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REPUBLICANS AVOID SPLIT IN THEIR RANKS

First District Committee Meet in Convention—A Break in Caucus and Disruption Narrowly Averted—Candidates Smith, Lewis and Brown Speak—Everything Points to Harmony and Republican Success.

There had been street rumors of a possible contest in the district convention over the selection of two candidates from Hilo for the lower house, so that on Saturday morning at Firemen's Hall there was little surprise when Chairman Beers announced that the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Precincts had been unable to agree, and suggested the advisability of an adjournment for a few hours.

According to the program adopted upon the organization of the District Committee on August 12th, Hamakua and Puna were each to elect a candidate and the other precincts included in the South Hilo district were to join on two men. Owing to influences which had been at work with the Young Men's Republican Club, Carl Smith's nomination was conceded, but the young men split among themselves between Charles Akau and J. D. Lewis for second place. Akau seemed to be the choice of the Young Men's Club, but Lewis rallied his forces, and to the surprise of the opposition had the six delegates from Waiakea solid for him. These, in addition to Beers, Roy, Siemsen, Todd and Pacheco from Hilo, gave Jim eleven votes as against Akau's remainder of the eight-en delegates. This seemed to insure Lewis' nomination, and word had been received that the other districts had respectively agreed upon their men, namely, W. H. Shipman from Puna and Antone Fernandez of Hamakua.

The influences which were behind Akau threatened setting aside the caucus agreement and a possible disruption in the party if the fight were brought into the convention. When the convention met there was a disposition, especially on the part of Lewis' friends, to proceed, but they finally withdrew their objection to a brief adjournment so that their differences might be settled outside of the convention.

From the time of adjournment until 2 o'clock, for three hours and a half, the delegates from the precincts from Waiakea to Laupahoehoe thrashed the matter up and down, and neither side would listen to a compromise. Ray and Pacheco were won over to the Akau side, and the vote in caucus stood 9 to 9. Here the vote remained for three hours, with no possible solution in sight, until Charles Akau, tiring of the wrangle and in the interest of harmony withdrew his name. To those who were familiar with the feeling that was being engendered over the two factions, this saved the convention from what promised to be a very ugly fight if brought before the main body of delegates. Akau was congratulated on all sides upon the stand he had taken, and he was unquestionably strengthened himself by his refusal to block harmony in the convention.

On reconvening at 2:45 p. m. there were gathered besides the delegates a large number of business men who were interested spectators of the proceedings. I. E. Ray reported from the Committee on Platform heretofore adopted, reiterating the convention's allegiance to the principles and traditions of the Republican party as expressed in the Chicago and Hilo platforms. The report also favored an appropriation for a high school on Hawaii and the Hilo Band. Likewise legislation increasing the income tax exemption from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Norman K. Lyman moved an amendment providing for appropriations for roads in Kalapana, Waipio, and Pahoia to Kaohoe homesteads. With these amendments the platform was adopted.

The chairman made announcement of changes in the Executive Committee growing out of the division of Puna into precincts. He named D. Kaloi for the First and Kilipio for the new Eleventh.

Calling on the several precincts for nominations of Representatives, Kilipio of Puna nominated W. H. Shipman, which was seconded by J. D. Lewis. On behalf of the Third, G. F. Affonso proposed the name of Jas. D. Lewis, the former Representative, whom, he said, was the only candidate who succeeded of election two years ago, when there was such an overwhelming Home Rule victory.

J. Kauhane Paahau from the Fourth put in nomination Carl S. Smith, who as a lawyer would be useful in the next Legislature in framing a county act. Seconded by Mattoon of Laupahoehoe. From

Hamakua Jos. Pritchard named Antone Fernandez, whom he stated was the unanimous choice of his district.

Upon motion of Supe, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for W. H. Shipman, J. D. Lewis, Carl S. Smith and Antone Fernandez. When the vote was announced the Chair appointed J. K. Paahau, I. E. Ray and F. Brughelli to escort the nominees before the convention. After a short recess, Mr. Brughelli reported that inasmuch as candidate S. Shipman and Fernandez were absent from the city the committee were able to present only Mr. Smith and Mr. Lewis.

