

SENATORSHIP WILL GO TO PERKINS; FISK TO BE SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY

YOUTH DIES THE VICTIM OF FIREBUGS

Marin Incendiaries Add Murder to Arson.

Ross Valley Suffers From Torch of Miscreants.

Horses Perish in Stalls and a Dog Loses Life With Its Master.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 4.—The firebugs who have so terrorized the citizens of San Rafael by committing arson thirty times within one year and baffling the detectives who sought to locate them now seem to have shifted their seat of nefarious operations to Ross Valley. The many wealthy residents of that section fear their property is the object of destruction.

Last night the livery stable of Charles Jones in Ross Valley and the residence of H. B. Field, next door, were destroyed by the incendiaries. The furniture of the latter was saved, but in the stable all rigs, horses and a full stock of hay and feed were consumed. One boy lost his life by being burned in his bed while asleep, and the proprietor's wife narrowly escaped death from flames to be severely injured by dropping from a second-story window in her night dress.

The fire started, as nearly as can be ascertained, about 3 o'clock this morning in the hayroom of the livery stable. Jones, who with his family and employees, resides on the second floor of the building, was awakened by the neighing of horses and stamping of the animals' feet. He quickly rose, saw the place was in flames and awakened his wife. Then he went to the front part of the building to arouse his nephew, Robert Bowman, who occupied apartments there. He opened his relative's door, awoke him and told him of the fire. Then he returned to an employee's room to also rouse him out of bed.

LEAP FROM A WINDOW.

By this time the entire building was in flames, and Jones speedily endeavored to save himself and wife. The avenue of escape down the stairs was cut off by fire and smoke. He and his wife therefore sought an upstairs window. The drop was fully twenty feet. Mrs. Jones was lifted out of the window by her husband, let down as far as his arms would permit and then dropped to the ground below. She was injured about the back and limbs. Jones jumped to the ground and escaped injury.

There were five horses in the front of the stable and a thoroughbred colt in the rear. These animals were burned alive in their stalls. Five were found at daylight side by side roasted to a crisp.

Up to daylight it was presumed that young Bowman after being aroused had escaped from the burning building, but at 5 o'clock his charred body was found in the ashes and debris. His little pet dog was found by his side, also dead. The lad, it is presumed, was not fully awake and did not attempt to leave, and that his faithful pup remained to meet death by his master's side.

Soon after the stable took fire the one-story residence of H. B. Field, adjoining, was ignited. The occupants were roused by neighbors, and Mr. and Mrs. Field and the baby fled from their burning home in their night clothes, while willing neighbors succeeded in saving most of the furniture and other effects. The structure was rapidly destroyed.

LOSS TO CITY FOLK.

There is no fire department in Ross Valley, and the water supply, even though adequate, was of no use at the time the fire was discovered. Jones has conducted a livery and boarding stable near Ross station. During the summer months many of the valley residents, San Francisco citizens, have their private equipages in his barn. At the time of the fire there were several traps and other vehicles and harness stored there. They were all destroyed.

H. B. Field is station agent for the North Shore Railroad at Ross Valley and had just a short time ago moved into his new house here. His loss is \$100, with about \$450 insurance. The loss to the stable and contents will reach fully \$500, covered by \$1800 insurance. That the fire is of incendiary origin is conceded.

Robert Bowman, the little boy burned to death, was a nephew of Jones and was 11 years old. He lived in Petaluma and came to visit his relatives last week. The inquest over his remains will be held in this city to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock by Coroner Eden.

Heavy Loss by Fire in Honolulu.
HONOLULU, Jan. 4.—A fire causing a loss of more than \$100,000 occurred this morning. The fire broke out in the general merchandise store of L. B. Kerr & Co., and was probably caused by defective electric wiring. J. F. Morgan also sustained heavy loss.

First Ballot Will Be De- cisive.

Dunlap Finds a Chance to Hope.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—The California Senatorship is settled. George C. Perkins will be re-elected on the first ballot. It was all done without a fight, too, and the outsiders are now wondering what happened to the dark horse, which never even put in an appearance.

When George Hatton, who is managing Senator Perkins' campaign, arrived here this morning he had fifty votes pledged for a caucus, and by 10 o'clock to-night he had increased this number to sixty-two, with the assurance of two more before morning. This decided the contest once for all, as a binding majority of the caucus have declared for Perkins. Signs of opposition promptly vanished, and now all is practically over but the shouting.



U. S. SENATOR
GEO. C. PERKINS



ASSEMBLYMAN
ARTHUR
G. FISK



SENATOR
THOMAS
FLINT, JR.

SENATOR WHO WILL BE RE-ELECTED AND THE MEN WHO WILL WIELD THE GAVEL IN THE LEGISLATURE

so far as the United States Senatorship is concerned.

