### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

ing or pardoning a prisoner where the facts involved in the conviction seemed to warrant it, reserving the right upon condition broken to return him to the the penitentiary. This conditional commutation or pardon has been sustained by the supreme court of this state, and it has been found to be a stronning unnnunhas been found to be a strong factor

in restraining the released prisoner from the commission of a crime.

The administration of justice is un-even. To illustrate: There are ten ju-dicial districts in the state. A man may be convicted in one of a simple felow he convicted in one of a simple relany, and sentenced to a long term in the penifentiary; while is modiler, where the crime committed is the same and under almost identical circumstances, the prisoner may be given a very short term. It seems to me that it is a part of the duty of the executive branch of the government to equalize, where con-ditions warrant, this apparant inequal-ity in the administration of justice. It may be that I have exercised too fre-quently the power of the executive in quantily the power of the executive in behalf of prisoners, and that an occas-ional mistake has been made, but in the aggregate the results accomplished have been most beneficial, for the public has been relieved of the support of a convict and he has been relored to useful of invasing, and in many cases he has re-turned to the support of a dependant family, who, during the incurrentian, were the objects of charity.

### Taking Prisoners to Pen

A great saving can be effected in the matter of bringing the prisoners to the penitentiary if the same system is a copted with reference to that institution as heretefore adopted with regan to patients for the asylum. Convict should be conveyed to the penitentiar, by officials of that institution, without

Institute for the Peeble Minded The report of the superintendent of the institute for the feedle-minded show the institute for the feedeminded show that institution has just been completed and is being organized for the purpose of its creation. There is no question but that the institution will be a factor for

### State Board of Agriculture

The annual fair held under the ansnices of the state board of agriculture has grown to be one of the most important factors in industrial, agricultural and horticultural development. The last report shows: an increase it receipts over any one previously held

of about twenty five per centum.

It may be safely claimed that no or Cactor has played a more important part in stimulating the live stock interest, in improving methods of agriculture and in horticulture, and in attracting the attention of people in the other states to the possibility of our soil and interest.

### Water Supply for State Insittutions.

As the population of the state in reness, that of charitable, pound, and reformatory institutions increase in the same proportion. The question of a nore supple and purer water supply is becoming a vital one, and particularly with reference to the upone asylum. The ceatth of the autorimates confined in this institution must suffer unless some thing is done in the very near future a relieve the conditions as to water for an opidomic of typhoid fever and other diseases always is imminust unde the present conditions.

### Insurance Communitioner

The growth of the state, and the de-languest of its business institution has been us rapid, that it seems to it to time has arrived for making some images in the insurance laws for the Setter protection of the people. The new which requires the deposit of \$50, 80) with the state treasurer as a conition upon which foreign insurance empanies may do business in the state confrs. First, in hosping many strong empanies out of the state, and second, a driving hasiness uses to insure with emparies outside of the state, because home here have not like facilities for surrying the amount of insurante necsary for full protection. If security a to be domanded from a company as a ondition to its doing business in the inte, a surety company's hard ought of he sufficient protection to the holds of policies and those doing busine ith such company. The suggestion is fron made that a repeal of the deposit w will lacite irrespondible underwrit-te the state, but this can be guarded gainst by establishing an insurance epictment and the appointment of a spable insurance commissioner as is one in other states. Such a department agis to be created more and ought to entirely divarced from the office of he secretary of state. It is impossible withis latter officer, with the numerous atties which the law devolves upon him, to give that afterion to the in came business of the state which its mportance requires.

### Educational Institutions

The Agricultural college and the State of craity are in excellent condition, of the excellent at both of these in itutions is larger thou ever before

itations is larger than ever before. Normal Schools
Under an act of the last legislature be normal schools of the state were lased under one board of regents and the report has been filed with the garmor. It will be found that there is a read uniformity in the course of study. and a herter system in vogue in those hals mader one board of regents, that as possible under a board of regents, that a possible under a board of rearrol care. There is no question but that the in a pro-safty for training schools of the board of the public schools of the - and if these training schools are on a leads of the highest efficiency respectives the board of regents have composited the routinance of the armal schools at Moumonth, Ashland ad Weston, and have called attention their mode, if they are to be ein-

I trust the legislature will at once of for all settle the normal school serion, and probable the best way to our it is to not upon the recommendations power of the act should be extended to

staining thre schools in the state

Indian War Veterans has neglected to pay a just debt due from it to those who resked their lives and gave their property for the pre-tection of the houses of the early set there of the state. Clause of the surviv ors of these wars have been paid within has neglected to compensate them for the use of their horses or for those that over disabled or lost. If the obligation for personal service was z just one, the atter is equally as binding upon the late, and the survivous of these early ware ought to be paid by the state the moneys which are justly due them. It sot a question of charity, it is a debt of o repudiate.

