

SHORTRIDGE'S STRENGTH GROWS HOURLY.

The Perkins Conference Is Held, but Fails to Secure Enough Votes for His Nomination.

This Is Considered a Victory for the Popular Orator and Leader, and His Friends Are Joyful.

Demonstrations Show That the Bulldozing Tactics of Perkins' Managers Will Not Avail, and That the Honest Legislators of California Will Refuse to Return the Incumbent Senator to Washington.

Several Gentlemen Who Attended the Caucus Stated That They Went In With the Understanding That It Was to Be a Friendly Conference of Republicans, and That Unless There Were Sixty-One Votes They Would Not Be Bound by the Action of the Caucus. They Explicitly Said That If the Majority Was to Bind Them They Would Not Attend.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Senator Perkins' ships did not come in last night. They were caught in a gale and were stranded on a bleak and rocky shore.

All that could be mustered was fifty-seven votes, and not another one was in sight.

The crew are completely demoralized and hardly know where to look for shore.

Scores of people visited the headquarters of Samuel M. Shortridge to-night and congratulated him upon the splendid victory which he had achieved.

PERKINS MEN ROUTED. They Line Up in Caucus, but Do Not Have Enough Votes to Nominate.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 5.—The Perkins forces lined up in caucus to-night and were utterly routed.

Instead of the sixty-three or sixty-four votes which they boasted they had the rollcall showed only fifty-seven, far less than the necessary majority, and one of those votes was a proxy.

When the members of the caucus filed out of the room into the crowded lobby their faces wore a smile sickened o'er by the pale cast of disappointment, and in order to cover their confusion they announced that they had received sixty votes and that they could get a few more whenever they wanted them.

It was a great victory for the opposition and it showed a part of the strength of the contestant, Samuel M. Shortridge. The Perkins adherents utterly failed to get a majority of the Legislature to attend or abide by the caucus. They had been working for days and nights with a full and well trained corps of political whippers-in. They had run through the Capitol building, they had ransacked the hotels, the sidewalks, the saloons, they had even gone to private houses; they had gathered, corralled, bulldozed, cajoled, promised to do everything and anything in order to gather together a sufficient number of Republicans to nominate Mr. Perkins, yet while they worked the strength of Mr. Shortridge was gaining.

For months they had traveled up and down the State, attending county conventions, political meetings and visiting legislators before and after election to gain recruits for their man. They had the Examiner and the Record-Union at their backs and despite all their well-directed and most desperate efforts, Mr. Shortridge succeeded in blocking the caucus and in preventing a majority vote for his opponent.

It is hailed with joy by the friends of Mr. Shortridge as a decisive victory, notwithstanding the bulldozing and misre-

presentations of the other side. They are in high feather to-night and are receiving congratulations on every hand.

It had been announced early in the day that sixty-three or sixty-four legislators had signed the call for the caucus and that their choice was Senator Perkins, but only fifty-seven votes were the proceeds of the caucus. After the adjournment a rollcall was exhibited to the members of the press purporting to represent sixty votes.

Senator Gleaves was selected as chairman of the caucus and Assemblyman Belshaw as secretary. When the object of the meeting had been stated Judge Waymire of Alameda arose and said that he appeared there as a Republican and in the interest of harmony and the success of the Republican party.

"We have gained a great victory in this State and Nation for that grand party and the peerless statesman, William McKinley," he said, "and it now rests with the Republicans elected by the people to fittingly carry out the good purpose of the Republican party by electing some distinguished Republican as the next Republican Senator. We have met here for the purpose of considering the first steps to that end. I appear here as I always have appeared—as the friend of Senator Perkins, and I am pleased to say, also, that I am here as the friend of every leading gentleman who aspires to the high and honorable position of Senator, and in the interest of the Republican party to promote that harmony which is needed for future success.

"I am advised by leading members of the Legislature, and by citizens throughout the State that it would be unwise for us to take any hasty action in this important matter. I therefore think it wise that we should take a short adjournment, at least until to-morrow evening, that all the aspirants for the office of Senator may have an opportunity of presenting their claims to the members of this body. I believe this postponement would create harmony and would redound to the honor and the interest of Senator Perkins and his friends, and particularly to the party

whose representatives we are. I therefore move that this body adjourn until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, and in doing this I aim only, as I have indicated before, to bring harmony out of discord, and to unite solely for one man and with the concurrence of the entire body of Republicans represented in both branches of the Legislature. I have voted for Senator Perkins before, and took an active part in his election, and I think that no man can accuse me here of not having proved in the most unmistakable manner my friendship for him.

"I have been complimented by many members of the House and Senate by suggesting my name for a position in the Cabinet. I desire to assure you all that I highly appreciate this honor. If I can in any way aid in the organization and perpetuation of the Republican party and its principles, and purely in the interest of harmony in the party, and without any selfish motive whatever, I assume my present attitude in this matter."

Cutter of Yuba opposed the motion to adjourn and made a long speech. He said that there was not a Republican present who was not there in behalf of Senator Perkins. Why should they delay the nomination any longer. It was the wish of the people of California that the Republican representatives should vote for him. It was their wish and their will, repeated Mr. Cutter. He did not believe in postponing action for even one minute.

"We all know," he added, "that there are other candidates who would be glad to see the election of Senator Perkins prevented, and this delay, in my opinion, is simply for the purpose of saving time and the benefit of the opposition. It is the will of the people of this State, and if the Republicans who have chosen not to attend this caucus knowing as they do that it is the people's will, and do not choose to vote for him, well and good."

