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LET US HAVE FUSION.

Fusion is in the air. The Democrats want Fusion, the Republicans want Fusion, and the Kuokoas want Fusion. Under such circumstances it should be an easy matter to arrive at an understanding which will bring about the much desired Fusion.

The only trouble in sight is in the choice of the material to form a ticket which shall receive the entire support of the would-be fusionists. Nothing but the necessary qualifications to draw a big vote should be taken in consideration.

The suggestion of the Advertiser of what the basis of fusion should be in case fusion is decided upon is one which should not be thought of at all. The number of votes cast in 1900 have nothing to do with the present issue. Two years have passed and gone since 1900 and conditions are not the same. The number of voters has augmented materially and the political ideas of a great many have so changed that it would be manifestly unfair to base representation on the number of votes cast two years ago.

Another thing to be taken in consideration is this: The man selected by the fusion forces to represent Hawaii at Washington must be a Hawaiian. There is no getting out of that. A native and a native only can defeat Wilcox. Such a statement may seem strange, still all those who know anything about Hawaiian sentiment will admit it to be a fact.

It is useless for any newspaper to discuss candidates at the present time. If we are sincere in our demands for fusion let us accept the suggestion of our Democratic con-

temporary. Let the respective conventions of the Republican, Democratic and Kuokoas parties be held on the same day in order that conferences might be made possible.

Why not select a committee from all sides and call it the Citizens' Committee? Give this committee the power to nominate a candidate on a non-partisan basis and let all parties abide by its decision.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

According to Judge Gear the clerk of the Fire Claims Commission apparently has a right to the fees collected for making out certificates of awards. Pray, who is boss, the Clerk or the Commission?

If it was illegal, as held by Judge Gear, to issue certificates of awards in the fire claims matter, how could it be legal for the clerk, who has been paid for his overtime work in making them out, to claim the fees? The Judge, so it seems to us, must be after a portion of the fees collected. His logic was very funny to our conception.

A gay time, so it has been reported to us, was held yesterday beyond Diamond Head, some where in the vicinity of Waialae and Niu. Hula galore was indulged in to the hearts content of the many strangers present. The affair was under the special chaperonage of the management of one of our hosteleries. Where were the High Sheriff and his ever vigilant and energetic Deputy? Were they with Morpheus or in cahoots with these gay Sunday revellers?

The cry of the Honolulu Missionary Republicans and Jockey Democrats is anything to defeat Wilcox. They are not for principles but for personality this time. Delegate Wilcox is ready to make the run with any candidate they put up, even if it is the Devil himself.—Home Rule.

No, dear Princess, they are not either for personality or political principles this time. They are for something better: their business interests and the welfare of the country. As for Delegate Wilcox running with the Devil, we have no doubt but that the Delegate would win if such a race could be had.

The Congressional delegation which will investigate the situation in the islands will soon be here. A suggestion has already been made that perhaps, it would be possible to have the Republican members thereof speak at the Republican convention. We hope that they will do nothing of the kind. Let them keep their hands out of politics while here. There are Federal and Territorial officials here whose duty it will be to assist them in their investigation and we hope that our missionary friends will leave them alone.

What our morning contemporary says this morning is all right, as far as to "what is vitally needed" and then to "be heartily and heavily backed by the business interests of the Territory." It is easier said than done. Democrats nor Republicans will fuse, that is a foregone conclusion without any further consideration. Permit us to ask—will the Republicans insist on having a candidate from that party, or if not, will it insist in having any other announce himself a Republican before being nominated, whether he likes or not? If it will

still so insist that such must be first done, Wilcox will surely win out; but if it agrees in a convention of Citizens' Committee, there may be some show of doing something tangible and defeating the common enemy.

