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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION NOMINATES CUPID FOR DELEGATE BY ACCLAMATION

Robertson's Name Is Not Brought Forward.

Great Enthusiasm Marks the Appearance of the Candidate.

PRINCE JONAH KALANIANA'OLE was nominated by acclamation by the Republican convention yesterday morning, and after a rush of applause which was purely spontaneous, the third convention of the Republican party in Hawaii adjourned sine die.

As outlined after the caucus of Monday night, this outcome of the long struggle over the delegateship nomination ended with the utmost enthusiasm. The growth of the feeling for Prince Cupid was astonishing, and the fact that the whole members of the convention started the cheering and as well as began the voting for him aroused in the Hawaiian delegates a degree of interest which brought about the entire harmony of noontime, for there was no other name mentioned, and standing and cheering, the delegates in the body gave their votes for the young all.

The session of the convention was a late one owing to the absence of A. G. M. Robertson, who was on important business in court. The only other real candidate for the place beside the Prince was Robertson, and his strength was perhaps gauged, when in the caucus, he had twenty votes. The men who were pledged to him were of opinion that it would be wisest if the convention wait his coming and hear from him just what he had to say, if, in fact, there was anything to be said. Finally he was brought into the convention by a committee of two from the Fourth district, and the work of the morning was taken up, an hour having passed in the waiting.

The time went by rapidly, however, for there was a feeling of satisfaction apparent on every face. The settlement of the vexed problem was one which appealed to the men of politics and they were patient in their waiting for the convening of the session. It was shortly before the arrival of Robertson made it possible for the convention to get to work when Dr. Huddy entered the room. He was escorting Prince Cupid, and as the young man was seen at the door of the hall the delegates already on hand began to cheer lustily. They gave three and three times three, and when they had concluded Guard, of Hilo shouted "There's only one party in Hawaii, the grand old Republican party," and there was a renewal of the cheering.

When the roll call developed the presence of nearly the entire convention membership Chairman Holstein announced that the naming of the commission to frame the county and municipal bills, as provided by the Achi motion, should follow, but owing to the fact that this should be a responsible committee, one which could meet with the leading people and gather all the facts, placing them in position to frame a bill which will be acceptable to all, he thought he should consult with the men of the city and he would announce through the press the names of the five whom he wishes to place on the committee. He suggested that the selection of a national committeeman might be in order but was informed that the delegates to the national convention did that and that this convention had no jurisdiction.

This brought the convention to the nomination of the candidate for Delegate to Congress, and this was taken up, the call being by districts. Henry P. Baldwin had arranged with the chairman of the delegation from the First district, that he should have the privilege of the floor when that district was called so that the nomination of Prince Cupid could be made the very first business of the convention. Williams announced when the Hilo section was called, that the preference had been waived in favor of the Third, and Mr. Baldwin rose to name the Prince.



CONVENTION SCENES.

In doing so he began abruptly by stating that he wanted to nominate Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole, and then he got no further for several moments, for the men of the convention and the on-lookers as well cheered the name to the echo. Mr. Baldwin continued:

MR. BALDWIN'S SPEECH.

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention: It is my privilege and my pleasure to nominate, for candidate of the Republican party in Hawaii for Delegate to the Congress of the United States, Prince Jonah Kūiō Kalaniana'ole. (Loud and prolonged applause.) Gentlemen, I have not come here before you with any set speech, but I would like to make a few remarks on this subject. I say that it is a great pleasure to me to be able to nominate as the Delegate one who is a prince of the royal family of Hawaii. I repeat that it is a great privilege to me and I have very great pleasure in offering the name of Prince Kalaniana'ole. I had my sixtieth birthday a few days ago."

Mr. Guard: "We hope you will have sixty more." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Baldwin: "As we grow older we do not care to let people know our ages as a rule. We do not celebrate our birthdays with the same gusto as when we were fifteen or sixteen years of age. I may say, though, that I spent the first fifty-one years of my life under the Hawaiian monarchy and the last nine years under other forms of government culminating in that of a Territory of the Republic of the United States. I cannot forget the pleasure of the years I lived under the monarchy, as a youth, as a young man, as a man of business. My remembrances of all those days give me a heartfelt aloha for Hawaii and the Hawaiians. But it is idle to look backward. We are entering upon a new era, an era full of large possibilities to these Islands. We are looking for a glorious outcome to the Hawaiian Islands as a branch of the great United States Government."

"Now I state that I nominate the Prince with a genuine aloha for himself and his native fellow-countrymen. As I said before, having lived fifty-one years under the monarchy, I consider it a great honor to nominate a member of the royal family of Hawaii to represent his country at Washington. This is the highest office in the gift of the people of Hawaii and we have the pleasure of nominating to it a young man who is a member of the formerly reigning family. The Republican party here should be proud that it is to have in its ranks a leader of the Hawaiians who has declared himself a Republican."

