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HAWAII COUNTY'S THREE CORNERED FIGHT IS DEMOCRATIC HOPE

Conventions In Session On Same Day At Hilo

DEMOCRACY APPEARS TO HAVE GAINED GOOD LEAD

Fusion With Home Rulers Ended. Apathy Over Legislative Timber—Supervisors. Desha

HILO, Hawaii, Sept. 17. — This morning the Republican and Democratic County and District Conventions will meet in Hilo, the former at 9 o'clock at the Armory building, the latter at 10 o'clock in Serrano Hall.

Delegates of both parties have been arriving since Monday morning and, whether Democrats or Republicans, all seem confident of victory. With three tickets in the field it is anybody's game and the party that nominates the best candidates it can produce is likely to capture the independent vote which, in the First District, will be worth something when the result must be close with three tickets in the field.

That the Democratic party will poll a much larger vote this year than in 1906 is acknowledged; in fact there was hardly any distinct Democratic party two years ago owing to fusion with the Home Rulers. Auditor Maguire has practically nothing to do but accept congratulations and pass around the cigars. If the Republicans will endorse Harry Irwin for County Attorney or even leave the place vacant on their ticket, then Irwin will have good prospects of success. But if the Republicans name a man for that office then the Home Rule candidate, Charlie Williams, seems to be practically sure of election.

Throughout the County of Hawaii very little interest centers in the candidates for the Legislature on any ticket, but a very great deal centers on the Board of Supervisors. From all districts there is a cry for a new deal, the taxpayers having had enough of the careless methods and waste of their money by the majority on the present Board. Good men are wanted—men, if possible, who have made a success of their own business affairs and who would be careful of the money belonging to the taxpayers that is entrusted to their care. For the Democratic ticket in North and South Hilo, Metzger, Keaki, and Osorio have been the most mentioned this week. Keaki deserves another term for his refusal to ally himself with the spendthrift members of the present Board. Osorio is known as a very careful and conservative business man who would be particularly valuable on the Finance Committee, as he would scrutinize things closely. Moreover, he is a worker and not a talker. Metzger would make a strong Supervisor, but whether or not he would accept a nomination the Herald is not in a position to say.

The Republicans have made no change in the names selected several weeks ago for Supervisorial possibilities—Desha, Lewis, and Ross. Any one of the three would be an improvement over the present majority of the Board. Some say that John Ross would have to fight the fact that he is a plantation man, but the plantation men are successful business men and it is claimed for Ross that he is popular with the Hawaiians and would poll a large Hawaiian vote, a very important factor indeed, and he is a good man. Jim Lewis did not make any particularly brilliant success of his political life in the Territorial Legislature, but perhaps that was beyond him and he might do better with the smaller area of North and South Hilo for his field of operations.

To the candidacy of Rev. S. L. Desha there is always the objection, expressed now as it has been in the past, that Church and State do not mix, that a parson should keep out of politics. This has cost him votes in previous elections and would undoubtedly do so again. Whether he could overcome this and still win out is for the Republican delegates to decide. There have also been rumors current, ever since 1906, that Mr. Desha did not play fair with his party's ticket in that year.

With only six weeks left before the day of election, and three tickets in the field, the campaign will be a hot one. As far as funds are concerned the Home Rule party is in by far the best position, having been assessing the County employes belonging to its party for a long time back. It is said that there are at least \$1,400 to the Home Rule credit in a bank, and it has been subject for earnest consideration whether \$1,000 of this should be withdrawn to charter the

steamer Mauna Kea to take the Home Rulers and the Hilo band to Kailua and return.

Much of the Home Rule fund has been collected from the police officers on the basis, it is said, of \$1.50 a month for each officer, and \$2.50 from captains. When the fund was started there were many Democratic policemen as a result of the Home Rule and Democratic fusion of two years ago. But the Democrats have been gradually weeded out of the force and some of them have been wondering why their assessments were not returned to them. It is claimed that many of the warrants for the police officers are made payable to the Sheriff, who deducts the monthly political tax before turning over the balance, indicating that it is not always a voluntary tax. There are other Home Rule officials, "Higher Ups," who have been contributors to the campaign fund but, their salaries being larger, they do not feel the deduction so much.

The establishment of a campaign fund by the Home Rulers was undoubtedly a wise move on their part, as they now have money on hand, while both the Democratic and Republican workers acknowledge that the money market is particularly tight with no immediate prospect of anybody starting their bank accounts. The Home Rulers have been getting the public pay and could afford to salt down some of it. For the other parties it has been a cold two years, and each candidate will probably have to dig for his own expenses. But there are always some general expenses that must be incurred and paid, and that is where the tight financial condition causes worry. So far, in both the Republican and Democratic camps all of the campaign work and expense has fallen upon a few who are interested in politics and who are honestly seeking for a better County government. They can not, and should not, be called upon to do all the work and foot the bills as well, when there are many others with vastly greater interests at stake who can and should lend a helping hand, but have done absolutely nothing.—Herald.

SCHOOLS OF HILO

HILO, Hawaii, Sept. 17.—School bells rang on Monday and the streets were alive with children of all nationalities seeking their different seats of learning after three months of play and pastime. Approximately there were four hundred children in their places this week.

The greatest school need in Hilo is more land and a new building for the Union School, one of twelve class rooms and an assembly room. The Union School is now so overcrowded that one of its classes has to be sent over to the High School, occupying a room there. The present building is practically an old shack, out of date and not fitted in any way for modern school requirements.

