

# Curry, When Reprimanded, Replies in Bitter Words

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pointment of Hosmer and Denny. Through the ill-timed receipt of the resignation of Taggart, Pardee had been able to make a valid appointment of the particularly unwelcome Crow. Hosmer was strong enough with the recent element in San Francisco to make him an easy pill to swallow and it would be bad politics to pronounce the new just for the scalp of Denny. The fight wasn't worth the price, Pardee had won.

The resignation of Taggart was, viewed from the new administration standpoint, a most unfortunate bit of business. That Taggart made a mistake as to the proper time to mail his resignation no one pretends to doubt. But it had not reached the Santa Barbara jurist that the Senatorial scheme to oust Pardee from office Monday had fallen through, hence his lamentable blunder. That his resignation was not intended to reach Pardee is fairly obvious from the fact that it was not addressed to Pardee, but to the Governor of California. That it was not addressed by name to Gillett is under the circumstances not difficult of proper appreciation. Whatever may have been the intent of Taggart, the effect was to deliver a thunderbolt and to settle an unenviable piece of political juggling with the judiciary.

### BOTH SIDES PLOTTED

Both sides were attempting to make political capital out of the institution that must be free from politics to preserve decent government. Pardee won, and through his victory the people of San Francisco secure the services of J. A. Hosmer, who has made no attempt to steal from them through base manipulation of conventions and voting machines.

The resignation of Judge Taggart was a fine bit of work. It will be recalled that it was nothing about it to indicate that it was nothing on that day. Taggart had evidently taken judicial notice of the controversy over the appointment of his successor, and sought to clear up the atmosphere and relieve the strained situation. That his failure to appreciate the difficulties under which the Senate labored Sunday, its failure to secure a quorum and the expedition with which the Senate adjourned the matter may have given his efforts to the advantage of Pardee instead of his successor is beside the question. Pardee got the resignation and used it. Taggart's resignation was as follows:

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 8. To the Governor of the State of California:

Sir—You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of January, 1907, I will enter upon the discharge of the duties of the Associate Justice of the District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. To avoid question as to the effect of this act on my incumbency of the office of Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Santa Barbara I hereby resign said office of Superior Judge, said resignation to take effect immediately upon the commencement of the term of said office of Associate Justice, to which I was elected on November 6, 1906. Very respectfully,  
W. A. TAGGART.

Accepted January 9 at 9 o'clock of January 7, 1907 at 10:45 a. m. of said day of January, 1907, George C. Pardee, Governor, was hurriedly penned on the resignation and it, with a new commission, hurried to Curry, who Pardee in his fight was over. Curry after a series of chuckles, Pardee and Curry had just exchanged uncomplimentary remarks. The new turn of affairs would add to Curry's disgust, and Pardee was correspondingly happy.

### JUDGE SHIELDS' DECISION

Almost simultaneously with the resignation of Taggart and the appointment of Hosmer came the intelligence that Judge Shields had issued a writ commanding Curry to issue the commission and the reappointments of Hosmer and Denny by Pardee. The fight was over. Curry after a brief absence from his office recalled his intention to appeal from an order he had already complied with and completed the surrender by attesting the new commissions of Hosmer and Denny.

Before the disconcerting Taggart resignation and the Judge Shields decision materialized Curry and Pardee had exchanged rather pointed remarks. Curry went into the Governor's office ostensibly to bid Pardee farewell. Pardee promptly took Curry to task for his failure to perform his duty.

"You have attempted to establish a dangerous precedent," snapped the Governor. "You had no right to refuse to perform a ministerial act. You are not called upon by your oath of office to exercise either executive or judicial functions. It is not for you to decide whether my acts are legal or not. It is your duty to attest commissions issued by me."

"It would be a good thing for the State," came the retort from Curry, "if ministerial officers would more frequently question the acts of some executives."

"It's a cheap kind of politics," growled the Governor.

