BURNING SESSION OF SUPERVISORS

Hustace Does Clever Work To Retain Gere

To Charles Hustace, Jr., must be handed the palm for one of the cleverest pieces of work ever pulled off in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors. To snatch victory from defeat when all the odds seemed against him, when three of the seven votes had been cast antagonistic, and when the sentiment of the entire Board appeared against him, was the work that he did last night at the meeting. Fists were banged on the table, charges of political machinery and as prompt and emphatic denials flew, but in the end, when the final four votes had been cast in the matter of the petition of residents of the Koolau district to have John N. Gere removed as road luna, the petition was tabled and lost forever. And when this petition had been cast aside, another was presented by Supervisor Kealoha for the removal of Sol. Peck as road overseer, and the hand of Hustace fell so hard on this that it also died a quick death.

And in the meantime, the County Fathers had indulged in one of the most heated fights in the history of that body. When the petition was first read, Chairman Charles quietly asked the will of the Board. Several of the members requested Supervisor Kealoha, who hails from the disputing district, to elucidate, and he vouchsafed the information that, as the Board had made a trip of investigation already, he did not deem it necessary to go into further details. The people wanted Gere removed and "there you were."

"But haven't you Board members been satisfied with the road work that has been done in the Koolau district?" asked Hustace. And the vote was finally called for, notwithstanding the fact that Kealoha had not added any great information with regard to the petition. Three votes were taken, but not before Supervisor Harvey stated that his mind was already made up as to how he would vote, being convinced that the charges were well-founded, and Hustace reminded the Board that the matter before them was a very serious one, and should not be dealt with without consideration. Harvey replied that in one way it was a serious matter, but that the voice of the people should be recognized.

"We are the sole judges of that," answered Hustace, "and this matter will be decided by vote. To me the whole list of charges seem unfounded and I am convinced that they are so. If we should uphold this petition and fire Gere, we will not giving the statements of responsible persons in the Koolau district the proper consideration. They have told us the truth about these charges, and it is up to us to give their word the proper credit. It looks like petty spite work to me."

Harvey told how, at sea, men were knocked about by officers but if the matter came to a trial the men were afraid to speak the truth for fear of losing their jobs, and he stated that it was the same way in Koolau. The men working on the road had not testified against Gere, but the men on the outside, men who had nothing to gain or lose, had formulated the petition. Archer came along then with the statement that the work on the roads in the Koolau district spoke for themselves. Later on, however, Archer voted for the removal of Gere.

Kealoha Elucidates.

After desultory talk-fests, back and forth for the space of half an hour, Hustace called for the vote. Fern, Harvey and Kealoha voted to sustain the petition, but neither Cox nor Dwight were satisfied with the way things were going, and they again called on Kealoha to make some sort of an explanation of conditions as they appeared to him. Then came a startler.

"I knew nothing of charges against Gere until the petition was brought to me," he said. "The people down there hide it, and say nothing to me."

When asked if he recommended the removal of Gere, Kealoha stated that the taxpayers did. Cox thereupon stated that if he were Supervisor in that district he would make it his business to have a personal knowledge and interest in such matters, so that he could speak authoritatively for himself. This seemed to act as a spur on Kealoha, who immediately stated that he recommended the dismissal of Gere.

Then Hustace jumped on Kealoha. "You never told me that you had heard Mr. Gere was intoxicated," he said; "everything has been satisfactory so far, but on the eve of election this petition comes in from the other side of the island and the petitioners want to get rid of a good man just for politics; that's all it is gentlemen. If he is dismissed just for politics and the money has to be spent over there by irresponsible politicians, God knows what will become of the road work."

"You are bringing in politics," shouted Harvey.

"Politics is at the bottom of it all," retorted Hustace.

"I deny it," yelled Harvey, and his fist came down on the desk with a crash. "This is not a political matter, and you must keep quiet. I don't want to hear you talk."

"I am not talking to you at all," answered Hustace.

"I will dictate to you every time you speak," and this time Harvey's voice rose angrily.

Hustace went ahead, however, until he was interrupted by Dwight, who said that he had understood that there was a counter petition that had been received a long time before, but on which action had been deferred until this meeting. He wanted to know where it was. Hustace immediately asked the County Clerk to bring it, and it was read along with the names appended. This petition, which was directly at variance with the one under dispute ,as strongly recommended that Gere be retained on the road force as the other one had demanded his removal. When asked why he had not brought this petition to the consideration of the Board before, Hustace stated that he had not dreamed that the Supervisors would take any notice of the one asking that Gere be removed, and consequently had not thought it worth while. "This petition is also the voice of the people," he said.

Then the rest of the vote was taken, and the four remaining members of the Board voted straight for the keeping of Gere as road luna, and Charles Hustace's victory was attained.

Poor, poor, Kealoha was the recipient of knocks, generous, large-sized knocks that must have sunk in pretty deep. Fern took a run and jump at him, asking why Kealoha didn't own his own luna?

Kealoha presented a memorial to have Sol. Peck dismissed as road overseer . This was promptly lost, although it was jointly signed by three political parties of that district. And when Kealoha vouchsafed the information that a young Portuguese boy held a position there, crowding out a voter from work, Hustace stated that the boy was a credit to the country, that he probably was supporting an aged mother.

The following payroll accounts for the first half of October were passed. County Clerk, $170; Kapiolani Park, $184.50; County Engineer, $212.50; County Attorney, $410; fire department, $1778.05; electric light department, $373.25; police and fire alarm system, $95; keepers of parks, $100; police department, $3200.65; road department, $660; garbage department, $132.50; Hawaiian band, $675; County Attorney, $5; poundmaster, $12.75.

