

GOVERNATORIAL THREATS TO HELP BURNS' CANDIDACY

PATRONAGE DISTRIBUTED IN ASSEMBLY CAUCUS

Judge Dibble Was Honored With the Chairmanship of the Meeting.

Major Kyle Came Near Losing His Chances Through Lack of a Sponsor to Advance His Claims.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—The temptation to go after the big sum of \$3,000,000 now stored in the State treasury is hard for the lawmaker to resist.

Immediately after the caucus organized a motion was made that the Assembly pass under suspension of the rules and the previous question a measure appropriating a sum in excess of a quarter of a million dollars to open the State printing office.

THE MINORITY GETTING READY

J. B. Sanford of Ukiah Will Guide the Democrats in the Assembly.

Forty-five Assemblymen attended the caucus to-night. The man at the door counted less than this number, but a tally of the vote on the election of a patronage committee recorded the presence of forty-five.

DISTRIBUTION OF PLUMS BY THE ASSEMBLYMEN

Major Kyle Came Near Being Lost in the Shuffle for Want of a Sponsor.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—The committee of five appointed by this evening's Republican Assembly caucus, Speaker Wright and Assemblymen Cobb, Arnerich, Crowder and Lardner, did not come to an agreement upon the question of patronage until some time after 7 o'clock and then after a session of some warmth.

lature and his public record is of the best. In case Caminetti should consent to stand as the minority nominee for Speaker, Meade will receive the caucus nomination for Speaker pro tem.

JUDGE HENRY C. DIBBLE.



Chosen to Preside Over the Deliberations of the Republican Assemblymen.

BUSINESS BEGINS TUESDAY.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—Howard Wright, Speaker of the Assembly, when seen this evening after the Republican caucus had adjourned to to-morrow, said:

"We will have completed organization by to-morrow afternoon and will be ready for business Tuesday morning. Committees were appointed this evening to group every item of to-morrow's work so that they can all be taken up and quickly disposed of.

to guide the destinies of the minority during the present session is generally looked upon as a well merited compliment to his untiring devotion to party interests.

SENATORS WILL CAUCUS TO-DAY

Will Discuss a Plan to Distribute Patronage.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—The Republican Senators will hold a caucus at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning in the Supreme Court rooms. The object of the conference is

to decide upon some system for the distribution of the patronage and outline a plan whereby the State Printing Office can be opened. Under the Beishaw law the Senators have fifty statutory places to distribute and it is expected that there will be quite a wrangle over them.

SENATORIAL ORGANIZATION MAY BE DELAYED

Members of the Upper Branch of the Legislature Think They Need More Time.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—As to whether or not the Senate will perfect its organization to-morrow there seems to be some considerable difference of opinion. Senator Bulla would like to see the organization completed and the upper branch of the Legislature down to business, but he hardly thinks that it can be done unless an evening session is held.

"Why, I see no reason why we should not complete the organization of the Senate to-morrow," said Senator Morehouse.

"The Assembly caucus finished its business in three hours and we ought to be able to do likewise. There is no reason for any delay, and why we should consume more time than the Assembly has is something I cannot understand."

GOVERNOR-ELECT GAGE IN THE SENATORIAL FIGHT

Using Patronage as a Club to Help Friend Burns Get the Place.

The Threat of Political Ostracism Held Over the Heads of Those Who Are Against the Man From Mexico.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—Governor-elect Henry T. Gage has arrayed himself on the side of those who are supporting the Senatorial candidacy of Colonel Dan Burns.

It has all along been contended that Gage would keep his hands off the Senatorial contest and leave the field open for all contestants. This belief was borne out by the fact that Gage himself has declared that he would in no way attempt to interfere with the chances of any candidate for the place.

Yesterday Gage left Sacramento, it being announced that he was going to Los Angeles to spend New Year's day with his family and that he would return here to-morrow.

Gage's political attitude has caused much indignation among Republicans who are assembled here, particularly those who have been threatened with a loss of patronage unless they used their votes and their influence to secure Burns' election.

In the absence of Burns this talk had no effect except to cause some show of uneasiness on the part of the more timid of the new members who are more or less new at the political game.

