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Men The City Should Elect To Office

No. 1--The Mayor and Board of Supervisors

For Mayor--John C. Lane, Republican.
For Supervisor (seven to be elected)--E. A. Mott-Smith, Republican; Charles N. Arnold, Republican; W. H. McClellan, Democrat; Ben Hollinger, Republican; Lester Petrie, Democrat; J. Ashman Beaven, Republican, and one of the following: C. H. Bellina, W. C. Achi, Daniel Logan, William Ahia or Edgar Henriques, Republicans.

Honolulu is almost on the eve of an important city election, with many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of voters undecided as to their ballot for the primary next Saturday.

Never before has there been such an evident non-partisan movement—a desire to elect to office the best men available, almost without regard to party affiliation. "Scratched" tickets are likely to be plentiful next Saturday, and that means scratched or split tickets in the final election.

A number of the candidates are to a considerable extent untried in elective office; others are almost unknown. Others have been tried and have failed to make the impression of forceful, forward-looking and forward-moving efficiency which Honolulu badly needs at a time of pressing responsibilities.

A great many people have asked the Star-Bulletin why this paper stands on this or on that candidate. It is entirely evident that the minds of many voters are not made up, partly from lack of information as to the men, partly because in several instances none of the candidates approaches the ideal. Plainly, many voters are disgusted because they have to choose between men none of whom they feel like heartily supporting.

But Honolulu faces a condition and not a theory. We have the necessity of electing men to run Honolulu for the next two years. The disgusted stay-at-home does no good to his party or his city. The man who looks at the list of candidates and says that he won't vote for any of them is not a good citizen. No matter what the quality of the candidates, it is the duty of voters to exercise their franchise and choose the best ticket possible.

The candidates whom the Star-Bulletin proposes as the best choices for the respective of these are those who, in our deliberate judgment, will individually, and as a whole come nearest to meeting the demands of Honolulu at this particular juncture.

They are endorsed after their records so far as they can be secured have been looked over carefully, and their part in the present campaign has been considered.

For mayor, we believe the present incumbent, John C. Lane, should be renominated and re-elected.

His opponent for the Republican nomination, Daniel Cohen, is not the type of businessman—he is running as a businessman-candidate—this paper has no support or the community should put into public office. He is in the liquor business; he typifies the successful liquor-dealer who is in politics for political ambition. The election of Joe Cohen for mayor would be an indorsement of the booze business, and now as never before such an indorsement is totally wrong. The election of Cohen would encourage the booze traffickers enormously. It would encourage their activities. It would hearten them in their attempt to build up a political machine. It would be hailed as a victory for the liquor interests, and would be a backward step for Honolulu.

While Cohen calls himself the business candidate and seeks to gain the support of the business interests, his zeal for efficient city government was shown during the fight before the legislature for a bona fide charter. He was playing for a political vote, not for the sort of charter revised by the Chamber of Commerce indorsed.

Mayor Lane is an educated, intelligent and open-minded Hawaiian, of splendid habits and good character. He has made mistakes in office; he has played some politics in office, not always wisely; but on the whole he has been a mayor who commanded considerable respect for the office by his conduct of municipal business and by his personality as the city's official host on many public occasions. He has behaved during his term in some a great deal about city matters. Some of his early appointments were open to criticism on the ground that he was playing off political debts. Later, as in the case of the appointment, he risked friction with political associates, particularly Hawaiians, in order to get upon the board much the best man of those possible to secure at the time.

The argument that Mayor Lane should be re-elected in order to keep some of the present city department executives in office is an argument with little force. If the election of any of his opponents meant improving on City Engineer Collins, Fire Chief Thurston, Superintendent of Water and Sewers Murray, City Electrician Franz and Building Inspector Freitas—if any other mayor would do better men than these, the situation would be different. But there is no possibility of that. The likeliest probability is that the city service would suffer seriously. At any rate, the city would have to pay the piper while new men were learning their trade.

