

# YOUNG MEN IN THE FIELD

Thursday, May 10. These are the officers elected at the invitation meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club: Lorrin Andrews, president; Charles Wilcox, 1st vice president; E. C. Ferreira, 2d vice president; A. F. Judd Jr., corresponding secretary; M. K. Nakama, recording secretary; S. W. Kanakani, sergeant at arms.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Honolulu met last night in the armory of the Drill Shed. There were about fifty young men present by invitation no general call having been sent out. President C. S. Crane, who had been temporarily elected at a previous meeting privately held in George R. Carter's office, took the chair. Temporary Secretary E. R. Adams stated that it had been thought best to meet previously and arrange matters for the present meeting. The officers and committees had been temporarily put to work so as to have the constitution and by-laws ready for voting upon there was no slate, but things had been prepared. At the private meeting held in Mr. Carter's office Messrs. Lorrin Andrews, E. R. Adams, P. R. Hill, and Dan H. Case had been appointed a committee by the rest present to draft a constitution and by-laws an arrange for the organization. The committee was all ready to report, and the temporary secretary called on Mr. Andrews, chairman of the temporary committee to do so.

Mr. Andrews took the floor with a lengthy document in his hand and said among other things that the organization had already been talked over and arranged, but there was nothing cut and dried and no slate. He thought it was a most serious matter to enter the political arena as beginners. No body knew exactly what would happen; but this proposal was to bring the young men together for good government and clean politics, without cut and dried programs, slates and man power. Believing this to be a cardinal point they had thought it better to speak to a few gentlemen upon the necessity, as it appeared to them, of perfecting such an organization. It was true that in national politics they would have something to say and would have a hand in all nominations. The organization should be central, so that no clique could get together and put up programs, or one man get in and control things. Mr. Andrews then explained the plan proposed for precinct organization, which was so arranged that the leaders and members of the club would be able to aid in controlling primaries. He further explained that those desiring to hold office, or were office holders, could belong to the club as associate members; they could work for the club but could not vote while holding official positions.

While reading the constitution and by-laws Mr. Andrews explained that the dues of the club had been placed so low because those who had considered and arranged the matter, thought it should be left so that should the club want money, which was likely, the leaders of it could go to the leading men of the Republican party and of Honolulu and say: "Here the Young Men's Republican Club of Honolulu is doing good work and we need funds to carry it on; now we want your aid." And they will get what they want, concluded Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews then suggested that the document be adopted section by section, and discussed. This was agreed to by a unanimous vote. Mr. Andrews read the document and explained and commented on the sections as read.

Everything went without a hitch until Section 2 of Article 5 was reached which provides that active members of the club "must be residents of the Territory for not less than one year prior to their enrollment."

G. B. McClellan did not agree with the time of residence. As a Republican he could not. He was not speaking as he did, because it hit him, but because he believed any scheme of exclusion of life long Republicans from the Republican ranks was wrong in principle. He believed that new citizens should be allowed in the club for "educational purposes," as well as those here who stood in need thereof. As to himself, he would be barred, and he knew that other good Republicans would be crowded out; the principle of the proposition was wrong. He thought the Republicans of Honolulu, especially the young Republicans, should hold on to the provincialism of the past. The people were now of the United States, where party was counted and factions and factional limitations were forced into the background, as he hoped the young men would force them here.

A. B. Wood said that while there was strong argument and good points in Mr. McClellan's stand, yet he favored the one year limit. It must be remembered that it would not do to get objectionable and unscrupulous members from the Coast into the club. He did not believe in letting anyone in under the year limit, who might do not know, and time should be given for the investigation of all new comers, these could remain Republicans, only they could not join the Young Men's Republican Club until after a year's residence.

W. L. Howard was also in favor of reducing the limit and said that there was a favor of unfairness in it under present circumstances. He suggested that it would be political wisdom to arrange it so that all Republicans allowed to vote at the next election would be made eligible to club membership.

Mr. McClellan pointed out there was no precedent for such a limit, either in political organizations or secret societies. What member of a secret society would be obliged to reside here a year before he could present his credentials for membership; where was such a thing ever known in a political

organization that was above board. As a fact it was the general endeavor to get every good Republican into the ranks as soon as possible; it was not good politics or good principle to crowd them out on the plea of investigating their characters. There would be leading Republicans here from abroad—one was Mr. Heap, known from Washington to Honolulu—he too would be excluded while he was inquired into; it was absurd. It was very one-sided and extremely un-American. Mr. Carter asked if, under the United States suffrage, one year's residence was required?

