

PALMER'S RICH PLUM. It Was More Than Fifty Days in Ripening, but at Last It Dropped. The Gallant General Elected on the 154th Joint Ballot. Pandemonium Loose and a Free Fight Between Republicans. The Senator-Elect Says He is Glad to Get Out of the Wilderness.

nally thank all of his friends for the honor conferred upon him. He felt that the honor was not only his own, but that of the people of the state. He expressed his thanks to the 101 Democratic voters who had elected him. He also expressed his thanks to the 101 Republican voters who had elected him. He said that he was glad to get out of the wilderness and to be able to serve his country in the Senate.

On Monday morning, March 11, the joint assembly adjourned sine die, and then the blowing of horns and clapping of hands began in earnest. Messrs. Moore and Streeter, who had been elected to the Senate, were the first to be congratulated. They were surrounded by a throng of friends and well-wishers. The atmosphere was one of joy and excitement. The election of Gen. John M. Palmer as the 101st Senator was the result of a long and hard fight. He had been elected on the 154th ballot, after a series of tie votes and a runoff election.

John M. Palmer, governor in 1867-72, was born in Scott county, Ky., in 1817. He was a member of the Whig party and served in the military during the Mexican War. He was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1867 and served until 1872. He was then elected to the United States House of Representatives and served from 1873 to 1881. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1890 and will serve from 1891 to 1897.

ESTEE OR DE YOUNG. The Senatorial Contest in California. The Honorable Don Estee, of Sacramento, Cal., March 11.—The legislature met in joint session this afternoon and cast one ballot for United States Senator. The contest promises to be a prolonged one, owing to the failure of the Republicans to secure a majority. The Democrats are expected to win, but the Republicans are determined to fight to the end.

TAUBENECK TALKS. He Disclaims Further Membership in the "Big Three." SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 11.—In an interview Representative Taubeneck said: "It is really too early to predict what our party will think of the result. If the Democrats are elected, it will be a great victory for them. If the Republicans are elected, it will be a great victory for them. I am not going to say anything more at this time."

STREETER'S FLIRTATION. With the Republican Party Entirely Unjustifiable. TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—President Chase, of the Kansas State Farmers' Alliance, was not particularly disappointed when he heard of Mr. Palmer's election to the senate by the Illinois legislature. He said that the Farmers' Alliance had no objection to Mr. Palmer's election, but that it was disappointed that the Farmers' Alliance had not been able to elect its own candidate.

THE NEW SYSTEM. Senator-Elect Palmer Discourses Thereon. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 11.—Senator-elect Gen. John M. Palmer said tonight: "My canvass has demonstrated that the true method of electing a senator is by an appeal to the people. The present system is a mockery. It is a system of bribery and corruption. I am determined to bring about a change in the system. I will not be satisfied until the people have a direct vote in the election of their senators."

INDISCREET MOORE. He Says What the Assembly Might Have Heard. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 11.—As a means of obtaining consensus or average of opinion on the result to the state and nation of Palmer's election by the circumstances and combinations that made Democratic victory possible, the prominent politicians of all political parties were tonight requested to express their sentiments. "I am exceedingly glad that this fight is at last over," said Mr. Moore. "I am glad to see that the people have elected a senator who is worthy of the honor. I am glad to see that the Democrats have won the election. I am glad to see that the Farmers' Alliance has been able to elect its own candidate."

Nashville's Artillery Booms. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 11.—On the receipt of a telegram announcing the election of Gen. John M. Palmer as senator in Illinois, the artillery of the Nashville Artillery boomed in honor of the election. The gunners fired a salute in honor of the new senator. The celebration was a grand one and was witnessed by a large number of people.

DE OZO DEFENDS LUDINGTON. SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 11.—On the 11th day of the pool tournament, De Ozo defended Ludington by a score of 157 to 137. De Ozo was the favorite and was expected to win. He did not disappoint his supporters. He won the match in a decisive manner. The match was a very interesting one and was watched by a large number of people.

FIERCE FIGHT AFOOT. The Senate the Scene of a Drawn Battle on the Usury Bill. Sultry Scenes During the Debate and a Charge of Corruption. A Majority Clearly Against the Imposition of Double Penalty. The Troublesome Contention No Nearer a Solution Than Before.

There have been drawn battles in the Minnesota senate in past years, but there have been few, indeed, more hotly contested than the one waged yesterday over the interest question. The day opened with the odds slightly in favor of the Democrats, but by the old usury laws, but as the day wore on his cause was weakened by his favoring the adding the penal clause in the committee bill to the forfeiture clause in the present law. The senators were ready to accept of either other of them, but the majority were against the imposition of both. As Senator John Day Smith put it: "I am opposed to any law that would deprive a man of his property and then sending him to the penitentiary."

THE USUAL GRIND. Another Routine Day Passed by Members of the House. The proceedings of the house yesterday were devoid of special interest. It was all routine from start to finish. There was a large number of members absent, many of them being on the sick list. The session opened with the usual batch of petitions against the Carrier bill, and against the bill for the relief of the carriers. The house then proceeded to the consideration of the bill for the relief of the carriers. The bill was passed by a large majority.

THE USURY BILL. The time has arrived for the special order on the usury bill. The bill is now before the senate. It is a bill to amend the usury laws of the state. It is a bill to increase the penalty for usury. It is a bill to make the penalty for usury more severe. It is a bill to make the penalty for usury more effective. It is a bill to make the penalty for usury more deterrent.

General Massacre. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 11.—At Kilgore, near Cattletown, Ky., last night six men were shot at a merry-making and four will probably die. There was a general massacre of the party. The party was a large one and was very merry. The shooting was a very sudden one and was very deadly. The party was a very large one and was very merry. The shooting was a very sudden one and was very deadly.

WRAPPED IN FLAMES. A Gas Explosion in Pittsburg Develops a \$500,000 Fire. Every Stream in the City Turned in and Allegheny Called On. The Germania Bank Building and Chamber of Commerce in Ruins. Chicago Property Suffers by Fire to the Extent of \$200,000.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 11.—Last night at 11:30 o'clock a heavy explosion of gas blew out the entire rear of the J. R. Weldon & Co. building, at the corner of Diamond and Wood streets. In a moment the entire five-story building seemed to leap into a sheet of flame, and in a few moments the entire building was a mass of flames. The fire spread rapidly and in a few moments the Germania Bank Building and the Chamber of Commerce Building were also in flames. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the damage was very heavy. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

CHICAGO, March 11.—During a blinding snow storm \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire this evening at 102-107 West Fulton street. The conflagration was caused by a boy carelessly smoking a cigar. The fire spread rapidly and in a few moments the property was a mass of flames. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the damage was very heavy. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

THE STRUCTURE FELL. WOODSOKET, R. I., March 11.—Daniel Crowley, aged twenty-three, of Emira, N. Y., and Charles Joyce, twenty-five, employees of the Penney iron works in Pennsylvania were killed at Woodsoket, R. I., today. They were engaged in taking down the woodwork which had been used in constructing an iron bridge, when the bridge collapsed and they were crushed under a falling wall. The cause of their death was a fall from a height of about 100 feet.

THE AMOUNT, \$250,000, FALLS TO HIS WIDOW. CHICAGO, March 11.—Mrs. Mary E. Reynolds, residing in Aurora, Ill., and Ernest M. Dieckel, applied today for letters upon the estate of the late Joseph Reynolds, who was known as "Diamond Joe." Deceased left \$250,000 of personal property and no real estate. The estate is valued at \$250,000. The widow is the sole heir of the estate. The estate is being administered by the probate court.