Other speakers followed, and the motion for postponement having failed of passage Senator Perkins was placed in nomination, and the roll was called, resulting in 57 votes, including the proxy of Sims to Ennis.



SAMUEL M. SHORTRIDGE, the Candidate for United States Senator, Whose Election Would Promote Harmony in the Republican Party and Be a Credit to the State of California.

Then some one said that they ought to have sixty votes, and it was accordingly given out to the press as sixty votes for Senator Perkins—not enough to elect him. When the news became known on the outside, scores of people—legislators and others—flocked to Samuel M. Shortridge's headquarters in the Golden Eagle Hotel to tender him their congratulations. The Perkins people count upon one or two more votes, but these have been already gathered in by Mr. Shortridge and the outlook is rather bleak for them. The coup d'etat by which the majority of the caucus was blocked, and in fact broken up, is the talk of the street to-night.

JACKSON A BULLDOZER.

Peccular Insult to Judge Waymire While He Is Talking to Some Friends.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 5.—A scene of attempted bulldozing without a parallel for intrusion was witnessed by a number of gentlemen who were standing in a little alcove of the State Capitol rotunda at 8:30 o'clock this evening. Judge James A. Waymire, Assemblyman from Alameda, left the Senatorial caucus in the Supreme Court room to confer with H. I. Kowalsky and some of the latter's associates. Judge Waymire came out of the caucus on his own motion and was extending his hand to Charles M. Shortridge, when Colonel J. P. Jackson brusquely stepped forward, exclaiming in an angry tone to Judge Waymire, "If you want to see me you must see me now, as I am busy and going upstairs."

Judge Waymire replied in a mild and gentlemanly manner that he had come out to speak to his friends, pointing to Charles M. Shortridge, Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin, and Colonel H. I. Kowalsky. Colonel Jackson waved his hand impressively toward the caucus-room and exclaimed, in a husky and angry tone: "If you have anything to say to me, speak at once and go back."

Judge Waymire protested that the amenities of politics required him to explain. Jackson then became more excited, and, in an impatient manner, replied: "If you want to maintain your self-

respect you will go back to the caucus. You have only two minutes to decide."

Judge Waymire is a highly sensitive man, yet slow to wrath, but he smarted under the lash of the Perkins whip as Jackson cracked it over his head and about his ears. The insult was more than he could endure, and he seemed to be ready to spring at his insulter. He shook his finger in Jackson's face and retorted: "I will not take any instructions from you, Colonel Jackson."

Charles M. Shortridge, not wishing to embarrass Judge Waymire, withdrew a few steps, exclaiming: "I do not desire to be a party to any sensation in the lobby."

Had the high-minded and self-respecting Republicans in the caucus witnessed this unparalleled scene of bulldozing as did the gentlemen outside they would have been surprised and grieved.

When the people of Alameda County read of this remarkable scene they will feel that every man, woman and child of Waymire's constituency has been grievously insulted. The incident is not withdrawn or highly colored. It was over by a number of spectators.

DONE IN THE SENATE.

Approval of the Resolution Asking for Protection on California Fruits.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 5.—The Senate convened promptly at 10 o'clock, and Rev. Mr. Miel delivered the first prayer of the session. Immediately thereafter Senator Andrews presented a joint resolution to instruct the Congressional delegation at Washington to urge the incorporation in the tariff bill now being prepared by the Congressional committee of a provision which will afford protection to California fruits from foreign competition and secure a home market at reasonable prices. In order that there might be no delay, the Congressional committee being in session at Washington to-day, the resolution was adopted without reference. It was sent to the Assembly to be adopted by that body and telegraphed at once to Senators and members of the House. The Senate then adjourned to 11:30. The Governor's message was read in the

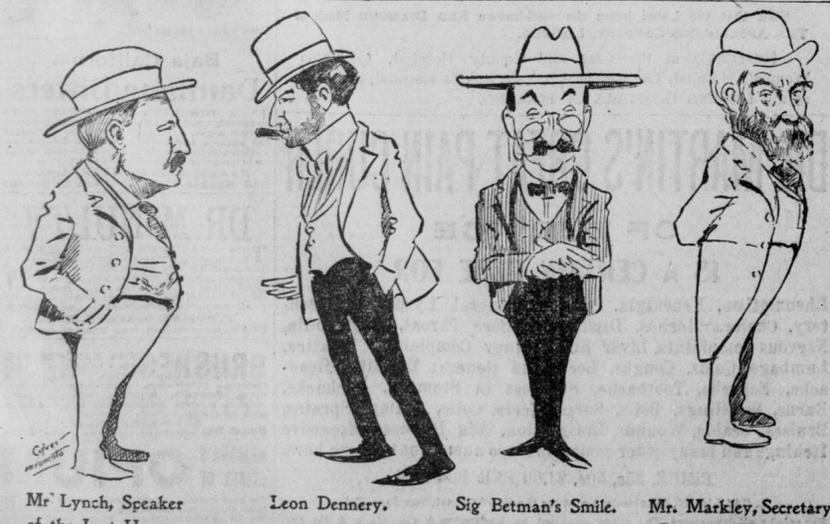
Senate and made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The temporary committee on mileage and attaches was named, consisting of Holloway, Bull and Henderson.

The Senate then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WORK IN THE ASSEMBLY. Resolutions Asking Congress to Oppose the Refunding Scheme Are Passed.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 5.—The Assembly settled down to business without



Mr. Lynch, Speaker of the Last House. Leon Denberry. Sig Betman's Smile. Mr. Markley, Secretary Board of Examiners.



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