

HIS OWN SWEET WILL Registry Agent Kirby Carried Things With a High Hand.

Blinded by Partisanship, He Brings His Office into Universal Contempt—Instances of Gross Injustice.

Special to the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 16.—Much indignation is expressed here over the disgraceful manner in which the office for registration district No. 3 has been conducted by the registration agent, John Kirby. Respectable republicans join with the democrats in condemning Kirby's high-handed administration of the affairs of his office. The question asked how on every side is "How did the county commissioners ever come to appoint such a man as Kirby registration agent?" Kirby was a well known republican politician, whose chief recommendation to recognition at the hands of his party in this city has always been his indomitable gall and peculiar knack of kicking up a very disagreeable row in the party ranks if he did not get all he asked. His seal in behalf of his party has brought difficulties upon him in the past upon several different occasions; notoriously when, a few years ago, he took the stump in the interests of Col. Sanders and presumed to speak for the Knights of Labor of Butte, of which order Kirby was a member. The laboring men were not long in calling the bluff of Kirby, and he was repudiated. They repudiated Mr. Kirby's right to speak for them upon the political platform, and so bitterly did they resent the claim set up by Kirby to act as their representative that he was eventually disowned as a member of the order of the Knights of Labor.

The appointment of Kirby as registry agent was a grave injustice to the voters in District No. 3; and the men who made the appointment did violence to the trust imposed in them by the electors of Silver Bow. Always a party man, Kirby's office it was not to be expected that Kirby would forget his politics in office. Some of his rulings as registry agent were outrageously unjust and many good and loyal citizens of Montana who were morally and legally entitled to register have been disfranchised by this political autocrat, who missed no opportunity to impress upon the voters of his district the importance of his office. His treatment of voters who called at his office to register was, in many instances, positively insulting. Kirby has never been recited to show the unfitness of the man for this office. As an example: When a young man, who had been, for four or five years, resident of Montana, and was bound to be a citizen of the United States, went to Kirby's office to register he was informed that he was disqualified because he had paid a visit of a couple of months to Helena, in the State of Montana, in an Eastern state. The young man insisted that he had only been on a visit; that he had never really removed his residence from Montana; that he engaged in no occupation whatever while away; and, in fact, all his business interests had been constantly located in Montana for the past five years. Kirby said he would not allow him to register.

His interpretation of the law was literal and according to his reasoning any man who, though living in Montana, yet left the territory for any period of time during the past six months, whether on pleasure or business, was disqualified from registering. A man swore he came to Montana on the morning of the first day of April last, and the man would therefore be just qualified to register under the six months clause. But Kirby knew he was a democrat and barred him out.

A poor fellow who could not speak the English language very well entered the great majority of the voters who filed their declaration himself a citizen of the United States, and stating that he had been six months in the territory and thirty days in the United States. The registration agent, pompous and important manner, began asking the poor fellow irrelevant questions evidently for the purpose of annoying and confusing him. The fellow swore that he came to Helena from the east on the 24th day of last March and that he arrived in Butte on the 27th of March, and engaged board at the Chicago House. The registration agent then drew himself up to his full height and in a voice full of judicial dignity informed the would-be voter that it would be necessary for him to go to the office and sign down the register to show that the statement that he had arrived at that date was correct. The man who wanted to register said that he did not know the names of the Chicago House.

"Well, then," proclaimed King Kirby, "you will have to go down and get the landlord of the hotel to come up here and testify that you came here upon the date you have sworn you arrived." The man, who was no doubt innocent of the law, then left to hunt up proof that he came to Butte when he swore he did. Perhaps he became disgusted with the vast amount of worry and annoyance caused him in his endeavor to place himself in a position to exercise the franchise, and he may never have returned to register. In any case he was entitled to register without subjected to such indignities as those heaped upon him by the agent of the law.

Again, a man who was known to be a democrat entered the place to register, but because he did not know the number of the house he was told his "application to register was refused." It was all in vain that the man argued that his house had no number. Kirby said the law was very strict upon that point and he must have the number or he could not register the voter.

A German who is employed in the Centennial brewery swore he had taken out his naturalization papers years ago. He named the court and year when he had obtained them. Kirby said they were left in a safe in Helena, but were mislaid by some one there and he could not find them. But Kirby would not allow him to register, though the law distinctly allows it under these circumstances, until a number of people hearing of the case went to Kirby's office and, by threats and persuasion, compelled the haughty individual to accept the man's sworn statement and to register the man's name.

