

Direct Primary Attacked; No Jobs for Pardeesites; Insurance Bill Conspiracy

OPPOSE ELECTION BY THE PEOPLE

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amendment of the constitution. Their efforts are not at all unwelcome to the enemies of the direct primary.

One of the avowed friends of direct primary reform, pledged to vote for a straight, simple proposition for constitutional amendment, who wants also to get quick action in the matter of United States Senator, is Senator J. B. Sandford of Ukiah. He has prepared and will introduce on Monday a bill entitled "An act to enable the people of California to express by ballot their preference for some person for the office of United States Senator." The bill will not originally be offered as an amendment to the Political Code. It does not in its original form provide either for a method of getting the names of candidates officially before the people. It does provide that the names of candidates shall be placed on the official ballot, but, through an oversight, does not prescribe a method for patriotic citizens to become official candidates.

Sandford's proposition is entitled to consideration, and if it be demonstrated that the people can be given a chance to express themselves on a direct primary amendment and also to advise the Legislature whom they wish elected to succeed Perkins at the next general election, why not do so? Democrats and Republicans owe it to the people to interpose no obstacles to submission of an amendment. That Sandford is a Democrat probably will not help his measure out, but it will not be the sole bill of the same character. They will all consume more or less time. That none of them will be allowed to pass is not an illogical surmise; but it is not in bills of this character that the real danger lies.

The real danger lies in the attempt to leave the whole question hung up when the Legislature adjourns in March. The submission of an ambiguous self-throttling amendment, which the people must in self-defense vote down or see any law enacted under it go down before the face of the courts.

The proposition for an amendment already prepared, and which has the support of a most estimable association of reformers, provides for the interjection of a few words to section 2 1/2 of the constitution, which authorizes the Legislature to enact laws governing the election of delegates to the conventions of political parties. Without striking out the optional clauses of the section, which the amendment does not propose, they would have a constitutional sanction of a wholly new set of laws applicable to different political subdivisions and defeat their object before they attempted to enact primary legislation. It is through both the honest and the dishonest that the machine hopes to stave off and ultimately prevent the redemption of the party pledges.

Four More Noses in Public Crib

CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1007 EIGHTH STREET.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Four more names found their way to the Assembly patronage list this morning. This time the number of attaches of the lower house to 516. The additions were made by motion and there were no dissenting votes. It would have been had tasks for any of the six Democrats to object. Two of the additions were credited to Democrats, one to Baxter of Mariposa County and the other to Davis of San Benito. Republican advocates of retrenchment and reform could not protest, because the patronage was made no protest of the opposition to fast patronage.

Pyle came to town expecting \$6 a day patronage. He was appalled at the thought of \$16, protested against Grove Johnson, who made no protest of the patronage was fixed at the latter figure he began to send telegrams home. He used up about all that was coming to him yesterday, but he still had a friend to place in the position of members to let him have left-over fractions until he had hired out another good job. Those sterling Democrats, Baxter of Mariposa and Davis of San Benito, also had to do the thing act to add two more names to the army of attaches.

The latest recruits are a watchman at \$2 a day, a stenographer at \$5 and two assistant committee clerks at \$4. This makes eighteen watchmen, two committee clerks and twenty-eight stenographers. Some of the watchmen are near-sighted, many of the committee clerks could not write a 200-word report in less than two hours and not one of the stenographers have a system based on the theory that transcription is wholly unnecessary.

Committee Lists Somewhat Meager

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Committees are busy with the Assembly committees, which are to be announced Monday by Speaker Beardslee, but their lists are meager and omit many important prizes. All state contain the name of Miguel Estudillo as chairman of the committee on ways and means. Another general concession is that Grove Johnson will head the committee on judiciary.

J. W. Drew of Fresno has been mentioned for numerous places. Gossips connect his name with the committee on insurance, but it is now believed this important chairmanship will go to Phil Walsh of Oakland. Gossips connect Root, formerly Clerk of the Supreme Court but now Assemblyman from Nevada County, is expected to get the committee on mines and mining. Nathan C. Coghlan of San Francisco may be rewarded with the chairmanship of the committee on Federal relations, a position which is of unusual importance at the present time because of President Roosevelt's threat to compel the State to accept his views on the Japanese "schoolboy" question. As far as known no plun has been tagged with the name of Phil Stanton, chairman of the ways and means committee of the last House. He says he doesn't want anything, and Speaker Beardslee may take him at his word.

