

# Governor Withycombe Delivers Message to Legislature

## MORE SHIPS FOR COAST CHARTER NEED ARE URGED

Establishment of a State Constabulary Recommended; Tax Limitation Is Now Deployed.

Salem, Jan. 14.—Governor Withycombe delivered his biennial message to the thirtieth Oregon legislative assembly this afternoon.

His first thought, expressed in his message, is for the care of returning soldiers. He says Oregon has approximately 2,000,000 acres of privately owned logged-off lands which he advocates should be purchased either by the government or the state, be divided into organized districts, improved and allotted in units to prospective settlers.

"These settlers should be required to make a reasonable initial payment and to meet the unpaid balance on long-time installments," he says. "The rate of interest following the amortization plan," he says.

Irrigation districts, also, should be organized and financial aid be extended to the irrigators. A similar plan could be followed in the drainage of swamp lands.

He suggests that the temporary land settlement commission which he appointed a year ago to make a study of this question, be made permanent by proper legislation.

### Soldier Comes First

Returning soldiers should be given preference in contracts for public work, such as state highway work, the governor urges.

Pointing to the immense wealth of Oregon and tributary territory in natural resources, the governor declares that the situation demands a strong merchant marine managed by Oregon men and manned by Oregonians.

The chief executive urges the legislature to memorialize congress, asking for the construction of a large number of ships which can be chartered to men in coast states on terms which will enable them to compete successfully with any shippers in the world.

He deplores the financial situation in Oregon is not hopeless. As one big saving he recommends that all state aid for the industrial accident insurance be suspended, and the commission meet its administrative expenses from its accumulated surplus.

This would save \$680,000 in the two years and if an emergency clause was attached to the law, so it would become effective February 1, another \$180,000 could be saved.

### State Constabulary Urged

He recommends the establishment of a state constabulary of 19 or 15 men, and says it is advisable to proceed with the organization of the Oregon National Guard.

He discusses educational measures and vocational training, and comments the work being done by the insurance and corporation departments and the highway commission.

On the subject of the penitentiary situation and invites a careful examination into state prison affairs. He advocates a repeal of the law prohibiting the sale of public goods in competition with free labor.

Various other subjects are treated briefly. The message in full follows: To the members of the thirtieth Ore-

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## PLEADS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS



Governor James Withycombe

son legislative assembly:

In extending a warm greeting to you all, I can assure you that I approach this pleasure with a full heart and with a candid desire for wholesome cooperation.

It is your responsibility to lay the foundation for a desirable future between state and nation in the matter of rearranging public affairs and institutions to meet a situation that has borne no precedent since the birth of the republic.

In many of the serious questions which will be put forward during the next 40 days, you will have no precedent to guide you. Though living in the present day and participating in contemporary events, you will, in a certain positive sense, be pioneers, and you will, therefore, be obliged to face your work courageously and with a vision that carries you above partisanship and beyond the restricted limits of sectional antagonism and personal ambition.

It is your duty, in exercising full confidence in your integrity, honesty of purpose, wisdom and far-sightedness.

### Vision Is Needed

This message was prepared in harmony with custom and in accordance with my constitutional duty as chief executive of this state. It will deal only with those matters which appear to me, after reflection of a four year administration, as affecting the best interests of the whole state at a time when many large developments are in progress.

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It is not necessary for me to remind you of Oregon's preeminent patriotic record and of the importance of preservation of the status quo in the past and ambition for the future.

Oregon, blessed with generous, patriotic people, contributed far more than her proportionate share of men, money and materials. She responded with alacrity to every call for patriotic endeavor and time after time she has placed her state in support of the country's cause.

### Land Settlement Problems

It will never be said of Oregon that she thought more highly of her dollars than of the destiny of her people. In the effort possible will be made to provide proper care for the boys returning from the service.

Probably the most important problem confronting the state of Oregon today is this question of land settlement, especially as it affects the returning soldiers and sailors who are entitled to every encouragement and aid in their life.

Congress will undoubtedly make some provision for federal assistance in this work, but it will involve a system of financing.

I feel that steps should be taken toward the compilation of a reliable, permanent history of Oregon's participation in the world war.

In my last message, addressed to the 1917 legislative assembly, I urged the adoption of legislation extending the electoral franchise to soldiers who may have direct participation in the service of their country.

It is not generally understood by the people of this state that there is now no penalty in Oregon for treason. Before the abolition of capital punishment, conviction of this crime brought the death penalty.

Circumstances might arise where the federal law could not reach the traitor. After painstaking consideration of the entire problem, I have come to the conclusion that the prime factor is shipping, carriers being virtually the only important trade in the state which Oregon is not already endowed.

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## STATE'S DUTY TO SERVICE MEN IS EMPHASIZED

Opening of Land to Returned Soldiers Is Suggested as a Patriotic Move at This Time.

uncertain but it is by no means hopeless and I have faith in the ability of this legislature to solve the problem. Perhaps the idea of a conservation fund marked by a severe drain on the treasury but we have learned, as never before, how to save and conserve.

As a matter of business expediency, it is to invite attention toward the advisability of establishing the end of the fiscal year at July 1 rather than December 31.

In passing the subject of finance to a cursory perusal of the departments of state coming directly within the jurisdiction of the executive branch, we find that the state is not in a position to meet the needs of the returned soldiers.

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Simply because our thoughts of late years have been concerned more or less with the preparation of the state for the future, we should not neglect the present.

Two years ago I recommended the establishment of facilities for military training in the high schools, and intermediate events tend to strengthen the arguments in favor of this innovation.

I feel that commendation is due the child welfare commission, which has been performing excellent work in conjunction with the extension department of the University of Oregon.

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