"Politics," snarled Curry, choking with wrath. "Politics, politics. You appointed Crow and Post for spite to hurt those whom you consider your political enemies. You appointed Hosmer because you are afraid of the San Francisco newspapers. You appointed Denny, not because of any fitness, but because he was Elston's personal friend. Eight years ago you traded the judiciary for votes and were not nominated. Four years ago you traded the judiciary for delegates and were nominated. You appointed judges to the Appellate Court not because of any special fitness, but to get votes in the Republican convention for your re-nomination. Don't talk to me about mixing the judiciary with politics. Any-



GROVE L. JOHNSON.

## Pardee Feels Proud of Administration

By Former Governor Pardee

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—In retiring from the office of Governor of California, laying down the heavy burdens and responsibilities which it carries with it, I shall take with me many pleasant memories of the four years spent in the executive office. There have been, of course, many annoyances; there always are such in any walk of life; but there have been very few unpleasantnesses; and the pleasant experiences have far outnumbered all the rest.

"So far as I can call to mind the experiences of the past four years, there are none for which I should blush or be really ashamed. That which I have done has been done as well as I could do it. The mistakes, many in number, I fear, have been of the head and not of the heart. And I hope that the verdict of the people on my administration is that it was honestly conducted.

"The kindnesses shown me by the people of the State have been many, and I appreciate them from the bottom of my heart. As I look back over the fourteen years that I have been honored with public office, I can not help but disagree with those who say that republics are ungrateful."

how, there is no reason why I should lend myself to your attempt to play politics by filling vacancies that did not exist."

### PARDEE MAKES REPLY

"That is not your affair," shouted the Governor. "If I appointed myself President of the United States it would be your duty to attest the commission."

"Well, if you did that, I think I would issue the commission; there would be no chance of your landing in the job," retorted Curry, and Pardee an elaborately ceremonious farewell.

Referring to the appointments, Pardee said last night:

"It was a most shameful attempt to play politics with the judiciary, and such an attempt as could be made only in California. I was in doubt as to the legality of my appointments, and in any event the State has secured three good judges, whom the people cannot successfully claim were appointed because they were my political friends."

Governor Gillett, when asked if he would attempt to set aside the appointments made by Pardee, said:

"I would be the last one in the world to interfere with an appointment purely for politics. I did not want to turn any good man out of office. I understand that Judge Hosmer is an excellent man and a good judge, and that the same is true of Judges Denny and Crow."

## State May Be Asked to Aid Reclamation

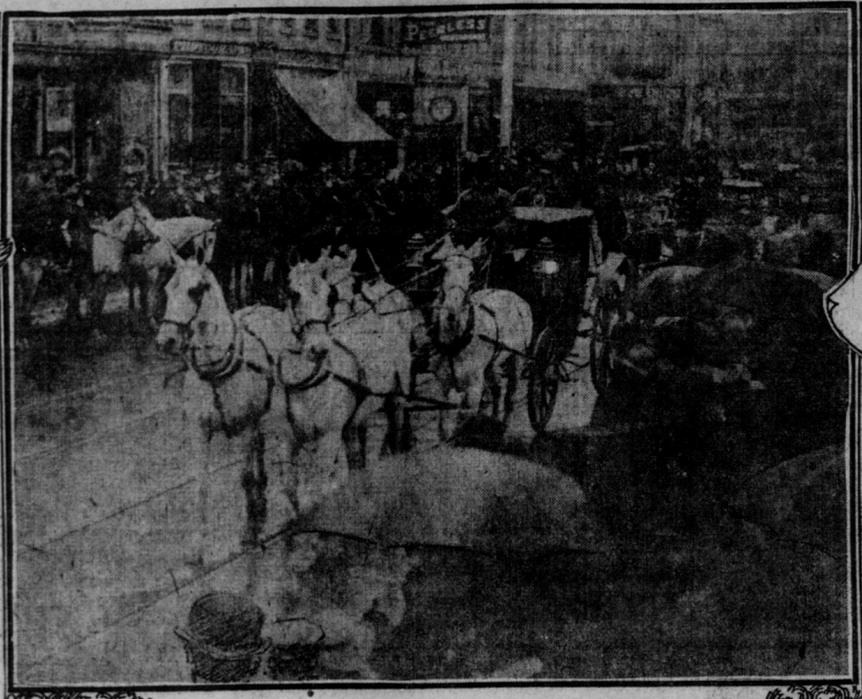
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—As a result of a meeting of the legislators from the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys held here today it is probable that the State will be asked to lend \$25,000 to complete the work of reclaiming lands in the ten valley counties. It was first proposed to urge a bill for an appropriation, but State Senator Miller of Visalia put a damper on this plan by saying: "I have lands six feet under water, but I haven't the nerve to ask the whole State to foot the bill for their reclamation."

