

REDISTRICTING SCANDAL IS NOT TO BE REPEATED

Ten Years Hence First Special Nonpartisan Commission Will Re-District State

Measure Unanimously Adopted After Warring Interests Indulge in Wordy Tiffs

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[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—By the unanimous vote of 33 of its 40 members, the senate of California went on record today as unequivocally opposed to a system that would make possible the repetition of the reapportionment scandal that California is now involved in.

Without a dissenting vote the senate of California agreed today to divest itself of the power to reapportion the state ten years hence and forever after.

It admitted that it is powerless to protect itself and the people from the "rolling" self-interest that has made reapportionment a personal and political matter rather than a civic question.

Consideration of Senator Campbell's constitutional amendment placing reapportionment in the hands of a commission to be elected by the people furnished an opportunity for the airing of factional ill feeling that had no particular relation to the subject matter under consideration.

COMMITTEES NAMED

Brought to a realization of the danger that no legislative reapportionment bill would be enacted at this session of the legislature, the members of the committee named by the senate to investigate the matter, met this afternoon and again tonight in an effort to reach an agreement.

At the conclusion of the afternoon meeting, Chairman Chandler named a committee consisting of Sutherland, Bohner, Kehoe, Held and Guill to confer informally with a committee of five to be named by Senator Thompson, author of the bill allowing the cities 19 senators and 38 assemblymen.

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DEBATE AT NIGHT

The country members debated until after midnight on the proposition without deciding to accept the plan laid down by the conference. Clyde Bishop assured him that the caucus had already practically decided that it could not hope to hold the three populous counties down to 17 senators and 24 assemblymen. Dan Williams spoke of his desire of seeing a reapportionment bill and added that he would vote for 19 senators and 38 assemblymen if necessary.

Senators Finn, Welch and others of the San Francisco delegation were opposed to giving up anything to which the cities were entitled according to an honest interpretation of the constitution. Cogswell of Los Angeles was inclined to favor the compromise. Doctor Butler was not so ready to concede. Unless the caucus acts promptly the senate will pass the assembly bill, which has been amended to incorporate the terms of the Thompson bill. It is believed that the amended bill will pass the assembly.

The caucus at midnight reconstituted its committee to confer with the senate committee on the basis of 26 assemblymen and 19 senators. The apportionment outside the three large counties to be approved by the caucus otherwise the original pact for 17 senators and 24 assemblymen, will be maintained.

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State Senate Sounds Knell of Gerrymander

California's Congressmen On Reapportionment Bill

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20. California congressmen are receiving with varying emotions the reports of the proposed redistricting of their home state. Representative Baker takes the attitude that it makes no difference to him whether "gerrymandering" is done or not done.

"I will run for re-election, anyhow," he says. Representative Needham is worried about the report that his home county may be thrown into Baker's district. "If it is done," he says, "I don't know whether I will run or not. He intimates he has long been in doubt about the joys of politics and that he may retire if an effort is made to embarrass him.

Representative Hayes says that he is not very enthusiastic about the proposal which has in view the throwing of his district into Needham's, and indicates that if it is done he may decide to back Needham for re-election.

Knowland and Stevens are not carrying and Kahn will not be satisfied wholly until he learns definitely what is to be done with the San Francisco district.

Chandler and the San Joaquin valley members of the country caucus were worried about the plight Congressman Needham is placed in by the amended Rutherford bill. That bill puts Needham, Hayes and Frank Devlin in one district and apparently offers a short cut to the defeat of the most valuable California congressman—the man who in the next republican congress may be the head of the ways and means committee.

Fears for Needham were relied upon somewhat to make the country caucus leaders listen to reason. They, on the other hand have been attempting unofficial dickering with both Los Angeles and San Francisco to get that delegation from one city to desert the other. Whatever they might hope to do with the Los Angeles delegation in the lower house it was conceded this afternoon that they could not touch either delegation in the upper house.

