

GOV. WEST ADVOCATES REPEAL OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THIS STATE

NEW GOVERNOR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AND PET MEASURES ARE INTRODUCED IN SENATE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—Recommending a number of progressive measures, Governor Oswald West sent his first message to the legislature this afternoon which had met in joint session to inaugurate him. The message was read after he was inaugurated.

Among the laws he urges for adoption is the abolishment capital punishment, conservation of natural resources, creation of an able policy of forest protection and improvement of highways.

Many bills were introduced in senate today, one providing for the abolishment of capital punishment and providing for rotation of names on the election ballots. The house merely went through the routine.

His message says in part: Gentlemen of the Legislature:

Under the Constitution it becomes my duty as Governor, and I deem it a high honor and privilege, to inform you, insofar as I may, of the conditions in the state and its institutions and to make such recommendations or suggestions concerning legislation as I may deem fitting or necessary.

But before passing to the discussion of these matters in detail, I desire to express to the people of this great state, through you, their duly elected representatives, my all-embracing and deeply sincere thanks for the high honor which they have conferred upon me.

I consider that this honor was shown me because the people of Oregon had confidence in my sincerity and my integrity and believed that I, as their governor, would never forget that I was their public servant.

whose duty it was to do everything in my power to promote the public good and advance the general prosperity of the state. And I desire to promise them now that throughout my term of office I will keep this fact ever before my mind as a guiding star and a stay in time of stress and trial.

Of the people, I intend by my every act to serve the people. Just as their good is my good, and their prosperity my own, so would their misfortune be a cross and a sorrow to me, and I pledge them now my vow and my oath that, with the help of Almighty God, I will be a faithful keeper of their trust so that at the end I may be given that greatest eulogium possible for a public official—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Oregon is now well entered upon an era of wonderful progress of development. Great industries and commercial enterprises are bringing added people and comfortable homes to broaden the limits of our cities. A flood of immigration is peopling the rural districts with prosperous farms and still farther pushing back the forest from the doorsteps of the towns. New railroads are binding the state closer and closer together and on every hand the hum of industry shows progress, prosperity and success.

I mention these well-known conditions in order to doubly impress upon you, gentlemen of the legislature, the serious fact that we are building not for the present alone but for the future as well. The public institutions of the state are in good condition but they, with all departments of the state government, are growing and

thoughtful attention must be given to future needs as well as present requirements.

Our System of Taxation.

"New occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth."

The taxpayers of this state have known for years that our general property tax was "uncouth" but for some unknown reason have never, until within the last few years, taken steps to remodel it. The first good move was that made by the legislature of 1907 when it provided for the appointment of a board of commissioners for the purpose of examining and reporting on all matters of assessment and taxation. This board made a most exhaustive report to the governor and prepared and recommended for passage a number of bills and constitutional amendments, which in their opinion would give the people a more efficient and equitable system of taxation.

Purchasing Supplies.

The supplies for all of our state institutions should be purchased by

COLD WAVE AND SNOW VISIT NORTHWEST

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ORANGES SAVED BY RAIN.

Snow Falling in Oregon, Montana and Eastern Washington.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—The cold snap which was predicted to arrive to last several days in the northwest, was ushered in today with a snow storm in eastern Washington, parts of Oregon, Montana and Idaho with the rain on the western coast. Reports show the temperature has dropped from 10 to 40 degrees since yesterday. The wave came from Alaska and is working east.

Snow will probably save crops from damage.

California Oranges Saved.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—Rain has been falling since last night and it is believed five or six millions in oranges were saved as a result of the downpour.

With weather that has resembled April breezes, La Grande and Union county has been basking in balmy weather. A flurry of snow last evening accompanied by a very slight drop in temperature was followed this morning by the usual warm temperature and though it may be too early to gloat, evidence points to an easy and mild winter for January the customary wintermonth is speeding along without signs of a real snap.

SHAFFROTH INAUGURATED

Simple Ceremonies Attend Return of Former Governor to the Chair.

Denver, Jan. 10.—Governor Shaffroth was inaugurated for the second term with little ceremony. In the inauguration recess the governor demanded a ballot without party emblem on the bank guarantee law, effective railroad commission and the recall.

Beveridge Leads Fight.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Beveridge today introduced a resolution declaring Senator Lorimer was not elected rightfully to the senate. Senator O. Weus of Illinois, also introduced a resolution attacking the so called "white washing by the senatorial committee.

or under direction of one board and this can be done without the creation of additional boards or commissions and with but little added expense to the state, and state treasurer, and it should be given authority to employ a chief clerk who should be a man well fitted for the important position he would be called upon to fill. It should be made his duty to visit each state institution at regular intervals and after learning its needs assist its officials in preparing an estimate for a certain ensuing period. From these several estimates he should prepare for the use of the board a statement showing the total needs of all institutions. Bids should then be advertised for and the supplies purchased from the lowest bidders.

Oregon State Penitentiary.

The Oregon Penitentiary is one of the best managed and most humanely conducted penal institutions to be found in the United States. This fact is admitted by every student of prison reform who has visited the state.

There are approximately 430 prisoners now confined in the state penitentiary. Many of these prisoners are employed as helpers around the institution, others in the state's brickyard, while a large number of them are employed in the stove foundry in accordance with a ten-year contract made by the state November 20, 1907 with the Lowenberg & Going Co. The state receives 45 cents per ten-hour day for their labor and the contract calls for the employment of not less than 150 men and as many more as the company requires providing they can be spared without depriving the state of necessary help around the institution.

