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An Elector's Views on Politics.

Mr. Editor: The elections of '90 are 90 days off. The voters then elect not only 24 Representatives for a term of two years, but also an entire ticket of Nobles, 24 in number, one third of whom will hold power over us until the year 1896, another third until '94 and the balance until '92. The importance of the elections is therefore manifest.

The planters stand together this election, never wealthier, more powerful or more united. They will support the ministry for want of something more tractable to support. The natives drilled by their leaders in the belief that their only salvation as a people lies in the restoration of the lost cause, and fired by recent events, exhibit a unity, which considering their lack of means and capacity for intelligent organization, is surprising. They are against this ministry. Betwixt the two stand a class of foreign voters and a few natives and half-castes, intelligent men of small means centered for the most part in Honolulu. These people, right or wrong, consider the choice between the native and the planter on this selection as six of one and half a dozen of the other. Looking at their records, the native has had exclusive political power and has abused it, but on the other hand the planter has had exclusive commercial power and has abused it quite as much. Again, while the planter has been and is pro-Chinese, so has been the native as well, though probably from different motives and causes. The native has insisted not only on putting his hand into the treasury, he wanted to get in bodily as well, and bathe in it, that was his weakness. On the other hand the planter righteously pulled him out, and has since run the government on an economical business basis, but when in Term, last Legislature it was proposed to pare off some of his political excrescences the outgrowth of his appetite for cheap labor, he did not see it at all, any more than our kanaka friend did. In fact, he would not have it; that was his weakness. So much for the past records of the two parties.

Looking now into the future, what have men in the middle class to expect from either the planter or the native. If they side with the planter, they fear, notwithstanding recent professions, that the labor question will be thrown over again by them as was done last session. If the planters are not sincere in their recent views on cheap labor, the question naturally arises as it did in bible times, at what hour the planter commenced to move. It certainly was not last session when by indefinitely postponing the Chinese movement they slapped the Honolulu branch of the Reform party in the face just after it had put an anti-Chinese plank in its platform; nor did the change take place up to within two months ago, when a last appeal was being made to them to call an extra session and was made in vain; an appeal which had but fairly died out of the air when the planters assembled to vote that that should be done on the Chinese question, which they had just deliberately declined to do for the second time. So far as men can judge by appearances, the change of base among the planters on the labor question took place when the Ministry came out as they did in their reply to the petitioners for an extra session. The planters had to do something under the circumstances; they were not in a position to fight the Ministry just then; the elections were at hand, and they therefore concluded to occupy the sand lots on the Chinese question with the crowd until some more convenient season made it safe to move off again. Considering the past, men are afraid, and have a right to be afraid, that the planter does not mean business on the Chinese question, except to get in more of them when he can, and many are therefore looking desperately around for something else beside the regular ticket to vote for.

Now on the other hand, what can one expect by joining in with the natives. It looks as if such a course meant simply a jump from the frying pan into the fire. The dominant sentiment of the native party is represented by Wilcox and Co. and in the native press by Bush. Wilcox has just come out of an unsuccessful attempt to restore the old constitution and thus to deprive the whites of their newly acquired vote altogether, and with Chinese means and guns has attempted to force the Anglo-Saxon back under an absolute monarchy and native rule; that is what has made him popular with the native party. Bush devotes a large part of his paper to calling all the whites who aided or took part on the 30th of June, traitors, scoundrels and other names, and those who defended the government July 30th, a set of murderers who will shortly be paid back in their own coin. The native party is hand and glove in with the Chinese who are going to back it up for all they are worth this election. The success of the native party means the success of the Chinese. The natives also plan to break down the property qualification for electors of nobles, which would leave foreigners and Portuguese in every district in the country but one or two, in a hopeless minority, constituting as they do but thirty-six per cent of all the voters in the Kingdom. The ideas of natives as a class

on the Chinese question are about as intelligent as their views on the segregation of lepers has been. The whole trend of native politics is pushing them irresistibly into one issue, and that is whether or not we shall go back into a native government, and no coalition with the whites or mutual understandings with them to the contrary will prevent that issue from coloring and ruling every vote that the native party secures in the coming Legislature. As white men, we are not going to apologize to the native party for the part we took on the 30th of June, nor for our defense of constitutional government on the 30th of July. While we admit that the planter has stepped in and walked off with most of the results so far, still we are not done with him yet, but we propose to fight it out with him, not by dropping back again, but by going forward still further; and any step by which we secure apparent support from the natives at the cost of prostituting our convictions as Anglo-Saxons, will surely lead to utter grief for us.

Enough has been said to indicate that the middle class of the country, whose stronghold lies in Honolulu, seems to stand, so far as the planter and native parties are concerned, betwixt the devil and the deep sea. The only hope is that they will remain precisely in that position during and after the elections. If the Ministry will agree to do the same, something may yet be accomplished even though the middle class outside of Honolulu is nowhere on election day.

HONOLULU ELECTOR.

Proposed Fair at Lihue, Kauai—Important Announcement.

Mrs. Rice, in behalf of the Hui Manawalea of Lihue, begs to say to the ladies of Honolulu, both native and foreign, that on the 7th of December next, a Fair is to be held at the Y. M. C. A. hall adjoining Mr. Rice's grounds. One object of the fair, is to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for the foreign and native children of the Sabbath school, and the other is, with part of the money to send a Christmas box to the unfortunate at Molokai.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Perhaps some of the ladies who have enjoyed a few days, or a longer visit on the "Garden Island," would feel it a privilege to cast in their mite. Many have expressed their selves in sympathy with the work being done for the natives; here is the opportunity to give material aid as well. Let those who have aloha for the Hawaiians, show it by coming forward now. The ladies of Kauai will give their aid by patronizing the various tables at the Fair. The ladies of Honolulu cannot well be present and therefore cannot tender their help in that way, but their donations, showing substantial sympathy, will be most gratefully received. Sympathy is a mighty good thing, ladies, but if some of you have only the will, perhaps your good husbands may have the way.

It is the first time that a Fair has ever been held here—it is the first time we have stepped out of our immediate home circle to ask assistance, and we trust you will respond favorably. You have many helpers in an affair of this kind—we have few. As the time is but short to make things, the members of the society would be most thankful for any aid that the ladies of Honolulu may feel it in their power to give. Mrs. Rice, the President of the Hui Manawalea, will be most happy to receive help in the way of money, assorted cakes or fancy articles. Please send all donations before December 3rd, to Mr. J. T. Waterhouse's Queen street store, Honolulu. Lihue, Kauai, Nov. 9, 1899.

Artificial Stone.

Mr. Editor: I saw in your paper of last week a reference to artificial stone for sidewalks, which make the most finished walk that can be found in this or any other country. In a paper now before me I find the following relative to this stone, which may interest your readers: The cost of laying artificial stone sidewalks is about 14 cents per square foot. The process can be witnessed any day on the public streets. The artificial stone is about three inches thick. The sand or earth foundation is first wetted and then tamped well down; gravel is then spread to the required depth and in turn tamped down. Upon this is poured a mixture in certain proportions of finer and sifted gravel, water and Portland cement, which is spread and smoothed with a trowel. This mixture acts as an hydraulic cement and after a time hardens. Several patents for this pavement are held and jealously guarded. As a matter of fact they do not differ from each other greatly. One simply rounds off and traces out the division lines of the squares, while another inserts asphaltum covered strips between the squares. One patentee lays them in large and regular squares on a line, the other in smaller figures, one lapping the other, so that the lines of junction will not come together. These variances, it is claimed, lessen the chances of the pavement cracking.

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