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Indignation Meeting at Hilo—Official Report.

A citizens meeting was called at the Court House in Hilo, on Tuesday the 28th of November, to meet, for the purpose of expressing the opinion of all classes of taxpayers in regard to the way in which the present Tax Assessor, E. Kalua, has performed his duties. Owing to the extreme unpleasantness of the weather, only about 40 Hawaiians usually property holders and about 12 foreigners were present.

Col. W. C. Parke was called to the chair and D. B. Bishop was elected secretary. A committee of 3 were appointed to adopt a Resolution to express the sense of this meeting to the subject before it. The following Resolution was then laid before the meeting:

Resolved.—"That we hereby express our entire disapprobation of the way in which the Assessor of the District, E. Kalua has assigned the taxes for the year, as follows:

"That he has made the most outrageous assessments without any reason therefor, disregarding and wholly ignoring the assessment Returns made to him by property holders.

"That such outrageous assessments have been made by the said E. Kalua, without even going to the land to view either the property or other property bearing the same for more than from 7 to 3 times their proper valuation, utterly disregarding his oath as Assessor.

"That in so doing the said E. Kalua has shown himself to be utterly devoid of sense and a person entirely unfit to hold the office of Assessor.

"That by such a system of outrageous assessments he has brought a great deal of trouble not only to those whom he has assessed in his manner and forcing them to be at time and expense to defend themselves before the Appeal Board, but also to the Government in putting off the payment of the said taxes for so much longer a time.

"That we hereby condemn the appointment of such ignorant and unprincipled man to be Assessor of property, the value of which they are utterly ignorant and who do not but bought by any such.

"That we respectfully ask that hereafter the appointing power will appoint true and honest men and those who know the true value of property, as Assessor."

The motion to adopt the Resolution being seconded, Remarks were made by a large number present.

Resolved.—"That the said Assessor has not even gone to view the property owned and had no means of knowing that the assessments, as given in were not correct. That he had only made 'guesses' as to the value.

"That in many instances properties adjoining each other were assessed very differently.

"That property which had been only recently sold at one figure had been assessed five times the amount. That in many cases he had added largely to the acreage of small pieces of land so that he could put in a most abominable tax.

"That his books show the most gross mistakes in the assessments.

"Men who have been dead and so reported to him are assessed while those living and whom, names are given, who are not found on the books.

"That men owning property have not been assessed at all, although their names are on the assessment books.

"That it has been a common thing to assess the same man twice.

"That he would not allow parties to prove their age and has assessed the aged and young contrary to law.

"That he has acted with any one, through ignorance or some to do so, that he has made very different assessments from the one given in."

At the close of the remarks the question as to the adoption of the motion was put and unanimously agreed to.

It was then ordered that the proceedings should be published in the foreign and native papers at Honolulu.

D. B. Bishop,
Secretary.

Hilo, November 29th, 1882.

Indignant Tax Payers.

Hilo, November 29th, 1882.

Editor Gazette.—From Nemaha to Opihikao the customs of the 1,000,000 dollar loan, are in a "state of mind," hardly to be surpassed for the mere indignant. To impose upon the tax payers of this little nation, the increase of a heavy public debt, to squander a portion of the revenue thus obtained, for useless and even silly purposes, merely to tickle the vanity and line the pockets of a few office holders and corrupt politicians, is certainly aggravating enough to have us have to "pay the piper" but to superimpose this and much the appointment to position of trust and emolument, impose upon the papers the most preposterous and unprincipled property valuation, with the objects in view of curtailing Revenue and of increasing the government receipts, should be extravagant appropriations, the survey seems to be greatly borne.

From the whole length and breadth of our district, a universal cry of indignation is ascending at the heedless system of valuations imposed upon us by an incompetent and thoroughly unprincipled assessor, a man there where no more eminently qualified for the position could hardly have been found. King Sawtooth must have had such a case in mind when he wrote the 3rd verse of the 17th chapter of Proverbs.

Allow me, Mr. Editor, to offer a few facts to the public through the medium of your paper, which can be substantiated by many of our leading citizens.

