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GOV. CHAMBERLAIN SENDS MESSAGE TO OREGON LEGISLATORS TODAY

TURNER OLIVER FLATLY REFUSES TO PAY DUES

GOVERNMENT PROSECUTION WILL FOLLOW AT ONCE.

State Senator balks at paying heavy assessment levied on him as a shareholder in defunct bank—The prosecution can only be averted by part payments being made at once—Oliver's prosecutor will be his partner in business.

State Senator Turner Oliver balks at meeting the assessment levied on him by the comptroller of the currency as a stockholder in the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank, and government proceedings will be instituted at a nearby date. The actual date of commencing the prosecution, which can only be averted by Oliver meeting the assessments due up to date, will be determined by the government, but it cannot be until 15 days after the legislature adjourns, as any solon is exempt by statute that many days after legislature adjourns.

Oliver's Grounds. Turner Oliver has presented his grounds for refusing to meet the assessment levied on his 40 shares, amounting to \$4000, in a lengthy letter to Receiver Niedner. In it he affirms that he repeatedly attempted to have the directorate and official slate of the now defunct bank reorganized. As

a stockholder he desired a change, and affirms that had the change been made when asked for, the bank would not have failed. The allegations made and the exceptions taken, are now in the hands of the comptroller, as the receiver forwarded the entire letter to the government.

His Claim's Validity. It will be a matter for the courts to decide whether or not Oliver's allegations and exceptions are valid. To determine this, prosecution will be instigated, as stated before, presumably early in March.

Partner Against Partner. As legal advisor for the receiver—

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EARTHQUAKE CREATES PANIC

EVEN PORTLAND FELT SHOCK THAT TREMBLED NORTHWEST

Vancouver, E. C., Jan. 12.—The full force of the earthquake which startled Seattle and other Washington cities, even Portland feeling it, was felt in Vancouver. People rushed to the street, signs and store fittings swaying before their eyes. The shock was also felt at Victoria.

No serious damage is reported beyond the breaking of crockery in homes. Comex, Albernia, Pachina, Bamfield and other points felt the shock. Two were felt at Bamfield.

At the Empress hotel, in Victoria, the shock was sufficient to throw toilet poles to the floor. Guests rushed out panic-stricken.

FINANCIAL STATUS NEVER MORE SATISFACTORY

SENATORIAL MATTER GIVES THE GOVERNOR LITTLE WORRY, INDICATES THE LONG MESSAGE.

Governor Chamberlain Outlines the Conditions of Various Departments in the State in His Message to the Assembled Legislators—Advocates a New Method of Conveying Prisoners to the Asylum—Present Sheriff Guardianship While En Route is too Expensive—Lauds Railroad Commission—Explains Increased Tax Levy.

Salem, Jan. 12.—Governor George E. Chamberlain today sent a 15,000-word message to the senate and house of representatives. The most important phases of legislation and review of departments since the last session are appended.

The message cites the fact that in the session of 1907 the governor called the members' attention to the fact that the people had selected Jonathan Bourne as their choice for United States senator and that under the primary law it was their duty to obey the voice of the people, which they did, and which he takes as a sufficient guarantee that the question will be as summarily disposed of this session as it was two years ago.

Finances. The financial condition of the state was never better than it was at the close of the fiscal year.

Tax Levy. It must be expected in the very nature of things with the steady increase of population and the consequent increase in the burdens and expenses of government that the tax levy will be higher, unless subjects which tax escape taxation are brought within the taxing power. I fear to recommend any revision of the assessment laws of the state, but it is unfortunate that some system has not been

adopted to bring about a uniformity of assessment and taxation in the several counties of the state.

Forest Reserve Receipts. The receipts from the forest reserves in Oregon for the year ending June 30, 1907, was as follows: Blue mountains, E. and W., \$59,648.55; Cascade, N. and S., \$25,515.89; Freemount, \$4,467.37; Goose Lake, \$11,617.37; Heppner, \$8,130.97; Imnaha (Chesnimnus) and Wallowa, \$22,073.36; Maury mountains, \$771.94; Siskiyou, \$489.91; Wenaha, \$7,093.55. Total, \$129,808.91. Ten per cent of this amount, to-wit, \$13,980.89, was received.

State Lands. The price of school lands has been raised to \$5 per acre, while the price received for indemnity lands is \$8.75 per acre. At no time in the history of the state has so large a price been received, for it must not be forgotten that the prices now being obtained are for lands which are left over after the best of the princely grant which was made to the state had been disposed of in former years.