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THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION HEADED BY THE GOVERNOR'S CARRIAGE PASSING ALONG K. ST.

## Drenching Rain Falls While Crowds Attend the Ceremony

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arms in salute in front of the opera-house and Governor-elect Gillett passed inside, followed by Governor Pardee. There was demonstrative cheering for each.

### THOSE ON THE STAGE

The stage, which was conventionally decorated with ferns and bunting, had in the middle a painted copy of the great seal of the State, in front of which sat the inauguration committee, including President pro tem. of the State Wolfe, Speaker Beardslee of the Assembly, President pro tem. of the Joint Session Leavitt and Chaplain Darling. Jake Steppacher was master of ceremonies and looked after most of the details of the program.

The announcement of the arrival of the principals in the inauguration ceremony was made by Sergeant at Arms Martin, who appeared at the entrance of the auditorium, followed by Governor-elect Gillett, Governor Pardee, Lieutenant Governor Anderson and Lieutenant Governor-elect Porter.

The party paused in the center aisle while Senator Wolfe arose and made the formal request that it be escorted to the platform.

The Governor's staff, in full uniform, followed the party to the platform, the orchestra playing "Hail to the Chief" as the retiring and incoming executives took their seats.

Speaker Beardslee introduced Governor Pardee to the Assembly after a prayer by Chaplain Darling and the singing of "America."

An unusual demonstration greeted Pardee as he rose. Cheering continued for several minutes, and it was easy to understand that his popularity in Sacramento was real and unaffected. He spoke deliberately, saying that it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that he was laying down the duties of the Governor's office.

### PARDEE'S ADDRESS

"I shall always remember with pleasure the cordiality of the relations that have existed between the two houses of the Legislature, Lieutenant Governor Anderson and myself," he said.

"While it is with regret that I leave the friends, I have pleasure in leaving the affairs of state in the hands of one who will fill the position of chief executive with distinct honor and ability. I place the reins of government in the hands of one who has extensive executive experience.

"The legislators are to be congratulated upon the work they accomplished at their special session, when California shuddered at the fate of San Francisco. San Francisco, I believe, has much to thank the Legislature for, but it goes without saying that the people of that city appreciate what has been done for them. On occasions like these words of parting should be few and those of thanks many."

### WOLFE INTRODUCES GILLETT

Senator Wolfe then introduced Governor Gillett in an address replete with rhetoric and colorful eulogy. When he finished Gillett began to read his message. His reference to railroads and corporation interests in California were received with considerable interest, although it was generally recognized that the railroads and other matters might have been more definite.

Singing by a quartet followed the reading of the Governor's message, after which the oath of office was administered to Warren Porter, the Lieutenant Governor, by the retiring Lieutenant Governor, Alden Anderson.

Porter spoke briefly and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and benediction by Rev. P. H. Willis, chaplain of the Assembly, and the adjournment of the joint session brought the programme in the theater to a close.

It was still raining when Governor Gillett, his staff and the joint executive committee were escorted to the State Capitol by Adjutant General Lauck. Troop B fired a salute of seventeen guns at the entrance to the Capitol Park when the new Governor and Commandant in Chief of the National Guard of California made his appearance.

The staff of Governor Pardee was lined up in the main corridor of the Capitol. As Governor Gillett arrived after the outgoing Governor the staff saluted and remained uncovered, falling

## Wolfe's Clothes Fit, But His Currency Did Not

into two lines behind them. When the executive chambers were reached the staff bade Governor Pardee goodbye and then extended formal greetings to Governor Gillett. A hundred or more civilians then went through the same procedure.

Governor Pardee, grasping the incoming executive's hand, wished him goodspeed as he swung it. Gillett responded with feeling: "You will always be as welcome here, Governor, as I have been."

