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# OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

## But There Is a Very Serious Question as to Its Organization.

### JUMBLE IN THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY.

#### Peculiar Tactics of Hamilton in Securing a Call for a Caucus.

#### MEMBERS FALSELY TOLD THAT OTHERS HAD SIGNED.

#### Intense Indignation Exists and the Fierce Fight Begun Will Now Be Waged Until a United States Senator Is Elected to Succeed Perkins.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Manager Hamilton announced to-night that he had secured sixty-two signatures to a call for a Republican caucus to-morrow evening on the Senatorial matter, Robinson of Nevada County being the last to append his name.

After the list had been given to the press Assemblyman Pohlman, whose name was on the list, stated that it had been represented to him that all of the San Francisco delegation had signed, which was not the fact, and he therefore proposed to take his name off.

Other Republicans have made statements to the same effect. Intense indignation exists, and a fierce fight has begun. It will be waged until a United States Senator shall have been elected.

There is a serious question as to whether the Legislature was organized to-day. The Senate adjourned earlier than did the Assembly, and the result was that the Senate was not notified that the Assembly had organized. The Senate committee could not find the Governor, and the Governor was not notified. Hence the organization is said to be incomplete, the foregoing essentials not having been present.

Samuel M. Shortridge arrived on the late train last night, and was received at his headquarters in the Golden Eagle Hotel by a host of friends.

#### OPENING OF THE SENATE.

Peculiar Omission That May Cause a Postponement of the Senatorial Election.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—When the Senatorial caucus, which had met in one of the rooms upstairs, adjourned shortly before noon to-day, and when the Senators filed into the well-warmed chamber in which they were to make laws for the government of the people of this State, they were followed by a large crowd who wished to witness the opening of the session of that distinguished body.

The galleries were filled and in the lobby and seated in the red plush chairs inside the railing on the ground floor were many ladies, attired in their most gaudy raiment and most brilliant plumes. The Senators themselves were not lacking in the appreciation of the dignity and importance of the occasion. A few had their wives sitting by them and all were appareled as became the distinguished office filled by them. The elderly gentlemen, who put on a most severe expression of countenance in order to parody the smiles of the good-looking young women seeking positions at the hands of the Senate, wore

black clothes and black cravats, and looked to the life most potent, grave and reverend seigniors.

Senator Morehouse of Santa Clara is one of the most distinguished looking of the new members. He wore a white cravat and in his coat lapel a camellia of a deep crimson hue.

Senator Bert, a holdover from San Francisco, and Senator Denison of Alameda sported four-in-hands of broadcated silk, the three enlivening the gloom most gayly. The personnel of the Senate compares favorably with that of former sessions, there being many more than ordinarily strong men among them. For that reason the present session promises to be one of the most interesting if not important in the history of the State. The first day was as tame as all first days usually are, the business being of the most routine character of preliminary organization.

Just as the hands of the big clock in the gallery pointed to noon Lieutenant-Governor Jeter walked up the steps leading to his chair of well upholstered plush. It was such a chair as poets of the doric far niente school would love to loil and doze in; suggestive of sweet peace and the rest which belongs to him who possesses neither fame nor care. Mr. Jeter is a fine

looking man, tall, dark, in the happy medium degree, with curly hair and a sweeping mustache. His ears such a face and figure as were seen before these villainous days of gunpowder, when the good right arm, the stout heart, the well-tempered blade, the quick eye and the supple wrist won the way of their possessor to ducats and duchesses. Put upon him the conventional doublet and hose; span the lithe waist with a broad leathern belt, fasten thereto a basket-hilted hanger of hand-made Damascus steel and cover the squirming dark locks with a wide-brimmed sombrero and you transform the Lieutenant-Governor of California into a rollicking blade of the days of all who can kiss pretty maids and drink sack with equal gusto.

But Mr. Jeter is not that kind of a man. Detail with his description has been gone into because, a general rule, the Lieutenant-Governor of a State, like the Vice-President of the United States, drops into oblivion after election, unless he eludes with some other man's wife or murders his mother-in-law, or does something horrible to force the newspapers to notice him and the people to remember him. However, on this occasion, Mr. Jeter was a personage of consequence in the affairs of the State.