### Railroad Commission

The railroad commission has been in xistence searcely two years, but the work it has done has already vindicated the judgement of those who advocated its creation with ampi- powers and the legislature which passed it. The com-mission has moved with caution and with extreme conservation, but it has necomplished splendid results, and is members are to be commended. Attention was first given to the better ment of the service, and a comparison of the service today with that of two years ago is invited to prove that its efforts have coult I in he improve

nestions involving rates, and some of nere are pending in the courts. Although no funds were made avail-

this for that purpose, the containsion has bee investigating and making considerable progress in arriving at the caluation of the various railroads in the state, following the Wisconsina and Mirnesota plan of having the railroads submit inventories and appraisements carrying the original cost and the cost of repoduction. Testimony has already been taken as to about 800 miles, and the railroads are preparing inventories appraisements as to about 1100 s more. This when done, will covr practically all the important lines a the state.

for the splendid work it has done, is doing and will do. It has usually been able to get the milrouls to comply with ts requirements without litigation, and t is probable that much more can be love in the future than his been deduc-

### Library Commission

I call particular attention to the re-ort of the Oregon library commission shows a stendily in reasing interest libraries and librarf work throughou he state. The commission serves the mblis libraries by practical help of rained librarian, as well as the village nd other districts by supplying library ncilities which the sixte offers these ammittees in place of thee library adantages of the city. The plan of the conversion to make its state library traveling one has reserted in the col-ction of 5000 of the best books disributed throughout the state at various tations, with a record of about 25,00 noles leared to readers during the bi-noist period. The commission has devered to the schools of the state day ng this period 54,825 volumes, at cost of \$30,589.79, the method of pur have resulting in ascring of about one hird to the schools.

### Oregon National Guard

The Oregon intioned guard has never seen in a higher state of efficience own in a higher state of efficiency han at this time. Larger support is given each year by congress to the state or assisting in the confement, main guard, because it is latter understood now than ever before, that in time of war, it is to a well tended militia that we wast look for protection. In the very nature of things the standing may a small, but it serves the purpose of protection in times of pener and is a splendid factor for instruction when

mays been destroyed; the coal and ironuines are being wastefully robbed o heir stores; call eroses; is rapidly tak ing place as the result of decorestation the navigable streams are in flood dur ing certain seconds and unavigable as others for the same reason, and the time hase by state and malien for the pro-cetion of the present and future gen entions. Oregon is the richest state it he union in forest and in mineral re-ources which have not been disposed or but the national government or wasted by the national government or wasted by destroyed to satisfy individual or comparate greed, and it behaves our people to see to it that these resources are cared for and protected.

### Water Legislation

A carefully prepared code of water aws was submitted to the last legisla The pred for such legislation was ap-The prest for such legislation was ap-jurent Cent it to more apparent new, and as time slips be and more land is brought under trigation, the difficul-ties growing out of coefficing claims to the use of water become more diffi-cult of adjostment. It ought to receive the careful consideration of the legis-

### Unappropriated Water Powers

The assuppreprinted water powers as he state night to be reserved for the he state aught to be reserved for the use of the public. Many of the most, aliashle water powers have been up-repriated by corporations and indi-siduals, not for present, and sometimes not even for future use, but for the surpose of speculation. There is some relations that a deliberate purpose has seen formed by persons in other states the understand and frame the future size to which these autor powers may be put; to a spaire, under laws now in e par to acquire under laws now in orse, the anappropriated powers of nountain and other streams. Some

Employers' Liability Law An art was passed to the legislation of 100% known as the "Pollow Service Law." It was made applicable trailway employees on a and has been most beneficial in its results. The particular in the results.

all employers for the protection of all land and Mr. and Mrs. George Linn of employees. In theory it may appear all right to say that there are certain after spendding the holidays with release and visible risks which the employee ought to assume when he enters

W. C. Kitts was a Medford caller the employ of one engaged in a hazard.

Wednesday as was actoropy Gus Newons enterprise. But the accessities of the man seeking employment frequent-ly compel him to take whatever offers to enable him to carn his daily bread. The employer has it is his power to furnish a safe place to work and suit-able and safe appliances and machinery e work with, leaving nothing to be as somed by the employee but the results of his own carciessness. He should use wery device, care, and precaution practicable for the protection of life and limb, limited only by the necessity of preserving efficiency of the structure, muchine or other apparatus or device, which the state cannot afford and without regard to the additional cost of suitable material or safety ap-pliances and devices. If the business will not justify this precaution and expenditure it were better that the business be not entered upon or that it be abandoned, rather than that human life and limb be made to pay the pen-