## Pardee Now Is Free to Campaign for Senator

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—No admission fee was charged for the inauguration ceremonies today, still they cost Senator Edward I. Wolfe of San Francisco \$489, all in beautiful bills.

Senator Wolfe headed the Senate committee on inauguration ceremonies. This meant the middle seat in the front row of platform personages. Therefore Eddie in making his preparations put on his fine tight-fitting Prince Albert. On looking into the glass he found that the coat bulged on one side. The cause was a roll of greenbacks, sufficiently large to suggest "a roll of lettuce."

Shocked at the idea of money interfering with art, Eddie quickly transferred his bankroll to his hip pocket. He looked himself over in the glass once more, observed that the lines were faultless, and hastened away to take part in the ceremonies. When he extolled the abilities of the new Governor, listeners hung on his eloquent words and spectators want must have seen of the perfect fit of his Prince Albert. It was a great day for Eddie.

"No truce is lifelong; all dreams flee." Eddie woke up just as the ceremonies ended. He felt for his wad. It was gone. He told of his loss in touching words to the Governor.

"I hope you don't suspect me," said former Governor Pardee, who had sat beside him.

Governor Gillett stopped shaking hands long enough to assure himself.

"What pocket did you have it in?" he asked.

"Hip," answered Eddie mournfully. He couldn't talk much.

"I'm glad it wasn't in your overcoat pocket," said the Governor. "While you were talking your overcoat was on the chair beside me."

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JAKE STEPPACHER APPARENTLY THE BUSIEST MAN IN THE LEGISLATURE

## Gillett Would Not Oust Good Men

By Governor James N. Gillett

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—"I really have nothing I want to say beyond what I have said in my inaugural message, in which I have voiced all the matters I care to take up with the public for the present. It will be my policy to give every man a square deal and to do the best I can for California and Californians. In the matter of the appointments made by Governor Pardee, I want to say I would be the last man in the world to disturb any man in office simply for political reasons. I want to oust no good man. I understand the judges appointed by Governor Pardee today are good men and will make good judges."

## Senator Hartman Adds to the Last Day's Rows

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—Senator Gus Hartman's row with Governor Pardee at the Capitol today furnished a companion piece to the trouble the outgoing executive had with Secretary of State Charles Curry, being, if anything, the subject of more gossip tonight in the hotel lobbies than the latter exchange of words. Curry and Pardee discussed the ethics of politics and judiciary in the language of the smoking room.

Pardee went a little further with the Senator from San Francisco, and told him he was "old enough to be decent." What Hartman said to Pardee was even more graphic. The lances they used were broken over two pet hobbies of Hartman. Gus, among other things, wanted Pardee to make him a notary in San Francisco, a billet that he estimates is worth \$400 or \$500 a year. Another thing that he wanted the Governor to do was to pardon "George Thompson," a member of a prominent Oakland family, who was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary two years ago for grand larceny. Many influential men among Hartman's constituents want this indiscreet young Oaklander pardoned, and Hartman and other folks now in the capital intimate that Pardee practically promised them to do so.

What Pardee said he promised them was to recommend the young man's parole to the prison board—as he has never made it a practice to grant pardons unless a legislator, however well connected he might be, had served at least half of his sentence.

Hartman, however, understood matters otherwise, and this, together with Pardee's refusal to come to ground on the San Francisco notaryship caused him to be very belligerent in his final interview with the outgoing executive. Pardee was just as pronounced in resenting what he called Hartman's impudence, and the language he used to him came near raising the transom over the door in which the interview between them was held.

"You're old enough to be decent," declared Pardee among other things.

"You're old enough to keep your promises," Hartman replied.

The San Francisco Senator finally left Pardee. He was visibly agitated.

Just as he was leaving the Capitol he bumped into Superior Judge Charles M. Post.

"Charlie," he bellowed so that the Governor could hear him through the slammed door, "I've just left the man who appointed you. I want to say that in appointing you he did the only decent thing that marks his administration."

They shook hands and Hartman hurried from the building.