The Senate could not have organized without him, had he chosen not to take his seat. That is the opinion of Governor Budd as expressed this afternoon, but it has been stated that the opinion is unsound. If that were the case the death of a Lieutenant-Governor at an hour or a minute before the opening of the Senate would throw matters into confusion the most inextricable.

The call to order was short and sweet—two raps of the gavel and the simple announcement that the session had begun. After the rollcall there was a pause of five or ten minutes, which interval was occupied in conversation with visitors and others at the desks of the Senators.

Senator Dickinson was the first to speak. He presented the temporary rules, the significant one of which was that the standing committees should be appointed by the Senate, thus conveying to Mr. Jeter's mind in the most delicate manner that precedent would not be observed in this instance for obvious reasons.

Senator Bert was the author of the first motion, which was to proceed to the election of the standing officers.

The first joke was perpetrated by Senator Langford of San Joaquin—a good man, but a Democrat. The Senator had been nominated and voted for by his colleagues of the Democratic faith for the position of temporary president. It was a party vote of 28 to 12, he getting the full dozen. When the result was announced the Senator rose in his place and inquired innocently:

"Mr. Chairman, do I understand that I am defeated?" His expression was so funny that everybody laughed.

The Senate sent a committee of three to notify the Governor that it had organized and was ready to receive any communication that he might choose to make. The committee returned and reported that the Governor was not in his office, and

that the notification, therefore, could not be served upon him. Then the Senate notified the Assembly of the fact of organization and adjourned an hour or so before the Assembly had completed its organization. The committee of that body sent to notify the Senate of course could not fulfill its mission, the Senate not being in session.

The omission to notify the Senate was

contended by many parliamentarians to invalidate the organization—the notification to the Governor and the notification by the Assembly to the Senate—having been omitted. These things, it is claimed, are as essential factors of organization as the election of a statutory officer of that body, and the proposition set up is that an organization had not been established

to-day, and that the election of a United States Senator would have to be deferred for another term.

There was no prayer when the Senate was called to order.

A roll of holdovers was called. A resolution providing for the adoption of rules for the Senate was presented by Senator

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## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR JETER Calling the Senate to Order for the Opening Session.



## REFUNDING RESOLUTIONS

### Proposition Now Pending in Congress Considered in Caucus.

### SENTIMENT OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLYMEN.

### Foreclosure and Government Ownership of the Pacific Roads Advocated.

### CAMINETTI OPPOSED ANY EXTENSION.

### Urges That the Existing Laws Concerning the Bond-Aided Roads Be Rigidly Enforced

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—The Republicans of the Assembly caucused during recess and among other measures considered the railroad refunding proposition now pending in Congress. Belshaw of Contra Costa and Cutler of Yuba each had resolutions prepared. The two sets of resolutions were combined and Mr. Belshaw was delegated to present the following to the Assembly as the sense of the Republicans:

WHEREAS, There is now pending in Congress a bill known as the Powers bill which has for its subject the refunding of the debts of certain Government-aided railroads; and whereas, any scheme of refunding the Pacific railroads' indebtedness to the Government must result in maintaining an excessive capitalization of these roads, thus requiring high rates of fares and freights to meet the interest payments thereon, to the great burden and disadvantage of the people of the State of California; and whereas, a sale of these roads on foreclosure to any corporation or private person must result in the loss of most of said Government indebtedness, besides perpetuating the evils of private ownership and management, therefore

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate concurring, That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives be requested to oppose the refunding of the said indebtedness in any form, and in lieu thereof to favor legislation providing for the foreclosure and sale of said roads, upon condition that the Government shall hold said roads and operate them as a National enterprise in the interest and for the benefit of the whole people, and especially of California, who have contributed more to the support of said roads than the people of any other section, the results of which will much sooner reimburse the Government for the advances made by it in aid of these roads than by any other method; and be it further Resolved, That the Governor be requested to immediately transmit by telegraph a copy of these resolutions



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