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MARSHAL ELLIOTT RECOVERING—United States Marshal Elliott, who was laid up from Sacramento yesterday that he was rapidly improving from the attack of pneumonia which prostrated him a few days ago, is expected to be able to resume his duties by Monday.

PARDEE'S FRIENDS WANT TO GO TO THE PEOPLE

Three Appointees—Lindley, Transue and Elston—to Be Ousted by Legislature

MACHINE GIVES ORDER

CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1007 EIGHTH STREET.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Through immediate legislation three of the best appointments given by Governor George C. Pardee to his friends in the last few hours of his administration are to be made null and void. Al Lindley, J. F. Transue and J. Arthur Elston are, through the beneficent office of the Legislature, to be turned out into the political cold. The Building and Loan Commission is to be remodeled and the office of Attorney to the State Board of Health abolished.

The government has its origin in the machine and Governor Gillett emphatically disclaims any connection with it or any desire to play politics at the expense of Pardee and his friends, but he would result in direct and immediate benefits to the people. Consequently he can scarcely be expected to interfere with the Legislature for the mere purpose of proving to the world that he owns Pardee and his friends no ill will. One of the clever political tricks employed by Pardee upon the occasion of his taking the reins of government is to be turned on him and his friends. When Pardee legislated Dan Keavane out of office through his scheme for the abolition and subsequent reorganization of the Bank Commission he set a precedent that is to be revived for the discomfiture of himself and his friends. When Assemblyman-Building and Loan Commissioner, Transue told the Assembly he could afford to remain in attendance on the Legislature as long as any of his colleagues he apparently did not know about the beautiful red pencil for him. A few minutes later the odor of the red pencil made its presence felt, and it is not at all improbable that when the constitutional sixty days have elapsed Transue will have nothing but his legislative duties and a political ticket to induce him to tarry in Sacramento.

One of the bills to be introduced Monday will provide for the abolition or reorganization of the present State Building and Loan Commission. Another will abolish the lucrative post of attorney to the State Board of Health and assign the onerous legal advisory duties of that post to the Attorney General's office. That it may be later found necessary to employ a secretary to carry the imposed burden is another story. The immediate necessity is the ousting of Elston, who until Thursday was Pardee's secretary and who then succeeded in abolishing the position of Attorney General's office, in the job Gage vacated for him.

A peculiar feature of the proposed legislation lies in the well-established rumor that the bill for the abolition or reorganization of the Building and Loan Commission is to be presented by Senator J. B. Curtin, Democrat. That will make it a reform measure and remove it from the pale of politics, where an unbecoming public might otherwise be inclined to place it. The system adopted by Pardee was first to secure the abolition of the Bank Commission of three members and then the provision for a commission of four members. Accepting this as the most likely method to be pursued in the matter of the Building and Loan Commission, the political wisecracks have today expected that a new Building and Loan Commission of three members would be created after the reorganization of Lindley and Transue, appointed Monday by Pardee. In it they see nothing but a play to put Pardee and his friends outside the candy shop. Now comes the Governor of California to go them one better, and he has said that if the commission was to be reorganized it should be done with an eye single not to politics, but to retrenchment and a determination of service rendered the people of California, and that the one Commissioner would be all sufficient.

