

M. RAPLEE, DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESS HONOLULU: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1872.

The Elections.

The Elections on Monday passed off with the usual amount of noise and speech making, clashing and electioneering; though, throughout the day the utmost good feeling prevailed in the dense crowd which surrounded the Court House from eight o'clock in the morning until long after the polls had closed at five o'clock.

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At Koolapoko, Mr. C. H. Judd was elected by a small majority. There was as in Honolulu, an abundance of candidates. We give below the result of the vote:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes names like A. F. Judd, J. O. Carter, E. Mikaleini, etc.

At Waialua, the result is as follows: J. M. Paikuni, 61; N. Kaitiaka, 60; S. M. Naukana, 58.

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ignorant and lead them to acts of violence and to anarchy.

We have been speaking, generally, of the power of the Press as conducted by those who, whether wrong or not, are really a power in the world; who have been and are doing a great work for good and for evil.

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Gradually, but surely, the dense forests which in former years were the crowning glory of the mountains and the hill sides of these islands, are passing away.

The park-like appearance of many of the large cattle ranches of the country, although beautiful to the eye of the visitor, only serves as a proof that the young growth of trees has been destroyed by the stock, and the great number of the old trees which begin to show signs of decay and consequent death, admonishes that the time is not distant when many of the large forests which now exist will cease to be, and their places be marked by perhaps dusty slopes or arid plains.

It appears that but few who permit their cattle to range freely through the forests, or those who use hundreds of cords of wood for their sugar-houses, have done anything to repair the damage which the necessities of their business makes it imperative upon them to do to the natural forests. Already we hear of some of the most valuable variety of trees being almost extinct on the islands, and others are fast disappearing.

The Recent Storm on Hawaii.

By the arrival of the steamer Kilana on Saturday, we learn that the late southerly gale proved very destructive on the south side of Hawaii, and also in the Waipio Valley, on the north-east side of the island.

Not to discourage grazing, one of the most important and prosperous industries of the Kingdom, we would say that something ought to be done to protect the forests. Something ought to be done to create new ones where old forests have disappeared.

There is no lack of fast-growing and valuable trees which can be planted here with profit and with the assurance that only a few years need elapse before they will repay ten-fold the expense and trouble in planting and caring for them.

Since the above was written, a gentleman well acquainted in Kona, Hawaii, informs us that in that district, whose forests of what were once beautiful bread-fruit, have been entirely destroyed by herds of cattle and horses, which have eaten the bark of the large trees, and killed the young ones.

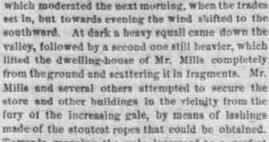
The firemen's parade and ball. Saturday last being the anniversary of the inauguration of the Honolulu Fire Department, the various companies composing the organization turned out in gala costume for parade.

At ten o'clock the procession formed at the corner of Fort and Hotels streets, with the right towards Nuuanu. The procession, headed by the Government Band, then moved through the principal streets. The quiet order of the participants and the splendid appearance of the "machines" being the admiration of every one.

At 12 m., the programme for the parade being completed, the various Fire Companies repaired to their respective rooms where collations were spread for the entertainment of the firemen and their friends.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

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