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OPPOSITION TO DELEGATE.

Didn't we once point out that the morning adviser of the missionary wing of the Republican party took occasion recently to show its lion's teeth against Delegate Kalaniana'ole, at the time it urged precinct clubs not to endorse him? Again it has shown them a disposition as of aching for gore, but in the garb of the cloven hoof Bytander, who comes out in a hidden manner and stabs the Republican Delegate of this Territory in the back, and although in a sub-rosa hue, it is evident that that matter is editorially sanctioned. As far as the THE INDEPENDENT is concerned, it has nothing whatever to say other than that it is doing our cause much good, because it is ripping a candidate it once endorsed as against our opposition on almost the same lines it is now opposing the very man that certainly made a Republican success sure at the previous general election. And for ourselves, we have this now to say that our former opposition to this seion of chiefs has turned to one of admiration for the manliness shown by him against big odds of knockers who are ever ready to throw a ka-uaka, and be a true Hawaiian to the core, as well as to belittle the man, not the prince of the soil, in their usual cause of being in opposition to Hawaiians and of everything Hawaiian. But it is hoped that its opposition will not succeed, as it has already failed to carry with the recently held primaries.

Move Of Russians.

The arrival of Admiral Skrydloff's at Vladivostok yesterday intensifies the mystery as to its maneuver. What did it come out for? The supposition was that it intended capturing the St Hubert and Korea, but, as a matter of fact, it made no effort to overhaul either one. Another mystery about the thing is that the Russians seem able to pass and send prizes through the narrow strait north of Tokio at will and without any opposition. Can it be that the Japanese fleet has been so depleted that it cannot defend the passages through Japan? Where is the Japanese fleet that was formerly in the strait between Japan and Korea? Although in a channel no wider than from here to Lahaina, it has not been reported at any point in five weeks. Can it be that Skrydloff sunk the fleet in his brush with it over a month ago?

Secrecy Not Desirable.

Lieutenant Slattery is quite a bird, in his way. While maintaining that the character of local defenses should be kept secret he is doing those very things that will ensure the facts getting out. As to the matter of secrecy, however, we are forced to disagree with the Lieutenant. The United States is big enough and rich enough to defend this island so that it will be absolutely impregnable. The fact that it is impregnable should then be given out to the world, with plans and specifications, if desired. This place would then be studiously avoided by any warring power. Mystery and secrecy are not desirable.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The new Odd Fellows building, which was dedicated last night, is a magnificent tribute to the enterprise and public-spiritedness of the noble Order to which it belongs. In these dull times it requires nerve to tackle building enterprises, even on a small scale. Excelsior Lodge of Odd Fellows showed itself to be not only equal to the occasion but has given to the city a building to which this and future generations may point with pride.

There is no doubt but that Parker's nomination will prove much more popular than was at first supposed. Parker is eminently a safe and conservative man of whom the great financial bodies throughout the United States, including Wall Street and the industrial interests will not feel afraid. This can hardly be said of Roosevelt, who is exciting some uneasiness, which may result in unexpected strength to the Parker campaign. —Maui News.

With the Advertiser, Lorrin Andrews and Birbe at the head of the Roosevelt Club the Democrats will have no show at all. It is cruel of the Republicans to stifle the party of Thomas Jefferson in this manner. And the effect may not be confined to the Islands. Our hair stands up like cactus thorns when we think of what may happen when the news reaches the Coast. Judge Parker is very apt to decline to run any more; for what on earth could be accomplished in the face of an opposition

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vention and may be depended upon to do things this afternoon and evening. The very best thing it could do would be to pass a motion to join the Democratic party and then adjourn. But any such move would be stubbornly opposed by Kalaokalani, Charles Notley and that crowd. The question this afternoon is whether the delegates to the Convention will act for the best interests of their constituents or will yield to the men who are being paid by Republicans to keep the Home Rule party alive.

HOME RULE CONVENTION.

Holds First Session And Perfects Organization.

At 10 o'clock a m today, the Home Rule Convention assembled at the Orpheum, and in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the party, it was presided over by President D Kalaokalani with D M Kupieha as secretary. Order was promptly called and the proceedings opened with prayer by Rev S K Oili.

The following were appointed as a Committee on Credentials—J K Nakookoc, L K Sheldon, J W H I Kihe, Chas L Kookoo, James Mooiki, S T Pihonus and D H Kahaulelio.

This committee retired and later on presented its report, that it had examined 142 credentials and found them all to be in form and order, as follows: Hawaii, Representative District 1, 12, and District 2, 19; Maui, District 3, 38; Oahu, District 4, 21, and District 5, 52; Kauai, District 6, 11.

The President then addressed the assembly, on order being again called, outlining their course of action in coming together in Convention. Their duty was to nominate a candidate for Delegate to Congress and it was due to them to pick one out from among the best men in their party, touching feelingly on the career of the late Hon R W Wilcox.

After this discourse, the chair appointed the following committees: Committee on Rules—J A Akina, J K Nakookoc, Eli J Kekipi, G W Kauimakaole, D S Kasina, J N Kookulana and D Kuamu.

Committee on Petitions and Resolutions—Wm White, Chas Kahaulelio, Sam Kasiaka, David Notley, J K Kaohi, G W C Kason and S K Mahoe.

Committee on Platform—Charles Notley, D Kaona, W L Hardy, D H Kahaulelio, J B Kaohi, S E Kaue and S K Oili.

Committee on Constitution and Rules—D H Kahaulelio, S E Kaue, W K Kaleihua, J A Kahione, S K Kahana, Geo Kekipi and D K Kahaulelio.

At 11:40 o'clock, on motion being thereto made, recess was taken to 1 p m, in order to give the different committees time to meet and to report.

CONVENTION NOTES.

No accommodation had been provided for the press, and they had to make the best of it in any manner possible.

Because the representative of THE INDEPENDENT appeared on the platform and seating himself at the same time smoking his pipe, a motion was made to permit and was carried.

Quite a sprinkling of spectators were present in the hall. The seats for delegates were sparsely filled, many not being present.

When recess was taken, the delegates repaired to headquarters for lunch in the shape of a luau, that is, pig and poi and fish, etc.

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