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CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1007 EIGHTH STREET. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 7.—All the changes on the old argument that labor is a commodity were rung today in the Assembly before a vote was taken on Assemblyman O'Brien's bill raising the minimum wage scale on public work from \$2 to \$3.

Stetson of Oakland talked of the possibility of putting a statute against an economic law. Beckett of San Francisco pointed out that Stetson had introduced a bill increasing salaries in the office of the Attorney General.

Grove Johnson made a strong appeal for the bill, declaring that the same old fight had been made every time an effort was made to raise the wages of men employed on public work.

FIGHT HIGH SCHOOL BILL

Assembly Rejects Measure, But It Will Be Reconsidered Later

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 7.—Assemblyman Campbell's bill forbidding the charging of fees by high schools precipitated a hot fight in the Assembly today and the end is not yet. The roll call showed thirty ayes and thirty nays. This was far short of a majority, but Campbell changed his vote and gave notice of a motion to reconsider.

RACETRACK MEN ARE WINNING

Committee Frowns on a Bill Aimed to Stop Wagering on Horse Contests

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 7.—The Assembly committee on public morals, headed by Samuel Beckett of San Francisco, did the expected thing today when it agreed to report unfavorably on the Eshleman bill to prohibit betting on horse races.

WYATT WOULD AID FARMERS

Wants Abolition of Saturday Half-Holiday in County Offices

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 7.—City and county clashed in the Assembly today over Wyatt's bill to abolish the Saturday half-holiday in county offices. Wyatt managed to round up thirty-nine votes, but the other two necessary to make a majority could not be found.

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Senate Passes Direct Primary Measure Unanimously

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nition and suggested that in order to preserve regularity, Caminetti's request be put. Porter was ruffled, but he saw the force of Curtin's plea, and addressing himself to the Democrat, who is a general favorite, said:

"That settles it, and, raising his voice, 'Senator Caminetti, you sit down.' Caminetti sat. The rollcall, which followed immediately, failed to disclose a dissenting vote. Save for the ratification of the proviso added in the Senate committee by the Assembly, the work of the direct primary reformers is done for the session.

GILLETT FOR FAIR PLAY

Governor Gillett has gone on record again as opposed to petty partisan legislation. He made a special order repudiating today a measure introduced in the Assembly by Speaker Beardslee which bears all the earmarks of an organization attempt to dislodge Pardee appointees out of office.

The bill introduced by Beardslee is sweeping in its provision. Enacted, it would terminate the terms of all State officers appointed by the Governor as a punishment for executive power by and with the consent of the Senate, on the first Monday in July, 1907, with the exception of the University Regents, Bank Commissioners and the State Board of Prison Directors.

BEARDSLEE SAYS LITTLE

Beardslee professed the deepest ignorance touching the origin of the measure. He explained that its purpose was to prevent holdovers, troubles and an outgoing Governor or his successor out of a lot of good appointments. Some weeks ago, when such a measure directed at Al Lindley and Jake Transue, Building and Loan Commission, was introduced, Beardslee admitted that he was not the author of the bill and claimed he did not know who was. He declined also to admit that he was in a position to disclose to anyone the contents of a mysterious measure, with its mystery fingers pointing toward the machine.

When the bills to oust Lindley, Transue and Elston were first discussed, Gillett announced with decided emphasis that he was in favor of such cheap politics. He has not changed his mind. The Governor denied indignantly today that he was responsible for the bill introduced by the Speaker and that he would not open the debate with the suggestive statement: 'You say you are the friends of labor. This vote will show whether you are or not.'

NOT AFTER PATRONAGE

'I do believe the State is loaded up with useless patronage and I have recommended the abolition of four of them. My recommendation in this matter was based solely on a desire to inject business methods into the State's affairs and save money. I do not have in mind the purpose of placing patronage at my disposal, and, as I have told The Call in reference to the same general subject, I will not, promptly such legislation if it comes to me. I will not play that kind of politics.'

TEST OF VOTING MACHINES

Senator Richard Welch of San Francisco, doubting his ability to secure an investigation of the voting machines used in the election of 1906, proposed before the Legislature adjourns, a general law, which, if enacted, will go a long way toward protecting the voter from manipulation of the machines by boss-owned experts hired by the party in power.

