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PLANTERS HEAR REPORTS OF THE YEAR'S PROGRESS

Sugar Crop Shows a Great Increase and Labor Situation Grows More Satisfactory.

THE Hawaiian Planters' Association met in annual conference yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce hall in the Castle & Cooke building, with a large attendance of planters and managers from all the islands. The morning session was public, and was devoted largely to the reading of various reports. The afternoon session was held behind closed doors at which time there was a long discussion upon the labor situation. The meeting adjourned at 4:30, and will be resumed again this morning at 10 o'clock. The labor situation as discussed raised the points of the future supply of laborers, wages, and as to the respective merits of the Porto Ricans, negroes and Italians that have been imported during the past year.

Owing to the absence of Chairman Swanzy of the committee on labor, the report was presented by another member of the committee. It dealt with the total number of laborers now on the plantations and the additions to the forces during the past year. There were reports from the agents of the association in the East and in Porto Rico, as well as letters telling of the prospects of the labor market being filled from other sources.

The discussion was long and many new points were brought out in it which showed that there was a generally better feeling all over the islands and that there was little apprehension felt in any circles as to the outcome of the present situation. The discussion will be carried on so that there may be a full understanding on that part of the trustees as to the results of the experiments made by the managers themselves. The sentiment of the managers produced a feeling of satisfaction to the members who were present.

Among those present during the day were: F. A. Schaefer, president; Royal D. Mead, secretary, in place of W. O. Smith, absent; John M. Horner, chief owner and manager of Kukui plantation, Paunaloa; John A. Scott, manager of Hilo Sugar Co., Hilo; C. C. Kennedy, manager of Waiakoa Mill Co., Hilo; H. M. Whitney, editor Planters' Monthly; C. F. Hart, owner of Nuihi plantation, Kohala; T. S. Kay, manager of Halawa plantation, Kohala; Geo. N. Wilcox, chief owner and manager of Grove Farm; P. McLane, manager of Koloa Sugar Co.; J. Watt, manager of Honoukaa Sugar Co.; Henry Deacon, manager of Pepeekeo Sugar Co.; W. M. Giffard, of W. G. Irwin & Co.; Geo. H. Robertson and E. F. Bishop, of C. Brewer & Co.; T. Clive Davies, of Theo. H. Davies & Co.; E. D. Tenney, of Castle & Cooke; Andrew Adams, manager of Kahuku plantation; J. P. Cooke, of Alexander & Baldwin; Geo. Chalmers, manager of Waimanalo plantation; J. T. Crawley, director of Association Experiment Station; Jas. Gibb, manager Paunaloa plantation; Geo. C. Hewitt, manager of Hutchinson plantation; C. Hedemann, manager Honolulu Iron Works; Henry Waterhouse, of H. Waterhouse & Co.; John P. Moir, manager Onomea Sugar Co., Hawaii; E. E. Olding, manager Kohala plantation, Kohala; W. Pullar, manager Honoukaa Sugar Co., Hawaii; Geo. Ross, manager Hakalau plantation, Hawaii; Jas. G. Spencer, of Pacific Hardware Co.; F. Weber, manager Lihue Plantation Co., Kauai; C. M. Walton, manager Hawaiian Agricultural Co., Pahala; H. M. Renton, assistant manager Union Mills Co., Kohala; R. Berg, of Grinbaum & Co.; Geo. R. Ewart, manager of Kilauea plantation, Kauai; Dr. Averdand, director Pacific Guano and Fertilizer Co.'s works; Wray Taylor, Commissioner of Agriculture; H. P. Baldwin, president of principal plantation properties on Maui; W. Potenhauer, of H. Hackfeld & Co.; J. A. Low, manager of Honolulu plantation; August Ahrens, manager of Oahu plantation; Charles M. Cooke, representing various corporations; G. F. Renton, manager Ewa plantation; C. Cooper.

The roll was called which included agency firms and plantations, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The address of welcome was delivered by President F. A. Schaefer. He said: Honolulu, November 18, 1901. To the Members of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association: Gentlemen:—Another year has passed away since the members of this Association met in annual session, and we look back upon a year of arduous efforts of the trustees and the managers of the various plantations of this Territory to overcome the difficulties with which the sugar industry had to contend. You are so thoroughly conversant with the labor troubles and the serious results which have arisen therefrom to every plantation of this group, that I need not refer to this subject at great length. Although the situation has improved somewhat, the scarcity of labor has not ceased to exist, and it will require the continued efforts of this Association, through its

trustees, to provide for an increase of available labor to supply the demand.

The outlay of capital for immigration purposes has been very large during the year now closed, but in full realization of the urgency of such expenditures all plantations of these Islands have readily contributed their share in equitable proportions to the whole.

