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## BALL IS ROLLING

Delegates to Nominating Con-  
vention Elected.

## SURPRISE IN SOME PRECINCTS

Men Who Should Have  
Been Elected Failed.

Attendance in Some Precincts  
Very Good—In Others But  
Few Turn Out.

The first gun in the '97 election cam-  
paign was fired in Honolulu last night,  
when the delegates to the Nominating  
Convention were elected. As a rule,  
the attendance was small, but in the  
Second Precinct of the Fourth District,  
it was very good. In this precinct 15  
nominations were made, though an  
attempt was made to close when six  
had been nominated. T. F. Lansing  
was wanted by his friends to be a  
delegate, but some one foolishly had  
him elected chairman of the meeting,  
and as a result he had no opportunity  
to work on the floor and was defeated  
in consequence.

In T. B. Murray's precinct, he also  
was made chairman of the meeting and  
had to act as secretary and Enrollment  
Committee as well. Being thus hand-  
capped, Murray could not hold his pre-  
cinct and failed to be elected.

In the Fourth Precinct, Fourth Dis-  
trict, the boys began "telegraphing"  
on the first ballot, for when it was  
counted, there was just one more bal-  
lot than people at the meeting. In this  
G. W. Smith was defeated, but as the  
voting was irregular it was called off.  
Willie King should have been sent as  
a delegate from this precinct, but he  
failed to make it. G. W. Smith, F. S.  
Dodge and W. D. McBryde were the  
lucky men.

In the Second Precinct some of the  
successful men came in as a surprise.  
Neither Robert Grieve nor S. B. Rose  
have taken a great interest in politics  
of late, but they were both returned as  
delegates. This is where Mr. Lansing,  
a really active man, failed. This was  
clearly through mismanagement, as it  
was intended to send him to the con-  
vention.

From this time until the convention,  
which takes place on the 15th, candi-  
dates for legislative honors will crop  
up on every street. The plan of cam-  
paign is not yet organized, and except  
in one or two instances local candi-  
dates are unknown, except to the  
"push." In Pearl City A. J. Campbell  
and L. L. McCandless are anxious to  
sit in the Legislature, and Campbell  
succeeded in electing his man, Mike-  
lemi, as a delegate from Pearl City.  
W. J. Lowrey, delegate from Ewa, is  
not pledged to any one, but it is pos-  
sible he will favor McCandless. The  
latter has not given up hopes of his  
nomination through defeat at Pearl  
City. His brother, J. A. McCandless,  
will be a delegate from his precinct,  
and should work hard for Link.

The position of A. G. M. Robertson  
is one of indifference, so far as the  
nomination is concerned. He says he is  
willing to run if the people want him,  
but if they can fix up a slate without  
his name he will be satisfied. Mr.  
Robertson's record in the last House  
was such that will warrant his being  
returned again. He is young and intel-  
ligent, and was one of the hardest  
workers in the body, both in commit-  
tee and on the floor. It is not at all  
probable that he will be allowed to re-  
main away from the next session. E.  
C. Winston's name has not been men-  
tioned, nor has Captain Cluney's, but  
when the time comes their friends may  
be heard from. There seems to be no  
doubt that several independent candi-  
dates will crop out after the conven-  
tion has been held, in which case the  
friends of the regular candidates will  
have to work the harder to elect them.

Following is the list of delegates  
who will sit in the Nominating Con-  
vention:

Second Precinct—Beretania Street  
School. Six delegates: J. A. Kennedy,  
W. H. Hoogs, Robert Grieve, J. H.  
Fisher, J. S. Martin and S. B. Rose.  
Third Precinct—Nuuanu Water Gate.  
One delegate: E. F. Bishop.  
Fourth Precinct—Royal School.  
Three delegates: G. W. Smith, Walter  
McBryde and F. S. Dodge.  
Fifth Precinct—Kapuaui Building.  
Three delegates: J. A. McCandless,  
E. Benner and C. B. Gray.  
Sixth Precinct—Bell Tower. Three  
delegates: Julius Asche, Ed Towse and  
G. N. Day.

FIFTH DISTRICT.  
First Precinct—Kaneohe. Two dele-  
gates: William Henry and R. Mc-  
Keague.  
Second Precinct—Koolauloa Court  
House. One delegate: W. K. Rath-  
burn.  
Third Precinct—Waialua. One dele-  
gate: Andrew Cox.  
Fourth Precinct—Waianae. One dele-  
gate: Judge Kekahune.  
Fifth Precinct—Ewa Mill. One dele-  
gate: W. J. Lowrey.  
Sixth Precinct—Manana Court  
House. One delegate: E. B. Mikaleini.  
Seventh Precinct—Reform School.  
Two delegates: J. A. Low and W. R.  
Sims.  
Eighth Precinct—Tram Stables. Two  
delegates: L. D. Kellipio and G. W.  
Farr.  
Ninth Precinct—Kauluwela School.  
Two delegates: J. M. Poepeo and Geo.  
R. Carter.  
Tenth Precinct—Chinese Engine  
House. Two delegates: O. Bergstrom  
and J. C. Cluney.

