

COMMONPLACE

The governor's message is remarkable for only one thing, that of being probably the most ordinary one that ever emanated from the Executive Office of the State.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Linn County members have places on the following committees: Mr. Weatherford is a member of the Judiciary and public lands committees.

Mr. Bilyeu is on the committee on corporations, and railroads and enrolled bills.

Mr. Hult is a member of the committee on counties and federal relations.

Mr. Montanye is on the following committees: Elections and Judiciary.

Mr. Black is on the Ways and Means and Assessment and Taxation.

Mr. Watts is on engrossed bills.

Mr. Shelton is on Federal Relations.

Mr. Cyrus is on Railways and Transportation.

For some reason we know not what, the speaker has seen fit to leave Hon. J. H. Peery of this county without a place on any committee.

Charges of buying and selling are made in the coolest manner possible.

When the governor recommends to the legislature the necessity of constructing a sewer to connect the asylum grounds with the main sewers of the city of Salem, it would be proper also to inform that body that the state has already invested two or three thousand dollars in constructing those main sewers in Salem, twelve or fourteen hundred dollars of which was paid out of the insane asylum building fund without authority of law.

We think Governor Moody gives a very lame and unsatisfactory excuse for the delay in taking the insane in charge by the state.

Both houses of the legislature by vote, refused to allow J. W. Watts to address them on the prohibitory amendment last week.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The Governor congratulates the people upon the auspicious circumstances under which the legislature meets.

Four mill tax of 1882... \$255,374.43
Four mill tax of 1883... 301,237.80
Delinquent taxes... 6,055.36

Making a total of... \$652,693.88
Adding to this amount the sum of \$122,608.36, which stood in the treasury August 31, 1882, to the credit of the general fund, we have the sum of \$775,302.24 against which is to be charged the amount of the general appropriation made by the last Legislature.

The bonded indebtedness of the state has been largely reduced. The funds arising from the sale of lands granted to the state by congress for educational purposes have been carefully loaned by the board of school land commissioners and the several amounts are as follows: University fund principal, \$78,000; Agricultural College fund principal, \$77,900; Common school fund principal, \$89,800.

Of the different classes of lands belonging to the State there has been sold since Sept. 1, 1882, as follows:

University lands... 2,318.26
Agricultural College lands... 4,559.69
Common School... 122,646.17
Internal improvements... 32,743.13

The progress made in securing title to the swamp lands of the State is unsatisfactory, but the delay and uncertainty about the whole matter are attributed to the neglect or refusal of the Com. of the general land office to pass upon the proof of the swampy character of such lands as have in times past been selected by the State.

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CONCEALED WEAPONS

A prolific source of crime is the too common habit of carrying concealed weapons. The presence of a weapon in case of a personal encounter always presents a strong temptation for its use, and such use in the heat of passion has come to be too lightly regarded.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

His excellency recommends that some measures be adopted by which the rural communities may more generally enjoy the benefits of our common school system.

ASSESSMENT

Recommends such legislation as will provide for an equitable distribution of the burdens of government among all holders of property subject to taxation.

REGISTRY LAWS

Your attention will doubtless be called to the necessity of a registry law. The importance of some legislation of this kind has long been felt.

INSANE

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PENITENTIARY

Under an act of the legislative assembly passed in 1882, all the convicts since said time have been leased to Goldsmith & Lowenberg of Portland, at 40 cents per day.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The governor urges the creation of the office of attorney general for the state. The state is constantly in need of legal counsel and has to employ such as it may be able to find who will enter the service of the state temporarily.

REFORM SCHOOL

One of the most important matters to be considered by you is the provision of some place for the care and proper education of youthful criminals.

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following important bills have been introduced in the legislature: By Houtt of Linn, for a constitutional convention.

By Lee of Polk, locating a State Normal School.

By Warren of Yamhill, regulating the practice of medicine and surgery.

By Rhinehart of Union, regulating freights and fares on railroads.

By Miller of Josephine to relieve Josephine county from payment of state taxes for 1884.

By Allen of Polk, to prevent bulls running at large.

By Simon of Multnomah for registration of voters.

By Weatherford to regulate Warehousesmen Wharfingers commission men and other bailees.

By Haines to regulate the rate of interest.

By Cartwright to create the county of Whitman.

By Houtt to punish tramps.

By Bilyeu to amend the school law.

By Davenport for electing precinct assessors.

By Davenport to provide for high license.

By Prim to incorporate Linkville.

By Bilyeu of Lane to appropriate \$30,000 to build a wing to the State University building.

By Roberts of Coos to license the carrying of concealed weapons.

By Cox to create the county of Morrow.

By Montanye to repeal Section 16 of chapter 24 of the code which requires stamps to be affixed to fire and marine insurance policies.

By Houtt to regulate freights and fares and transportation.

By Miller to create a railroad commission.

By Warren to relocate the county seat of Yamhill county.

By Pennington to create the county of Morrow.

By Derris to establish uniform size of hop boxes.

HYPOCRITICAL

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FARMINGTON LETTER

FARMINGTON, W. T., Jan. 12, '85. Owing to the blockade, our west mail has been delayed near a month, but yesterday the route was again declared open.

The snow at this place has been 16 inches deep, lowest temperature 16 below zero.

No loss of stock is reported as everybody had plenty of feed, and stock are now in excellent condition.

Several gentlemen have come in from the mines since the storm and report "the Lake" frozen over, but the trail open.

Great indignation prevails at a recent report from Sidney D. Waters, U. S. Indian agent, at Colville reservation to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington.

The Colville reserve is sufficiently large to keep every Indian north of Snake river, and a better hunting ground.

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FOR SALE

For Sale, a saw mill and water power.

For Sale, a fine lot of logs.

For Sale, one farm.

For Sale, a fine residence.

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