Exceptionally dry weather prevailed in some districts of the Islands of Hawaii and Maui, particularly in Hamakua and

Kohala, with such disastrous effect on the growing cane that the crop of 1902 is expected to be reduced by it to a very considerable extent. This drought lasted for a period of six months, with but light showers of rain intervening.

Sugar prices as compared with the preceding year show a decided decline, and I believe the difference in the net proceeds to be approximately \$10 per ton. This is in itself an immense deficiency, which is, the more seriously felt as through excessively high wages and other causes, the expense of sugar manufacture has greatly increased at the same time.

Mr. R. C. Blouin was engaged by the trustees to succeed Dr. W. Maxwell as director of the Laboratory and Experimental Station, and made a successful start in his work, visiting also every plantation of these Islands and thus making the personal acquaintance of every manager and gaining his information on the spot. I believe that Mr. Blouin did not only make friends for himself among the planters, but proved himself a man of high scientific attainments and of good practical experience, which adapted him particularly for the position he was called upon to fill. It was a matter of regret to the trustees, therefore, to have to accept Mr. Blouin's resignation, necessitated by the latter's protracted illness, brought on by climatical causes. Nevertheless, Mr. Blouin has sent in an annual report to the members of the Planters' Association, which contains much valuable information and careful work, and will be perused with interest. A successor to Mr. Blouin will shortly be appointed, but so far the trustees have not taken any decided steps in that direction.

The laboratory and experimental station are at present located together on the Makiki grounds of this Association, and I would recommend to the members to visit the station if convenient, as it is of interest to everyone directly or indirectly connected with the sugar planting industry. Mr. C. F. Eckart is temporarily in charge of the station, and has filled the position satisfactorily. As chairman of the Committee on Fertilization, Mr. Eckart has prepared a valuable report to be submitted at this session.

Among other subjects for mutual discussion and exchange of views, probably the subject of rates of wages will be the most important, and it is to be hoped that unanimity of action will solve this problem, to the best interest of all concerned.

Reports of committees on various subjects will be read.

There will be a good meeting of the committee. There are said to be several resignations which are to come before it, and it is understood as well that an attempt will be made to have the committee take action in regard to a prospective community of interests and action with the members of the Independent party. One member of the committee is said to have ready resolutions which commit the regular Republican party to some of the plans of the Home Rulers, and that there

will be a fight, should there be an attempt to force such action, is certain. Judge W. S. Edging is in the city from Kona, and he is quite a deal concerned over the unauthorized action of some of his friends. Without his knowledge representations have been made to the Department of Justice asking that he be transferred from his circuit to the first circuit. Judge Edging informed his friends yesterday that this was not acceptable to him, and at once wrote a letter to Attorney General Knox, saying that he would not consent to any such transfer, in fact, that he would resign from the bench rather than come here to occupy a position in the first circuit.

The report in the special correspondence of the Advertiser that there was a chance that there might be a change in the plans for the third judgeship, has aroused the friends of W. J. Robinson, and his petitions are again going about. There will be dispatched to Washington today a new set of endorsements for the commissioner.

Hon. Dr. William H. Montague, of Toronto, Canada, P. C.; H. V. C. R., of the Independent Order of Foresters, is expected to arrive in Honolulu tomorrow from Brisbane on the Mowera. It is possible the official will remain over in this city for a short time, but as yet no definite arrangements for his reception have been made by the local court of Foresters. Upon his arrival he will be greeted by the following committee: C. B. Bishop, P. C. R.; A. E. Murphy, P. C. R.; F. W. Weed, C. R., who will ascertain his plans. Word was received here by H. E. Cooper, from R. Lee Bryce, a high Mason, of Dr. Montague's coming, and he will also be looked after by the Masonic fraternity. Dr. Montague is an orator, well known through the Dominion.

WILCOX SAYS FAREWELL AND RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED

Delegate Says He Alone Has the Ear of Official Washington and Demands Union.

BEFORE an audience which barely filled the front part of the Drill Shed, surrounded by men of every party Delegate Wilcox said farewell prior to departing for Washington to take up his duties for the winter. It was a meeting remarkable in that resolutions denouncing the Executive for his efforts to keep the business of

room about 250 people, counting women and children. Mr. Kaula, in opening the meeting, spoke in part as follows:

"Fellow Citizens: As our delegate will soon leave us for Washington, you are called here tonight to tell him all you want him to do for you, to place upon his shoulders all the burdens you wish him to carry to Washington, to speak out all your troubles, all ill feelings, so that America may know our wants and our feelings. If you do not speak, if we do not let him know what we want, done, how can we get what we want? We must look to America for help, and do not mind all that we hear from our enemies here. Those little things are for Hawaii-nee.

"We are like little calves feeding from the mother cow, and America is the mother cow, and her milk constitutes all the benefits that are coming to us from her. We must let America know what we want, and she will let us have it. We will soon hear our delegate and then some resolutions will be read to you. We must work, and if we can remove Governor Dole tonight, that is all right; if we can remove Secretary Cooper tonight, that's our business."