Mayor Lane has given an administration which makes him a reelection as against either Cohen or Joe Fern. In either case the present city service would be continuing to be effective—could be shut-

ened, but can expect a steady improvement, with a man at the head of the government who bears himself with dignity, for whom no apologies are necessary, and whose attitude, principles and conduct under given circumstances are known to the voters.

For supervisor, eighteen are in the field for the Republican nomination and fourteen on the Democratic ticket, seven on each ticket to be nominated Saturday and seven elected in the finals.

E. A. Mott-Smith and Charles N. Arnold, Republicans, and W. H. McClellan, Democrat, by all means should be nominated and elected. Mott-Smith is perhaps the most generally popular man in the race. It is conceded by the Democrats that he will be elected and he is likely to head the ticket. He has plenty of experience in public office, is a sincere, capable and many-sided man with a natural talent for getting along well in public positions—a good type of a candidate who can be supported on a non-partisan basis.

It is improbable that many of the present board will be reelected. Those who are reelected should be leaders of the present board. Charles N. Arnold is an able supervisor. He has had a better grasp of the city business in general than any other member of the present board. He ought to be continued as chairman of the road committee.

W. H. McClellan deserves the support of Republicans and Democrats. He is needed because of his knowledge of city finances and city affairs in general. When he was a member of the board he was one of its leaders, even when a Republican majority was against him. If elected now, he would give better service than ever. He has a natural bent for municipal office, is a hard worker and gets along well even with those politically opposed to him. He knows the ropes thoroughly and realizes that the best politics on the board is the politics of efficiency.

Another Democratic candidate who would be valuable on the next board is Lester Petrie. Here is another man of solid principles and convictions, of experience and of practical ability. The Star-Bulletin believes that both Petrie and McClellan should be elected—their nominations are conceded.

A member of the present board whose record entitles him to reelection is Ben Hollinger. Right now Hollinger's impetuosity in campaigning has got him into something of a squabble with others of his own party. They say he is taking too much credit to himself for the achievements of the present board. That is possibly true. But the fact remains that Ben Hollinger has done a real job as chairman of the parks and playgrounds committee. He has got things done. He has been able to conceive and initiate and construct. He is a young man in politics and he, too, makes mistakes, but in the main he is traveling in the right direction. And that's another thing—he is traveling, not sitting on the back of his neck and letting the other fellow do the work while he confines himself to talking.

A promising, hustling, intensely earnest and vigorous candidate is J. Ashman Beaven. Beaven should be a good supervisor because he is alert to many comparatively small but still important city needs. He has always been active in neighborhood improvement work. He has had experience in New England in a position corresponding to that of supervisor, and he has lived long enough here so that he is not a mallein. He is the type of man who in public office would be open always to suggestions for civic betterment.

As the seventh member of the board, voters have several acceptable candidates for any of whom they may cast their ballot. W. C. Achi, though the wisecracks give him small chance to win, has good points to be taken into consideration. He has shown that he is alive to the need of bona fide charter revision and worked with the short-ballot advocates during the past two years. Daniel Logan and William Ahia of the present board, Charles H. Bellina and Edgar Henriques, new aspirants, are asking for election. Logan and Ahia have plenty of experience. Logan's record and his long activity in the community have won him innumerable friends and substantial political support. Bellina has one special qualification—that of knowing at first-hand about local food-supply—which entitles him to serious consideration, and he would give useful service to the full extent of his ability. Henriques has a strong following and is regarded as a promising candidate. On the Democratic side former Supervisor John Markham has had experience and is well liked. Another Democrat who will get a considerable vote is Jesse Makainai.

A board composed of Messrs. Mott-Smith, Arnold, McClellan, Petrie, Hollinger, Beaven and one of the other Republicans named would be well-balanced, more than ordinarily capable, and harmonious. It would be stronger than the present board. It would have experienced men for the road committee, the ways and means committee, the parks committee, the health committee (Mott-Smith, former president of the territorial board of health). It would have vigorous new blood and would have a solid foundation of experience.

With Lane as mayor, the board would be headed right for progress. The present administration of the city engineering, water and sewer works, electric light, fire department and building inspection—which in the main is a good administration—would be continued.