"I believe that the Prince himself should be proud that he has chosen to belong to that party, which is a party that stands for the good of the whole people, for the protection of all who are down-trodden. I have never until now had the pleasure of intimate acquaintance with the Prince. My attention was called to him first by his speeches through the country. He is doing all he can, and he will continue

to do all he can to break down the race prejudice that some Home Rule leaders are doing all they can to encourage. It has been a cause of sorrow to me that some Hawaiians have been trying to build up walls of race prejudice. It is for the interests of the Hawaiians to mingle with white men, as more foreigners are coming into the country, and work together for the common welfare of Hawaii. We are all sailing in the same boat and if there is discord between the captain and the sailors we will never reach port in safety. "I believe that the Republican party, in securing the acceptance of the Prince as its candidate, has a bright prospect of victory. People all over the Islands are wavering. The methods that have been adopted by the Prince are the methods to win over the people. The Home Rulers are discontented. They are ready all over the Islands to go into other parties. Prince Jonah is able to increase the ranks of the Republican party, which I believe will be done. He will have the support of the entire Maui delegation and the voters behind them, as well as of the people of the Islands generally—Republicans and others. As I said before I believe the wavering Home Rulers will come into the Republican party."

"I do not wish to say anything about the other gentleman whose name has been mentioned. He is a friend of mine, but I would rather see the standard of the party carried on to victory than to defeat."

JUDGE KAULUKOU SPEAKS.

J. L. Kaulukou rose at once Mr. Baldwin had finished and seconded the nomination of Prince Cupid. He said that a century ago Kamehameha the Great had cemented the Islands, and now it was fitting that one of the princes of the blood, a Kamehameha of these times, should be brought forward to cement the people of the Islands. After fifty years of life it was given to him to nominate a Prince for a seat in the Congress of the United States. He said he had had many conferences with men from all over the Territory and he had found that they came down here with one name on their lips, and that was the name of Prince Cupid. He thought there should be union and that every one who might think of coming into the convention should move for the unity of the party and make the nomination of Prince Cupid unanimous.

Senator John D. Paris in seconding the nomination of the Prince said that he was proud of the opportunity to support the name of the progressive young Hawaiian who had just come out and declared himself as a member of the party. He said he thought the Republicans too should be proud of the young Hawaiian, and that his welcome to the party should be sincere and hearty. He said the Republican party was the only one to which the Hawaiians could look for their advancement. It was the Republican party he said that had given to the Hawaiians the full measure of suffrage that they now have, and in time the name of

McKinley would be remembered as that of the man who had led in the fight for this great advantage. He thought the Republican party the only one to which the Hawaiian can look for the continuation of this right of suffrage for this party has ever been the party of the oppressed and the liberty lover.

He continued that we have tried the experiment of sending to Washington a man of no party and the failure which resulted impressed the lesson. Now the opportunity offered to send a Prince to Washington and on behalf of the second district he expressed his intention to support the Prince and to make every sacrifice to secure his election.

THE FOURTH ACQUIRES.

When the Fourth district was called S. F. Chillingworth rose and amid a hush which was supreme said: "Mr. Chairman, the Fourth district has no nomination to offer to this convention." This was the signal for uproarious applause, for from that district was to come the nomination of Robertson and Cecil Brown who was to make the speech was sitting along side the supposed candidate. The people cheered first for Prince Cupid and next for Robertson, but he gave no sign.

For the Sixth W. H. Rice said that that district after much thought had decided that it should support the nomination of Prince Cupid.

George R. Carter rose and said: "I now move that nominations close but in doing so I wish to say a few words. As I have watched the career of the man we have chosen for our leader, I have always said that there was one with whom this country would have to reckon. I believed that his name would be written high in the annals of his country for he is a man who has ever at heart the people and their advancement. We will win with him at the front and the cry should be 'On to Washington with victory!'"

PRINCE CUPID SPEAKS.

H. P. Baldwin said that the time seemed to have come when the Prince having heard what the Republicans had to say, should let them hear from him. When the Prince came forward he was cheered loudly and it was some time before he could get a chance to speak. He said: "I have no apology to offer that I have not a speech prepared for delivery here. As I said before I am a Republican from top to bottom, and I hope that with your solid support the Republican party will win and prove to the Hawaiians that there is something that can be done for them at Washington."

"I have preached this to my people and I would like to prove to them that through the Republican party we will get all that we want from the general government and the Congress."

"I would like to say that I have a following and I hope that the Republicans will recognize them for they are still my loyal followers. I am, as I said, a Republican and I hope that we will win a victory at the polls."

George R. Carter said that before the Prince left he thought there might be an expression as to his feelings about the platform. Prince Cupid said: "I did not go into this as a boy. When I made my decision I joined the Republican party as such. As to the platform I have seen it, but I did not come into the party as a matter of platform. It was because I am a Republican, as I have said, from top to bottom, and a Republican platform is good enough for me. I am here to work for the party."