The following September accounts were ordered paid: Koolauloa road district, $635.30; County Auditor, $9.10; Ewa road district, $785.87; road department, $1000; road department (Queen street), $1639.92; garbage department, $305.57; road department, $5000; Waialua road district, $486.62; Waimea bridge, $22.01.

PARTY DROPS KAEA

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tive for election to the Legislature or should be elected to such office;

And Whereas, it would be a disgrace to the Hawaiian people and to the Territory of Hawaii to have it given out to the world that a man of the character which George Kaea is shown to have should be selected as a representative of the Hawaiian people in the Legislature;

And Whereas, in the opinion of the Committee the Republican voters, irrespective of race, will refuse to vote for said George Kaea upon his record, as shown in the public prints, thereby submitting the Republican Party to a defeat in its attempt to secure Republican representation in the Legislature;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Committee does hereby repudiate the said George Kaea as a candidate for the Legislature at the coming election, because he is shown to be of unfit character to be a candidate for the said office on the Republican ticket; and does and hereby request all members of the Republican Party to join them in such repudiation and refuse to vote for him for said office at the coming election;

And Be It Further Resolved, That in order to enable the Republican party to present a full ticket for election at the coming election, we do hereby request the Republican County Committee for the Island of Oahu to nominate a candidate for the said position of Representative from the Fifth District, in place of said George Kaea;

And Be It Further Resolved, That all campaign literature and list of Republican candidates for the said Island of Oahu shall eliminate therefrom the name of the said George Kaea and insert in place thereof the name of the candidate which may be nominated by the County Committee in place thereof, and that all Republican speakers and workers are hereby requested to act in accordance therewith.

The above is the resolution passed by the Republican Central Committee yesterday afternoon, reading Kaea out of the party ticket. It was adopted this noon by the County Committee and S. Pahia Maielua was chosen to take Kaea's place on the ticket.

Although the meeting was called for the noon hour it did not begin before 12:30 owing to the tardiness of several committemen.

"It seems to me," said Chillingworth, "that the fact of the resolution which presents itself to our consideration is to consider the choice of a successor for Kaea."

Paris wanted to know how the County Committee could act as it was pledged to abide by the results of the convention.

Chillingworth said that this matter had been taken out of the County Committee's hands by the Central Committee.

Cooke moved that the County Committee approve the resolution of the Central Committee. This carried by an unanimous vote.

Chillingworth called for suggestions for a successor, and S. Pahia Maielua was suggested by Henry. On a vote being taken Maielua was chosen.

Maielua made a short speech in Hawaiian, stating that he had always worked for the good of the party, and would fight for the success of the party as a rule.

Chillingworth announced that so far the Republican meetings had all been satisfactory, with the exception of that at Ewa. There had not been a single employe of the Road Board there, but it seemed that they had not been paid off and had not been able to come. As a consequence another meeting at Waipahu had been called

Cooke reported that he and J. P. Cooke had today been soliciting campaign funds, and had met with success in spite of the fact that only personal subscriptions could be asked for.

Those present at the meeting were C. F. Chillingworth, acting chairman; Secretary Eli Crawford, Clarence Cooke, Wm. Henry, E. H. Paris, A. R. Phillips, Chas. Costa, Frank Fernandez, S. P. Maielua.

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It will be noticed that the County Committee was particularly careful to sidestep the responsibility for firing Kaea off the ticket, taking the position that this action had been taken by the Central Committee, and that all that there was left for the County Committee to do was to elect a successor.

That there was good reason for doing this is shown by the fact that some of the members of the County Committee believe that if the entire question should be brought into the courts, as might be done with perfect legality, the Territorial Committee could be bodily ousted, and there is a possibility that, should the question be raised, that the members of the County Committee might have to share this fate. The point raised would be based on the following section of the party rules.

"Sec. 15. Every delegate to any convention shall, by virtue of his taking his seat therein, be deemed to have pledged himself to abide by the result of the convention, and to support the candidates therein nominated.

"Any member of the Territorial Central Committee, or of any County Committee, who shall openly support any candidate for election in opposition to a regular nominee of the Republican Party, or who shall enroll his name as a member of any political organization that openly opposes any such nominee, shall immediately forfeit his membership in such committee, and his seat therein shall forthwith be filled as in the case of any vacancy."

Some of Kaea's friends claim that he may take the matter into the courts, and, should this be the case, a most interesting and certainly very unique battle would follow .

LONGWORTH OFF THE STUMP

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Evansville, Ind., Oct. 4. — President Roosevelt is reported to have ordered his son-in-law, Nicholas Longworth, off the stump because of his speech at Rock Island, Ills., last Friday when he said:

"I believe Mr. Taft should serve eight years as President. After that I consider that we should elect Mr. Roosevelt for eight years."

Whether ordered to do so or not, Mr. Longworth has left Vice Presidential candidate Sherman, who will be obliged to do all the speaking in his tour of Southern Indiana until the National Committee supplies him with another campaigner.

Directors of Hastings Law College refuse to support attack on Mayor Taylor, dean of the school, and vindicate his right to serve both city and college.

Martial Davoust secures $9000 verdict against Alameda for electrocution of wife.

Irrigation Congress asks for tribunal to review forester's ruling as to homestead entries.

Judge Hunt rules that High School teachers are entitled to life tenure the same as other public teachers of San Francisco.

Farewell banquet given Rudolph Spreckels, who leaves for East to confer with noted reform leaders.

Extension of San Francisco's boundaries into northern San Mateo County declared to be a necessity.

George Fred. Williams, Massachusetts orator, addresses a large gathering of San Francisco Democrats.

Rabbis in St. Petersburg will not insist on Yom Kippur because of cholera.

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