It is announced to-night by Gage's friends that if the Senatorial situation reaches a stage where it will be a question of either Burns or Grant, then Gage will come out openly for Burns, the railroad's candidate.

A SHOCK IN STORE FOR BURNS BOOMERS

Nothing Like a Walk-Over for the Man From Mexico, and Indications of a Prolonged Contest.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—When the show-down of positive strength comes the Burns boosters and boomers may receive a shock of disappointment. General talks with members of the Legislature produce the impression that Colonel Burns cannot come anyway near the work of rounding up a sufficient number of legislators to capture the Senatorial prize.

Grant men. They make claims of strength and mention, with or without authority, the names of Senators and Assemblymen, who are listed as supporters of San Diego's favorite son.

The Burns adherents content themselves with maintaining an air of profound mystery. Delegations are not openly claimed and names are not given. It strikes the touts as a good idea to convey to the unsophisticated "Jays" the notion that the "Colonel's" consent to become an out and out candidate is all that is necessary to dissolve sympathy for other aspirants and send the Republicans in a body to Dan's camp.

Stalwart Republicans like Senator

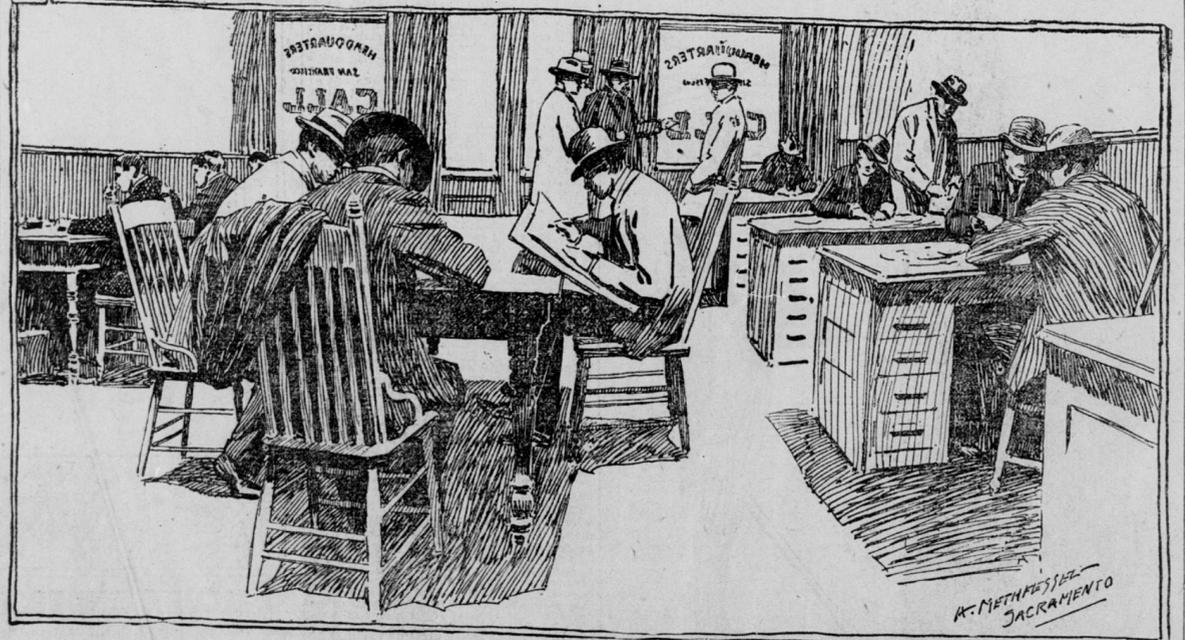


(C.C. CARGILL) IN A DARK BROWN THINK

Rowell, Luchsinger, Smith and Simpson do not fancy that any candidate is going to run away with the Senatorship on the first bound. Owen Wade of Napa, a veteran of one war and several Legislatures, is inclined to the opinion that there will be a struggle. He is not sure that the Republican members care to go into caucus on the Senatorship.

GOVERNOR BUDD AT THE CAPITAL

The Executive Preparing to Turn His Office Over to His Successor.



THE CALL HEADQUARTERS AT SACRAMENTO.

General View of the Room Where the Most Complete Newspaper Staff of Writers and Artists at the State Capital Is Working.