



GRAVES WINS.

The Duluth Man Defeats Morgan for Speaker by a Good Lead.

The Result a Fair Victory for the Sabin Forces.

Good Generalship That Wrested Success From Seemingly Defeat.

C. P. Carpenter Gets Away With John R. Howard for Clerk.

Clerk Cutter Will Preside in the Senate Again.

C. H. Slocum Dashes the Hopes of Fred Warner for Assistant Clerk.

Caucuses That Have Created Many Changes in the Political Complexion.

The Republican caucuses of the house and senate, held last night, resulted in a disaster to Mr. Washburn, a mastery victory for Senator Sabin, and a not insignificant triumph for Mr. Donnelly over his old foe. The proceedings were largely routine. The slates prepared are:

- SENATE. Secretary—O. L. Cutter, Anoka. Assistant Secretary—W. W. Day, Martin. Enrolling Clerk—W. C. White, White. Telling Clerk—C. W. Chittenden, Big Stone. Sergeant-at-Arms—Clark Chambers, Steele. Chaplain—Rev. E. R. Lathrop, Rose. Speaker—C. H. Graves, St. Louis. First Assistant Clerk—C. H. Slocum, McLeod. Second Assistant Clerk—C. A. French, Wright. Enrolling Clerk—F. L. Krayenbuhl, Ramsey. First Assistant Enrolling Clerk, Postmaster—S. O. Morse, Fillmore. Enrolling Clerk—G. Gutherson, Blue Earth. Sergeant-at-Arms—C. A. Baxter, Watonwan. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—C. G. Hunt, Hennepin. Chaplain—W. H. Harrington, Washington. The house and senate meet at noon to-day in regular session.

THE SENATORS

Have a Little Fun With Their Caucus.

The caucus of state senators was devoid of any excitement—in fact, as a senator remarked, it was a veritable love feast. Senators were slow in making their appearance, filing into the senate by twos and threes. There was little speculation as to the candidates seeking office, the names of the senators being largely put up upon the proceedings of the house of representatives. Senator Daniels, of Rochester, called the caucus to order, remarking that he was privileged to perform the same duty two years ago. He took occasion to congratulate the senators that there had been no break in their ranks, politically or physically. Two of their members had been called to a higher seat in the synecdoche, showing they had material to supply any place at the command of the legislature.

Senator Compton, of Fergus Falls, was appointed chairman of the caucus, and Senator Day, of Fairmont, secretary.

The senators at once proceeded to nominate officers. There was no opposition to the first three officials of the senate, they being elected unanimously as follows: Secretary, O. L. Cutter, assistant secretary, Bert W. Day; enrolling clerk, Andrew H. Bertram. The cross of war came with the nomination of enrolling clerk, W. C. White, Big Stone county; Luther Osborn, Clay county; Harry E. Ives, Polk county; and W. H. Poland, Swift county, the names of the candidates for this position. Senator Hall, of Stewart, said he had another nomination, F. G. Nellmore, Rev. ville county, but he did not believe in the nomination in the interest of those nominated. They were all newspaper men, and for the work they did during the campaign deserved the appointment. White and Poland tied with 9 votes each, and the first ballot, Ives having 7, Osborn 2 and Nellmore 1. White and Poland gathered strength in the succeeding two ballots, Poland withdrawing in favor of Nellmore, but the fourth ballot White man secured the nomination by 17 votes, Nellmore 7, Ives and Osborn 2.

For sergeant-at-arms there were three nominations—F. H. Dayton, Ramsey county; Clark Chambers, Steele county; and C. J. Hummer, Wright county. Chambers was elected on the second ballot, receiving 16 votes, Dayton 11 and Hummer 2. Two candidates were nominated for the position of sergeant-at-arms—A. O. Zwick, Freeborn county, and W. F. Zwicky, Polk county. While the vote was being taken the cheers were given by the senators, and the senators believe their feelings by cries of "Name, name." A voice cheerily responded, "Graves all right," which was followed with a general cheer. Meanwhile the tellers got wrong in their ballot, more votes having been cast than there were senators present. The candidates tied in several ballots, eventually Zwick being elected by the nomination by 16 votes to Steve's 14. An unlooked for and lively discussion came up with the nomination of chaplain. Dr. Smith, Ramsey county; Rev. E. R. Lathrop, Wright county; and Rev. J. Allison were nominated. Senator Thacker, of Glenwood, was elected to the position of chaplain, paying political debts in this way. He had no objection to the nomination, but a Republican chaplain, but would it not be better to postpone this nomination until they had a full house, when Democrats as well as Republicans might have the privilege in voting upon this appointment. He therefore made a motion to that effect. Senator Hixon, of Herman county, thought their Democratic brethren needed praying for just as much as

publicans. They ought, therefore, to have some say in the matter of chaplain, and he seconded the motion.