Perhaps the greatest value of electing such a board would be the definite establishment of the

HONOR TO DEAD DIPLOMAT PAID IN TWO TONGUES

Central Union Church Filled at Memorial Services for Late Ambassador

Impressive services were held in Central Union church last night in memory of George W. Guthrie, late American ambassador to Japan, whose remains are now in Honolulu aboard a Japanese cruiser on their way to the mainland for interment.

Over the heads of those on the platform were draped the flags of America and Japan, allies now in a common cause, and the services were conducted both in Japanese and English. On the platform were Governor Pinkham, Brig-Gen. Frederick S. Strong, Capt. George R. Clark, Capt. G. Niro of the cruiser Azuma, and the Revs. J. P. Erdman, T. Okumura, T. Hori, G. Motowaka, J. H. Williams and D. C. Peters.

Crowd Fills Church.
 The body of the church was filled to capacity and, aside from townspeople, 300 members of the crew of the Azuma and as many officers who could obtain relief from duty aboard were present. Rev. Mr. Okumura opened the services with remarks in Japanese, and the invocation was spoken by Rev. Mr. Hori.

"We should consider for a moment the beautiful courtesy extended by Japan to the United States," said Rev. Mr. Erdman. "The act of Japan is an act of generous friendship and we here tonight take pleasure, as Americans, in acknowledging it as such on behalf of our country."

Speaking of Mr. Guthrie's work as a diplomat, Mr. Peters said, in part:

"George W. Guthrie, the late ambassador to his imperial majesty's government at Tokio, was a man peculiarly fitted by his ancestral inheritance, by his fine general and special training, and by a splendid experience in municipal affairs. Before being chosen to his high ambassadorial office he had already achieved distinction as a clear-sighted statesman who could see into the very heart of an issue, strip it of its nonessential facts, and present in cogent form its essential facts. This was a very necessary faculty in the one who was to be chosen to represent the United States, her spirit, her aims, her general attitude, to the Japanese government. He was chosen at a critical time. Grave misunderstandings were arising. These misunderstandings were voicing themselves, not infrequently, in harsh terms. That these misunderstandings were allayed so readily and the harshness disappeared so completely can be accounted for, if not entirely, at least very largely by the splendid work done by Ambassador Guthrie, in portraying the spirit of the American government to the government of the Mikado."

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GRADUATES OF KAM. NAME CANDIDATES

Charles E. King, Harold Godfrey and R. M. Duncan have entered the race for election as president of the Kamehameha Alumni Association, their names having been placed on the slate at a meeting of the organization last night. Other nominations are as follows:

E. K. Puni and Theodore Awana, for vice-president; Joseph Orogenstein, treasurer; Louis Feary, recording secretary; William Akana and T. Awana, for corresponding secretary; David Desha, auditor; E. K. Wong-ham, John K. Fern, Charles E. King, William Ahia, and H. Godfrey, for auditors, three of whom are to be elected.

Thrushwood, the home of Irving Bacheller, author and playwright, at Greenwich, Conn., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

Their proved ability, character and ambition to serve the public instead of for their party tag, we shall not progress far along the road to efficiency. When the party managers and professional politicians realize that good candidates must be given a square deal and encouragement to run, and when worthy men find that other worthy men have been elected, even though not of the dominant political party, we shall have many men of a high type willing to "get into politics."

The Star-Bulletin has been asked, "Who are your candidates?" This paper has no candidates in the sense of pledging itself to support any man or set of men in order to "put over a slate." Some of the men we cannot support as best for the place are men with whom this paper is on the friendliest terms. But this is not a matter of friendship. It is a matter where the conclusions reached after a thorough study of the situation and of the candidates ought to be placed before the voters, before the readers of this paper.

The Star-Bulletin is confident that the men it suggests to the voters will give the city a reasonably good administration. The same cannot be said of other possible combinations.

(Tomorrow in this column will be discussed the candidates for city attorney, sheriff, clerk, auditor and treasurer).

