Q. In what way?
A. They nominated Mr. Whiting and Mr. Frear.
Q. And she was not willing?
A. At first she was. The appointment of circuit judges was not to
go into effect until the 1st of January, but it was deemed advisable
that these gentlemen, who were in the practice of law, should be noti-
fied beforehand to arrange their business, as terms of the circuit court
would begin with the new year. She first agreed that she would make
these appointments. Then she said she did not care to appoint Mr.
Frear, but wanted Mr. Rosa. I had a long talk with her. I told her
that Mr. Rosa's habits would make him unfit; that he got drunk. She
finally on the 3d of January appointed those two judges. On the 29th
of December there was talk all over town and in the lobby of the Leg-
slature that there would be a vote of want of confidence against the
Wilcox ministry, and on the 4th of January Mr. Bush introduced one.
It failed, 19 to 22. On the 10th of January the lottery bill, which
everyone supposed was dead, was moved up by C. L. Hopkins, who
had just been elected by the lottery people.
Q. What is he doing now?
A. He is in the fishing business. I can not say he is in the opium
business. It passed on the second reading to the astonishment of
everybody by 20 to 17. It was hurried right along and passed its third
reading on the 11th of January, 23 to 20. Six of the members of the
house had gone home. On the 12th at half past 1 Kapahu intro-
duced a vote of want of confidence in the Wilcox cabinet, and it passed,
25 to 16. Noble C. O. Beyer being the twenty-fifth man and he voted
that way because Mr. Widemann was promised by the Queen that he
should form a new cabinet. On the 13th of January there was no
quorum in the morning. At half past 2 the cabinet came in—Par-
er, Cornwell, Peterson, and Colburn. That was Friday. That night
quite a number of members tried to get their forces together to intro-
duce a vote of want of confidence in that ministry. People said no, it
is no use. Saturday morning Mr. Peterson announced to the Legis-
lature that the Queen had signed two bills that had interested the
community for a long time—the bill licensing the sale of opium and
the establishing of smoking joints, and the lottery bill, giving an exclu-
sive franchise to these individuals for a term of twenty-five years to
establish a national lottery, for which they were to give the Government
$500,000 a year.
Q. Did the bill provide how it should be used?
A. It provided that a certain sum should be used for the laying of a
cable between here and San Francisco.
Q. Any other public work?
A. I do not now remember.
Q. Did you participate in the meetings of the committee of safety
on 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th of January?
A. I did not, being a judge.

I have carefully read the foregoing and pronounce it an accurate
report of my interview with Mr. Blount.

A. F. Judd.