

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor Penney's message is quite a voluminous and exhaustive document, and deals with a multiplicity of questions of public interest.

The public interest taken in the course of lectures recently delivered in this city by Prof. Riddell on sociology and cognate subjects, is evidence that our people feel an interest in the current thought of the day.

We publish elsewhere in the columns of this paper an article by Prof. A. S. Draper on "State Control in Education," and we trust that our readers will give it a careful reading.

Hon. N. L. Butler, of Polk county, distinguished himself Tuesday, when he presented the name of B. Goldsmith as a democratic candidate for the United States senate.

The Oregon legislature has finally got down to hard work, the bills now before it are being carefully considered, and the scramble for the clerkships is all over.

A glance over the Oregon senate chamber shows only three gray haired men—the rest being composed of young and energetic men.

Mr. Joseph Gaston, of Gaston, Or., has compiled and published in neat pamphlet form a bill entitled an act to create the office of a railroad commissioner and fix his compensation, and to define his powers and duties etc.

The abolition of the officers of railroad, fishery commissions, etc., is strongly urged and argued at considerable length.

From time to time this paper has indicated to the people of Polk county that a railroad from Independence to Falls City was practically guaranteed to be put through in the near future.

The press of the country is about equally divided on the question of free coinage of silver. It is difficult to forecast the effect of silver free coinage upon business and commercial relations.

The Australian ballot system is rapidly coming in favor with the people of this country, and the present legislature will have the question up for consideration.

It might be well to note the suggestion recently made by L. G. Langton, of Washington. He says that the promiscuous mingling of the names of the various political candidates is very confusing to the voter.

Dr. Koch, the famous German pathologist, has at last made public the ingredients of his famous lymph or consumptive cure.

South America is having another semi-annual outburst of internecine warfare. This time it is pugnacious little Chile that has turned loose the dogs of war.

We notice in the Oregon legislature that the borrowing class favor cheap money through repeal of the mortgage tax law, and the loaning class it is so that the monopoly of the money market may continue.

Six inches of snow and fair skating at Linkville during the past week. There is some talk of carving a new county out of the west side of Wasco county.

Thomas G. Williams was arrested at Coos bay last week on a charge of forgery committed in Unadilla county.

The Evangelical church at Sweet Home is having a bitter faction fight. Revs H. I. Bittner and Thos. A. Youst are tilting at one another pretty hard.

The Coos Bay and Eugene railroad company is pushing the work of grading as rapidly as possible, fifteen miles of which is now finished.

In the vicinity of Hood river the grass is half an inch high all over the country, and this is January.

Petty thieves are rather too numerous for convenience round about Prairie City, Grant county.

On the grounds that the building of the Hunt road to Pendleton has not resulted in the benefits extended, a number of Pendleton subscribers are organizing to resist payment of the second subsidy installment.

The cattle range between Prairie City and Warm Springs is full of stray stock.

A man by the name of Walker has found coal on the farm of P. S. Weaver in the Coos bay country, and it has proved to be of first-class quality.

Eastern Oregon people begin to have fears of an ice famine—no cold weather to speak of up to date.

An Eastern Oregon paper says that thousands of head of horses and cattle have drifted down on the Snake river plains, where the feed is exceedingly good.

There is strong probability that a railroad will be built next summer from The Dalles to the Fossil coal mines. This road would greatly develop the resources of that country.

The Oregonian says all the victims of the railroad accident near Lake Labish have left Salem except the following, who will be removed as soon as practicable.

Oscar Allison, of Unadilla county, was thrown from a wagon near Eight Mile last week, by a runaway team, and besides being badly bruised one of his wrists was broken.

Ashland people are taken up with the phenomena of a picture of a female form in the guise of an angel, which has appeared on the plaster on the walls of the Catholic church in that city.

Mr. P. Littleton has made arrangements to have an artist make a crayon drawing of it. The figure was caused by a leak in the roof, but the curious part of the thing is the shape it has assumed.

REPAIR THE SIDEWALKS.—The new council has a good deal of hard work before it, and almost the first thing to be done is to look after the condition of the sidewalks.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES.—There will be preaching next Sunday at 7 p. m., at the Evangelical church. Subject for the evening, "Christian Unity."

ABOUT COMPLETED.—Messrs. Riel and Bro. have about completed fitting up the Jasperson & Parker machine shop into a convenient and well arranged livery stable for the use of Messrs. Damon, Williams & Co.

It is estimated by sheep men that Heppner will get 25 to 35 per cent. more wool next year than last.

NORMAL SCHOOL COLUMN.

CHAPLAIN EXERCISES.—The attendance during the last week has been very good; a few of the students have been absent from the morning exercises on account of colds.

On Tuesday Prof. J. M. Garrison of the Pacific university at Forest Grove, gave a lecture on the importance of an advanced course in penmanship.

Friday is senior's day, and for the last week the program consisted of an essay by Miss Nettie Groves, a biographical sketch of Wm. Woodworth by Miss Mary Coates, and a lecture on the "growth of modern science" by Mr. Sam Howe.

The athletic association recently elected Prof. Powell to the office of director and is improving the gymnasium, and as several of the athletes have received serious bruises from falling from the rings or trapeze the association has ordered the director to have the floor covered with saw dust.

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