Commencing at Honuaula, our assessor has made a "royal progress" through our district, ignoring in most cases the invitations and requests of some of our largest property holders to visit, inspect and estimate values fairly and honestly. Company ditch worthless will bank lands, of little value save for wild cattle runs, formerly assessed at $5 per acre, have this year been raised to $[illegible]. Lands available for cane, although entirely unprepared for planting, formerly $10 per acre, have jumped at one bound, to $50. Growing cane, without regard to age or position, whether rat plants, ratoons, or crop cane ready for the mill, invariably estimated to be worth from $[illegible] $100 according to age and condition, are in most instances valued at $200, and we are informed that in one case, the most extraordinary figure of $300 per acre was reached.

In one notable instance, a piece of almost worthless bank land, partially destroyed by the lava flow, for which $200 or $300 is a fair market valuation and which was returned by the owner at about that figure, has been raised by the addition of a rather [illegible] $[illegible] and another piece of land of a rather [illegible] $[illegible] and another piece of land of a rather [illegible] $[illegible] We propose to show, gratuitously, contained unquestionably valuations by the representatives of Hilo, that have been returned at $[illegible] per acre. We propose to show, gratuitously, our making provision for possible discrepancies in these lands.

We are also informed that 300 acres of land near Hilo, formerly sold for $[illegible] have recently been valued, in value, at $[illegible] In fact, were we to judge of the year's valuation by the facility with which we is able to write figures after any given number, we should speculate and present amongst the most successful than ever known in this district.

It would formerly appear to a casual observer, that these valuations were all pre-determined and that the usual questions of age, situation, present condition, etc., etc., or property were unknown, before to these now astonishing methods of valuation. In some few instances however, the assessor is found "evolved from the fertile imagination," properties of apparently equal values have been estimated at widely diverse rates. Without $[illegible] per acre for a field of cane, near Hilo, and $[illegible] per acre for other property in another, in the two fields being separated only by a river road and the entire amount of equal value per acre, by a thoroughly competent judge.

Before the 1st of this month we might, Mr. Editor, your correspondent would stand aghast, and your "devil" would quietly in the regions of Africa. Let the benighted suffer.

Never within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" has such an injurious system of valuation been practiced upon a long-suffering community. The feeling that outrages, unprincipled and unreasonable have been perpetrated, is so strong, that appeals are being filed in such numbers as to render the prospective action of the Appeal Board onerous in the extreme, while scarcely any assessments have as yet been paid into the collector's office. Over 40 natives have already filed their notices and the number will probably be doubled within the next few days, and the majority of our foreign residents are obliged to take the same course. The planters have almost carried out detailed action, and every one of them from Waimea to Honuaula has already appealed, or will do so within a few days. A public meeting has been called for the 29th inst. Send up your new correspondent if you desire to report to the public some interesting facts.

We do not expect to return fifty cents to a cent, another time, but we do expect to bring such a uniform equality, transformed with unique, shortly into "Blasted Heath Hollow" by a stroke of the facile pen of our assessor, not in the peculiar sequence alternation of cents, but in the [illegible] and pay dear on the paper [illegible]

We are none of us "Sore Heads," nary a member of us wishes anything for the President's or even the chairmanship—pardon me, the chairbeasts's office; but simply hard-working, law-abiding citizens and tax-payers, this year, tax-payers [illegible] We protest against the appointment of incompetent, unprincipled and corrupt men, to positions of responsibility. Can those in authority rest on, still continue to turn a deaf ear to the cry that is wafting louder day by day? Can they longer ignore the fact that the voices of many Hawaiians help to swell the cry?

Un mau ke ola o ka aina i ka pono." Let us speak the truth "without fear or favor." Hawaiians, your works lie in the dust, trampled under foot. The scales are weighted on the one side with enterprise, capital, talent, love of justice, love for your nation; the other side looks the beam, with the weight of a dissolute Ministry, corrupt legislators, a constantly increasing public debt, offices filled by men possessed of neither morals or manners, a people dying like sheep under the scourge of leprosy and other terrible diseases. Is the picture overdrawn? Jury the truth, he who can, will clear vision, the sad future of your Kingdom. If this cry for men of probity in our public offices be not heeded [illegible] the sentence, the sentence of Hawaii Nei must, will, inevitably be in the dust.

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