## BURNED TO DEATH.

Fatal Result of a Fire in Mo-  
analua.

There was a fire at Moanalua about  
3 p. m. yesterday, the circumstances of  
which are most distressing. The two-  
story frame building of Ohule and his  
wife was burned to the ground, and  
one of their children, a boy of 14 years  
of age, burned to death.

The first intimation of the catastro-  
phe was received by Patrolman R. An-  
drews, who was riding along in the vi-  
cinity of Kamehameha School. He  
spied a native coming along in a break  
at a great speed, and upon being halt-  
ed, cried out that her house in Moana-  
lua was on fire and her children all  
burned.

Andrews put spurs to his horse and  
hastened away to Moanalua, where he  
found the house nearly burned down.  
A number of natives were waiting  
about the place and, upon inquiry, it  
was learned that one of the children  
had been burned. The patrolman suc-  
ceeded in bringing out the badly-  
charred body of the oldest son.

It seems that Ohule and his wife had  
gone to a neighboring gulch to plant  
taro and had left their oldest and  
youngest children at home, the latter  
a lad of about 7 summers.

The little fellow got to playing with  
matches on the lower floor and set the  
matting on fire. The older boy was  
asleep in one of the beds. As soon as  
the fire had been started the little fel-  
low ran out. The flames spread, suffo-  
cating and burning to death the older  
boy before help could reach him.

## Gold of the World.

A recent Washington dispatch says  
that Mr. Preston, the Director of the  
Mint, estimates the gold production of  
the world for 1896 to have been \$205,-  
000,000, of which sum the United States  
contributed over \$53,000,000. For 1897  
it is believed the world's gold product  
will reach at least \$240,000,000, an in-  
crease of \$85,000,000 over 1896. Mr.  
Preston says:

"As an indication of the increase in  
the world's gold product of 1897, the  
product of the United States, Australia,  
South Africa, Russia, Mexico, British  
India and Canada for 1896 was \$180,-  
\$50,000. For 1897 the probable output  
will be \$219,550,000.

## ASK FOR RULING

Secretary Gresham's Ruling Still  
Holds Good.

## ALLEGIANCE TO U. S. ABJURED

Men Not Citizens Here or  
in United States.

Consul General Haywood Recog-  
nizes the Ruling—Will Ask State  
Department to Decide.

The death of the young attorney  
brings to the front again the question  
of effect the oath to the Hawaiian  
Government may have upon a man  
who holds allegiance to the United  
States. During the Cleveland adminis-  
tration Secretary Gresham ruled that,  
when a man takes an oath that "he  
will support the Constitution, laws and  
Government of the Republic of Hawaii,  
and will not, either directly or indi-  
rectly, encourage or assist in the res-  
toration or establishment of a mon-  
archical form of Government in the  
Hawaiian Islands" he signs away his  
allegiance to the United States, if he  
was, prior to such signing, a citizen of  
that country.

Consul-General Haywood said after  
Mr. Hawkins' death that if he had  
taken the oath, and he had some doubt  
about it, owing to the letter of deniza-  
tion not having been issued, he could  
not recognize him as an American citi-  
zen and would not take charge of his  
effects. Consul Haywood had a long  
conversation with Minister Sewall re-  
garding the matter, and together they  
decided that Mr. Gresham's ruling  
would have to be recognized until the  
Supreme Court of the United States  
would decide otherwise.

Yesterday it was decided that J. M.  
Monsarrat would take charge of Mr.  
Hawkins' trunks, etc., and send them  
to his family in Gatesville, Texas, but  
during the morning Consul-General  
Haywood had another consultation  
with Minister Sewall, and they decided  
to put the Consulate seal on the trunk  
and keep it in the Consulate until a  
ruling can be had from the State  
Department at Washington.

Among the lawyers, several are of  
the opinion that the ruling of Sec-  
retary Gresham will be overruled by  
Secretary Sherman on the ground that a  
man cannot lose his allegiance to one  
Government until he becomes a citizen  
of another. Not all of the Americans  
who have taken the oath to the Re-  
public are citizens in the sense that  
they have the right of franchise. Hav-  
ing in many cases arrived here after  
the revolution of 1893 they are not en-  
titled to special rights of citizenship,  
which entitles the holder of such cer-  
tificates to all rights of citizenship, in-  
cluding voting. These certificates were  
issued only to persons who assisted in  
the formation of or in the maintenance  
of the Provisional Government. Men  
who came here less than seven years  
prior to the establishment of the  
Republic, and who did not assist in  
maintaining the Provisional Govern-  
ment, though they have taken the oath  
to support the Republic, cannot vote  
under the present Constitution.

