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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Governor Olcott's message, outside of a few features, is the usual review of the condition of the state government and its institutions and activities—

And some good recommendations are made concerning the needs of the institutions in order to increase their usefulness.

Governor Olcott's suggestion that the Legislature take action to curb Japanese colonization wishes upon that body a large task—

But that is the place where it should rest.

Oregon should not fall into the mistake made in California, where the people voted into their constitution a fundamental law against the holding of land by Japanese.

Three words in the proposed treaty between the United States and Japan will nullify that law and make it of none effect—

Words guaranteeing the Japanese nationals in this country all the privileges of the nationals of any other country.

Now California will have to back water, and this cannot be accomplished by the Legislature of that state: it must go to the people; and the talk down there is concerning another vote of the people on an amendment prohibiting all aliens or their descendants from owning lands—

While California needs immigration of the right kind, to help develop millions of acres of idle lands—

Just as Oregon needs that kind of immigrants.

So this whole immigration matter is loaded with TNT and filled with knotty problems—

Remembering that we all agree that the "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan was a mistake, and that it has been broken in ten thousand different ways by the canny little brown men (and women) of the island empire that nestles against the coast of Asia and dominates that populous part of the world.

The Governor's recommendation that the flax industry at the penitentiary be abandoned when the industry can be taken care of by private parties, and that a box factory, from the log to the finished box, be substituted, is a large order. Such a box factory would necessitate the building of a much larger wall, and the putting in of very expensive machinery, and the erection of several new buildings, etc., and then it would only duplicate in whole or in part the service of many box factories, large and small, throughout the state.

The flax plant at the penitentiary provides all the year around work now; and it could be extended within itself, without a cent of appropriation, so as to do the work now in hand much more expeditiously, and so as to extend it to the making of seine twines and other twines from flax fiber—

And so as to also help build up a hemp industry, for which this valley is now ripe—extending that industry to the making of sack twines and other coarser twines, for which we now send our money to the East, and to Italy and other countries.

These things would be constructive; and they would not interfere but rather help all other industries in Oregogn; and they would not take any new money from the taxpayers—but would finally help in reducing the tax burdens.

It is proposed to ask, among other things, at the State Fair Grounds, for a new poultry pavilion. The Legislature would find this a piece of constructive legislation that ought to bear large fruits. The Puget Sound country has and is building up great poultry plants; plants that employ many people and bring large returns. Oregon is naturally a better poultry country than Washington; we have here the sandy soil, etc., and a slightly better climate for poultry. There is no good reason why we should not have many more great and profitable poultry plants; why we should not add millions and millions of dollars a year to our returns from the poultry industry.

Oregon has also a Japanese problem, as well as California. But it is not acute here—yet.

Say a kind word to the living if he does something of which you approve. He cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

A man fell 1000 feet and was uninjured, so the telegraph says. He must have been a profiteer and fell on his cheek.

It is now announced that England will not be able to pay the money she owes the United States. Why not lop off that expensive royal family?

Two years ago Theodore Roosevelt, turning to his faithful nurse, said, "Jim, turn out the light, I think I will take a long sleep." And all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

Some outstanding articles are going into type for the forthcoming Welcome Edition of The Statesmen; by experts who know whereof they write. Please hand them in as fast as finished, is the word the editor of this edition wishes passed along.

Very important things going on under the brown dome at the capitol. But more important to Salem and the Salem district is the lowly gooseberry and currant industry of which the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman will treat tomorrow. If you can help, please hold up your hand—today.

Russia is having one of the worst winters in its history, famine and disaster threatening as a result of misrule. The millennium which was to have come with the soviet government has not only failed miserably to materialize, but the reverse is plunging the country into conditions that are much worse than they were under the czar.

The address of leading American Jews to their fellow citizens of other faiths deserves the most serious attention. There is nothing less compatible with American principles than the organized anti-Semitism which is one of the most troublesome forces of European politics. Race and religious animosity we cannot altogether escape, but certainly no people ought more clearly to see its evil or more carefully combat its influence than the American.—Chicago Tribune.

A PUBLISHER'S GIFT.

M. H. De Young, publisher of the San Francisco Chronicle, has presented to the city of San Francisco a memorial museum building filled with one of the finest art collections on the Pacific coast. The building is located in beautiful Golden Gate park and the collection of antiques has been gathered literally from the four quarters of the world. By this generous gift San Francisco now possesses one of the finest museums in the west.

It contains a wealth of rare manuscripts, statuary, frescoes, ancient and medieval armor, paintings and miscellaneous antiques such as only a passionate collector with an artistic appreciation of the beautiful and a purse that is never empty could assemble.

For a number of years Mr. De Young made annual pilgrimages to the shrines of art of the old world. In Paris, in Constantinople and Cairo he became recognized as an art connoisseur. He avoided the beaten paths frequented by the commonplace "globe trotter" and wandered away into the secluded corners that civilization had forgotten. From these he emerged with the treasures that now form part of San Francisco's memorial museum. Mr. De Young served as a director representing the United States in several European expositions. He was thus brought into contact with the great contemporary artists, from each of whom he generally purchased a canvas or a statue.