### Carrying Concealed Weapons

Many of the fatal accidents caused to the promisenous sole and careless se of fire arms, and much crime, can use of fire-firms, and muce crime, can be avoided by a law that will restrict the sale and use of guns, pistols and similar deadly weapons. It ought to be made a misdemeanor to sell weapis except upon a permit to be issued by the sheriff, or some one upon whom might be devolved the duty of examining eacr applicant ps to character and fitness, and the right to purchase should be denied to the drunkard, the minor and the irresponsible person

### Non-Partisan Judicary

In some of the states, steps are being then to secure the election of a nonactisan indicary. This state ought not to be behind others in this important progressive movement. Each of he several parties might nominate a andidate at the primity election, and when the nominations are made the names of the candidates nominated could be arranged on the bllot for the gen-rat election in appliabetical order without disclosing party to which they belong. This would require the voter to exercise the power of selection, and I am sure the result would be more satisfactory and eliminate politics enirely from the judicary department of

### Bank Guaranty Law

The question of caneting a law for he protection of the depositors in state banks has been generally discussed since the panic of one year ago, and numerous bills will desibiless be up for consideration. I am sore that of those presented one can be selected which will accomplish the purpose proposed and not be unjust to these engaged in the banking business by the imposition of restrictions so severe and a tax so ardensome us to remainly interferently the conduct of the banking business. Oblahoma has a law on the sub-ject which is said to give general sub-iscretion, and has been instrumental ratinating a large volume of money from other states. The affect of such a law will be colutary, and will lend to onservatism rather than to recklosuress at the conduct of the braking business, and at the same time protect the depositor and mitigate the cells of the occas onal panie.

In Canalusion, gentlemen, permit me o express the hope that you may aparough the duties incombent on a spirit of compromise and patriot m. All legislation is the result of ince essentially on questions that vi-ally affect the public welfare. Upon one thing we are all agreed, we lovthis magnificent community ealth and its iffer on non-essentials, we are agreed that we only want to do those things which will be productive of the great est good to the greatest musher.

I promise you that ! will, with the help of Him who doesn all things well,

east you make heat I can in the discharge continuously obligations to the people of the state, where surrants we are

### JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Miss Myrtle Quigley of Clunchur Kitts Saturday and Sanday . Miss Quigley has entered St. Mary's neadmy at Medford. Mrs. Christena Reuter was a Med-

ord visitor Wednesday.

Earl Shepherd came down from Ash-and Sunday to spend the day with So friends living here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Linn of Port. Ja

Wednesday as was actorney Gus New-

Mrs. W. R. Coleman went up to Phoenix Wednesday evening to be present at the Cate it so weeding.

Mrs. Bert Bostwick and children are
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew

Cantrell this week.

Robert Dow, deputy sheriff, and Alanza Slover of Medford left for Salem on Thursday evening, having in charge C. E. Reach who was sen-tenced to two years in the ponitentiary for forgery.

Mrs. H. Messenger of Provolt, Ore. s visiting friends in town. Mrs. Mes-enger was formerly Miss Mattie Dan-

"Chuck" Wilcox left for Oakland, Cal., Saturday to reenter St. Mary's college, having spent his vacation at home.

Among those who went up to Phoen ix from here Wednesday to be present at the Cate-Rose wedding were; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coleman, Miss Towne, Miss Donegan, and Rev. Robert Ennis Miss Corinne Linn was a Medford visitor one day this week,

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	No. 4 Arrives Medford	5:08 p. m.			

	No. 2 Leaves Medford	10:45 a. m.
	No. 4 Leaves Medford	5:35 p. m.
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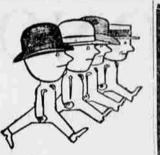
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tates for the District of Origin. In the matter of J. A. Stevens, A. A. tevens and D. A. Bouar, as the Juck n County Lamber Company, buckengt.

To the creditors of:

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A. A. Stevens, A. A. Stevens and D. Bonn, as the Jackser County Lum-er Company, of Oregon, in the county f Jackson, and district aforesaid, a ankeupt

hankrupt.

Notice is bereby given that on the said J. A. Stevens, A. A. Stevens and D. A. Stevens and D. A. Stevens and Lumber Company, was duly adjusticated hankrupt; and that the first mosting of its creditors will be held at Medford, in Jackson country Oregon, as the Market and A. D. 1999. the 15th day of January, A. D. 1900 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which ime the said ereditors may attend prove their claims, appoint a trust-examine the bankrupt, and transc such other business as may properly come before said meeting. JOHN S. ORTH.

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