope insists on having control of the primary schools in the Philippines, there is no chance of a dicker between his Holiness and Uncle Sam over the Friar lands.

MR. GEER, representing the Department of Public Works has a variety of responsibilities on his hands in all the work that is now being pushed in this district by the department.

THE Merchants Fair at Honolulu July 28 is still looming up in growing proportions of promise. The event will call to the Capitol City many people from all parts of the Islands.

THE exports from the port of Hilo during the past year by the report published in this issue show that the district is increasing in producing capacity.

SPEAKING of "judicial discretion," whatever the just, impartial and broad minded editor of the Herald says, must be so.

HILO people will now resume their idle pastimes at Cocoanut Island.

TOM FITCH'S ORATION.

Gives People of Hilo a Good Old Fashioned Yankee Speech.

The oration delivered here on the Fourth of July by Thos. Fitch of Honolulu was in many respects a notable utterance. In grace of diction it was a classic. Dealing with common place historic events, still it pulsated with vigorous thought and commanded the undivided attention of all present. In the narrow limits of an hour Mr. Fitch touched with eloquent language every vital point in America's history since the declaration of Independence. He placed old ideas in new settings and drew with the consummate skill of the true orator, lessons of value at the present time, from the march of the past events he so skilfully reviewed.

His speech abounded with the sunshine and wit of the optimist, who through many years of contact with the sordid and contentious world, still retains the magnetism of youth and revels in the sentiments that are the flowers and bloom of life's springtime. Tom Fitch's speech was Americanism to the core without the clap trap of vaunting jingoism.

He portrayed the virtues of the Revolutionary fathers. He justified their cause and with the grace of a master of ceremonies, he wrapped the cloak of common Brotherhood and common Destiny about the shoulders of Uncle Sam and John Bull. There is a vein of chivalry in the make up of Thomas Fitch that makes his utterances glow. This is his secret. It is his winning trait. It's his heart, more than his brain that makes him an eloquent man.

Of the declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson he said: "The sentences of the declaration constituted a spell whose sorcery spoke a people into freedom, a nation into life, and a continent into such mighty and beneficent development as blessed humanity and amazed a world. Chief among the chieftains of that mighty band, outlined against the sky of history, the imposing figure of Thomas Jefferson was alike in impulse and by habit of thought, a hater of kings, and his spirit was eagle-winged in its searchings for the uppermost ether of liberty. The Declaration of Independence which he penned is a knitted chain of logic and a persuasive and passionate appeal. Even at this day its sentences stir the blood like the blare of trumpets. It proves the government of George the Third to have been the most unconscionable of tyrannies. It states the case of the colonists with a force of a demonstration in mathematics, and with the poetic beauty of a song of David. It is Mirabeau's ideal definition of eloquence, "reason permeated and made hot with passion." It is at once the protocol and the epic of the revolution."

This triumvirate accomplished the Revolution: "Thomas Jefferson, the political philosopher, George Washington, the soldier, and John Adams, the statesman and diplomat, constitute the illustrious triumvirate of American revolutionary history, and without the work of each the others might not have succeeded in creating, establishing and guiding the new nation.

A spirit of popular self sacrifice sustained them: "Yet even the courage and the strategical genius of Washington might not have availed to establish the revolutionary cause, had it not been for the spirit of sacrifice and the steadfastness of purpose which possessed the American people. British gold was as powerless as British steel to control the fathers, and Arnold was the only traitor. There was a public spirit that made impossible the successful and unpunished betrayal of a public trust. If there had been one member of the Congress of 1876 justly suspected of having received money to vote for the interests of Great Britain he would have been promptly thrown out of a window at Independence Hall, and he would never have reached the ground for his fall would have been stopped by a rope. Not ambition, not love of gain nor love of power but patriotism inspired those who fought

with clubbed muskets at Bunker's Hill, who crimsoned the snows of Valley Forge with their shoeless feet, who followed the gleam of Mad Anthony's sword up against the streaming fire of Stony Point, who cheerfully suffered hunger, cold and wounds, and who shouted the songs of liberty as they went down to the red death of battle in order that this republic might live—live as a beacon of hope to the world, live as a heritage of liberty to mankind."

He defines "the United States." "A link of human brotherhood eighty million times multiplied.

"A splinter from an old-world yoke grown and fashioned into navies and cities."