State Educational Funds. Irreducible School Fund.—The irreducible school fund of the state has increased during the past two years from the sale of land and other sources, \$830,720.31, the principal thereof on the 30th day of September 1908, being \$5,429,939.60. Of which sum \$4,206,713.42 is invested in first mortgage loans drawing six per cent per annum; \$263,645.09 in school district bonds bearing five and six per cent per annum; \$659,419.45 in certificates of sale of school lands, being six per cent, seven per cent, and eight per cent.

The amount of interest accruing from loans of the irreducible school fund for 1908 and distributed among the counties of the state was \$256,167.50, as compared with \$247,789.12 for 1907. All of these educational funds are in excellent condition.

The Soldiers' Home. There were 131 veterans of the Mexican

WAR.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.

The democratic governor of a republican state, who is about to be given the United States senatorial plum by a republican legislature. He today sent a message to the senate.

american, civil, Indian and Spanish-American wars in the home on the 30th day of September, 1908. The scope of a rule which was adopted before my incumbency, those drawing a pension in excess of \$12 per month were not admitted to the home, but on the 27th day of February, 1906, this limit was changed to \$20 per month, for the

reason that there were many old soldiers who could not live on their pension, and who were yet deprived of the privileges of a home.

The Penitentiary. Acting upon the assumption that the purposes to be subserved by the administration of criminal justice are three-fold, namely: First, the protection of society; second, the punishment of the wrongdoer, and third, his reformation, the penitentiary has been conducted during the last six years along lines entirely at variance with those heretofore in vogue. Stripes have been done away with; cruel and unusual punishments have been abol-

ished.

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LEGISLATURE MEETS A DELAY

MANY BILLS BEING INTRODUCED DURING THE SECOND DAY

A Stumbling Block. Salem, Jan. 12.—That an attempt will be made at the present session to increase expenses, thereby laying the foundation for charging statement No. 1 legislators with extravagance, and waste of public funds, is now apparent. The resolution suggesting an inquiry of the state institutions is said to be a part of the scheme.

Salem, Jan. 12.—Taxation of standing timber upon correct estimates furnished by timber owners, is the keynote of a bill to be introduced by Representative Deas, of Tillamook and Yamhill counties. The same bill was killed at the last session by the senate.

The bill provides that all owners of standing timber in the state have the timber cruised, and that they then file

statements of the value of their timber.

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CALHOUN TRIAL COMMENCED BY FRANCIS HENEY

HENEY READY FOR REMARKABLE GRAFT CASE

Second Big San Francisco Grafter is Arraigned Before Bar of Justice Today—It Will Require Two Weeks to Secure Jury—Has Been Indicted for Over a Year—Supplementary Indictments Returned—No Delay to Be Experienced.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads today, faced Judge Lawler, accused of offering a bribe of \$4000 to Supervisor F. P. Nicholas. F. J. Heney was at the prosecution's desk for the first time since he was shot.

Heney began preliminary motions of what promises to be the most renowned trial in the history of the California courts. Twenty months have elapsed since Calhoun was first indicted. During that time three supplemental indictments were returned against him. He is now facing trial on one of them.

Ready for Business. The prosecution announced that no further continuance will be asked for. The defense declared it was ready for trial several weeks. Calhoun, in hope of getting a speedy trial, asked his attorneys to brush aside all technicalities. Attorneys predict it will take two weeks to secure a jury.

District Attorney Langdon announced today that all other trials will be rushed.

Mrs. Alice Ladd arrived in the city this afternoon from Walla Walla. She will remain several days visiting friends and looking after business interests.

MINE ACCIDENT KILLS OVER 200

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 12.—At least 190 miners were trapped by an explosion of Lick Branch colliery today. Within the past 24 hours 50 were killed in the same mine. Today's explosion occurred after a majority of the men had gone to work. It is known positively that 250 men were in the mine. Inspectors pronounced the mine one of the best in the country.

Buildings near the mine were turned into hospitals. Switchback, the escape of this disaster, is in the center of the big-top road field. Relief trains are carrying surgeons and nurses on the way from Bluefield.

You Needn't Have Chaps

You can get along without Newlin's Culem Cure Cream, but you will not after you have once tried it. It is a lotion that makes chapped or roughened skin unnecessary. Cures Chaps in one night. Soothes and refreshes from the moment it is applied. Daintily perfumed; no grease or or stickiness, as it is almost instantly absorbed. Your money back if the lotion fails to please.

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