Mr. Andrews stated the temporary committee had followed the last amended Territorial bill at hand.

Mr. Carter then took the ground that any one allowed to vote should be allowed to be a member of the club. It should not be exactly considered as the old political element against the new; he believed it would be policy for the club to take into consideration all the voters of the party.

A. W. Pearson said that under the plan laid out by the temporary committee in the constitution and by-laws it would take a new corner eighteen months to secure membership.

The amendment to give the new Republicans a chance to join the club was lost and section 2 passed as drafted at the meeting held in Mr. Carter's office.

At this point Mr. McClellan stated that as the meeting was dealing with, and exacting, principles they had reached a logical conclusion which excluded him from voting and from further participation in the meeting.

Mr. Carter, Mr. Case and several other members protested against Mr. McClellan leaving the meeting and Mr. Case stated that there might yet be a section which would strike him; yet he should stay.

Mr. McClellan smiled and said that he knew a logical conclusion when he met one; he therefore preferred to withdraw, but did so as a good Republican and without feeling.

Mr. Conkling asked if a candidate for office could be an active member and pointed out that the matter had been overlooked in the constitution and by-laws. Mr. Andrews made the proper amendment, which was afterwards passed.

A clause was proposed so as not to cut out the smaller office holders doing clerical work, but to exclude the big office holders who might try to control the club. It seemed to be the general impression among those who planned the club that there was a "machine" in the distance which needed the same valiant action as Don Quixote's windmills, and at this point A. W. Pearson for the third time reminded the club that while there was no prepared plan, this special clause was added to keep the political windmill, or "machine" out of the horizon. There was no program, but provision must be made to keep any member from even dreaming of a machine hereafter. Mr. Andrews heartily agreed with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Adams held the prophetic finger in the air and said he had had experience in a political club in Oregon and there was even danger of the club being so careful that it might itself drift into a ring without knowing it.

The constitution was then adopted as a whole and Mr. Carter said he was glad to see so many young men present. All were Republicans and the work of education to be done was large. Many did not know what was required. The natives were still in the dark. There was lots of work to be done in Honolulu. The club must reach out for the native vote. The native, however, was subject too often to bad advice. It was a pity, but it must be corrected. He urged the natives to join the club. Then there was the Portuguese element; the club was after them also, and here was more work. He hoped every member of the club would faithfully perform the work set him hereafter by the leaders. Then the club would be a political power.

When the question of the election of precinct delegates to act as executive members came up President Andrews stated that he thought the matter had better go over, as this was a sort of private invitation meeting and no call had yet been made to give the young Republicans generally notice. However, he left it to the club to decide.

Mr. Carter was strongly in favor of proceeding at once; there was no machine there, and consequently there was nothing to be feared.

Mr. Howard said it was his opinion that the club had better go a little slow; there was no need of such a rush as there was no danger. The meeting had been called on invitation and but few of the good Republicans were present; he did not believe in the matter of electing delegates until all of the young Republicans were given a chance

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\$75,000 in sight.  
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Hon. Alex. Young has obtained one subscription of \$20,000 to cover his offer of being one of five to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000 for the Hospital for incurables. He has four subscriptions of \$5,000 each, and nine of \$1,000 each for building and equipment fund, which it is intended shall also be \$100,000. Besides promises have been given of several \$500 subscriptions. Altogether there is about \$75,000 in sight for the institution, in addition to which is the Council of State's appropriation of \$25,000. Mr. Young is very much pleased at the general willingness on the part of the people approached to help make up both funds.  
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# McKINLEY SIGNS THE BILL.

Washington, April 30.—The President signed the Hawaiian Bill at 12:40 o'clock today.

When Hawaii was annexed to this country it had a bonded debt of about \$4,000,000 drawing a heavy rate of interest. This debt still exists but under the act signed by the President today it is to be assumed by the United States. Secretary Gage does not intend that it shall be added to the bonded debt of the United States if it can be paid immediately. The terms of the debt will be looked into, and if they permit payment at any time the debt will be wiped out as soon as the law goes into effect in forty five days.

Secretary Gage will soon send to Hawaii money and Treasury agents to exchange the Hawaiian for American currency. The exchange will be made as in Porto Rico. It is understood that there is \$1,000,000 in minor coins in Hawaii which will have to be exchanged for currency of this country.