Senator Welch's bill provides for the testing and inspection of all voting machines semipublicly before they are introduced into an election. According to the terms of the Welch bill the County Clerk or other official charged with the control of the election must, at a date not more than thirty days before the election, set a date at which the machines to be employed at that election shall be examined, tested and sealed. The same officer must notify by mail the chairman and secretaries of the several political parties nominating candidates to be voted for at such election, and every candidate who has filed a certificate of independent candidacy, of the time and place of such examination and test. Party officials and candidates, either in person or by expert, are to be permitted to examine and test the machines and to be present at all such tests and examinations. The tests concluded, the official charged with conducting the examination must close the machines and seal them with a special seal. Then parties or candidates may employ watchers to insure that in the brief time elapsing between the election and the opening of the machines, no tampering with the devices is attempted and that they are sent to the polling places in preparation to record correctly the will of the voter.

The provisions of the bill are simple enough, no large expense is involved and the proposition is one that can be objected to only with difficulty. Welch has taken cognizance of the doubt of the regularity of the last count in San Francisco generally felt by citizens who are not opposed to voting machines, but who believe that they are manipulated against the honest voter by the 'gang,' and he is overlooking no opportunity to restore confidence in the devices by which people are handed honestly in the future.

GILLETT'S PROMISED MESSAGE

Governor Gillett sent today to the Senate and the Assembly the promised message advocating the enactment of his bills to wipe out the Highway Commission, Board of Public Works, Debris

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EMBASSADOR LEISHMAN BRINGS SULTAN TO BOOK

Wearies of Delays in Negotiations in School Question and Demands Prompt Settlement

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 7.—Wearied with delays so characteristic of Turkish officialdom, American Ambassador Leishman has suddenly raised into prominence the question of the recognition of the American schools by commencing a series of direct negotiations with the Turkish government, urging the necessity of prompt settlement of the question. The Ministers thus ignored have been stirred into unwonted activity and the departments concerned, acting under orders from the Sultan, have entered into negotiations with the embassy.

Commission and the engineering department of the Harbor Board. The message sets forth at length the Governor's reasons—economy in salaries and fees and the inauguration of the same sound business principles in the conduct of the State affairs that must characterize any successful private enterprise. The message is entirely free of any political buncombe and deals entirely with facts, figures and estimates toward the saving to be effected in salaries and engineers' and architects' fees, the Governor calls attention to the unbusinesslike method of awarding all contracts in seven subdivisions, as must be done under the existing laws. The Governor wants this law wiped out and the new engineering department authorized to accept bids, either under the prescribed subdivisions or for the whole project. Concluding a very businesslike document and touching the matter of contracts, the Governor says: 'As our duty is primarily to the State of California and not to contractors, I would suggest that amendment embraced in section 6 of the above act be adopted. It will permit the advisory board of the department of engineering to submit all bids in an alternative form and places it within their power to adopt the one that will result in the greatest benefit and saving to the people of the State of California.'

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FIGHT AT BANQUET

Clash Is Imminent Between Salvador and Guatemala Over Insult to Minister

DIPLOMAT THRASHED

Coincident with the report from Mare Island that the Government has ordered the gunboat Yorktown to proceed to Central American waters in anticipation of a disturbance there comes the news that feeling between Guatemala and Salvador has again reached the stage where hostilities are imminent.

The immediate cause of the rupture between the two republics is the public thrashing given Dr. Salvador Rodriguez, the Minister of Salvador to Guatemala, by two brothers, Felix and Lorenzo Foncea, prominent residents of Guatemala City.

When the Foncea brothers had finished with Rodriguez he looked like a Russian warship after Port Arthur. This incident came as the climax of a series of international events. The two countries are now facing each other like angry bull dogs and a clash may occur at any moment.

The present trouble had its inception at the close of the recent war between the two nations, when President Regalado, commander of the Salvadorean forces, was slain. To celebrate his victory President Cabrera of Guatemala had the body of Regalado brought to Guatemala City, where he was buried. It was an old-time barbarian chief. His display of inhumanity aroused President Diaz of Mexico, who notified Cabrera to return the body forthwith to Salvador, where the widow of General Regalado had made time after time appeal that the outrage be stopped.

