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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor Chamberlain's message indicates that the new executive purposes looking after the interests of the state. He has pointed out a large number of defects in our present laws, and there is every reason to believe that the legislature will rectify some of the errors that have crept in during the past 10 or 12 years.

Most striking, perhaps, is that section of the message which has to do with state valuations. According to Governor Chamberlain, the assessed valuation of property in Oregon has decreased from \$160,000,000 in 1882 to \$118,000,000 in 1900. This decrease has been due, of course, to the effort of the assessors of the various counties to avoid payment of their just portions of the tax levied for the maintenance of the state government.

Governor Chamberlain recommends an inheritance tax and a tax on foreign corporations, and the idea is a good one. His suggestion that our convict labor should not be allowed to compete with free labor is likewise timely. All executions should, as he says, take place in the state penitentiary, and radical changes are needed in the law regulating the manner in which prisoners and insane persons are transferred to the state institutions.

The establishment of a bureau of labor is one of the most important recommendations offered by the new executive. Oregon has had few labor contentions of serious proportions, and in the future wants less. The way to prevent strikes is to inaugurate a system that will obviate them. We cannot make too early a start in this direction, and a labor commissioner will prove of great benefit to the people of the state.

All of us have met the man who never has a good word to say of anyone—who finds no virtues in his fellows. Observation would lead to the conclusion that this grouchy individual is in editorial control of the Oregonian. In its issue of yesterday it comments on the accession to authority of Governor Chamberlain, who comes in for the most contemptible ridicule. "He drinks," says the Oregonian, which then proceeds to square itself by saying, "Well, that's nothing." "We have no fight on Chamberlain," it avers, and again makes amends by stating that he is a populist Bryanite who would hesitate not an instant to strike at the vitals of the government that has reared him. "He will get fair treatment from this paper," it continues, and then goes on to speculate at long distance on the dire results that would follow the naming of a United States senator by the new governor should a vacancy occur. Here is a lack of patriotism that deserves the condemnation of every man, woman and child in the state of Oregon. George E. Chamberlain was elected chief executive by the people of Oregon, and as the head of their state government is entitled to the respect of every honest citizen. He is known to be honorable and conscientious, and for any paper to prematurely question the record that he has made is to offer an insult to the intelligence of the people and their chosen representative. Governor Chamberlain's message has the ring of honesty about it, and it is brutal to intimate that his administration will not terminate satisfactorily. He is a democrat, but is this any reason why he should be openly insulted? The Oregonian's lack of loyalty is what breeds anarchy. It should be thoroughly ashamed of itself. Governor Chamberlain is our governor, and we purpose to do everything in our power to assist him in enforcing the laws of the state

and safeguarding the interests of the people. Partisanship ended with the counting of the vote, and it is the patriotic duty of every Oregonian to uphold the decision of the majority.

When Editor Watterson gets his warpaint on there is much diplomacy required to get him to wash it off and take to the pipe of peace, says the Tacoma Ledger. A while ago he attacked that peculiar social freak known as the 400, and he is still after it. The members of the organization are not pleased. Dearly a they love notoriety, they want it always coupled with praise. The plain truth is, there is nothing in their conduct to praise. They are a lot of loafers not even picturesque. Mr. Watterson has been exposing the low condition of their morals and their intelligence, and as the facts stare them in the face they cannot help recognition, and pain follows. Some of the New York papers come to the rescue of the afflicted, but only with the effect of getting a share of the editorial fire. The plea is put forward for the 400 that they are a class apart, not subject to ordinary rules of conduct and that they are of no importance anyhow except that they are spectacular. This is not a good plea. The band is made up of gilded loafers and in a country where the acquisition of wealth is placed among virtues, those who have acquired it to the extent that they have nothing to do but contrive new methods for displaying idleness cannot be permitted to escape the public eye and public opinion. When men have no more profitable employment than being the fellow guests of a monkey at a swell dinner; when women leaving a ball wade through the basin of a fountain just to get a new sensation; when the world is so constituted that there is no place for the idle. The people under consideration are idlers, every one. They have no decent ambitions. They have not the sense to employ their means with discretion. Ordinary amusements pall. The people sink naturally to a low plane. When they are espied at this plane, and somebody calls attention to the circumstance that they are there, they get angry about it. Editor Watterson does not care.

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STUDENTS ARE SHIVERING. Coal Shortage May Cause University to Be Closed.

New York, Jan. 15.—On account of the coal shortage the University of Pennsylvania was in darkness last night, says a Philadelphia dispatch to the American. If coal cannot be obtained today, the institution will be compelled to close and 300 students will be out of classes. There is also danger from the coal famine to the 500 patients in the university hospital.

"INCUBATOR" BABY DEAD. New York, Jan. 15.—The two and a quarter pound baby born to Mrs. Vincent McNally is dead despite the belief expressed by the physicians at the hospital, to which the child was taken to be placed in an incubator, that it would live.

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