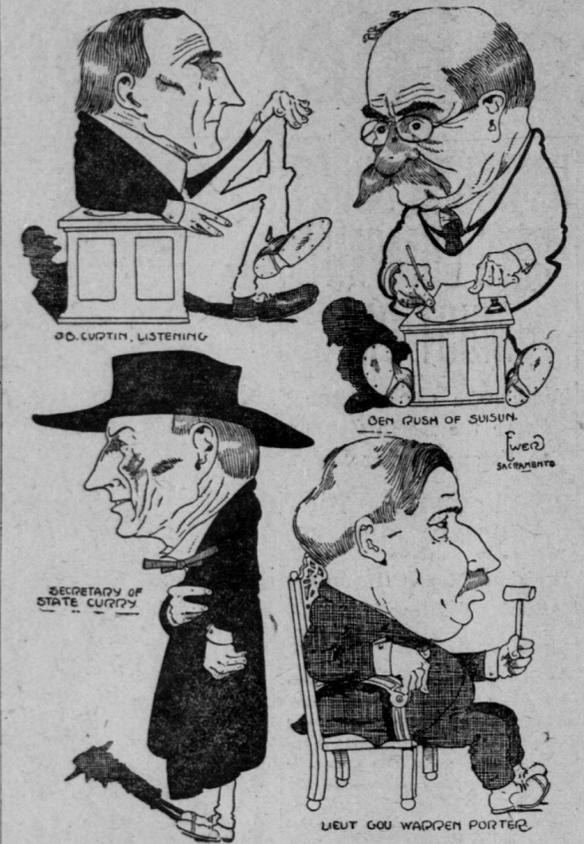
REVENGE ON PARDEE. What between an organization disposition to take a speedy revenge on Pardee and an avowed disposition of the Governor to work an economy to the State, the chances of Lindley, Transue and Elston of clinging to the plum trees planted by Pardee are not flattering. A question about the ability of the Legislature, either in law or fact, to amputate the Pardee limbs from the body government. The places were created by the Legislature, and the Legislature will not give up its take away. The Legislature occupies the latter enviable position in these instances. Not only has it the power in law, but it has the votes, in fact, and may reasonably be relied upon to work the State's interest in saving in salaries and emoluments.

Governor Gillett asked about the proposed legislation yesterday, emphatically denied that he knew anything about it or that he would play politics at the expense of the men appointed by Pardee. He did, however, admit that legislation of that character would not be ungrateful to him, as he believed if the Legislature decided to make any changes in the number of the people, he would be made to be paid to the benefit of the people. He said: "I have not heard of any such legislation and I have no immediate interest in it. I have no desire to play politics with the government machinery of this State. If the Legislature should see fit to wipe out the present Building and Loan Commission I should recommend not a commission of three or more members, but a single Commissioner, working under a system similar to that provided for the Insurance Commissioner. California is unusually prolific of opportunities for some reform. I see no real reason why there is to be a change made, the number of salaries should be increased.

NO INTEREST IN MATTER. "Obviously I cannot take an interest in this particular matter, beyond the proper interest the Governor should have in any proposed legislation. My interest in the government machinery of contract and failure to supply proper food and medicines to the complainants while on a parole is a matter which is not the province of the court to the fact that the defendant had failed to set in an answer.

DEFENDANT AGAINST WEAVER—On motion of F. R. Wall yesterday, in the United States District Court, default of the defendant was entered in the case of J. E. Reynolds and others against the whaler Herman. The suit was brought to recover \$1,000 damages and other contract and failure to supply proper food and medicines to the complainants while on a parole is a matter which is not the province of the court to the fact that the defendant had failed to set in an answer.

California Statesmen as They Appear to Ewer, Cartoonist of The Call



LEGISLATORS' FIAT EVERYBODY WORKS SET AT NAUGHT BUT STEPPACHER

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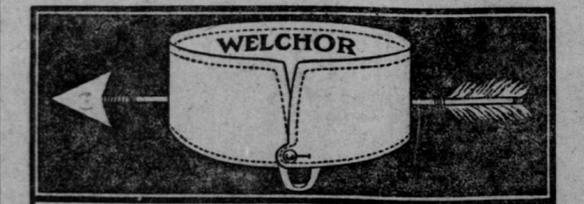
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Jake Steppacher, assistant secretary of the Republican State central committee, has both hands on the lemon passed General George Stone and himself and philosophically declines to let go. That Steppacher is somewhat in the situation of the good citizen with a grip on the caudal appendage of the legendary bear deprives the situation of any of the dignity that Steppacher's manly attitude has granted it with, not any of the indignity heaped upon him and his chief, the chairman of the State central committee.

With all the patronage pie parceled out and no piece of it on the one plate Chairman Stone presented, Steppacher declines to put his chief deeper in a hole or lay himself open to the criticism that must attach to a further attack on the treasury already looted to the amount of \$25 a day for each Senator and \$13 a day for each Assemblyman.