The Spokesman states that at the last meeting of the Democratic Club "the consensus of opinion was that the scheme was in line with present Territorial needs. A. G. M. Robertson was admitted by the speakers to be a desirable candidate for Congress." We beg to take issue on the above statement of our contemporary. Nothing of the kind was done. If we remember right the only speaker who spoke favorably of the name of the chairman of the Republican Territorial Committee was the editor of the Spokesman himself. A line ought to be drawn somewhere in all this fusion talk. Newspapers, may they be Democratic or Republican should take in consideration the sentiments of the people, and it is admitted even by Republicans that Mr Robertson is not the man upon whom all factions would be willing to rally. By the way a pertinent question presents itself to us: What is the Spokesman in politics and who is its present proprietor?

If the Republican party wants to win out at the coming election, its henchmen should, without fail, nominate the following ticket: W. O. Smith for Delegate; and if it wants personal politics, to put up Aleck Robertson. And for Senators, nominate the likes of ex-Senators Geo. R. Carter and W. C. Achi, they together with L. L. McCandless, making a most likely trio. For representatives in the Fourth District, Joe Gilman, Jack Atkinson, J. H. or Will Fisher, Billy Hoogs (the "sagacious kanaka" of Prof. Brigham), Jonah Kumalae and J. Paaluh. And in the Fifth District, for representatives, it will do well by having E. C. Winston (known among the Hawaiians as "the hog man"), J. L. Kaulukou, Enoch Johnson, Wm. Olepau, W. R. Sims and J. H. Schnack. When all these have been nominated and are elected by the people, the Republican party will then be gloriously in clover and will run things to suit themselves, Senator Achi being its chief high priest who will finally rule the roost at the beck and call of those within the "holy" circle of the family compact.

AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

Right Rev. H. B. Restarick Delivers His Initial Sermon as Bishop of Honolulu.

At 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Bishop Restarick celebrated his first communion service as Bishop of Honolulu. The service was a full choral one. The Revs. Canons Kiteat, Ault and Mackintosh assisted at the services and in the congregation. Her Majesty Queen Liliuokalani was a worshipper.

At the Hawaiian service at 9:30 o'clock Bishop Restarick made a special address for the Hawaiians his words being interpreted by Solomon Meheula.

Every seat in the Cathedral was occupied at the beginning of the 11 o'clock service. In the stalls were the Revs. Canons Kiteat, Weymouth, Ault and Mackintosh, together with Rev Arthur Evans of Los Angeles. The Bishop delivered a masterly sermon the text having been suggested to him by the words written on a book giving the history of the Anglican Church in these islands: "He lanakila ma ke Kua." His text was taken from Galatians vi; 14: "But God forbid that I should glory

ave in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Last evening Bishop Restarick occupied the pulpit at St. Clement's church. Both his morning and evening addresses were listened to with the greatest attention and have created a very favorable impression among his parishioners.

Murder at Hilo.

Hilo, Friday, August 8—The coroner's jury in the case of Kitaro, the Japanese who was found dead with his throat cut, has returned a verdict accusing Masaji and Jatsagora and implicating six others, two of them women, as accessories before the fact.

The two principals were brought before Magistrate Hapai on Tuesday for arraignment and upon motion of the defendants' attorney, a continuance was granted for three days for consultation with the prisoners.

The defendants in the case are alleged to have come here only recently from Iwilei.

Portuguese Political Club.

The Portuguese Political Club has plans arranged for a complete canvass of the city for obtaining the names of all Portuguese voters. A mass meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon at Lusitana Hall when it is expected a large number of Portuguese will be present. The regular meeting of the club will take place this evening at San Antonio Hall.

Superintendent McVeigh returns to the Leper Settlement today after spending a few days here. He takes up five bulls for the improvement of the stock cattle of the Settlement.

Palmer Woods has been appointed temporarily to the office of Deputy Sheriff of North Kohala in place of Pulaa resigned. Charles Stillman will probably be the permanent appointee.—Hilo Tribune.

A Warning.

All persons are hereby warned from trespassing during the night upon my watermelon and banana patches near Camp McKinley (town side), Kapiolani Park. Anyone found upon those premises between the hours of 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. takes upon himself the responsibility of being shot at, and if caught will be prosecuted.

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Honolulu, August 6, 1902.
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