The Speakership contest is also virtually ended, with the coveted prize well in the grasp of Assemblyman Fisk of San Francisco, who claims to have secured thirty-eight votes, seven more than he needs to elect him. Fisk is so confident of his victory and places so much faith in the loyalty of those who have pledged him their support that he gave out to-night a list of the names for publication and is now considering the makeup of his committee.

DUNLAP HAS HOPE.

Dunlap of Stockton still disputes Fisk's claims, but it is known that he called on his rival to-day and asked that in the event of his own defeat the men voting for him should not be punished. Fisk promised not to hold any grudge against them and to give them fair treatment in the disposition of patronage. Notwithstanding this evidence of weakness Dunlap still believes he will win, and his friends are urging him to keep in the fight to a finish.

These two achievements in one day dispense of the fireworks and exciting features of the session, leaving only the in-augural ceremonies and ball to give color and interest to the conventional grind of bills, appropriations, appointments and pet schemes for public or personal advancement.

The town is thick with rumors to-night as to whom Governor Gage will nominate to succeed the late Justice Jackson Temple upon the Supreme bench of the State. Many names are mentioned, but the disposition that will be made of

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HATTON SPEAKS OF PERKINS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—George F. Hatton, who is representing Senator Perkins' interests here, gave out the following signed statement to-night: "The fact that there are sixty-two signatures to the caucus call is, in my opinion, sufficient indication of how everything is going. Senator Perkins' re-election appears to be assured. I do not see how it can be considered that his friends have a fight on their hands, for there is no one in the arena against him. The Senator made his campaign in the open and the expressions of the various county conventions regarding his candidacy showed that public sentiment was strongly in favor of his re-election."

Senators Will Hold Up All of the Gage Appointments and the Tempest is Brewing for People Lately Favored.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—The recent appointments of Governor Gage will all be passed up to the Senate, and the Senate will hold up the confirmations for at least a week. Beyond this plan has not yet been made, but it looks stormy for some of these appointees unless there is a lot of diplomatic work done between now and the time that these appointments go to the higher branch of the Legislature.

The disposition that will be made of

these appointments has agitated the political mind for weeks. Governor-elect Pardee has absolutely and repeatedly refused to discuss this matter with any one, which leaves the attitude of the administration upon this highly important matter undefined. There is plenty of precedent for almost any action upon the appointments. Governor Pardee, if he chooses, could do as did Governor Budd—withdraw all appointments. But Governor Budd was a Democrat succeeding a Republican administration, and such decided action might better be expected

under those conditions than where one Republican is succeeding a man of the same political faith.

SENATORS WILL DECIDE.

Governor Pardee will not pursue such a drastic course, but will leave the matter in the hands of the Senate. In this body the new Governor has many friends, and it will be more easy and decidedly more comfortable to dispose of them in that way. This plan will involve less trouble,

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Hatton's Card Tells the Story.

Dark Horse Is Not to Be Found.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—The fight for United States Senator was settled to-night when sixty-two names were secured to the famous caucus call, with the assurance of two more before morning, thus giving Perkins more than a clear majority of the entire Legislature. The dark horse was never even taken out of his stable and George C. Perkins will now be re-elected Senator upon the first ballot.

While the attaching of sixty-two or sixty-four names to a call for a caucus does not necessarily mean that the signers will all vote for George C. Perkins for Senator, this call was circulated by the Perkins managers and implied that those who attached their names thereto would stand for the Alameda man.

But while all of those who are opposed

to Perkins refused to sign the call, not all of those who did not sign are opposed to him. There are promises from one or two besides those included in the sixty-four that they will vote for Perkins or sign up by to-morrow.

George Hatton, the representative of Senator Perkins, arrived in Sacramento this morning with his caucus call. He at once opened headquarters in the Golden Eagle Hotel, where printed cards soon announced the fact that the Perkins headquarters were to be found behind certain doors. Hatton had something over fifty names on the call, and while this was more than sufficient to control the Republican caucus, Hatton wanted to finally settle the whole matter and get a clear majority of the entire Legislature.

To that end he bent all of his energies, and shortly after 10 o'clock to-night he announced that one name more than the necessary sixty-one had been secured and still there were more to follow.

As soon as the last names were added to the caucus call the document was divided into two parts. The Senatorial list was given to Senator Lukens of Alameda County and the Assembly list was turned over to Assemblyman N. K. Foster of the same county. Though these documents were circulated by Hatton as the representative of Senator George C. Perkins, they are the property of the Republican members of the two houses and will be used by them in organizing the caucus on Wednesday evening next. Hatton declines to give out the names that completed the list upon the ground that there were several who put their

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ANTI-TRUST MOVE GAINS SUPPORTERS

Depew and McCo- mas Take Firm Stand.

One Favors Publicity, the Other Federal Regulation.

Both Will Labor for Imme- diate Legislation Along These Lines.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Two important statements were made to-day having a direct bearing on the prospects for anti-trust legislation before the present session closes, coming as they do from two members of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate—Senator Depew of New York and Senator McComas of Maryland. Senator Depew pronounced himself most emphatically in favor of legislation providing for publicity.