Here he introduced Delegate Wilcox, who spoke in part as follows: "Fellow American Citizens: Tomorrow, if the Sierra comes in, I will depart for Washington, so that I can be there when congress opens the first week in December. I am glad to have had this opportunity to speak to you, and to hear what you want me to do for you, before I leave you. I am sure that I know just what you want your delegate to do for you. You have but one delegate, and that delegate is me, no one else has any business to represent you in congress. If others go there with anything they want done here, and I oppose them, their work will amount to nothing.

"America looks to me and to the Home Rule Republican party. The republicans in America, the party in which our president stands, are looking to the republicans here, of which we are members. President Roosevelt does not make any distinction between Missionary Republicans, the Anti-Missionary Republicans and the Home Rule Republicans, but treats them all alike as republicans, for they all belong to one great circle. If any of these three republican parties here tries to monopolize everything, passes high minded resolutions, the republicans in America will not mind them. That is why those who petitioned to remove Judge Humphreys were defeated.

"We must stand together and work for the good of all, petition to congress on those things you need for the common good. I want to work to have government lands distributed among you, not simply three or five acres, as we see now here in this Territory, but lands that will be large enough for you to build your homes, to raise your own cattle so that you can plow the fields. The three acres that are being distributed among some are not large enough to raise rabbits on them; we want liberal gifts, such as the United States is giving to its people.

"I will protect the interests of the plantations, for upon this one industry depends everything here; but I will not help them in things that are not right. I will not help them take anything for themselves. As to the labor question, I have nothing to say now, but I will wait and see what those at Washington want done as to that question. I will work for all that is good, and if I succeed in getting \$10,000,000 for this Territory, that will be a benefit to us all.

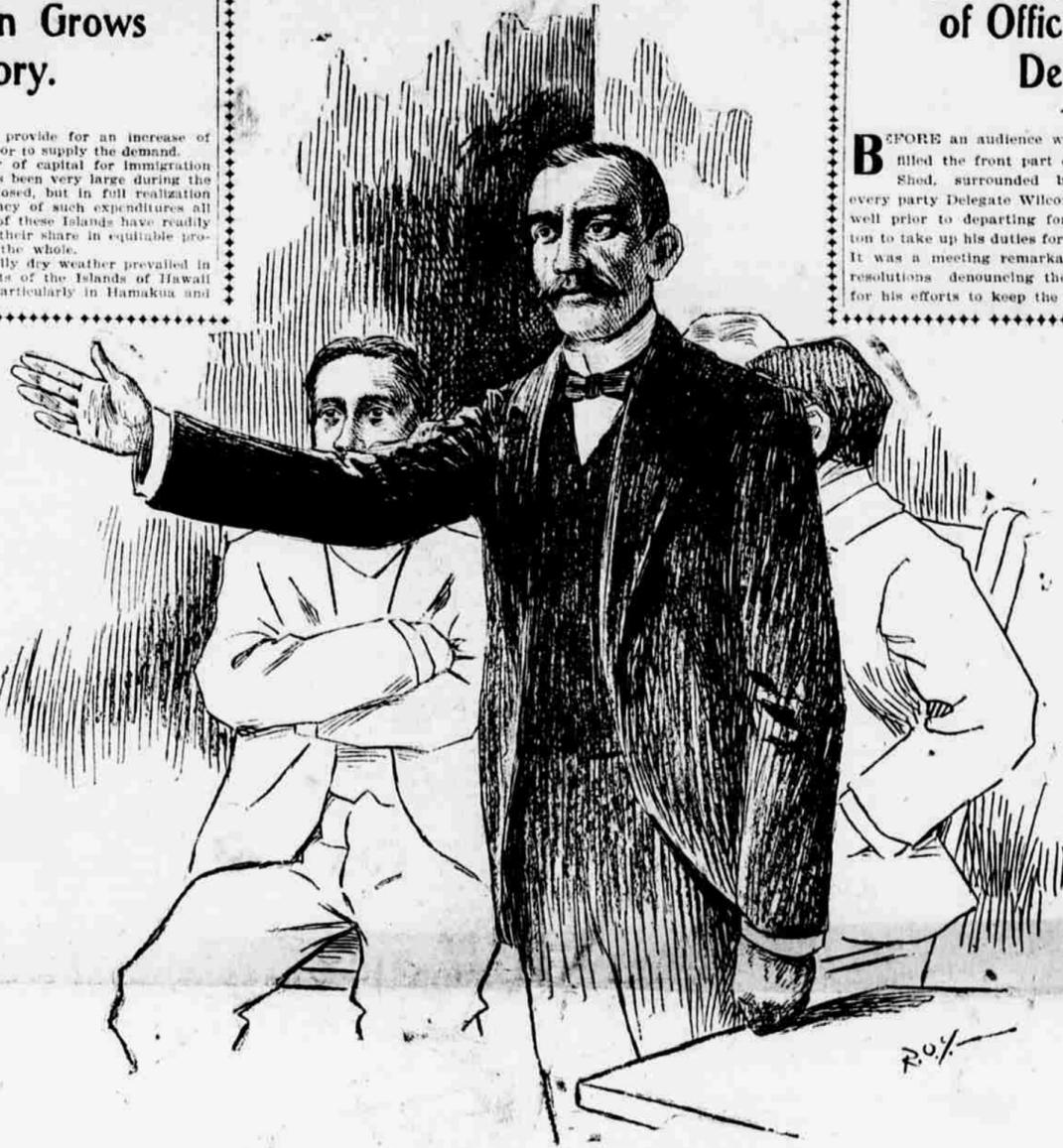
"Before I leave you I want to urge you to stick together, stick to the Home Rule Republican party, and to forget all the mistakes of the past. If those who chose to represent us in the legislature did not do what we wanted them to do, try and keep back all ill feeling toward each other, keep the bad blood within; hold your breath, move onward, and when the election time comes, those that did not do as you wanted cast them aside and elect others in their places. You must also remember that they cannot do all we want them to do in the legislature, for there are three powers the executive, the judiciary and the legislative. The governor has the executive power, and we cannot do much when he tries to block our way.

