

STORY OF A DOUBLE-CROSS.

SUPERINTENDENT MEREDITH THE VICTIM.

Some Interesting Gossip Whispered About in State Capitol Circles.

There is a story floating about the Capitol building which, though told in whispers, is frequently heard under the shadow of the dome. It has to do with the inside history of a recent appointment, of alleged promises—second-hand ones, it is true—and of alleged failure to keep the same. It is a story of shattered aspirations and Dead Sea apples, and as whispered among those who ought to know whereof they speak, is rather interesting.

The story, as told in the corridors, goes back to the date of the Republican State Convention held in this city last summer. Samuel T. Black, at that time Superintendent of Public Instruction, was a candidate for re-nomination, but from some inscrutable turn of the political wheel was turned down and the name of Thomas J. Kirk was placed on the ticket.

It is asserted that Mr. Black felt some chagrin at the party that "turned him down," and that his friends carried the news to Governor Budd, dwelling on their statement, and intimating that Black, if given proper recognition, might be a power behind the Democratic throne which was tottering to its fall.

The story as told in the corridors is to the effect that the Governor perked up his ears and listened to the counsels of Mr. Black's friends, who, in fact, it is said, that if he were made President of the new San Diego Normal School, he would resign his office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and make room for an appointee of the Governor.

It is also asserted that the friends of Mr. Black, who had been appointed to the Presidency of the school, the second position, that of Professor of Mathematics, would be open to any person the Governor might see fit to name.

The story told in with the proposition, as he desired to see his friend, Charles T. Meredith installed as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and subsequently as Professor of Mathematics in the San Diego State Normal School, and that a tacit agreement was entered into by which the plan should be carried out.

On September 14th last a meeting of the Presidents of State Normal Schools, of which the Governor is Chairman and ex-officio member, was held in the Governor's office, and after some preliminary skirmishing Mr. Black was elected President of the new school over Mr. Meredith, after which Governor Budd handed out a few bouquets, naming Mr. Black as the best Superintendent of Public Instruction the State ever had.

A few days afterward Mr. Black resigned his office of Superintendent, and qualified as President of the San Diego State Normal School, and Mr. Meredith was duly installed as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Everything, according to the stories told, went smoothly until on a day less than a month ago a rumor came to this city that President Black of the San Diego State Normal School had appointed a Professor to fill the chair of mathematics, and that his name was not Meredith. The rumor grew, and was finally confirmed, but Superintendent of Public Instruction Meredith, while he may have done some gnashing of teeth in his inner sanctum, presented a placid exterior, and is reported to have expressed the hope that matters would yet be straightened out, and the appointment of a Professor of Mathematics was only temporary.

And so a sort of volcanic quiet was established, but underneath it all Governor Budd, who may and who may not have thought that the alleged tacit agreement with Mr. Black's friends was about as tottery as his tenure of office, commenced to act.

So on December 16th, the Governor appointed R. M. Powers and Isadore B. Dockweiler Trustees of the San Diego State Normal School, vice John C. Fisher, whose term had expired, and Charles T. Hinds, who had resigned. The other two Trustees were W. R. Guy, Republican, and Thomas O. Toland, Democrat, and with Toland, Dockweiler and Powers, the Governor's party would have a majority of the Board of Trustees, classing Messrs. Guy and Black in the opposition.

But, the story goes, the play made no difference with President Black and his arrangements, and it is further said that Superintendent of Public Instruction Meredith has given up hope of occupying the chair of Professor of Mathematics in the San Diego State Normal School at present. It is whispered that if the Trustees of the institution attempted to make it too hot for President Black they miserably failed, and that Governor Budd and Superintendent of Public Instruction Meredith were left out in the cold.

And the foregoing is the story which one may hear any fine day under the shadow of the dome.

INTERSTATE QUARANTINE.

IT DOES NOT AFFECT STOCKS' MOVEMENTS IN THE STATE.

Interesting Figures Concerning Our Cattle Supply and Amounts Shipped.

In an interview with Dr. Charles H. Biemer, United States Inspector in charge of the cattle transportation in this State, with reference to the action of the United States Department of Agriculture in placing this State below the quarantine line, Dr. Biemer stated that it was necessary for the department to take such action, as a quarantine line established by Federal authorities can only apply to interstate traffic; that the movement of stock within a State must be controlled by State laws.