Senator McComas announced himself ready to work in committee and on the floor of the Senate in favor of effective legislation regulating interstate corporations just so far as the limitations of the constitution will allow.

Senator Depew said: "I have considered this question of State and governmental regulation of great corporations of a public and semi-public character, and have long held the view that legislation having as its most important feature publicity is the most effective and fairest to all concerned. I speak more particularly of publicity as already applied by many States to the great insurance companies and great railroad corporations of the country. These afford the best examples of the good effects of legislation of this character—good to the public, the Government and the corporations themselves."

"By means of this publication good corporations survive, the bad are weeded out. So far within the limits of the constitution as the Government can go in providing for this publicity I think legislation should be passed. Statements of the capital stock, the number of stockholders, dividends and all other details bearing on the standing of such corporations could be made without injury to any one. Great concerns do a legitimate business should have no fear of the results. Concerns which are not doing a legitimate business are not entitled to merciful consideration. The best example of the soundness and benefit of great public corporations is found in insurance companies, and no corporations are subjected to more careful supervision by State authorities. They have built up a tremendous legitimate business, not in spite of but because of a just and fair publicity."

Senator McComas of Maryland, another member of the Judiciary Committee, said to-night in relation to trust legislation: "I shall work and vote in committee and in the Senate for legislation looking to the regulation of what are known as trusts just so far as the limitations of the constitution will permit. I believe that Government supervision, so far as it is possible to give it, is best for all concerned—the officers and stockholders of large corporations and the public at large. No good trust should have any fear of such supervision."

"I will work and vote for a just, fair and active measure. If Congress should do anything at all in this line, which seems to be a public demand, it should do something that means something."

STEAMSHIP COMPANY IS UNDER SUSPICION

Treasury Officers Believe It Intends to Aid in the Smuggling of Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Treasury officers, including Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, are keeping a close watch on the operations of the China Commercial Steamship Company, which is about to establish a line of steamships between Hongkong, Mexican ports and San Francisco. The president of the company, Eng Kok Fong; Vice President Lung Kam Wing and Counsel Lyman I. Mowry of San Francisco were here last week and proceeded to the City of Mexico to arrange for the entering of the steamers at Manzanillo and Mazatlan. While here Mowry called on Commissioner General Sargent and sought to remove the suspicion that the object of the new company is to dump Chinese coolies on the Mexican coast at convenient points, whence they can make their way into the United States.

It is believed at the Treasury Department, notwithstanding the assurances given by the China Commercial Company's counsel, that the principal object of the new line is to carry coolies to Mexico direct, where they will be free to make their way across 1200 miles of practically unpatrolled border into this country. Chinese are free to enter Mexico, as are people of any other nationality.

NAMES OF LAWMAKERS WHO SIGNED CALL FOR CAUCUS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—The Call is able this morning to present a complete list of the sixty-two names which were attached to the caucus call, and which are as follows:

SENATORS.

Coggins, Lamoine.
Devlin, Sacramento.
Greenwell, Hueneme.
Hahn, Pasadena.
Knowland, Alameda.
Lardner, Auburn.
Byrnes, San Mateo.
Luchinsinger, Vallejo.
Lukens, Oakland.
Monter, Lathrop.
Nelson, San Francisco.

Onal, San Jose.
Pendleton, Los Angeles.
Bates, Alameda.
Halston, Melones.
Rowell, Fresno.
Selvage, Eureka.
Ward, Chula Vista.
Welch, San Francisco.
Williams, San Francisco.
Woodward, Santa Rosa.

ASSEMBLYMEN.

Allen, San Francisco.

Barber, San Francisco.
Barnes, Pacific Beach.
Black, Palo Alto.
Bliss, Oakland.
Boisson, San Francisco.
Carter, Los Angeles.
Cromwell, Petaluma.
Drew, Fresno.
Camp, Sierra Madre.
Ellis, Stege.
Burven, Lincoln.
Foster, Oakland.

Fisk, San Francisco.
Greer, Oak Park.
Goodrich, Pasadena.
Howser, Los Angeles.
Johnson, San Dimas.
John, San Luis Obispo.
Johnson, Sacramento.
King, Napa.
Leininger, Weaverville.
McCartney, Los Angeles.
Mattos, Centerville.
McNeil, Rohnerville.
McLaughlin, Yuba City.
Moore, Undine.

Mott, Oakland.
Olmsted, San Rafael.
Prescott, Redlands.
Pann, Santa Paula.
Rolley, Eureka.
Pyle, Santa Barbara.
Soward, Downville.
Stansell, Nelson.
Traber, Fresno.
Stedman, Monterey.
Transue, Los Angeles.
Walsh, Oakland.
Walker, Los Gatos.
Waste, Berkeley.