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CLERK MALLORY IS OH, SO TOUCHING!

Sings a Tune That Gets Him \$200 From the State's Coffers

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Chief Clerk L. B. Mallory of the assembly succeeded in getting \$200 out of the state today when the lower house approved a resolution drafted by him to allow him that sum for remaining after adjournment and preparing a final calendar of the business of the session.

According to those familiar with the work which he is directed by the resolution to do, he can finish his labors in five days. That would mean that he is to be paid at the rate of \$40 a day for completing the history of the house.

Those who have followed legislative affairs assert that the proposed expenditure absolutely is unnecessary, as the data in question will be found in the final history of the extra session. The senate has made no provision for such waste of public funds, and Secretary Walter Parrish of the upper house has not indicated any desire to dig into the state treasury for \$200.

Clyde Bishop of Santa Ana started

DOES THIS MEAN A NEW ZION CITY IN SOUTH?

Santa Barbara Puzzled Over Communication

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SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 20.—Whether another Zion City is to be established in Santa Barbara county is a question the Chamber of Commerce is trying to solve.

A rather indefinite communication was received today from E. E. Witter of 2804 Elm avenue, Zion City, Ill. It is as follows: "Please send prospectus and don't forget to state price of land. In fact, can't you telephone around and get prices of land. I should like about 40 acres of alfalfa and 10 in fruits and nuts, etc. Please let me know by return mail."

The brides are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wirts, who formerly lived in the Gold Ridge section, but now live in Ventura county. The bridegrooms are rising young men, with a large circle of friends.

Miss Lily B. Woods and Grover C. Cook were married here at noon today by Rev. George E. Swan, rector of the Episcopal church. The bride is a former supervisor in the local telephone office, and her husband is the great-grandson of Thomas Hooper, the pioneer banker and capitalist.

RAILROAD Y. M. C. A. WILL COST \$25,000

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 20.—It was announced today that a railroad Y. M. C. A. building costing \$25,000 will be erected here for the benefit of the employees of the Denver and Rio Grande and Western Pacific roads' employes

NEEDN'T TELL HER AGE, SAYS SENATE

Feminine Voters May Go to the Polls Without Fear if Plan Is Adopted

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Led by Leroy A. Wright of San Diego, a majority of the senate rallied this afternoon to the side of the women voters of California, and decreed that so far as the senate of this state is concerned women need not give their ages as a prerequisite to their exercise of the franchise.

To protect the women of the state in the enjoyment of the franchise against disclosing their ages the majority of the senate was compelled to exempt male voters from the conditions now imposed upon by the registration provisions of the general law. That means that the passage of the next registration bill will strike from the registration affidavits of California the age clause which has been held to be one of the best means of identification and one of the most potent preventives of repeating.

The senators who voted with Wright against the majority report of the senate committee on elections were Avey, Beban, Bell, Bills, Birdsall, Boynton, Bryant, Burnett, Caminetti, Curtin, Estudillo, Finn, Gates, Hans, Hewitt,

PHOENIX, Dec. 20.—James A. Taylor, a printer, today pleaded guilty to killing Guy Kilgore of this city and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Taylor claimed justification under the unwritten law, declaring that Kilgore had been unduly attentive to Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor denied this.

IMPURE MILK SALES CHARGED—Five warrants were issued yesterday in the police courts for restaurant keepers on charges of selling impure milk. Judge Deary authorized the arrest of L. Kaelin, 1696 San Bruno avenue, and G. Mostahlich, 100 Columbus avenue. Police Judge Sullivan issued warrants for M. Antevitch, 447 Washington street, and O. Parmentes and D. A. Miller.

Hurd, Lewis, Martinell, Regan, Shanahan, Thompson, Welch, Wolfe. The senators who voted for a retention of the age clause in registration affidavits were Black, Campbell, Cassidy, Hare, Holohan, Julliard, Larkins, Roseberry, Rush, Sanford, Stetson, Strobridge, Tyrell, Walker.



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