On one of the wooded knolls in Golden Gate park, sheltered alike from the strong winds of the sea and the dust of the town, Mr. De Young caused to be erected a museum building which is a worthy jewel case for these gems of ancient and modern art. On the first day of the new year he presented the whole as a votive offering to the city of San Francisco. Fortunate is the municipality that possesses citizens who are actuated with a civic spirit such as displayed by Mr De Young. His generous donation will serve to awaken in myriad marts the cult of the beautiful. The collection will never grow old, for art is without age; it is eternal. There are antiques in the collection which were accorded idol worship before the stars sang their chorus above the manger at Bethlehem; weapons that were used in wars of which history contains no record and masterpieces that have thrilled the hearts of artists of half a dozen generations.

FUTURE DATES.

January 12, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club.
January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Salem.
January 19 and 20, Wednesday and Thursday—Annual institute Y. W. C. A.
January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.
January 28, Friday—Triangular interscholastic debate, Salem, Stayton and Oregon City high schools competing.
January 28 to 30—Interstate convention of Y. M. C. A. in Salem.
February 3, Thursday — Duroc day, show and sale, state fair grounds.
February 12, Saturday — Lincoln's birthday.
February 14, Monday — Basketball, Willamette vs University of Idaho, at Moscow.
February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
February 17, Thursday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.
February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.
February 22, Tuesday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
February 22, Tuesday — Washington's birthday.
February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem.
March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
October 1, Saturday (tentative) — Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.
November 11, Friday (tentative) — Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
November 24, Thursday (tentative) — Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

ON THE CARS.

In Illinois the board of public utilities has ordered the use of a lot of these ill-famed one-man cars to help out on transportation problems in Chicago. They are to be used on outside runs, however, and not in downtown traffic. In the latter the use of trailers is ordered to ease the crush of strap-hangers. A return to the skip-stop has also been authorized to help speed up the service. And all this with an 8-cent fare! The Salem situation averages up mighty well with the rest of the country. We still have the best street railway service in the United States for a city of Salem's size—and at the same old nickel fare. A man who would kick at the Salem service ought to be hanged to a strap and be made a strap-hanger for a year and a day.

OLD AND TOOTHLESS.

The oldest man in the world is seriously sick in Constantinople. He is 147 years old and he blames his illness on his false teeth. He has been wearing the same set for 30 years and he thinks they are undermining his constitution. If he can get a new outfit he figures that he will soon be 200 years old. After a person gets to be about 150 years old it is really too bad to have to worry about false teeth.

WHOA, EMMA!

Emma Goldman again indicates a passionate desire to return to her dear America. Emma spent the best part of her life knocking America and its government and can well put in her twilight knocking at the door for a return admission. But there is no reason why she should be allowed entrance. The gates are barred to professional trouble-makers. This is a land of great capacity, but it should have no room for Emma and her nihilistic consorts.

A MAN MAY BE DOWN—

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was defeated. He next entered business, failed and was 17 years paying his debts.

He was engaged to a beautiful young woman—she died.

Entering politics again, he ran for congress and was again defeated.

He then tried to get an appointment in the United States land office but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States senate and was badly beaten.

He ran for vice president and was once more defeated.

When you think of your hard luck, think of Lincoln.—American Legion Weekly.

IN CLOVER.

The Iowa agricultural college has produced a new brand of clover that grows ten feet high. A guy living in clover like that could get lost. Lots of the Iowans, however, prefer Oregon; and Salem has about 1000 of them.

MAN OF WORDS.

It is asserted that Lloyd George has a vocabulary of 100,000 words. A man with the Irish question on his hands is pretty sure to need them.

WAVE OF CRIME.

Now the government proposes to create a national crime bureau. For the glory of Georgette haven't we crime enough already? The sharps explain, however, that this would be a registration and identification bureau for the purpose of keeping tab on all criminals. If the government really needs something to do it might get out its shotgun and lay for some of these Oregon hold-up men.

LIKE MASSAGE.

"The governor's message is rather soothing in tone. Trying to get the taxpayers accustomed to having their money taken away from them. It is hard to tell whether it is message or massage."

No, the above does not refer to the Oregon governor's message. It refers to California's chief executive's message. It is from the Los Angeles Times.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

All serene under the dome—

But there are some fireworks ahead.

All the watchdogs of the treasury in the two houses will soon have their work cut out for them.

There is still some need in Salem among the poor and unfortunate; and there will always be. But there will be all kinds of work soon in the berry fields and orchards.

One blessed thing for the Salem district, all the eggs are not carried in one basket, and while there is a good deal of seasonable work, the seasons follow one another and tread on each other's heels in succession. This tendency is being eccentuated, for the good of the farmers and fruit growers and the laborers alike.