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to join the club and participate. He emphasized this point, because he thought it was the fair and open way of doing things—the only Republican way.

Mr. Carter regretted that many had not been notified, but believed the program for electing delegates from the precincts should go on as prepared by the temporary committee and upon a vote being taken the election for delegates to act as executive members was taken up with the following result: Fourth District, First Precinct, E. S. Boyd; Second, W. C. Parke; Third, S. C. Sayres; Fourth, Dr. Garvin, pro tem; Sixth, O. Swain. Fifth District, Seventh Precinct, M. K. Nakama, pro tem; Eighth, none; Ninth, W. J. Coelhoe; Tenth, none.

A. B. Wood said he thought that as the present meeting had not been called in a public manner, but by private invitation, it would only be fair to issue a general invitation through the newspapers so that all could join the club.

Mr. Carter raised a point of order that under the plan of the temporary committee, now adopted, all members hereafter coming in would have to be examined and elected by the executive committee. The proposed names could be handed in to the committee.

Mr. Adams pointed out that under the plan now adopted the club could put up their men at the precincts on next Friday.

Mr. Carter sprang to his feet at once to explain that this political potentiality was only to be available, if a slate should be sprung at the primaries on Friday; it would not do for the club to admit they had a slate, for it was a part of their platform that there was no club slate—it was only the other fellows who played with slates; and if any appeared at the primaries then the club came in and the leaders turned loose the club candidates to beat the "machine." That was all; it was simple and there was absolutely no plan about it.

Washington, May 2.—The House today, at the conclusion of the most stormy debate of the present session of Congress, passed the Nicaragua bill by the overwhelming vote of 225 to 35. Attempts to retain in the bill the language of the original bill for the fortification of the canal and to still further strengthen the language on that line were balked and the victory of Hepburn and the committee was complete. A motion to recommit the bill, with instructions to report back another bill leaving the selection of the route to the President, was buried under an adverse majority of 52 to 171.

Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Burton of Ohio, chairman of the River and Harbor Committee, made a game fight to stall off action at this session, but their appeals were in vain and the members rode roughshod over all their arguments and protests. Much excitement reigned throughout the day and several times bitter words were used. The excitement reached its climax in a highly dramatic scene between Hepburn and Cannon, when the former used the word "lie" and "liar" as he denounced the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee for attempting "to dishonor him." The House was in riotous confusion during the quarrel. Members crowded the aisles and the situation at one time was so threatening that Mr. Wheeler of Kentucky (D.) sought to pour oil on the troubled waters by raising a point of order. But he was not upheld and the two irate members carried their war to the very hilt. There was a show of peace at the close of the incident, but the feeling between the two men ran so high that the mutual retractions with which such incidents generally end were but the cloaks for the keenest and most cutting sarcasm.

The bill as it passed the House is as follows: "Be it enacted, etc., that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to acquire from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, for and in behalf of the United States, control of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be desirable and necessary on which to excavate, construct and protect a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draught now in use, from a point near Greytown on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua to Breto, on the Pacific ocean, and such sum as may be necessary to secure such control is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"Section 2. That when the President has secured full control over the territory in Section 1 referred to, he shall direct the Secretary of War to excavate and construct the canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean sea near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Breto, on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth as that may be used by vessels

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of the largest tonnage and greatest depth now in use, and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Breto; and the Secretary of War shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the termini of said canal, and such provisions for defense as may be necessary for the safety and protection of said canal and harbors.

"Section 3. That the President shall cause such surveys as may be necessary for said canal and harbors, and in the construction of the same shall employ such persons as he may deem necessary.

"Section 4. That in the excavation and the construction of said canal the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua, or such parts of each as may be made available shall be used.

"Section 5. That in any negotiations with the states of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the President may have, the President is authorized to guarantee to said states the use of said canal and harbors upon such terms as may be agreed upon for all vessels owned by said states or citizens thereof.

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Appropriations in Effect.  
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It was resolved by the Executive Council today in effect that, in accordance with the approval of President McKinley of Acts 2, 3 and 4 of the Council of State to take effect from the date of their passage, the Auditor General be requested to communicate with the Minister of Finance and institute the proper proceedings for the carrying into effect of the Appropriation Bills known as the Acts mentioned.

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