"If I succeed in getting you lands, I want you to keep your land, or you will go to the poor-houses. America is like a new Kaukaeouli; America is generous to her children, and those that will waste what they have will bear the blame, for we cannot expect America to be a guardian for each and every one of us. She gives us what we ask for and we must be our own guardians.

"I will be away from you until next June. In November you will again vote for senators and representatives. As for me, I have two terms to serve, and if you elect a new delegate he must serve after my two terms expire, but if you elect me again, of course I will represent you again. I want you to remember what Senator Morgan, one of the senators in America that helped us in the past, said to me. He wants us to stand together, to send a good delegate to Washington, then he will help us; if you do not stand together and send a fool to Washington, he will not help us.

"If you want anything, petition right straight to Washington, and do not waste your time in idle talk here. I hope you will be together, still upholding the party we have chosen, when I return. We will now have the resolutions."

Mr. J. K. Kaula spoke of the resolutions, which were ready to be read before those who gathered. He then called



Delegate Wilcox Says Farewell.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Kennedy Calls for Another Meeting to Talk Over Matters of Importance to the Party.

ONCE more has the Territorial Republican Committee been called to meet, and the call sets forth that the object of the gathering is to consider what is to be done in regard to the probable increase in the membership of the executive committee of the party. The call for the meeting was sent to Secretary Hendry Saturday and was made up and mailed to the various members of the committee yesterday.

While the call seems to commit Chairman Kennedy to the view that the recent meeting, at which there was passed a resolution declaring that there should be two more members of the executive committee, which was followed by the election of Messrs. Gilman and Jones, was illegal, he said last evening that there was no such intention on his part. The call, he explained, was sent out simply that there might be another discussion of the doings of the last meeting and if the majority of the members present should wish to reconsider the matter there would be a chance offered for such action.

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the Territory in motion were proposed by a Democrat and seconded by an alleged Republican, and an officer of the courts at that.

In view of the preparations for the meeting there was a notable lack of enthusiasm. Even the movers of the resolutions did not seem to have any great amount of interest in them. Kaula, only, seeming to have any spirit in his attacks upon the Executive and the Secretary of the Territory. It took John Wise to move the resolutions and Emil Ney, bailiff of the First Circuit Court, to second the denunciatory one, so as to get up even the slightest interest in affairs, and although it was a fairly little gathering it was remarkable only in that the denunciations of the officials were put into the form of resolutions which commit the leaders as opposed to protection of the well being of the people.

Altogether there were hardly two hundred and fifty people in the hall when the meeting was called to order, and about a fourth of that number was content to listen to the words of wisdom as they fell from the lips of Home Rule leaders at a safe distance, outside the entrance.

The platform was occupied by Chairman Kaula, Mr. Wilcox and others prominent in the ranks. Mrs. Wilcox and her female advisers largely predominated.

Even the remarks of Wilcox failed to arouse the multitude of his admirers, but at the conclusion of the meeting three cheers for his departure were given with a right good will, which even the refusal of Honest John Emmelhuth to make a speech, failed to affect. The resolutions were adopted in only a half hearted way, to which the movers in the resolutions added weight by stamping with their feet on the floor. At the conclusion of the meeting there was a grand and united rush for the door, and if any plans had been laid for a handshaking program, they were prematurely nipped in the bud.

At 8 o'clock J. K. Kaula called the meeting to order. There were in the

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