Cabrera obeyed and the body was returned to Salvador. The arrival of the remains at San Salvador was made the occasion of a national holiday on which generous tribute was paid the fallen warrior.

The orator of the occasion was Dr. Salvador Rodriguez. During his speech Rodriguez cast diplomacy to the winds and in flaming words condemned Cabrera, 'the savage monarch' of Guatemala.

A short time after Rodriguez was appointed Minister to Guatemala. His selection was, of course, a direct blow at Cabrera, but no protest was made. Cabrera, it was known, intended to bide his time and when the opportunity offered take revenge on Rodriguez. But the climax came sooner than he expected.

It happened that Cabrera fell out with Lorenzo and Felix Foncea, two of his followers. The brothers, seeking a means of again gaining the favor of the President, sought themselves opportunity at the dinner given recently at the Guatemala Club. All of the diplomats of the country and the representatives of all the foreign powers were present. There had been wine in abundance. During the concluding courses of the dinner Lorenzo Foncea moved to the side of Rodriguez. Their conversation became more and more animated until suddenly there was a crash of broken china and the two were fighting. In an instant Felix Foncea reached his brother's side and the two administered a terrible beating to their adversary.

Salvador lodged a protest with President Cabrera, but Cabrera chuckled in glee and said it was no affair of his. As a result there has been a fracture of diplomatic relations. It is Salvador's next move, and the report is that it will be something stronger than diplomacy.

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RIEF HAS CHANCE TO STEAL MARCH

Schmitts Appointees Fail to File Bonds and Offices May Be Declared Vacant

OFFICIAL ACTS VOID

By the failure of recent appointees to municipal offices to file bonds and thus properly qualify the legality of important acts of the Board of Supervisors, the Police Commission, Fire Commission and Board of Public Works is threatened. Under the charter it is the duty of the Mayor and Auditor to see that these bonds are duly executed, but Schmitts has been preoccupied with his own defense and Horton apparently has been devoting his attention to blocking the Grand Jury warrants to the exclusion of all other matters.

The recent appointees who have failed to file their bonds and the amounts required are as follows: Supervisor J. J. O'Neill, \$5,000; Supervisor O. A. Treitman, 5,000; Police Commissioner W. H. Leahy, 5,000; Fire Commissioner M. B. Bello, 12,000; Fire Commissioner T. H. Goodman, 10,000; Commissioner of Public Works George F. Duffey, 25,000; Chief of the Board of Supervisors, E. H. Ryan, 10,000.

All of the above, with the exception of Ryan, were appointed January 11. Ryan was appointed January 7. By the provisions of the charter officers of the city and county before entering upon the discharge of their official duties shall respectively give and execute to the city and county such official bonds as may be required by law, ordinance or this charter. By section 10 of article 16 of the charter an office becomes vacant when the incumbent dies, resigns or neglects to qualify within the time prescribed by law, or within twenty days after his election or appointment.

As more than twenty days have elapsed since the appointments, it appears that under a strict construction of the charter such official bonds have been neglected to file their bonds are vacant. More serious, however, is the danger of illegality which hangs over the actions of the Supervisors, Fire Commission, Police Commission and Works Board. Men whose right to the office is in question as a result of their failure to qualify have voted on measures before these bodies and may have rendered void all the proceedings since. From a political standpoint, the situation presents unusual possibilities. Should acting Mayor Gallagher desire, it is within his power to declare vacant those offices for which the appointees have failed to qualify, and then, under the direction of the master mind of Ruff, to fill the positions with men selected by the boss.

In contrast with the dilatory methods of the new appointees was the alacrity with which Ruff qualified for the office of District Attorney, to which he was appointed some time ago by acting Mayor Gallagher. From an inspection of the bond filed by Ruff at the time which, by the way, is still on exhibition in the Auditor's office, it appears that the document was executed before the appointment was made. There is the difference, however, that Ruff qualified and did not get the job and the new appointees did not qualify and did get the jobs.

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