

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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this than to do what actually was done and strive to prevent or at least to hamper effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the government.

**Postal Savings Banks.**  
I again renew my recommendation for postal savings banks, for depositing savings with the security of the government behind them. The object is to encourage thrift and economy in the wage earner and person of moderate means. It is believed that in the aggregate vast sums of money would be brought into circulation through the instrumentality of the postal savings banks. Postal savings banks are now in operation in practically all the great civilized countries with the exception of the United States.

**Parcel Post.**  
In my last annual message I commended the postmaster general's recommendation for an extension of the parcel post on the rural routes. The establishment of a local parcel post on rural routes would be to the mutual benefit of the farmer and the country storekeeper, and it is desirable that the routes, serving more than 15,000,000 people, should be utilized to the fullest practicable extent.

**Education.**  
The share that the national government should take in the broad work of education has not received the attention and the care it rightly deserves. I earnestly recommend that this unfortunate state of affairs as regards the national educational office be remedied by adequate appropriations.

**Census.**  
I strongly urge that the request of the director of the census in connection with the decennial work so soon to be begun be complied with and that the appointments to the census force be placed under the civil service law, waiting the geographical requirements as requested by the director of the census. The supervisors and enumerators should not be appointed under the civil service law for the reasons given by the director.

**Public Health.**  
The dangers to public health from food adulteration and from many other sources, such as the menace to the physical, mental and moral development of children from child labor, should be met and overcome. This nation cannot afford to lag behind in the worldwide battle now being waged by all civilized people with the microscopic foes of mankind. The first legislative step to be taken is that for the concentration of the proper bureaus into one of the existing departments.

**Statehood.**  
I advocate the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states. This should be done at the present session of the congress. The people of the two territories have made it evident by their votes that they will come in as one state. The only alternative is to admit them as two, and I trust that this will be done without delay.

**Foreign Affairs.**  
This nation's foreign policy is based on the theory that right must be done between nations precisely as between individuals, and in our actions for the last ten years we have in this matter proved our faith by our deeds. We have behaved and are behaving toward other nations as in private life an honorable man would behave toward his fellows.

**Latin American Republics.**  
The commercial and material progress of the twenty Latin American republics is worthy of the careful attention of the congress. No other section of the world has shown a greater proportionate development of its foreign trade during the last ten years, and none other has more special claims on the interest of the United States.

**Panama Canal.**  
The work on the Panama canal is being done with a speed, efficiency and entire devotion to duty which make it a model for all work of the kind. No task of such magnitude has ever before been undertaken by any nation, and no task of the kind has ever been better performed. The men on the isthmus, from Colonel Goethals and his fellow commissioners through the entire list of employees who are faithfully doing their duty, have won their right to the ungrudging respect and gratitude of the American people.

**Ocean Mail Lines.**  
I again recommend the extension of the ocean mail act of 1891 so that satisfactory American ocean mail lines to South America, Asia, the Philippines and Australasia may be established. The creation of such steamship lines should be the natural corollary of the voyage of the battle fleet. It should precede the opening of the Panama canal.

**The Philippines.**  
Real progress toward self government is being made in the Philippine Islands. The gathering of a Philippine legislative body and Philippine assembly marks a process absolutely new in Asia, not only as regards Asiatic colonies of European powers, but as regards Asiatic possessions of other Asiatic powers, and indeed, always excepting the striking and wonderful example afforded by the great empire of Japan. It opens an entirely new departure when compared with anything which has happened among Asiatic powers which are their own masters. We have given the Philippines constitutional government, a government based upon justice, and we have shown that we have governed them for their good and not for our aggrandizement.

At the present time, as during the past ten years, the inexorable logic of facts shows that this government must be supplied by us and not by them. We must be wise and generous. We must help the Philippines to master the difficult art of self control, which is simply another name for

self government. But we cannot give them self government save in the sense of governing them so that gradually they may, if they are able, learn to govern themselves. No one can prophesy the exact date when it will be wise to consider independence as a fixed and definite policy.

**Porto Rico.**  
I again recommend that American citizenship be conferred upon the people of Porto Rico.

**Cuba.**  
In Cuba our occupancy will cease in about two months' time. The Cubans have in orderly manner elected their own governmental authorities, and the island will be turned over to them. Our occupation on this occasion has lasted a little over two years, and Cuba has thriven and prospered under it. Our earnest hope and one desire is that the people of the island shall now govern themselves with justice, to that peace and order may be secure.

**The Fleet's Reception.**  
I take this opportunity publicly to state my appreciation of the way in which in Japan, in Australia, in New Zealand and in all the states of South America the battle fleet has been received on its practice voyage around the world. The American government cannot too strongly express its appreciation of the abounding and generous hospitality shown our ships in every port they visited.