When the cheers had subsided Prince Cupid spoke in the vernacular to the convention, putting into his own language the words which he had spoken in English, and then continuing with some advice to the Hawaiian members of the convention. Kaulukou wanted the chairman to cast the ballot as there was only one candidate, but Baldwin said this was too tame a way for him and he moved that the nomination be made by acclamation. The convention agreed and with every one standing the nomination was made and Chairman Holstein announced that Prince Kalaniana'ole was the nominee of the Republican party for member of the Fifty-eighth Congress. This was the end of the actual work and the spectators began to leave as it was noon. Achi however introduced a resolution which passed, directing the central committee to create a bureau for Hawaiian Republican workers, saying that he thought such a free labor bureau would be of much good.

Nahale introduced a resolution that George R. Carter should be chosen National committeeman, but this was laid on the table. There was a slight wrangle over whether or not delegates could be chosen to the next national convention at this time, and thus save an extra session of the convention, but Col. Parker explained that the convention would not meet until two years from the present summer and the matter was then dropped.

Before the convention adjourned Iaukea explained that if in the heat of debate he had offended any one he was very sorry and that he would go into the campaign with the Prince and work hard for his success.

Philip Peck explained that he was the oldest Republican in the Islands, as he voted for Lincoln, and so he wanted to welcome the youngest member of the party into the fold.

W. H. Rice moved the thanks of the convention to the officers and this was acknowledged, directing the central committee to create a bureau for Hawaiian Republican workers, saying that he thought such a free labor bureau would be of much good.

COMMITTEE GETS DOWN TO WORK

The new Republican central committee got down to work yesterday afternoon.

AN INCENDIARY SUPPLIED MATCH

Oil-Soaked Sticks in Steiner's Store.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Jury Which Investigated Blaze Believes It Was a Premeditated Affair.

An inquisition taken at Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on the 1st and 2nd days of September, A. D. 1902, before A. M. Brown, high sheriff of the said Territory of Hawaii, in re burning of the Island Curio Store of James Steiner, Hotel street, in said Honolulu, on the morning of Sunday, August 31, 1902, by the oaths of the jurors, whose names are herewith subscribed, who being sworn to inquire when, how and by what means the said fire originated, upon their oaths do say:

That said fire was discovered at about 4:45 o'clock a. m. August 31, 1902, in the rear portion of said Island Curio Store, near one of the windows opening on the alleyway between said store and the building occupied by W. C. King. That said fire was, from the evidence produced, incendiary in its origin, being started by some person or persons to this jury unknown, from a pile of sticks and shavings in the rear portion of said store, said sticks and shavings being saturated with oil.

In witness whereof, the said high sheriff, and the jurors of this inquest, have herewith set their names, this 2nd day of September, 1902.

A. M. BROWN, High Sheriff, Territory of Hawaii. C. R. COLLINS, W. F. LOVE, A. BERG, JOHN WISE, J. A. GUINAN, Jurors.

What was at first supposed to have been an accidental fire in the rear of the Island Curio Store, on Monday morning, caused by defective wiring, turns out to have been incendiary origin. The inquest jury empaneled on Monday to inquire into the matter, heard testimony yesterday from various witnesses which led it to declare in the verdict that some one had wilfully thrown a bundle of sticks and shavings into the rear portion of the store and either set fire to them just a few seconds before the fire was discovered and the alarm turned in, or placed a lighted candle in such a manner that when it burned down low the inflammable material, soaked with oil, caught fire.

Fire Chief Thurston was an important witness for the incendiary theory. He stated that when the chemical engine arrived he entered the building with the crew and had the fire put out in a short time. In looking around the room he came upon the bundle of shavings and sticks, lying directly against the wall which had been well burned. He examined the bundle and found it had been soaked with oil. The flames had gone upward on the wall until the ceiling had been reached. It was Thurston's opinion that the fire had not been accidental, but was a premeditated affair. The position of the inflammable materials was such as to show that it had been placed intentionally against the wall as the fire would have a better opportunity there to envelope the whole room and spread to other sections quicker than if merely placed in the center of the room. Other persons called to testify before the jury were James Steiner, proprietor of the Island Curio Store; "Remington" Harrison, who has office space in the front part of the store for typewriter supplies; Mr. Guttman, also having space in the front part for the sale of tobaccos, and the watchman on the Hotel street beat. The testimony of each was to the effect that they were not aware of any cause for the fire.

The theory of the pile of shavings and sticks being placed in the room on the evening of Sunday preceding the Monday morning on which the fire occurred and a lighted candle placed nearby timed to burn down to the oil-soaked materials at an early hour in the morning when no one was about, seemed to be one which impressed those who heard the testimony. All vestige of a candle would be completely wiped out in a blaze. The verdict of the jury avoids placing the blame upon anyone.

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