"A wilderness of fishing pools and forests changed by the wand of free labor into a land of factories and farms."

"States whose authors, and artists, and soldiers, and statesmen, and inventors, and mechanics, and philanthropists have made the nineteenth century blaze with the splendor of the gems which they have set like stars in the diadem of the ages. A land where education is free, where labor is protected, where manhood is respected, where no slave's presence dishonors toil and where no freeman's utterances are choked by the hand of power. A country where there is no bar of birth or creed between the law student and the supreme bench, and no gold stick in waiting between the citizen and the chief magistrate."

What freedom does: "Freedom unfetters the energies, uplifts the soul, and illumines the brains of her votaries. Despotisms produce Caesars and Napoleons, not Fultons and McCormicks and Howes. All Europe never developed a Mackay who single handed assumes the task of girding a world."

"From the principles of the Declaration of Independence there has never since been a departure save in behalf of larger liberty."

"This government is a republic where the race must be to the swift, and the battle to the strong. It is a government where equality of opportunity is always guaranteed, but where equality of result will never be enforced."

"Wealth may control the making of laws, but it dare not attempt to become a tyrant to the individual."

"The millionaire may buy senators and judges, but he cannot oust the pauper from his place in line at the post office or the barber shop, or force any man to take off his hat, or deprive the driver of a mule cart of his right of way. The combined capital of Wall street could not force an hours work out of a tramp who prefers to lie upon the grass."

"Let the multi-millionaire accumulate so long as he can do so lawfully. There will be "no pockets in his shroud." He cannot take a dollar with him when he goes, "And all he can hold in his dead, cold hand, Will be what he has given away."

CALL FOR PRIMARIES.

HEADQUARTERS
REPUBLICAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE
OF THE
FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT OF
THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII,
HILO, HAWAII, June 26, 1902.

To the Precinct Clubs and to all Republicans of the First Representative District:

A call is hereby made for a primary election to be held in each precinct on SATURDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1902, between the hours of 2 and 8 o'clock p. m., when District Committeemen for the ensuing two years and Delegates to the Territorial Convention are to be voted upon and elected, in accordance with the following apportionment:

Precinct	Delegates	Committee
First Precinct (Puna).....	1	1
Second Precinct (Hilo).....	6	3
Third Precinct (Papaikou).....	1	1
Fourth Precinct (Honoumuli).....	1	1
Fifth Precinct (Laupahoehoe).....	2	1
Sixth Precinct (Kukui).....	1	1
Seventh Precinct (Honokaa).....	1	1
Eighth Precinct (Kauaihae).....	1	1
Ninth Precinct (Ohaa).....	4	2

Each Precinct Club to provide polling places for the primary within its own precinct. THOS. C. RIDGWAY, Chairman. E. E. RICHARDS, Secretary.

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I, FRANCIS HENDRICKS, Superintendent of Insurance, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, now Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, of the City of New York, has complied with all the requirements of law to be observed by such corporation, on reincorporation, and that it is authorized to transact the business of Life Insurance as specified in the First Sub-Division of Section Seventy of Article II of the Insurance Law within this State, and that such business can properly be entrusted to it.

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Rev. S. L. Desha came home by the Kinau from Wailuku where he attended the Sunday School convention.
J. Batchelor of the police department at Honolulu is in the city. He is on a trip around this Island inspecting licenses. He has completed the leeward side of the Island and will go through Hamakua next.

Genuine Ice Cream—Hilo Drug Co.
The bark Martha Davis, Captain McAllman, arrived July 3th, 15 days from San Francisco, with a general cargo.
The celebrated December case is again before Judge Hapai. In this case five Chinese were arrested for gambling last December. They were bound over by the District Court. In the Circuit Court the case was dismissed on account of a faulty complaint. The defendants were rearrested. The case has been on for three days, with Chas. M. LeBlond prosecuting; Wise & Ross and Ridgway & Ridgway for defendants.

Fight Was a Draw.
The pugilistic exhibition at Spreckels' hall last Saturday night in which Weday and Decker sparred for points was one of the best contests ever given in the city. The numerous other attractions in the city, incident to the Fourth of July cut down the attendance but in no wise affected the quality of the show. At the end of six rounds the go was declared a draw with honors even. The preliminaries were exciting and high grade sport.