As there are many such in the Is-  
lands, staunch supporters of the present  
Government, the decision of Secretary  
Sherman will be awaited with consid-  
erable anxiety, as they have been un-  
der the impression that so long as they  
have not been given the right of fran-  
chise here they are still citizens of the  
United States. People who took out  
letters of denization during the mon-  
archy will come under the same head,  
even though they failed to renew them  
under the present Government.

**Kekumano-Keick.**  
Miss Alvina Keick, former principal  
of the Waialua Government School,  
and Louis Kekumano, an employe at  
the Post Office, were married at the  
home of James Holt, Kapalama, early  
yesterday afternoon. A number of re-  
latives and friends were present. The  
young couple went to Waianae on the

5 o'clock train, where they will spend a  
week's honeymoon at the home of  
Richard Gilliland.

Among the presents received by  
Mr. and Mrs. Kekumano was a stove  
and a complete outfit of kitchen uten-  
sils from the employes of the Post  
Office.

**Donated Lava Specimens.**  
Mr. Edgar Wood of the High School  
has just received from Miss Burbank a  
collection of lava specimens from the  
Volcano, collected from time to time.  
They are interesting, as well as valu-  
able, and will be included in the  
High School collection, which includes  
specimens of fossils collected in the  
vicinity of Honolulu and donated by  
Miss Andrews and Dr. Lyons. Mr.  
Wood, as well as all those interested in  
the High School, are very grateful to  
Miss Burbank for her kindness.

## DANCE AT ESKBANK.

**Mrs. Wilder Entertains Messrs.**  
Albert and James Judd.

Mrs. Wilder gave a reception and  
dance in honor of Messrs. Albert and  
James Judd, at her Nuuanu home, Esk-  
bank, last night. The house was pret-  
tily decorated, palms, ferns and flow-  
ers, with Japanese lanterns at vari-  
ous points, showing that a festive oc-  
casion was in progress. The Quintette  
Club was stationed in the hall and fur-  
nished music for the dance, which took  
place in the large drawing room. Re-  
freshments were served at a late hour.  
Besides the guests of honor, there were  
present the following: Chief Justice  
and Mrs. Judd, Dr. and Mrs. C. B.  
Cooper, Mrs. Wight, Mr. and Mrs. A. J.  
Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker,  
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ballou, Mr. and  
Mrs. E. R. Adams, Mrs. Phoebe Makee,  
Mrs. H. Gunn, Miss Grace Clark, Miss  
E. E. Stansbury, Miss Atkinson, the  
Misses Ballou, Miss Fuller, Miss Dam-  
on, the Misses Hartwell, Miss Roth,  
Miss Lita Wilder, Miss Nellie White,  
Miss Edith Eldredge, Miss Rowena  
Dowsett, the Misses McIntyre, Miss  
Mabel Woods, the Misses Ward, Miss  
Love, Miss Belle Walker, Miss Cor-  
delia Walker, the Misses Afong,  
Messrs. Robert Atkinson, Whitted,  
Brewster, Harney, H. W. Mist, R. W.  
Shingle, J. Travis, J. T. Waterhouse,  
Rodgers, Andrews, Wm. Love, Frank  
McIntyre, Captain Goodman, Dr. Wise  
and a number of others.

## Tennis in California

The following extracts from a letter,  
written by "Kauka" Wilder and dated  
San Francisco, Cal., August 17th, may  
prove interesting to the tennis men of  
the city:

"The courts here are good, and the  
balls bounce so true it is much pleas-  
anter to play a game, besides, the cool  
weather makes a person feel very much  
more like playing. Harold Dillingham,  
Cunha and I have played on the Cali-  
fornia tennis courts. Then Godfrey  
came up, and he ran up against Welke,  
junior player of the club. Godfrey was  
beaten. I am convinced we could do  
better on our own dirt courts, as we  
are used to them. However, it must  
be said that they know how to play  
tennis here.

"I have not noticed any of the fine  
players here who use a swift service. All  
strength is reserved for net work,  
running up and smashing, so as to  
'kill' the balls."

## Water Privileges.

The owners of lots in Kapiolani Park  
Addition are signing a petition in the  
office of A. V. Gear & Co., asking the  
Government to lay water pipes on their  
lots and agreeing to take water at  
once. Already nearly 100 lot owners  
have signed. These people want to  
build on their property, but cannot do  
so until they can secure water for  
drinking and irrigation purposes.