

EDUCATION

In Governor Lord's Message.

Full Treatment of These Important Matters.

Governor Lord's message, to have been delivered to the nineteenth general assembly, contains following passages on education:

The general diffusion of knowledge is the best guaranty of the stability of Republican institutions. Their safety and prosperity depends on the spread of knowledge among the masses. The fact is now recognized that intelligence in communities essential to social progress and political reform, is conducive to sobriety, industry, and serves to establish justice and promote the public interests. As a means of disseminating intelligence, our common schools are the most active and potent factors. There are no other instrumentalities comparable with them for the accomplishment of this object. They seek to increase the general average of human intelligence by the education of the

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Letter from the Insurgent Leader to
the President.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The Record to-day will contain a letter from General Gomez, written to President McKim.

ley, and containing a copy of one written February 9, to President Cleveland. The Record's copy was sent by C. E. Crosby, the correspondent reported killed during a battle near Arroyo Blanco. The original letter to President Cleveland either went astray or was suppressed by the recipient. To President McKinley, General Gomez says:

"In the field, near Sancti Spiritus March 9, 1897.—The Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States of America: Sir—General Weyler has arrived in the vicinity of Sancti Spiritus with a numerous army. He comes not to fight, nor oppose his

strength to the forces with which he defend these parts, but as a sanguinary and cruel general, who will avoid combats and spread crime and desolation everywhere. He comes to murder the peasants in the fields, to kill the children and to drive our persecuted and outraged women to the woods, leaving their homes to be burned, their hearths violated and their gardens destroyed. This is how General Weyer pacifies Sancti Spiritus, or wherever he may be. Then he authorizes those who ask him for bread for their children and alms for their miseries to go out into the country to steal and destroy whatever they may find.

"With this permit me to send you a copy of a letter which I had the honor to send to your predecessor in office."

THE SILVER CLUB.—Thursday evening the Union Blimetallic club held its regular weekly meeting at Poplar hall. A general political discussion will be had to which all are invited to be present and participate.

The Northern Pacific is the only line making direct connection at Spokane for all points in the mining territory, such as Northport, Rossland Trail, Kaslo, Nelson and other points now attracting attention of all persons in the east and west. Via this line you can leave Portland at 11 a. m. commencing Sunday, March 28, and reach any of the mining centers the following afternoon. By using this line you can save a layover of 50 hours in Spokane, and the expense attached to it. For map of the Kootenai country, giving full particulars in regard to the mining industry, etc., call on or write Thomas, Watt & Co., agents, Salem, Or., 206 Commercial street.

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elevate the citizen and strengthen the state. The state cannot neglect its educational interest, without loss of

public intelligence and detriment to its well being. It is gratifying to know, that the subject of education always attracts much attention from the legislature, on account of its importance in the development of a intelligent citizenship and a progressive civilization. How to devise a system of education that shall enter

system of education that shall extend its opportunities and benefits to all the children of the state, without entailing too heavy a load on the taxpayer, is a problem not often easily solved. A law, simple in its provisions and inexpensive in its arrangements, is what our state needs for the attainment of this object. Our present school law has become a clumsy and costly contrivance from too frequent patching by way of amendments, some of which seem to have no reference to its symmetry or general design, and always providing, as a condition precedent, for the payment of fees that serve no educational purpose, and are an unjust tax on the teacher. The whole law ought to be repealed and a new law enacted, embracing its meritorious provisions, leaving out what is defective and useless, and including such other provisions as will make an efficient and inexpensive common school system, relatively considered.

It is impossible to enter upon details, and probably unnecessary at this time, as there are assurances that some of our educators will present these matters to the consideration of the legislature. There is, however, a serious need for reform in the method of issuing state certificates, diplomas and life diplomas. In the number of these documents issued by the present board even approximately, represents the number issued by our predecessors, they must be scattered over the state "thick as leaves in Vallombrosa," and worth but little more as evidence of capability for teaching. The original design, of the law, was simple and excellent. It contemplated that the board of education should appoint a board of examiners, composed of men trained in practical teaching and of scholarly attainments who were to meet at the capital twice a year, for the purpose of examining applicants for teachers' certificates and diplomas, and recommend to the board such teachers as become entitled to them. By this method the state secures the service of trained men to select teachers, and the diploma

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