

## CAUCUSES INSURE NEFF'S ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION



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### Anti-Gage Forces Withstand All Assaults.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—About the hottest fight ever seen on the eve of a Republican State Convention in California is in progress to-night. The vim and dash of the forces opposed to the machine gang surprise the henchmen of Gage. It was thought by the manipulators of the machine that the presence of touts, heelers and rounders from San Francisco would add something of a cheering quality to the supporters of Gage, but an opposite effect is produced. The spectacle of Burns, Gage and Kelly hand in hand is an exhibition that affronts many delegates who have been inclined to support the cause of the Governor.

Kelly is a conspicuous figure at Gage headquarters. He parades himself as the political adviser of the administration and is proud to note that his Mutual Alliance following of one hundred halls him as a leader in State affairs.

#### ANTI-GAGE LINE IS UNBROKEN

The forces enlisted in the cause of good principles and clean politics in the Republican party of California are standing firm and resolute. Every assault on the delegates makes the stand firmer. The San Joaquin County delegates have been assailed on every side; false rumors are flying thick and fast of a weakening of the delegation, but every rumor of the kind, when traced to its source, is shown to have emanated from the Gage camp, and it is further shown by diligent investigation that the San Joaquin delegation is invincible to the assaults of the "push." There is no faltering or a single sign of wavering; on the contrary, the enthusiasm of the delegates for the honored Jacob Neff is inspiring.

Mendocino County is firm and solid and repels every onset with vigor and determination. The San Bernardino delegation, which has been exposed to the attacks of the Gage gang at every point, is standing nobly for Neff and honorable politics. At all points the forces opposing Gage's nomination are firm and enthusiastic.

#### BOSSSES IN THEIR LAST DITCH.

It is the deliberate judgment of impartial men, whose opinions are not swayed by the claims or enthusiasm of either side, that Gage is one hundred votes short of the number required to nominate him for Governor and that he will never be able to grasp the prize. His trading strength is exhausted; the machine is reduced to the extremity of buying and begging support. It is claimed that cash in small sums has been used to influence purchasable delegates. It is known that Gage's lieutenants are pleading piteously for the help of the non-pledged.

#### Agents of the allied bosses have made the life of Colonel Charles Sonntag almost unbearable. They beg and beseech him to give at least one vote to the Gage cause. The unyielding attitude of Colonel Sonntag commands so much admiration that U. S. Grant personally paid him a compliment for his devotion to the Republican party. Colonel Sonntag holds that the claims of the party are

### Machine Fails to Win Over Any Delegates.

superior to the desires of the individual. He is against Gage and for the Republican party.

#### GLOOM IN GAGE CAMP.

Headquarters of Herrin's Man Are Almost Deserted.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—The headquarters of the various candidates for the gubernatorial nomination were extremely active this evening. Of these there are five, those of Governor Gage and Dr. George C. Pardee being on the second floor of the Capital Hotel and those of J. O. Hayes, E. B. Edson and Senator Flint in the Golden Eagle Hotel. The locations of the individual headquarters are well advertised by means of gayly painted signs, which meet the eye at every hand. By a coincidence, more or less significant, the rooms of Pardee and Gage adjoin each other, the result being that delegates wearing the badges of the rival aspirants jostle one another in moving along the line.

The Gage men wore sullen countenances during the evening when private advices were received from their agents that a canvass of the delegates resulted in a pledged vote of 43 for Jacob Neff for chairman of the convention. The authenticity of this tally was denied, the Gage workers claiming that the figures were greatly exaggerated.

Gage's lieutenants make all sorts of claims as to the strength of the Governor, but it was especially noted this evening that while the headquarters of the other candidates were crowded until a late hour those of the Governor were practically deserted.

At the Pardee headquarters Senator



COL. GEO. STONE, FRANK PIERCE OF OAKLAND, JAKE STEFACHER

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POLITICIANS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA AND SOME CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE WHO ARE IN SACRAMENTO IN READINESS FOR THE CALLING TO ORDER OF THE STATE CONVENTION. FROM SNAPSHOTS BY A PHOTOGRAPHER ACCOMPANYING THE CALL'S SPECIAL STAFF OF ARTISTS.

### On the Eve of the Convention Gage Is Far Short of a Majority and He Has Exhausted His Trading Resources.

Lukens and Charles Spear are button-holing every delegate who appears in the interest of their candidate. They do little talking, but say that the first ballot will demonstrate Pardee's strength, and beyond question. Pardee arrived at noon, and for the greater part of the day was closeted with his lieutenants. Considerable enthusiasm was displayed by the active delegates about the headquarters during the evening, they claiming that they had canvassed every vote, and developed new and unexpected gains for Pardee.

At the Hayes headquarters the active work of proselyting is in the hands of James W. Rea, Mitchell Phillips and Abe Rief. A large punch-bowl and an abundance of cigars proved attractions which few of the visiting delegates were able to resist, the result being conviviality and expressions of hearty support and good will.

Hayes said this evening that he would make no avowals of unusual strength, but he thought he was waging a good fight, and it was his belief that he would win. He had received assurances of support from many unexpected quarters and he was convinced that he would make a good showing on the first ballot for Governor.