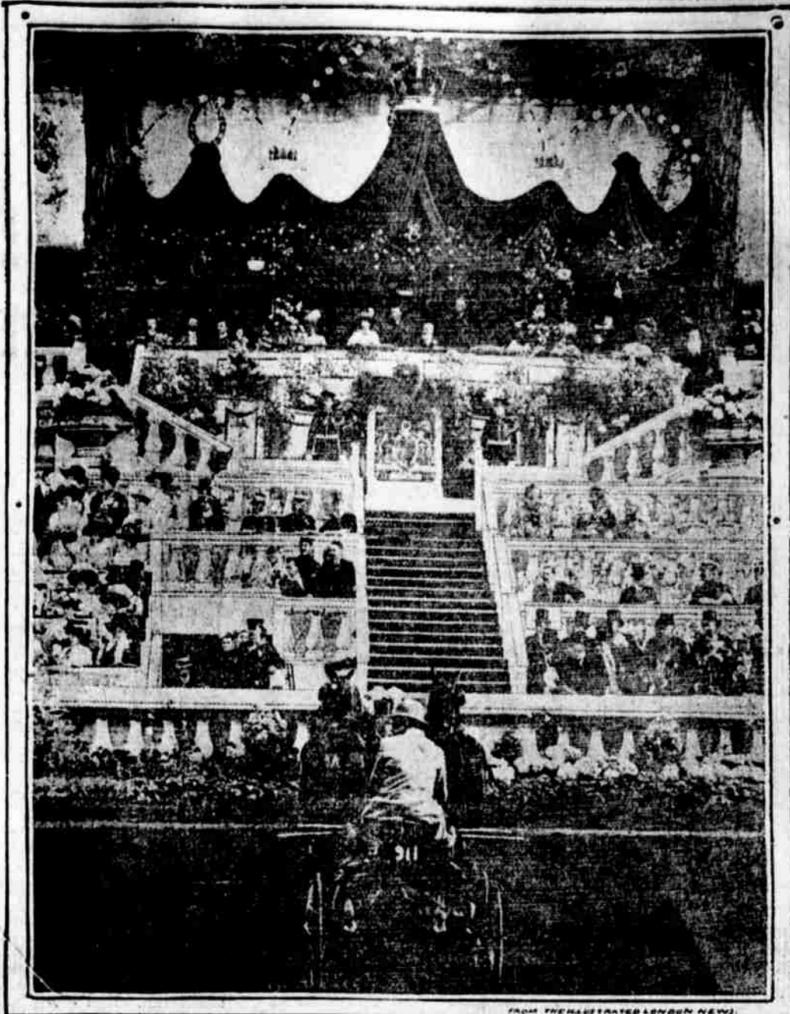
What is needed for the Union School is a title to the Loebenstein property, which is now owned by Mr. John A. Scott. A few years ago negotiations were pending between the Government and Mr. Scott for a land trade whereby the desired property might have been secured but, for some reason or other, they fell through. By also acquiring the Mason property, the Union School would thus secure about two and one-half acres, stretching through from Wai-anuene to School streets, affording a large enough site for a good building as well as providing a playground.

Governor Frear is expected here shortly and his attention should be drawn to the matter as well as to the need for an appropriation and for more teachers. In the meantime the political conventions meeting today could pledge their candidates to the Legislature to work for these needs and, should they accomplish nothing else, they will at least have done one good work. With the growth of Hilo, which has already begun, and seems certain to continue, the need for larger and better school accommodation will be felt more and more every month.

Other sections of this island are now well provided with school accommodation. Bids have been invited for the erection of a new school house at Halawa. Plans are being prepared in Honolulu for a new school house at Honomakau in Kohala, also at Alae, Kona. When these buildings are finished there will only be Hilo to consider, and here the much larger and growing population makes the school requirements the more urgent.

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BEFORE THE KING'S BOX



PAIR OF AMERICAN TROTTERS BEFORE THE KING'S BOX.

When King Edward and Queen Alexandra visited the International Horse Show in London a special exhibition of prize-winners was arranged for the occasion. Among the horses that attracted particular attention were the American trotters Captain Fullerton and Hettie C., driven by Walter Winans. The picture shows the pair in front of the Royal box.

COULD NOT KEEP CRIME SECRET

CAROLYN WAIDE

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 25.—With the vision of his murdered victim's distorted face clinging in his mind until he could not sleep, August Eberhard, who was suspected of having shot his aunt, Mrs. Otilie Eberhard, near Hackensack, last Saturday night, broke down under the nervous strain his crime had imposed on him, and confessed his guilt. Eberhard was found in front of the residence of Robert D. La Rue at Little Falls, near Paterson, in the morning, dressed like a tramp and with a bullet wound in his leg. He told a rambling story of having been assaulted by Italians, but admitted his identity, on being taken to Hackensack he made a full confession and told where he had buried \$2250. of the money he stole from his aunt after killing her. Concluding, he leaned back in his chair at Hackensack police headquarters and said, with a sigh of relief: "Now I feel better, I'd have gone crazy if I had not told this story to someone." Immediately afterward the murderer became perfectly calm and apparently unconcerned. His chief need seemed to be something to eat. "I suppose I'm in for a good long rest in prison," he said with a laugh, "but I have earned it. I've worked hard for a long time." The confession was gone over later in the day and whipped into legal form. Eberhard insisted that he had not premeditated the killing of his aunt and that he had no accomplice. He told Mr. Koester the girl with whom he was infatuated was Carolyn Waide, a member of the "Five Typewriters" company. Miss Waide is playing at Morrison's Theater, Rockaway Beach, as one of the five girls in a sketch, the "Blonde Typewriters." Eberhard professed infatuation for her and said he had been introduced to her by a playwright named Hubbard.