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

-CAPT. R. L. NOGGLE, N. C. H.: This recruiting business is certainly stirring up a lot of interest in Honolulu. I believe before the week is over there will be plenty of volunteers.

-JUDGE HORACE W. VAUGHAN (to Judge Polinder): You may find it a little warm at first for you here, coming right out of the snow of Montana, but get a palm beach or a sonnet suit and you'll forget it quick.

-JAMES W. JUMP (to Los Angeles Examiner): If Hawaii had only the ulua and dolphin as game fish, the islands would rank high as a fishing resort. But they have many more good fighters to test the angler's skill.

WM. H. McCLELLAN, Democratic candidate for supervisor: The Democratic candidates got the best reception Sunday that the back country has ever given the party. Joe Fern was called upon to speak three times.

-A. V. NEELY: The big corporations generally wait until the small fry have their taxes paid before sending their checks into the tax office. That's the reason the last day for collections generally exceeds any of the other days.

-C. J. McCARTHY: I've had most of the typewriters in the building busy the last few days helping me get ready for my trip to Washington. And my head is crammed so full of bond figures that I couldn't get a harbor boat idea in sideways.

-WILLIAM THOMPSON: The political fight on Hawaii is one of the bitterest in the islands. Whether Sam Kanehale or Norman Lyman will head the next board of supervisors is a question that has split the voters into two opposing camps and the meetings are mighty hot.

-R. W. BRECKONS: The Congressional Record is good reading, even though it is shy on illustrations by Howard Chandler Christy or Harrison Fisher. Recently, during the discussion on the army bill, one of the distinguished senators put in an amendment making it illegal to sell liquor to members of Congress, and it was remarked during the debate that of course, so far as the senate was concerned, there was no need of such a provision!

PERSONALITIES

MR. AND MRS. A. W. EAMES of Wahiawa are home after a mainland trip.

MANAGER W. W. GOODALE of Waiolu plantation has arrived from a mainland trip.

MRS. VAN ANDERSON, who went to the coast to attend a wedding ceremony, has returned.

MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN SHAW has returned from an extended tour of the mainland.

MRS. J. HARGIE and her daughter, Miss Peggy and Avia, have returned from a visit to Chicago.

DR. H. B. ELLIOT of Hilo, who has been traveling on the mainland for some months, is a home-coming passenger.

MADAME AINO MALBERG, who will lecture here on Finland and the Finns, arrived on the last boat from the States.

MISS DOLIA FENNELL is home from San Francisco, where she went on the sad mission of attending the funeral of her mother.

ERNEST DIAS of St. Louis College was operated upon at the Beretania Sanitarium yesterday for appendicitis. He is recovering rapidly.

ALFRED YAP of Honolulu, one of the stars of the old Chinese baseball team and recently a student at Lehigh, is back home for the summer.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I like to go to teas and talk of Art. Although I act as stupid as a goose. I hear so many clever epigrams that I can store away for future use.

He developed into one of the best college players in Eastern ranks.

M. JONGENEEL, agricultural expert for the California Packers' Corporation, and president of the local branch of the same concern, the Hawaii Preserving Co., arrived from San Francisco for a visit here.

W. L. RANBORN of Kauai has hurried home from a tour on the mainland to combat the anthrax epidemic which is threatening his ranch interests.

LETTERS

BOOKS FOR THE SCHOFIELD LIBRARY

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
 Sir: I would like to say a few words in regard to the needs of the Schofield Library. I noticed a new item a day or so ago which seemed to lay emphasis on the fact that fiction books are needed. But I know that the main need of the Schofield Library is, first, text books and school books, such as algebra (high school), seventh grade arithmetic, and many others; second, scientific books of recent date, as all we have are ancient; third, literature. I am of the opinion that if a man has time to read fiction he has time to study.

I do not mind if others prefer fiction, but object to the fiction readers "hogging it."

W. H.

Wolves were far more common in Palestine in biblical times than they are now, though they are yet occasionally seen. The wolf of Palestine is the common canis lupus.

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