Another instance was where a man who had lived 23 years in Montana, and who was known to be a good and honest citizen, was refused the right to register until he produced his papers. The gentleman swore he had obtained his papers years ago but had lost them. Notwithstanding that a number of good citizens vouched for the truthfulness of the man's statement, the monarch who rules the registry office in district No. 3 refused to allow the citizen to register until he had obtained other papers. Numbers of other cases of similar character could be recounted, but the above will serve to show the arbitrary and unjust way in which this law has been administered by Kirby. The law in the

hands of such creatures as Kirby becomes an instrument of tyranny. He is made king of the people in the district, with power to deprive them of the right to vote, and even to arrest and imprison those who commit no other offense than to offend his august majesty. He arrested young Rowan, who was a democrat, and without cause other than that of tyranny to exercise his just rights as an American citizen. It is but just to add that Kirby is condemned by scores of the best republicans in Butte, who deplore the fellow's want of judgment and lack of judicial fairness.

NOTES FROM DEER LODGE.

A Postoffice Established at Champion—Notes and Gossip. Special Correspondence of the Standard. DEER LODGE, Sept. 16.—A postoffice has been established at Champion, and Wm. Mothin, of that place, this morning received his commission as postmaster. As now understood, the mail will run daily between Champion and Deer Lodge.

The Hon. J. C. Robinson has become a professional ninny and an amateur lawyer. A few days ago he, in company with Peter Valiton, Samuel Scott and Thomas Morgan, went to the Dempsey lakes, west of Mt. Powell, on a general hunting and fishing excursion. Mr. Robinson brought down two deer, the largest game secured by any of the party. Of course they caught plenty of fish and killed some small game. Mr. Robinson has discovered a new route to these lakes which is almost a straight line to them from Deer Lodge. He made this discovery two or three years ago and it has been his object to convince the people of Deer Lodge that the route is not only the nearest, but that it is entirely practical. This he has demonstrated. Heretofore persons who have visited these lakes had to go eight or ten miles up the valley and then go up Dempsey creek, finally reaching the lakes over a tortuous, muddy and in some places almost impassable road. Mr. Robinson's route is good enough now for horseback riders, and if it can be opened up for wagons and carriages it will give us a road to one of the finest mountain resorts to be found in Montana. The road would take us past Irvine lake, nestling just this side of the mountains, thence on up through the canyons until beyond Mount Powell, where thirteen lakes lie amidst the snows and above the clouds, sparkling like the Pleiades in the heavens. These lakes are alive with fish, and for the sportsman there is no place like it. All honor to Mr. Robinson as the path-finder, and may the citizens show themselves worthy of his opening of this new highway to one of the loveliest pleasure resorts upon earth.

The news of the death of Mrs. Dr. N. S. Snyder of Anaconda came as a shock to our community. She was born and grew to womanhood in this town and has many friends here who are in grief at her untimely death.

The Board of County Commissioners were in special session to-day and will remain in session for two or three days. Nothing has been done yet, but they are figuring on estimates for the coming year with a view of making the levy for county taxes. No levy has been received yet from the territorial board of equalization for territorial taxes, but it is expected most any day. The commissioners will sit this session also as a board of equalization but they may adjourn the equalization to some other day in this month as the assessment has not been completed. They will also make all necessary provisions for holding the election under the so-called Australian law. Mr. Furray, clerk of the board has received a telegram that his aged mother in the states is dangerously ill and it may be that he will be compelled to leave at any time to be with her.

The inventory and appraisal of the estate of the late Phil D. Deer Lodge, which was filed to-day, foots up \$49,575.

THE COUNTY'S SCHOOLS.

Statistics showing the Number of Children and the Cost of Educating Them.

The STANDARD'S Deer Lodge correspondent in an interview with Miss Margaret Wolfe, superintendent of schools, has gleaned some interesting statistics relative to the schools of the county during the past year. There were 31 schools with 41 teachers, and the number of school children according to the census was 2,400. The census the coming year when taken will not show so large an increase as it would were the present territorial law to continue. The old law fixed the limit of the ages at 21. The new constitution fixes the ages of school children at from 6 to 21. The amount of school money raised for last year from all sources in the county were:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total \$80,319 87.

Of this there is about \$6,500 remaining over to the credit of the coming year. For the Anaconda schools there was received during the year \$8,200.88, which, with credit of \$285.00 left over from the preceding year, makes a total of \$8,549.88. There was paid out last year \$7,922.79, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,187.11.

THE STANDARD'S correspondent remarks that the Anaconda schools have captured two of the best teachers of the Deer Lodge schools, Miss Lizzie Thompson and Miss Emma Ware. The school trustees of Anaconda were on the alert and employed them before the Deer Lodge trustees acted.

THINGS THEATRICAL.

Coming Attractions for Anaconda—The Patti Rosa Engagement. After the Patti Rosa company, early in October, the John Russell Farciell Comedy company will appear at Evans' opera house in the "City Directory," with the famous comedian Charlie Reed, supported by an excellent company. The "City Directory" is one of the latest New York successes and is now playing in San Francisco to standing rooms.

Following the "City Directory" will be the world famous Shakespearean reader, Mrs. Marie Scott Siddons, who will be limited to one night only in Anaconda, Helena and Butte. The Essie Little Dramatic company are booked for three nights here.

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