When called to the platform, Mr. Smith spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, and delegates of this convention—I honor a few days ago I might have the honor of being your candidate for the next legislature, but you overwhelm me when you give it to me unanimously. I shall not attempt to express the gratitude that wells up from within me. I have no campaign speech to make at this time; I shall only say "thank you."

The fact that I have been nominated for the next legislature makes it imperative upon me to prepare some campaign speeches which I shall proceed to do, in order to carry the Republican party to victory.

If I have ever had any particular ambition to stand as a republican candidate for either house of the legislature before that ambition has been checked by the condition in which we found the republican party in this district heretofore. Gentlemen, the matter of attending to the legislature of this Territory is one so close to my heart and interests that I have hoped for some time I might go as a representative to either the upper or lower house. But when I consider what the republican party has been in times past with its leaders, its factions, lack of harmony and lack of interest, and when I have seen what the republican party has done, I was afraid. But through yourselves and that branch of the republican organization known as the Young Men's Republican Club, we have formed a solid front and I feel sure we can whip this whole district. (Applause) I hope by your applause that you intend to stand shoulder to shoulder in this fight. (Cries of "Sure, sure") It is not much that I can do, I do not understand the native language. We will have to address the natives in the back districts and we will have to give them some reason for joining the Republican party. I regret therefore I cannot address those people as I would like.

It seems to me we have a long campaign in front of us. We might have postponed making nominations at this time, but of course your judgment is better than mine. We have a long campaign before us. However, I shall get to work and prepare some campaign speeches and we will then go forth and see if we cannot talk the Home Rulers and Democrats to death.

Gentlemen, I wish to say at the present time you have indeed honored me with an unanimous nomination. This is something I never could have hoped for before. This is particularly touching to me and I am particularly grateful, since there has not been one man from the chairman to the lowest man here, who has asked me for a single pledge. I come before you without having made a single pledge in the first representative district. This leaves me open to go to the legislature unhampered, absolutely unhampered, by any pre-campaign pledges.

The principal thing before us is local self government. Since I came to the Hawaiian Islands, I have dreamed of the time when our entire Islands would be broken up into counties and municipalities, and every man be given an opportunity to exercise the Anglo-Saxon right of governing himself.

The thing closest to my heart and which will be when I am seated in the legislature is a county bill,—one that cannot be upset by the Supreme court and one which will work for our benefit. We do not want any weak half-hour measure, but one that will force this island into one county. (Applause) There has been a proposition made in Honolulu and I have heard it mentioned in Hilo, which would give us a county only in name with the same condition of affairs as we have now. I do not believe in that. I believe if we are to have a county at all it ought to be a county in which every citizen has a right to vote and an opportunity to express his wishes. This is a matter upon which I will give the greatest attention.

There are other important matters we will be required to attend to in the next legislature. Matters of public improvements are not satisfactory. Everybody knows that. Improvements will have our consideration. Legislators sent from this district will have to go there and demand and get the things you desire. (Applause)

The United States of America has said this is a territory and that these people should have a right to vote here, and are upon the same footing with the citizens of the United States. This is not an experiment but a principle of the United States of America. If you are citizens in the full sense of the term, you are entitled to every thing that a citizen is entitled to. I think you ought to have an opportunity to work upon public works of the Territory and I believe only citizen labor should be employed upon public works. Under the act of the Legislature, which has been misconstrued in the past, every opportunity should be given the citizen to work, to work by the sweat of his brow at a fair day's wages.

These are some of the campaign doctrines, which I wish to discuss in the campaign this fall and win a victory. Are you with me? (Cries of "Sure") If you are, we will carry this Republican party

to such a victory as has never been witnessed before in these Islands.