Stone originally asked that Steppacher be elected chief clerk of the Assembly. That was his only request for recognition in the organization of that body. He deemed it a reasonable request, based not alone on the theoretical pull he, as chairman of the State central committee, ought to have on an almost exclusively Republican body, but also on the faithful party service of his candidate. After Steppacher was permitted to pose as a tentative candidate for two or three days, Stone arrived and was told that his man must make way for Chlo Lloyd. Later, that his candidate could not have his former position as minute clerk of the Assembly. A little rustling and a promise to take care of Steppacher in the Senate was forthcoming. Then Steppacher was drafted for the hard work incident to the preliminary for the inaugural ceremonies. In that capacity he covered himself with distinction. His work done to the satisfaction of every one, Steppacher dropped around to find out in what capacity he had been attached to the Senate payroll, and to his pained surprise discovered that the whole \$34,000 worth of pie had been shoveled out to that and that he had been overlooked in the unloading. Steppacher mildly raised a point of order and got voluminous and effusive excuses. The excuses lasted twenty-four hours, and then it was proposed to recognize the claims of Stone and Steppacher by a special resolution creating a place for Jake, if unanimous consent could be secured. Unanimous consent was necessary to save Senatorial honor, because, had not the Republican Senators agreed to indict the State of not more than \$25 a day each? Steppacher had one large juicy lemon and did not want another. He saw where he and Stone, in order to get one measly job from the Legislature, were to be put in the light of sandbaggers.

The legislative insult perpetrated upon his chief was sufficient for the San Francisco man. He did not purport to put Stone up for public execution also, and he told the Senators today that they would confer a favor on him by permitting the question of his employment to be forgotten.

retary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, adjourned to the call of the chair.



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INSURANCE BILLS OBJECT OF PLOT

San Francisco Delegation Detects Scheme to Hammer Pending Legislation

DEFEAT OPPONENTS WILL BEGIN MONDAY

CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1007 EIGHTH STREET.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Behind a resolution to proceed to the introduction of bills, which was introduced in the Assembly today, Representatives from San Francisco saw a scheme to hammer insurance legislation and bring about complications calculated to make defeat probable if not certain. They stood solidly together, and, with the aid of country members, defeated the motion by the narrow margin of six votes.

All the Los Angeles members and all but one of the representatives from Alameda County voted against San Francisco.

Assemblyman Phil Stanton of Los Angeles made the motion for the immediate introduction of bills and argued at length in support of it. He was vigorously backed by his Siamese twin colleague, J. P. Transue. The opposition was led by Assemblyman Nathan C. Coghlan of San Francisco. According to the rules of the House, bills must be referred to some standing committee. No such committee had been appointed and none will be before Monday morning. Opponents of the immediate action suspected a trap. They figured out that if the resolution were carried, zealous members, some of whom had insurance bills to present, would unload at once. The bills would reach the right committee, but it was feared that after they were reported a week or two hence some wise member would raise the point that they were irregularly referred at a time when there were no committees in existence. The probable outcome would be the withdrawal of the bills. This would make it necessary for advocates of all of the early bills to do their work over and in many cases the delay would give lobbyists time to encompass the defeat of measures distasteful to corporate interests.

JOHNSON IS SILENT

A noticeable feature of the debate was that Grove L. Johnson, who objects to insurance companies being required to make a deposit with the State Treasurer, had nothing to say. Johnson is the most skilled parliamentarian in the House, and is invariably generous with advice, but today he kept silent through all the discussion.

Stanton pleaded that time could be saved by getting bills to the State Printer at once. He did not want to stay in Sacramento more than the sixty days for which legislators are permitted to draw pay.

Peter Kelly of San Francisco moved to adjourn, but Speaker Beardslee declined to adjourn and expressed a hope that thoughtful members would not retard the work of the Legislature by making motions of that nature at inopportune times.

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Stanton took the floor again. "I have no personal interest at stake," he replied. "I stand here without a single bill to present at this session."

Such a statement could only serve to increase the suspicions of the opposition. As for the spectators, discerning ones wondered if Stanton had taken the trouble to be re-elected and expressed a hope that thoughtful members would not retard the work of the Legislature by making motions of that nature at inopportune times.

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Stanton warned the legislators that any delay would mean a seventy days' session.

COGHLAN MAKES REPLY. Coghlan made reply. "I did not think there was any one here for the mere compensation," he said. "We are here to serve the people."

"Why not begin it now?" inquired Stanton, and the house laughed.

Phil Walsh of Oakland favored the resolution. He also stated that he had no bills to introduce.

Transue of Los Angeles talked earnestly in favor of the day's proceedings. Like Stanton and Walsh, he had no bills to introduce.