If the Willamette valley mint crop keeps doubling up, it will not take it long to become a million dollar crop a year.

By all means, there should be some hemp grown this year down at Lake Labish. It is high time the hemp industry was dove-tailing into the flax industry. They go together beautifully, and profitably.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Halsey, Jan. 8.—Editor Statesman: As the legislature meets tomorrow and we will need lots of money I would suggest that a law be passed by which eevry woman and man from the age of 21 up to the age of 50 years of age should pay the sum of $2 poll tax, the same to go in the educational or road fund. Many women and men are earning a good salary but are paying no tax, yet they are willing to vote the tax on some one else.

We used to have a poll tax for men, but they did away with that as we did not need much money then. I think that the poll tax would be a good way to raise money, the woman to share equal with the man. Mrs. A. N. Davidson.

WILLAMETTE LIFE REVIEWED

"The lucky breaks in the game all went to California and proved an unimportant factor in winning the game for the westerners," said Coach Matthews yesterday to his coaching class, speaking of the Ohio State-California football classic which he witnessed in Pasadena on New Year's day. "Of course we must say that California was always alert and ready to take advantage of the fumbles Ohio made."

The coach was able to see the big game as a result of the action of the Willamette Athletic Boosters' club, composed of business men of Salem, which collected money to pay his expenses there, so that he might gain new ideas and tactics to use on the Willamette gridiron next fall.

The Y. W. C. A. is looking forward to a most interesting meeting this Thursday with Mrs. Finley, leading. Miss Bertha Lightner will sing for the girls. The Y. W. C. A. meetings this year have been unusual in their variety and helpfulness and much credit is due to Miss Marie Corner, who has charge of the meetings.

The tryout for the Girls' Varsity Debate Team will be held next Tuesday. Those entering the contest are Myrtle Mason, Lorlei Blatchford, Ina Moore, Mary Gilbert, Lola Hausley, Ruby Rosenkranz and Lucille Tucker.

The last of the social functions of this semester will be given this Saturday night. All three societies will have joint parties.

Willamette students had the privilege Monday morning of hearing H. B. Street, who is traveling about the country giving lectures under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The regular monthly recital of the public speaking department of Willamette university was held last night in the university chapel. The feature of the program was a play entitled "The Albany Depot," by William Dean Howell. This play is a scream from start to finish and was presented in a splendid manner by the members of the department. A number of readings were also given which represented a variety of work done in this active department of Willamette university.

The success of these recitals are due to the untiring efforts of Miss Minna Harding, head of the department of public speaking.

CHERRIANS VOTE FOR DINNERS

Will Help Commercial Club With Reception for Legislators

Fifty-two members of the Cherrians sat down to dinner at the Commercial club rooms at six o'clock last night as part of the regular monthly meeting of the organization. So successful was the meeting, and so popular the "feed," in connection, that the organization voted unanimously to hold its regular monthly meetings hereafter on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with a dinner. An assessment of 50 cents a month from each member was voted and no charge for the dinner. In other words, the members will pay for the dinner whether or not they eat it.

Plans were made to co-operate with the Salem Commercial club in holding a reception for the members of the legislature, to welcome them to Salem, show the good feeling felt toward them and to tender them the courtesies of the club during their stay in the city.

The matter of the state fair and its needs was very earnestly discussed. The hope was expressed that the present legislature would recognize the great need of this institution, the sole mission of which is to further the interests of agriculture and livestock in Oregon, by providing suitable buildings on the grounds to house the exhibits, including modern stock barns, a new and safe grandstand of sufficient size to hold the crowds that desire to witness the tests of speed, and a new poultry pavilion.

The meeting adjourned at an early hour to enable the members to hear the Apollo Club at the Armory.

SILVERTON NOTES

SILVERTON, Oregon, Jan. 10.—(Special to The Statesman)—A social evening was enjoyed by a few girls Sunday evening at the O. L. Hatteburg home. Cards and refreshments were the chief diversions of the evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. Hatteburg, Miss Anna Hatteburg, Miss Nettie Hatteburg, Miss Agnes Hatteburg, Mrs. Marie Buness, Miss Martha Jensen, Miss Alice Jensen, Miss Lillie Madsen and Miss Cora Satern.

Body of Silverton Man Found in Stream

Afer a search of four days, the body of Daniel Vickstrom of Silverton was found yesterday in Silver creek, about two miles down the stream from his home. The cause of his death is not known, though evidence seems to point to suicide.

Mr. Vickstrom was 60 years old and had been a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for some time and it is thought his mind may have become affected. He arose from his bed unknown to his wife Saturday morning about 5 o'clock; dressed himself and left the house. Since that time a diligent search for Mr. Vickstrom was made until yesterday, when Sid Bowen and a friend finally located the body in the stream.

Mrs. G. Bartlett, who resides in this city, is a daughter of the deceased. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

"I heard the other day of a man who lives on onions alone."
"Well, anyone who lives on onions ought to live alone."