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ingenious Argument to Prove That the Proper Expenditure of That Amount Would Be a Measure of Economy—Declares That Cost of Transportation Would Be Reduced on Highways Sixty Per Cent.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Latimer, of South Carolina, made a speech in the Senate today in advocacy of his bill creating a bureau of highways and carrying appropriations of \$24,000,000.

He said this amount should be divided equally between the states and territories according to population, the minimum allotment being \$250,000 to any state having less than 750,000 inhabitants.

He declared it wrong to board the people's money. It is not necessary to meet the public debt before it and current expenses are all provided for.

He contended that better roads are a national necessity and proper object of national aid. As the rivers and harbors are improved, so should be the highways.

GOV. CUMMINGS' MESSAGE. Makes Charge of Extortion Against Former Officials.

Des Moines, Jan. 14.—Governor Cummings' message, delivered this afternoon, is a sensation. It recommended the impeachment of a former State Auditor Meriam indicted from eastern insurance companies as fees for alleged examinations, be refunded. He says Merriam and insurance examiners conducted a systematic campaign of extortion for personal gain.

Bank Robbed.

Santa Maria, Cal., Jan. 14.—Sawell's branch bank at Santa Maria was robbed last night of \$200 cash and a small amount of securities.

New German Consulate.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A building for the Reichstag today decided to establish German consulates at Atlanta, Seattle, New Orleans and St. Paul.

CONCILIATION BRINGING SPIRIT TO VLADIVOSTOK PORT.

Russia Must Modify Her Demands Or War Will Be Certain—Japan Will Not Tolerate Such a Thing as a Neutral Zone Around Korea, and Expects Russia Will Back Down—A Settlement Not Far Off.

CLOSED TO SHIPPING.

New York, Jan. 14.—A special from Port Arthur states that the Japanese are leaving. More than 100 left Dalny in one day. The Russians regard the Japanese seizure of Mokhepe as the first shot. Trains from Russian Europe are crammed with troops.

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Berlin, Jan. 14.—Official intelligence from the Japanese government states that the situation is tense.

DRIVERS AND EMPLOYERS FAIL TO AGREE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The strike of the livery drivers began anew today, after a truce of 15 days following the Inquiries fire. Ninety-five percent of the 1,600 drivers of carriages and hearses are said to be out and only black undertakers' wagons are put in service in lieu of hearses at funerals, while the mourners are obliged to resort again to street cars in journeying to cemeteries.

A. A. ROBERTS FOR LA GRANDE RECEIVER.

Portland, Jan. 13.—The Daily Journal's Washington special says: The Oregon delegation has recommended to the president the appointment of Albert A. Roberts, of Heppner, as receiver of the La Grande land office, to succeed Asa B. Thompson.

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