Senator Brown, of Pipestone city, and Senator Daniels opposed the proposition. Senator Hixon was elected receiving 15 votes, Smith 12, and Allison 1. This completed the nominations. Prior to the adjournment of the caucus Senator Buckman of Sauk Rapids, moved that three gentlemen should be appointed a committee to confer with another committee of the house of representatives on the subject of a joint senatorial caucus. He nominated Senators Edwards, Ward and Goodrich.

Senator Goodrich asked to be excused. Senators Johnson and Lende were proposed for the vacancy, but they excused themselves.

Senator Albert Scheffer was suggested, but he replied: "I have particular reasons for not taking part in this committee. It is very doubtful whether I shall enter the caucus. If I do, it will be under certain restrictions. I would not attend a Republican conference, but not a caucus."

Senator Buckman refused to recognize Senator Goodrich's plea to be excused, and the motion was adopted as originally proposed.

THE HOUSE CAUCUS.

Some Surprises for All the Factions.

Representative Aloh Eastman, as chairman of the house committee, placed his almost bald pate behind the clerk's desk at just five minutes to 5 o'clock on the evening of the caucus, which had been agreed to by the candidates. Every seat on the floor was taken, and the galleries filled with visitors, largely from Hennepin county.

By the mutual consent of the candidates, Mr. Eastman called "the following list of officers for this caucus have been agreed upon:"

- Chairman—Jared Benson, Anoka. Secretary—C. G. French, Wright. Tellers—A. N. Crossfield, Traverse; William Beckel, Ramsey; F. W. Hoy, Goodhue; E. F. Conroy, Hennepin. On motion of Mr. Smith, of Hennepin, the list was agreed to.

Chairman Benson took the platform, a short gray-haired man, dressed as a farmer, speaking as a farmer and looking every inch the typical tiller of the soil. He thanked the caucus for the honor conferred upon him, and asked their further pleasure.

Representative Keyes, of Winona, rose. "Mr. chairman," he said, "looking over the field as represented by the gentleman before me, men coming from all parts of the state, I find a pleasure, although I have only seen him for a short time, to present the name of Col. Charles H. Graves [applause] of Duluth, for speaker of this house." [Applause.]

Representative Lane, Hennepin, in behalf of a majority of the members of the Thirtieth senatorial district—Hennepin county—moved the nomination of Col. Graves. [Applause.]

Representative A. C. Forbes, of Lyons, made the most pleasant and interesting speech of the evening, presenting the name of Hon. D. F. Morgan for speaker, but the slight ripple of applause which greeted it was an ominous omen usually indicating a victory. Said Chairman Benson: "Any other nominations, gentlemen?"

Rep. Savage, Hennepin—I move that we proceed to a ballot for speaker—a formal ballot.

Rep. Hay, Hennepin—I would ask that the vote be called, so that we may know what Republicans are there and how many.

Rep. Lane—Do I understand that the gentleman from Hennepin desires to have the roll called for a vote on speaker, or to ascertain the number of Republicans?

Rep. Hay—That is just what I stated, [laughter].

Rep. Lane—And that is what I wanted to know.

The roll was called, and it was found that all the Republican members were present, and that the Democrats were absent. There were 27 in their seats.



COL. C. H. GRAVES.

Excelsior, was re-elected to his old position.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

On motion of Mr. Flynn Chairman Benson was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with another committee of the house to meet the senate committee. Adjourned.

COL. GRAVES SPEAKS.

A Happy Acknowledgment by Him of His Election.

Freeman P. Lane, Alvah Eastman and E. E. Searle were appointed as a committee to escort Col. Graves to the chamber of the house. They brought him in about 3:30, he looking every inch the soldier that he is. Chairman Benson grasped his hand and led him to the platform. Without embarrassment, standing as straight as a reed in the center aisle, Col. Graves bowed to the members and said:

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Republicans: I thank you very much for the great honor which you have done me. I feel very deeply—you must know how deeply—the liberality of your action in electing me to the high position of the state. If my choice is ratified to-morrow, and I have great hopes that it will be, I shall endeavor to do my duty as a citizen of this state, and as a member of the legislature, and I hope to have you all as my friends. It is not alone that you have chosen me to be your representative, but you have given me a portion of the state that I feel grateful for. We are part of the fruit upon the tree of the republic of this state, and while you may find that we are not the ripest apples, yet we are the fruit of the tree, and we will endeavor to be the best of our kind. I have no other words to say at this time, but I thank you very much for the honor which you have done me, and I hope to have you all as my friends. 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