Chairman Beers called upon Representative Lewis to address the convention, and in accepting the nomination, Mr. Lewis said:

Gentlemen—We have come to a satisfactory termination of our efforts in selecting suitable candidates to put before the public for their suffrages in this district. I wish to say that the expressions made by Candidate Smith are in accord with my own ideas. You will remember that in the election two years ago the Republicans were almost snowed under, and I was the only one elected. I believe as Mr. Smith said that if we join together and work harmoniously in this campaign, the Republican party will have a great victory this fall. (Applause) During my service in the last legislature, I did everything in my power for the good of the people and of this district, but like Delegate Kuhio I met with difficulties as it was my first term. But I assure you that in the coming session of the legislature, if I am elected, I will do all I can and feel confident that I will be able to accomplish much more than I have done. (Applause)

There can be no doubt of the responsibility resting upon the members of the legislature, and with all a legislator can do, there are some measures which he may have passed. If the representative whom you send to the legislature, does not accomplish everything that he hopes to do or which you desire, there may be some criticism made upon his efforts when he returns to his constituents. This should not daunt us in our efforts to do what is right. There is one motto which we should follow, and that motto is on the emblem of this Territory. "Ua mau ka ea o ka aina i ka pono."

I do not wish at this time to lengthen my speech by making any further remarks. That I hope to do in the campaign, which is before us. I only wish to thank you gentlemen who have expressed confidence in me, enough confidence to select me to be one of your standard bearers in the campaign. (Applause)

The nomination of Senators was merely a matter of form. Under the rules, East and West Hawaii were supposed to meet in joint convention for this purpose, so the Chair announced this convention would endorse the nominee put forward by the other side of the island, provided they responded by endorsing the candidate of East Hawaii, and the convention proceeded to select one Senator. As the chair called each precinct, the response each time was for John T. Brown. Pritchard caused some amusement when called upon by saying he "didn't know John T. Brown from the west side of a house, but would second the nomination." Senator Brown was duly nominated, and when called before the convention by W. A. Todd and J. D. Lewis expressed his thanks for the nomination and pledged his support of Republican principles. His son-in-law, Norman K. Layman, whether doubting the sincerity of this assurance or for some ulterior motive, asked that each candidate be called before the convention and pledge his support of the Republican platform. Chairman Beers promptly ruled him out of order, stating that an acceptance by any candidate was binding upon any honorable man. After a vote of thanks given to Chairman Beers and the Secretary, R. A. Lyman, Jr., the convention adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Carter's Death.

The following resolutions were passed Friday night by the Young Men's Republican Club:

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called unto himself from this life's labors and tribulations the beloved mother of our esteemed fellow citizen, Geo. R. Carter, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, be it

Resolved, by the Young Men's Republican Club of the First Representative District, that the heartfelt sympathy of this club be extended to the Governor of Hawaii and his cherished family in this hour of bereavement; and be it further Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the club, a copy be transmitted to the Hon. Geo. R. Carter and furnished the press.

Took Him to Port Arthur.

Secretary A. L. C. Atkinson tried to emulate the recent exploit of Walter Guff Smith when that comic editor was in Hilo experimenting with Japanese hack drivers and writing up impressions of Hawaii. The Secretary is a staunch friend of citizen labor. He has won out in his single-handed fight for labor's rights in government road contracts, and nothing but the spirit of research would have prompted him to lend his support to an Asiatic herring as in the following occurrence.

One day last week the jovial Secretary sought to satisfy himself by practical demonstration what might be regarded as the average intelligence of the Japanese hack driver. He wished also to corroborate Editor Smith's statements concerning the carrying capacity of the Asiatic vehicle and whether the Oriental comforts of travel surpassed the ordinary advantages of rubber-tired carriages to be found on any well-regulated and legitimate citizen hack stand about Hilo.

Boarding one of these equipages, the former Acting Governor, in response to the query, "Where you go?" responded, "Take me to Port Arthur." The highly-bonored Japanese, recognizing the importance of his load and following the impulsive instincts of his race, demurred not to the impossibility of complying with the order, but whipped up his steed and promptly carried his exalted charge to Cocosnut Island. Here the practical joker protested that that was not his destination, but was "Vladivostok." He insisted upon being taken to Port Arthur, and the obliging jehu was about to proceed to the government dumping ground in Waiake when the genial Secretary cried "enough," having become satisfied with the capabilities of his driver to please any editor of a Honolulu daily newspaper.

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