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SOLONS TO LOOSEN FLOOD OF BILLS

Every Senator Ready With Drafts of Reform Acts

WILL BEGIN MONDAY

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—What looked like a fight over the matter of presenting bills came up when the Senate met this morning, but no part of the wrangling came out in open session. Senator Frank Leavitt of Oakland clamoring for a recess and having his way. During the recess Leavitt maintained that all the talk about presenting bills was premature and absurd. His own bills were in Oakland, he said, and he was not ready to present them.

When the Senate reconvened Leavitt submitted a resolution calling for adjournment until Monday, and again had his way. Most of the Senators will be prepared to unload their bills on Monday, when there will be considerable more jockeying for preferential hearings.

Balzac's "Comedie Humaine" does not present a more variegated subject of topics than the array of bills with which the Senators are primed up. They range all the way in human interest from measures restricting false representation among nursery men in selling virgin trees to bills designed to save a genuine commonwealth from the machinations of grasping corporations and "sixbit" insurance underwriters. Prizefighting, racetrack gambling, patent medicines, vaccination, employers' liability, the police, judiciary and municipal reform all have their champions.

discuss who had not yet voted that they were on the right tack and not a break occurred in the delegation.

John Wessling, known as Hearst's retreat independence Leaguer, was absent, but the other seventeen cried "no" when their names were called. The complete vote was as follows: Ayes—Bell, Birdsall, Burk, Campbell, Case, Cogswell, Collister, Cornish, Coster, Cullen, Davis, Eshelman, Finney, Hamilton, Hans Johnson of Sacramento, Lemmon, Lucas, Lynch, McClellan, Pennington, Pierce, Pyle, Root, Sackett, Stanton, Stetson, Thompson of Los Angeles, Transue, Walsh, Wesk, and Speaker Beardslee—32.

Bishop, Boyle, Butler, Coghlan, Cullen, Devlin, Drew, Estudillo, Fisher, Forbes, Fratessa, Hartmann, Held, Hewitt, Higgins, John Johnson of San Diego, Kelly, Kelly, Kohman, Ludington, McGuire, McKee, McMullin, Snyder, Spaulding, Strohl, Strobridge, Thompson of San Francisco, Toomey, Vogel, Whitmore, Wilson and Wyatt—33.

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RECORDER'S HEAD IN JEOPARDY

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unable to frame so ingenious a defense as that with which he flooded the constitution, he made no chance for its rescission. But the Recorder's omission in no way operates to repeal the charter provision and it is there, pointing out to the Mayor the way to duty.

Should Mayor Schmitz refuse, as it is believed he will, to remove Nelson from his office as Recorder, the law may be called into effect by the Attorney General through quo warranto proceedings, or action to enjoin Auditor Horton from auditing and Treasurer Bantel from paying Nelson's warrant on the treasury may be instituted by any citizen. The question has been raised that the bondsmen of Horton and Bantel may be liable in event Nelson continues to draw his salary as Recorder, for it is manifest that to it he has no right.

Today may see John H. Nelson either a plain Senator or a plain Recorder. The Mayor has the chance to make good his claim that his path leads far from the footsteps of Ruef.

and opponents seeking remedial legislation. From figures obtained today it was estimated that each Senator has from two to thirty bills that he believes should be given preference over all others on Monday.

Lieutenant Governor Warren R. Porter has said that he would not announce the chairman of committees until the Senate should meet again. It is practically decided, however, to whom the more important assignments will be made. The chairmanship of the insurance committee looms up at present as one of the most important posts in the Senate. It is to go to Senator Leavitt. Senator Belshaw will head the judiciary committee, Senator Lukens the finance committee, Senator Wolfe the committee on contingent expense.

During the session today Senator George Keane of San Francisco presented a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to secure the withdrawal of the Senate committee. Keane set up a cry of cramped quarters in Red Men's Hall, and the resolution was adopted. The additional quarters will cost the Senate an extra \$500. The State is now paying \$5000 rent a month for Red Men's Hall.

Noise Disturbs the Assemblymen

CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1007 EIGHTH STREET.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Because the noise in the rear of Red Men's Hall makes it difficult for members in back seats to hear, Assemblyman Hewitt of Yuba City offered a resolution today calling for the removal of the Speaker's stand from the west end of the hall to a central point on the north side. As this would mean the switching around of all seats and cause considerable expense objection was made to immediate action on the resolution, but it will come up Monday as a special order of business.

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