nery should not be placed in nomination. The negative majority was very large.

D. B. Smith was placed in nomination by T. B. Severin. This was received with
great cheers, then with three more. The nominations were then closed on motion of
J. B. Atherton. Mr. Murray then called for his resolution, which reads as follows:

"Whereas the American League, of this city, is a respectable and representative
body composed of several hundred men pledged to support the Provisional Govern-
ment and the policy of annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States,
and

"Whereas the American League is without a spokesman or representative in the
councils of this Government, and

"Whereas it is just and proper that such a section of the loyal citizenship should
have a voice in the conduct of the Provisional Government, and

"Whereas it has been generally conceded and so stated by at least one cabinet
minister that the American League should designate the successor to Mr. F. M.
Hatch, who is about to retire from the advisory council, and

"Whereas the American League has named D. B. Smith for the place, therefore
be it

"Resolved, That this mass meeting hereby endorses D. B. Smith for the advisory
council, and shall, through the secretary and president, so inform the executive and
advisory councils."

This resolution was adopted almost unanimously.

There were calls for D. B. Smith. Mounting the table, he said:

Mr. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN: As this is my first experience on the platform
in the capacity of a speaker, you will not expect a speech from me of any length. I
want to say this: I am, heart and soul, in favor of annexation to the United States,
our mother country, where our prosperity, progress, and civilization come from, and
I will, and have, always done everything in my power to further it since the 14th of
January last. That was before the revolution. "We have not got it, but we will,
just as certain as the sun rises and sets." These words are not mine, but were
spoke to me by the grandest American statesman that ever put foot on these coral
sands, Minister John L. Stevens, and I heartily indorse his words. That is as far as
I got. I fully appreciate the honor you have done me in signifying the wish to
have me represent you in the council, and when I learn that my services there are
not satisfactory I will step down and out.

These resolutions were offered by James Nott, jr.:

"Whereas the advisory council as at present constituted is not representative of
either the varied interests of the islands or the mass of the supporters of the Provi-
sonal Government and the policy of annexation of Hawaii to the United States;
and

"Whereas the legislative department of the Government is dangerously compact,
as well as too small for its constituency, and

"Whereas the composition of the advisory council has been made objectionable
by the action of retiring members, in practically selecting their own successors; and

"Whereas the personnel of the advisory council has been considerably changed
since it came into existence; and

"Whereas in making changes the mass of the supporters of the Provisional Gov-
ernment have had no voice: Therefore be it

"Resolved, That this mass meeting of annexationists and supporters of the Provi-
sonal Government hereby petition the councils to enact a law increasing the
membership of the advisory council from 14 to 24.

"Resolved, That the ten men to fill the new places be selected by the suffrages of
loyal citizens in a manner to be hereafter provided.

"Resolved, That the councils are hereby petitioned to elect to membership the ten
men to be chosen by loyal citizens.

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the executive and
advisory councils."

Cheering for the resolutions was loud and long.

President Hatch, referring to the call for the meeting, ruled the resolutions out
of order. W. G. Smith appealed from the decision of the chair, and the chair was
overruled. T. F. Lansing said he protested against the manner in which the meeting
was being conducted. W. H. Hoogs demanded a roll call. The meeting went on with
business and the resolution to enlarge the council was adopted with less than a
dozen negative votes.

The president suggested that adjournment may be in order, as no other business
was brought forward. Mr. Hatch was called upon to speak. His popularity was
evidenced by his cordial reception. He said:

"There is one good sign of the times, gentlemen; the Annexation Club never calls
a meeting which is not well attended." [Applause.] There are always enough of
the members of this club who turn out on every opportunity which is given them

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