"Have other States taken such legislative action?" was asked. "Yes. Supplementary quarantine regulations modifying the quarantine line for Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina have been issued by the department, accepting as sufficient lines where legislation had been enacted for its maintenance," was the answer.

"But has not California live stock quarantine laws?" "Yes. The Act of March 19, 1880, chapter 252 is rather extensive, but does not in any manner cover the ground; inadequate laws have been the cause of the dissemination of splenic (Texas) fever within this State this year. Still that is hardly correct either, for there is a State law which, had it been rigidly enforced, would have been sufficient to restrict the movement of southern tick-infested cattle from moving north. That is the Act of March 23, 1883, chapter 219, page 302, which makes it a misdemeanor for a person or persons, company or corporation, to move any animals affected with any contagious infectious disease; but this law is not sufficient to cope with splenic fever."

"What has been the extent of Texas or splenic fever in the State this year?" "It is impossible to state the loss in figures, but almost every county has suffered from it more or less. Solano County probably has suffered more severely than any other; reports of responsible citizens estimate the loss at 1,500 cattle."

"Can splenic or Texas fever be transmitted in any other manner than by the tick?" "In natural outbreaks, no. At least, the department and investigators have been unable to find another transmitter of the micro-organism."

"Will there be a recurrence of the disease next year?" "It is impossible to say, but the counties infected this year?" "In those counties with an attitude of 2,000 feet or more the cold will kill the ticks, but in low counties like Solano, where it does not get very cold it is my opinion that the infection will live over and again show next year, but in a mild form."

"Do you expect the coming Legislature to take any action on quarantine matters?" "Yes; for it is my opinion that the stockmen will make a supreme effort to have them amended so as to permit to admit a lady on her ticket, whether alone or not."

Judge Hughes offered a substitute that the entire matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and it was carried. The Senator from the Department of Finance reported that arrangements had been made and contracts let for decorations, to the amount of \$600.50, leaving \$200 yet to be expended. He stated that the Floor Committee must make arrangements with the Surveyor-General, Adjutant-General and State Librarian for the care of their rooms, which are to be turned into a cloak room, provided the committee members personally would look after the rooms.

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E. Phillips moved that twelve ushers be appointed by the Floor Committee. Al Lindley opposed the motion on the ground that there are one hundred men on the Reception Committee, and he thought the ushers would probably be dancing most of the time, anyhow. The motion was lost by a large majority.

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COUNTIES SETTLE.

Many Thousands of Dollars Turned Into the State Treasury.

Our Cattle Supply and Amounts Shipped.

The following counties have settled with the State their first installment of taxes for 1898: Plumas, \$8,360.24; Santa Clara, \$178,391.61; Ventura, \$34,398.72; Sacramento, \$122,364.65; Colusa, \$40,117.75; Glenn, \$25,094.42; Tehama, \$36,815.08; Glenn, \$33,620.35; Fresno, \$99,182.38; Monterey, \$62,556.40; Sierra, \$5,450.14; Napa, \$44,008.67; Santa Barbara, \$47,262.29; El Dorado, \$15,517.01; San Bernardino, \$50,919.12; Sonoma, \$91,902.43; Alameda, \$303,483.65; San Joaquin, \$119,644.01; San Mateo, \$44,445.74; Yuba, \$18,172.00; Kern, \$57,460.07; Humboldt, \$58,731.45.

Tripped Him Up With Wire. Joe Smith, a laborer who lives near Ninth and K streets, came to the Police Station yesterday afternoon in a badly bruised condition and complained that two boys named Joe Roza and Anton Frates had tripped him up on Third street, between T and U, by placing a wire across the sidewalk and, not satisfied with that, had gone further up the walk and tripped him up in the same way again, throwing him on his face and skinning his leg from the knee to the ankle.

Superior Judge Appointed. Governor Budd has accepted the resignation of Walter Van Dyke as Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and has appointed D. K. Trask as Superior Judge, vice Van Dyke, resigned.

Scandinavian Ball. The ball given at Red Men's Hall last night by the Scandinavian Society was well attended and proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

Cheap Wood for Thirty Days. White oak stove wood, \$5.50 per cord. Fair Oaks Wood yard, Tenth and Q streets.

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