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## Economy of Assembly Nets the State the Sum of \$1.80

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—The Assembly was in session today just long enough to consider two matters of great importance—message and past message. Chairman Warren M. John of the committee on attaches made the second of a series of partial reports. Today's list contained 172 names, making 275 thus far, and at least one more list, perhaps two, must be filed before the legislators of the lower house can burn up the \$13 a day which in a burst of generosity they resolved was their necessary amount of patronage. Not a few of the members are still telegraphing to the "boys down home," telling them in substance: "Come up in a hurry. I've got something good for you."

Consideration of the mileage report took only a few minutes. Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento scolded the idea of drawing 20 cents from the State for two miles of travel, and at his request, this awful fact was stricken out. However, Grove still favors \$15 a day patronage. In fact, he is sorry his colleagues did not vote for \$16. Frank J. O'Brien, who lives, way out on Eighteenth street in this city, was no less virtuous than Johnson. The committee put him down for \$15.00, figuring sixteen miles at 10 cents a mile, but he wouldn't hear of such extravagance, and the Assembly respected his scruples. There were no other eliminations, so up to date the economy of the members of the lower house has saved the State just \$1.80.

Then came the additional report of the committee on attaches. It added five assistant sergeants at arms at \$5 a day; six assistant postmistresses at \$3.50; seven assistant minute clerks at \$5; six pages at \$2.50; four doorkeepers at \$4; two assistant postmistresses at \$4; ten assistant engraving and enrolling clerks at \$5; eight stenographers at \$5; twenty-four sergeants at arms to committees at \$4; thirty assistant committee clerks at \$4, and other employes equally necessary.

The incomplete list of Assembly attaches now includes such luxuries as thirty-seven sergeants at arms, twenty-four of whom are assigned to committees; six assistant postmistresses, ten porters, sixty-five committee clerks, thirty assistant committee clerks, eleven pages, twenty-one assistant engraving and enrolling clerks, twenty-four stenographers, seven doorkeepers and twelve bill folders.

When Grove Johnson made his argument Monday for an increase of patronage over the amount voted by the Assembly two years ago he declared that the temporary removal of the legislative meeting place from the Capitol would necessitate the employment of many additional messengers. Up to date the Assembly committee on attaches has reported just two messengers at \$3 a day each.

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EDDIE WOLFE ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—Governor Pardee laid down the reins of government today with a characteristic smile, satisfied with the services that he has rendered the State and expressing appreciation of the treatment that he has received at the hands of the people. Pardee relinquishes his high station with the feeling that so far as possible he has taken care of his friends and quite incidentally with the cheering sensation of a general who has outwitted his enemies. All of the appointments that he could find any excuse for making he has made, and tonight he knows that Gillett will not attempt to disturb his appointments.

Pardee says that he is both glad and sorry to leave the Governor's office, glad because he is free from the great responsibility for the United States Senate that he in fact has undertaken. He is sorry because he could not do more for the State and its people. Then, too, it is not too much to believe that Pardee is glad to be free to prosecute the campaign for the United States Senate that he in fact has undertaken.

Judge C. N. Post, for twelve years Assistant Attorney General and legal adviser for three Governors, paid Pardee an unusual compliment today. Post's commentary on the Governor made quite spontaneously and with no idea that it was for publication, is especially significant in view of the fact that Pardee and Post are not personal friends. Pardee appointed Post judge not because he liked Post, nor yet because his friends wanted Post appointed, but because he could through that appointment take a vigorous slap at the organization and still save his face through the appointment of an admittedly competent man. Post knows all these things and accepted the appointment at its face value, because he wanted it and because he also wanted to demonstrate to the interests that his hold on public service could not be broken at the nod of the boss. Post said today:

"Whatever his faults, Pardee has made a superb Governor, and he was always a sane executive. In my experience as Assistant Attorney General he was the only executive who did not chafe under legal restrictions and who did not at times attempt to be bigger than the law. Whenever he was told that any of his schemes were not tenable under the law, he never attempted to set himself up as superior to the law, but would accept the situation with a word and a smile."

"I'm not a bit happy," he said tonight. "I've got to work a whole new pocket long enough to square myself on any more inauguration committees."

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