

State Affairs

The Governor Young's Week

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ley, will be, among others, the prin-cipal problems the commission must handle jointly with a legislative committee of which State Senators Ralph Swing of San Bernardino and Edwin Mueller of El Cajon are southern memberss

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"theatrical acts of authority." Wood Resigns, Prime friend and political henchman of Governor Young is Superintendent of Banks Will C. Wood, whom the Gover-nor, upon his assumption of office, elevated to that position from State Superintendent of Public Instruc-tion.

Last week at San Francisco Su-perintendent Wood announced his resignation; said that he planned

to rest for three or four months, his "first long rest in twenty years of public life." No shock to Governor Young was Superintendent Wood's resig-nation. For seven long weeks. Wood's resignation has been in the hands of the Chief Executive. But to sector rumors that Friend Wood had resigned to run for an elective political office. Governor Young last week announced that Superintend-ent Wood had resigned only tem-porarily, that he would return as the State's hanking department head.

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Taid the Covernor: "Rumors that Mr. Wood is leaving the service of the State are absolutely unfounded. He is not resigning, but only taking a leave of absence. The law carries a sity day clause regulating leaves of absence so in order for more than two months he has announced his resignation.
"He has personally assured me that will return to the position. Although he ray intend to enter private business eventually, I know that it will not be for a long time. Neither State Controller Ray Riley nor anyone class is being considered to assume the State Superintendency of Banks."
Speech-making. Hurried trips to San Francisco to address the Bowntow Association on Thursday, and to Orland on Friday and the Governor's only excursions from the Captol Last week. The Governor's Topic: "Finances of California." Speach an orther an other so calculation of State Government, his favorie topic at northern appearances a year ago, the subject is timely. Capitol newsmen observed, should Governor Young seek recletion.

rector of Natural Resources Fred G. Stevenot and Adjutant Gener-als R. E. Mittelstaedt to represent him on Columbus Day, October

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To him it is no "poor makchift." 12, as the dedication of Mission San Josés new bell, the Governor last week considered a happy thought. Reason: Pressure of business prevents the Governor's attendance and Director Stevenot, who will be the speaker of the occasion, has a substantial historical background of four generations in California. The bell, a gift of King Alfonso of Spain, replaces one presented by an earlier Castillian monarch, which was recently destroyed by fire.

The Government Tax Tangles

Tax Tangles Much talk, little action, caused the California Tax Commission 'o be abandoned by the 1229 Legis-lature. To attack, probe, revise the State's tax tangles, the law-makers created and asbitiuted the Stat. Legislative Tax Investigating Committee, of which much action, preceded by careful and sound n-vestigation, is expected. (News Res-view, Sept. 16-23). Last week, chairmand by Asser-by Speaker Levey, the Legisl. e Committee met at San Franci. o to fa first public hearing. The grievances heard, the pr lema discussed: Bank Corporation Tax. Many a

The grievances heard, the pri-lems discussed: Bank, Corporation Tax. Many a time has the State Board of Equi-lization (elected) disagreed with the Department of Finance (appoint-ed) in the matter of California's income from taxation. (News Re-view, Aug. 26-Sept. 1). Especially sharp and divergent are the views at these two bodies on the success of the State's new bank and busi-ness corporation tax law. At last week's hearing, Director of Finance Heron challenged the declaration of Richard E. Collins, chairman of the State Board of Equalization, that the 4 per cent net income levy is "a poor make-shift at best and can never be ex-pected to exact from the banks the contribution which they should make toward the expense of gov-ernment." Declared Heron: "California is years ahead of other States in the matter of taxation of banks and business corporations and no State ow taxing banks on the net in-come basis, should make any Replied Collins: "We (the Board f Equalization) find that it bas

Replied Collins: "We (the Board of Equalization) find that it has been possible under the new law.