**The Army.**  
As regards the army, I call attention to the fact that, while our junior officers and enlisted men stand very high, the present system of promotion by seniority results in bringing into the higher grades many men of mediocre capacity who have but a short time to serve. No man should regard it as his vested right to rise to the highest rank in the army any more than in any other profession.

The scope of retiring boards should be extended so that they could consider general unfitness to command for any cause in order to secure a far more rigid enforcement than at present in the elimination of officers for mental, physical or temperamental disabilities. But this plan is recommended only if the congress does not see fit to provide what in my judgment is far better—that is, for selection in promotion and for elimination for age.

Now that the organized militia, the national guard, has been incorporated with the army as a part of the national forces it behooves the government to do every reasonable thing in its power to perfect its efficiency.

A bill is now pending before the congress creating a number of extra officers in the army, which, if passed, as it ought to be, will enable more officers to be trained as instructors of national guard and assigned to that duty.

There should be legislation to provide a complete plan for organizing the great body of volunteers behind the regular army and national guard when war has come. While teams representing the United States won the rifle and revolver championships of the world against all comers in England this year, it is unfortunately true that the great body of our citizens shoot less and less as time goes on.

To meet this we should encourage rifle practice among schoolboys and include among all classes, as well as in the military services, by every means in our power.

**The Navy.**  
I approve the recommendations of the general board for the increase of the navy, calling special attention to the need of additional destroyers and colliers and, above all, of the four battleships. It is desirable to complete as soon as possible a squadron of eight battleships of the best existing type. The North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Utah will form the first division of this squadron.

I most earnestly recommend that the general board be by law turned into a general staff. The navy is literally no excuse whatever for continuing the present bureau organization of the navy. The navy should be treated as a purely military organization, and everything should be subordinated to the one object of securing military efficiency. A system of promotion by merit, either by selection or by exclusion or by both processes, should be introduced.

Nothing better for the navy from every standpoint has ever occurred than the cruise of the battle fleet around the world. The improvement of the ships in every way has been extraordinary, and they have gained far more experience in battle tactics than they would have gained if they had stayed in the Atlantic waters. I do not believe that there is any other service in the world in which the average of character and efficiency in the enlisted men is as high as in now the case in our own. I believe that the same statement can be made as to our officers, taken as a whole, but there must be a reservation made in regard to those in the highest ranks and in regard to those who have just entered the service, because we do not now get full benefit from our excellent naval school at Annapolis.

**Special Limited Pullman Excursion to the City of Mexico.**

Tickets will be on sale at the local office December 12 and 13 for an excursion to the City of Mexico. The excursion will leave San Francisco December 15 at 11 a. m. A magnificent special train will be provided, consisting of Pullman vestibuled sleepers, observation sleeper, buffet, smoking car and dining car.

Excursion will be over the Southern Pacific, Mexican Central, Mexican National line, International and Great Northern, Galveston & San Antonio and Santa Fe railroads. The round trip rate from Medford will be \$92.15. The going trip will be continuous up to El Paso, but stopovers may be had at any main line point on the return trip.

The excursion will be under the direct supervision of some railway official from the passenger department and an interpreter will accompany the party to the City of Mexico.

Further particulars at the depot, or communicate with W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent Southern Pacific company, or E. Felt, Ashland.



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The Valley Auto Company will open their new garage and repair shop December 10, back of the Moore hotel. Motor cars stored and taken care of. All work guaranteed. 228

**CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.**  
Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, December 8th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of street and road fund warrants Nos. 924 to 945, inclusive, protested August 8th, 1908. Interest on the same will cease after the above date. 226

L. L. JACOBS,  
City Treasurer.

**JACKSONVILLE HAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Jacksonville has again given evidence to the world at large of its public spirit and progressiveness, says the Post. Through the co-operation of the citizens and the city council there has been established a free public library and reading room. The library association has rented the Beekman building on Main street opposite Ryan's store and has fitted up a reading room in upper

date style. The room has been repapered, the woodwork painted and electric lights installed. A large reading table and bookcase in mission style have been purchased and also a desk and comfortable chairs. A stove and fuel have been donated so the room will be warm. All of this is absolutely free to the people of Jacksonville and adjoining country.

The reading room will be open Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2 to 6 o'clock. Library books may be changed once a week, Mrs. Russell contributing her services as librarian.

**COLONEL'S RAY'S AUTO HERE AND THE OWNER COMING**

Colonel Frank Ray, president of the Condor Water & Power company, is expected to arrive with Mrs. Ray at Medford December 17 to remain until after the holidays. The clubhouse at Gold Bay has been practically rebuilt, new floors, a refrigerator and other improvements added to make the building a comfortable home.

A large Mathewson automobile, with six wheels, reached Medford Monday for the colonel's use here. Both solid and pneumatic tires equip the wheels. The solid tires are for mountain use and are the first seen in the valley.

Reynold Washburn, who was formerly with Washburn & Brown of this city, is now running a moving picture show in Marshfield.

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