Objection has been made to the employment of convicts in competition with free labor, and there is merit in the objection. But common decency and the consideration which we should have for the unfortunate make it imperative that the convicts be given employment of some kind. Until some unobjectionable system of employment is devised it would be most inhuman to condemn these men to idleness and to thus deprive them of the God-given blessing of useful occupation.

Remove Capital Punishment.

Believing as I do, I therefore recommend to you gentlemen, that you take steps to do away with capital punishment in this State. But in this connection I desire to urge that special and particular attention be paid to the restriction of the pardoning power for such cases. I hold that a sentence to life imprisonment for murder should mean what it says, unless post-trial evidence should bring to light some glaring injustice or very potent reason for change, and I contend that the substitution

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NORRIS BOBS UP FROM BLOWBY JOE CANNON

RULING ADMINISTERED YESTERDAY IS NO SERIOUS SETBACK.

"Beaten This Time But We Will Win Yet", is His Position.

Washington, Jan. 10.—In a special article for the United Press newspapers, Representative Norris of Nebraska, leader in the fight for a reform in the house rules, and who created the precedent that the amendment of the rules is a matter of constitutional privilege, and was overthrown yesterday by Speaker Joseph Cannon, declared today that the speaker's new ruling does not nullify the reforms already gained. He admitted he was beaten yesterday, but only temporarily, and said the regulars are filibustering with a view of discrediting things accomplished by the insurgents last spring.

Norris says yesterday's ruling, was brought up by lieutenants of Cannon, and makes it look like a "frame up."

LORIMER WORRIED BY STRING OF BITTER ATTACKS ON HIS QUALIFICATIONS AS SENATOR

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Crawford of South Dakota bitterly attacked Senator Lorimer today, charging he must have known of corrupt practices employed in electing him. He said he personally believed Lorimer knew what was going on.

He reviewed the testimony of Representatives and Senators who confessed to connection with bribery charges and said, "The strength of this testimony is not broken by its association with Representatives White, Beckemeyer, Holtzlaw and Link, the self confessed criminals. They are contemptible people. I read-ly admit that Lorimer himself is consistent in the theory that Lorimer

purchased them and knew something so completely antagonistic in the theory that they were honest votes cast in Lorimer's favor that I cannot escape the conviction that these men betrayed their honor and state for paltry dollars and permitted themselves to be sold like pawns."

Continuous assault on Lorimer's qualifications to sit in the senate despite the majority report of the investigation committee which exonerated him, that the incident is now proving itself to be the biggest bone of contention in congress. It is freely admitted that Lorimer himself is much worried over the matter.

HAY ADVOCATES STATES RIGHTS

Sends Biennial Message to Olympia Solons Today.

Olympia, Jan. 10.—Governor Hay this afternoon sent his message to the legislature. He declared people favored public wharfs and harbor improvements. He declared for state rights concerning the conservation of natural resources saying, "The natural conservation as advanced by its most ardent advocates is designed to more to benefit the consumer of pro-

ducts than now and new means of increasing the revenues of the national treasury." He wants new election methods also.

Seventeen Men Drown.

Provincetown, Mass., Jan. 10.—Seventeen men were drowned today when three barges belonging to the Philadelphia & Reading railroad sunk near here today. The barges were towed by the tug Lukenh. Life savers attempted to rescue the men but failed. There were seven on the first barge and five on each of the other two.

CLEW IS FOUND BOMB WRECKS IN SPOKANE MURDER

FORMER I. W. W. AND MINE WAR FEATURE WANTED.

"Red" Applebee Thought to Have Killed Captain Sullivan.

Spokane, Jan. 10.—The police are searching for "Red" Applebee so prominent during the Coeur d'Alene mining troubles and the I. W. W. war at Spokane last year in connection with the assassination of Captain Sullivan. Applebee, the police assert, made threats against Sullivan. He left Spokane Monday. Detectives went talk concerning the case but they are working overtime. It is believed Applebee went into the British Columbia country.

Another Big Earthquake.

Taschkent, Asiatic, Russia, Jan. 9.—A violent earthquake, even more severe than last week's which killed many and heavily damaged property, occurred today. Reports say it occurred in the same districts. Telegraph lines went down and there is little information.

FRISCO HOTEL BUILDING

ITALIAN QUARTER SHOCKED BY HEAVY EXPLOSION.

Police on Trail of Man Who Lost Hat in Running Away From Police.

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—A Dynamite bomb hurled, the police say, by warring Italian fishermen, wrecked the entrance of the hotel Bimbo, in the Latin quarter early today. None of the thirty-five lodgers were injured. A part of the front wall was torn away. The police saw the would be assassin running away and shot. He yelled and escaped and probably is shot. The house was occupied largely by fishermen who have been fighting the so called fish trust.

Hat Held as Evidence.

A brown felt hat was dropped by a man and is being held as evidence. The bomb let go shortly after 1 o'clock and was heard for blocks. For months, the independents and fish trust workmen have been fighting bitterly. J. Bull, owner of the hotel is a part owner of the independent fishing launch. The bomb was made of lead pipe.



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JUDSON HARMON, PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECT.

VIRGINIA used to be the mother of presidents, but that title has descended to Ohio. Governor Judson Harmon would like to give the new presidential mother another offspring of the name of Judson Harmon. He thinks the next president should be from Ohio and from Cincinnati, as the present president is, but that the next president should be a Democrat. A great many friends of Governor Harmon throughout the country are of similar shades of opinion. Harmon, they say, would harmonize the party. A harmonized Democracy a la Harmon, it would seem, should insure some degree of harmony. Mr. Harmon has been elected governor of Ohio twice hand running, with a bigger plurality the second time than the first. He is a man of wide experience in public office and in piscatorial pastimes. He is not on record as having told about the big fish that got away.