Senator Bulla, Thomas Hughes, C. T. Elliott and F. E. Dunlap are in charge of Flint's headquarters, and large crowds visited the rooms throughout the day and evening. Flint said this evening that he had figures which seemed to indicate that Gage was out of the fight. Flint has many active supporters, and all are confident that he will win the struggle.

The Edson headquarters were crowded with visitors all day, and all corners were well entertained in the way of liquid refreshments. Edson's fight is being managed by Charles M. Leavy, who claims that 16 of the 20 votes of the Humboldt delegation have been pledged to his support. Edson is convinced that Gage is practically defeated before a vote is taken, and expresses the belief that he himself will carry the convention. It is needless to say that this view is shared by all who are interested in Edson's fight for the nomination.

#### SMOKE WEEDS WITH GAGE.

Mutual Alliance Members and Martin Kelly Hold a Levee.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—The Republican Mutual Alliance of San Francisco marched from the depot to-night 100 strong. The aggregation proceeded to

Gage's headquarters and shook hands with the Governor. Guy Barham passed the cigars around and the delegates manifested as much interest in the weeds as they did in the Governor. Martin Kelly entered the room during the levee and was cheered as loudly as was Gage.

Gage will be placed in nomination in the convention by Judge J. W. McKinley of Los Angeles. The latter has told of the Governor's struggle for renomination and he now will tell them what Gage has done during his term of office.

E. B. Edson, "the man from the North," will be placed in nomination by E. S. Taylor of Yreka. A. P. Van Duser of San Francisco has been selected to second the nomination.

Dr. Pardee will be placed in nomination by John A. Britton of Oakland, and he will in all probability be seconded by W. H. Chickering and Senator Lukens.

### Majority of Votes Is Pledged to Neff.

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—Caucuses were held to-night by supporters of Neff to ascertain what strength the latter had in the chairmanship fight. Noses were counted and it developed that the Lieutenant Governor will receive more than 450 votes for chairman to-morrow afternoon. Every delegate who attended the caucus wore a blue badge on which was printed "Uncle Jake Neff for chairman."

At 9 o'clock this evening the delegates from south of the Tehachapi, who are opposed to Gage and others who are not, but favor Neff for chairman, caucused in Smith's hall. George P. Adams of the Seventieth Assembly District, Los Angeles, called the meeting to order. Charles P. Squires nominated Judge F. W. Gregg for chairman and George Flint was chosen secretary. A pool of votes gave Neff 105 out of 173 votes. The other 68 are doubtful, but it is believed Neff will receive more than half of this number.

It appears that there are fifty-three votes in Los Angeles for Gage. Judge McKinley, who has been selected to place the Governor's name before the convention, is chairman of the delegation. The minority vote numbers forty-three and George P. Adams is its chairman. An effort will be made to prevent McKinley declaring that he represents the entire Los Angeles delegation.

Dr. Chester Rowell of Fresno presided over the caucus of delegates from Central and Southern California. Secretary Irving Martin kept tab on the number of votes for Neff and reported that ninety-

### Delegates Line Up in Fight for Organization.

seven would be cast by Inyo, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera and Fresno counties.

A. P. Van Duser and two other delegates from San Francisco reported that more than fifty votes would be given Neff by delegates from San Francisco. This announcement was greeted with cheers. An adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when a general caucus will be held in the same hall.

The delegates from Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado and Amador counties held an informal caucus in the postoffice building and decided to cast their votes unanimously for Neff.

A caucus of delegates of Trinity, Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, Lassen and Plumas counties gives 47 votes for Neff for chairman. Butte, Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties will cast 25 votes for the Lieutenant Governor and Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Mendocino and Tehama counties will give Neff 54 votes.

#### PASSING OF THE "BUCK."

In Sacramento Dr. George C. Pardee says: "If Mr. Metcalf is a candidate for chairman of the convention I shall be for him." Then the Doctor adds: "And I think he will be a candidate."

In Oakland Victor H. Metcalf says: "If Dr. Pardee wishes me to become a candidate for chairman of the convention I shall stand for that position," and then Mr. Metcalf adds: "And I think that he will so desire."

And so the dove of peace that has been hovering over Alameda County has her wings spread to extend from Oakland to Sacramento, and the State at large is having a taste of what has been dealt out to the citizens of the county that has become the storm center of the convention. But this dove of peace has talons, though the talons are now carefully hidden, and any movement may bring to view the weapons of war as against the coo of peace.

Victor H. Metcalf did not come to Sacramento to-day and Dr. George C. Pardee arrived on the morning train. The Congressman remained in Oakland and passed the "buck" of the chairmanship of the convention up to the doctor in Sacramento, while the doctor in Sacramento passed the animal back to the Congressman in Oakland. And so the campaign of equivocation for the chairmanship of the Republican convention was passed from Oakland to Sacramento and back again.

And while Mr. Metcalf in Oakland will not say positively that he is a candidate for the position, and while Dr. Pardee in Sacramento will not say that Mr. Metcalf will stand for that position, it is a certainty that the Congressman will go