

ST. PAUL CAUCUS ALLOTS JOBS FOR SESSION OF 1919

Miss Laura Arneson and Monic E. Altman of Duluth Ob- tain Positions.

By Staff Correspondent.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.—There was but one open fight in the house caucus tonight when by a vote of 19 to 11, the members of the "steering committee" indorsed Samuel Gammell of Springvalley for assistant sergeant at arms.

His opponent, C. W. Nelson of Crookston, when assistant sergeant at arms in 1917, took a hand on behalf of Governor Burnquist in the legislative fight against State Auditor Preus. House friends of the state auditor remembered it and they denied Nelson's request the same as the governor's request for control of most of the bureaus of the state auditor's office was denied two years ago.

Monic Edmund Altman of Duluth was the unanimous choice of the caucus for second assistant clerk of the house. The Seventh district delegation had it in mind to bring on a show-down for its candidate Ralph L. Norgaard of Wheaton after Collector of Customs Harris Bennett had convinced Representative Neuman of Traverse that the combination of Eighth and Sixth districts was unbeatable. The Seventh said it would be satisfied to take engrossing clerk for Norgaard, and of course the Eighth lined up for Norgaard on that.

A. Wolson of Walnut Grove was indorsed for first assistant clerk. This was the Second district's piece of patronage.

Mark W. Woolley of Park Rapids was indorsed for enrolling clerk. He is the Sixth district's representative.

Henry Robel of Nicollet county had the indorsement of the Third district and everybody was for him for sergeant at arms.

A. R. Klits of Fergus Falls was the candidate of the Ninth district for postmaster and was selected.

Representative Elias Nordgren of Chicago nominated Rev. W. J. Brown of Mora, Kanabec county, for chaplain, and he was supported unanimously out of courtesy to the Tenth district.

Walter R. Finch of South St. Paul was named for assistant postmaster, giving the Third (congressional) district two places, as the Fifth said it wanted nothing because of having the speakership.

The Eighth district steering committeemen were Bernard, Murphy and Pittenger.

Ex-speaker Parker of Fillmore was chairman of the caucus and Dilley of Ramsey, secretary.

The appointment of Miss Laura Arneson of Duluth as house index clerk is assured. Speaker Nolan will make it on the indorsement of the Duluth delegation and County Auditor Borgen.

James W. Preston, indorsed by Representative Bernard, will be named house doorkeeper. Indications are that Duluth will be well treated on committees. Bernard will

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be on appropriations. Murphy of Aurora will probably also be on appropriations. Bernard can have chairman of board of control if he wants it.

Fawcett will be on labor, workmen's compensation, game and fish, public buildings.

Dr. Cullum will have taxes and tax laws, military affairs, grain and warehouse, and perhaps other desirable assignments.

Senate Slate.

The senate caucus went through unanimously, once it had been brought into the open. There was, of course, some strife beneath the surface. However, the senate "organization" was strongly in the saddle and tomorrow all will be serene.

The slate which will be formally adopted follows:

G. W. Peachey of Steele, secretary; W. Spaet of Ramsey, first assistant secretary; John P. Paulson of Lake, second assistant secretary; Carl V. Cassel of Sibley, third assistant secretary; P. W. Pitcher of Blue Earth, fourth assistant secretary; W. J. McGarry of Case, engrossing clerk; Thomas A. Walsh of Ramsey, assistant engrossing clerk.

Enrolling clerk, Henry Wester of Rice; assistant enrolling clerk, J. H. Connelly of Carver; sergeant at arms, John A. Stoneburg of Isanti; assistant sergeant at arms, Mathias Neuremberg of Stearns; chaplain, Rev. A. D. Stowe of Hennepin.

Senator Adams obtained the appointment of Mr. Paulson. Senator Ribeneck obtained the appointment of M. Howe of Duluth, one of the senate staff.

Swear In Senators.

Tomorrow the senators will be sworn in and the first session of the new upper house will be held. Lieutenant Governor Frankson has not completed his committee slate. The claims of Senators Bessette and Berlin have been pressed with such vigor by their friends that some changes are likely to be made in order to give them somewhere near the consideration the two range senators believe their constituencies entitle them to.

The house will elect W. I. Nolan speaker and Oscar Arneson chief clerk tomorrow. The 131 members will take the oath, pick their seats and then adjourn until Wednesday to meet in joint session with the senate when Governor Burnquist will deliver his annual message.