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A PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

GAIN The Journal submits for the consideration of the Oregon legislators, eight important legislative propositions which it holds to be a splendid program of legislative progress.

Each proposition is fundamental to progress and each is constructive movement for state betterment or state development.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

THERE is much in the governor's message that will appeal to the intelligence of the legislature.

Those who looked for drastic proposals are fooled, for, although there are many very progressive recommendations, the message as a whole is sober in tone.

Among the recommendations are the establishment of a home for the aged, a home for wayward girls, state supervision and regulation of all state-aided charitable institutions.

outside of an incorporated city or town, strict Sunday closing, and the requirement that all saloons shall have glass fronts and that card tables and chairs be prohibited.

CARRY THE NEWS

FAR be it from The Journal to obtrude upon a painful situation and by idle inquiry open afresh the wounds that bleed so in the senate fireworks of yesterday.

Did the two Bull Moozers, with Ralph Williams busied with parceling out Oregon jobs at Washington, and unable to stretch his guardian hand over his fold at home, time their assault when the Republican earthworks were most exposed?

The press accounts give no verbatim reports of the language used at Salem. But as "Dear Theodore" has so often remarked of "Dear Will" doubtless there were well directed volleys of "highlanders" and "pickpockets," and "highwaymen," and "malignant malefactors," and "malicious prevaricators," and "undoers of duty" and "jackasses."

SELECTED IMMIGRANTS

FROM every congress and convention that applies itself to prescribing for the greatest need of Oregon the same tale is heard. More immigrants, but selected ones, to settle up the vacant or sparsely settled lands of this state is the demand.

But when it comes to defining and agreeing to a definite plan for attracting the most desirable settlers, then criticism of existing efforts, rather than action towards the desired end, is the only noticeable result.

It is unfortunately true that literature—pictorial, based on exceptional productions, rosy-tinted, extravagant, leads directly to disappointment. Protests against continuing such issues are heard on every side.

means to lead Oregon youth into knowledge of what is meant by combination of soil, seed and intelligent care by human hands and human minds?

GUILTY

HE WAS a Judge's son. With head bowed in his hands, he sat yesterday in the chamber of the United States senate.

When the end came, the verdict was guilty on four counts, and the decree is that Judge Archbald shall never more hold office of trust or profit under the government of the United States.

The judge of yesterday, is not a judge today. The incumbent yesterday of one of the highest judicial positions in the world, he is today, almost a man without a country.

ENGLISH PRISON WORK

PREPARATIONS in England for the International Exhibition of this year at Ghent in Belgium, include a section devoted to display of prison work.

A series of life size models of convicts at work will be shown. There will be seen two prisoners working at an anvil, others making rope fenders for ships, others basket making at the many types in use in government offices.

LIKE JEFFERSON

NATURAL resources must be conserved and also used for the common good. Raw materials must be put at the disposal of every person in the United States on equal terms.

The words are from the president-elect's Chicago speech. The country is to be congratulated. As thus presented, it is a theme that can never wear out.

make this a government under the Roman plan. Through the agency of tariffs they would determine what industries to encourage and what to discourage.

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Now at the just-to-all, geographic center of Portland's population, Holladay and Grand avenue hits, two entire blocks might be secured for \$100,000, not much more than the cost of 100 feet at the Market block site.

THE AUDITORIUM

Portland, Or., Jan. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—About two years ago the people of Portland voted \$600,000 for an auditorium.

My suggestion for a site is the block about opposite the First Congregational church on West Park street at Main.

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A Program of Progress

Editorial in Oregon Daily Journal, Sunday, January 14.

The Journal presents herewith eight important reforms which it commends to the intelligence of the legislators who are to convene this week in biennial assembly.

1.—Reform of legislative methods and legislative procedure by minimizing the number of bills introduced and confining introduction to the first week of the session by making committee assignments a matter of merit instead of a matter of barter and by correction of known and notorious evils to the end that public confidence in the legislature may be restored and the growing use of the initiative be minimized.

2.—The passage of a good roads bill, framed in a spirit of compromise by capable men, carrying such provisions as will commend it to general confidence, and providing the largest possible encouragement and introducing the highest practicality into the work of road construction.

3.—The enactment of irrigation legislation in which there will be provision, so far as the legislature is able to do further it, for giving the land to the actual settler at actual cost, and providing to the utmost extent for the elimination of speculators and speculation from the debauchment of irrigation in Oregon.

4.—Statutory reform of court procedure for abolishment of the notorious laws delaying, for eliminating admitted frivolous motions, technicalities and appeals, and for reducing the great public cost of litigation, all to the end that it may be safely done by those equipped for the purpose and not be made by those who incompetent to engage in such a reform.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

No man's credit is so bad that he can't borrow trouble. Angels may be high fliers, but not every high flier is an angel. Some men try to realize on their opportunities before they arrive. The man who never had a sweetheart does not know what he missed. The less brains a man has to spare the more likely he is to lose his head. An honest man seldom blows his own horn—probably because he is too poor to own one. The man who marries an angel in disguise is apt to find the disguise both perfect and lasting. The efforts of women to make themselves beautiful are but vain attempts—even when successful. We have often wondered if some men don't get married for the purpose of having some one to drive them to drink. The first thing a woman does after moving into a house is to look in all the closets to see if the last tenants left any family skeletons. After a city boarder has spent the summer in the country he is apt to believe that the original gold brick factory is located out of town.

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