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No tax is so cheerfully paid by our people as that which goes to support the public school, for it is in this great institution that the minds and characters of future citizens are formed, and to them the state must look mainly for useful and responsible men and women.—Governor Chamberlain.

RELIEVE THE SUFFERING.

Since the unsettled times of the 1894 strike, the march of the Coxe army and the 25-cent wheat of the West, there has not been such a widespread unrest as the coal famine has caused.

It has stirred the nation to a point of indignation bordering on desperation. The most sensational resolution that has been introduced in congress since the civil war was that of Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, introduced on January 14, calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate the power of congress to declare an emergency and seize the coal mines and railroads necessary to transport coal to the suffering people.

This radical step is forced upon congress by the criminal actions of the coal operators. Sentiment, prejudice, party, section—all are swept away by the urgent necessities of the hour. The people will rise supreme and lay a hand upon the resources of the nation that are made the playthings of the most contemptible specimens of humanity that ever belted the image of their maker.

The thought that sensible business men, living at this age, must needs be driven to perform the commonest duties of citizenship, with unlimited means at their disposal, is appalling. What can be their views of public necessity? What can be their ideas of common justice?

Are they so strongly entrenched behind iniquitous laws, so firmly established in official favor, that the people cannot reach them? Are they unshutful of the dire results of their acts?

Congress is an ultra-conservative body. It is composed of the anti-agitation class, and is slow to respond to sentimental or imaginary demands.

When the occasion is acute enough to drive that phlegmatic body to consider such a radical, socialistic, arch-reformatory step, as that of seizing corporation property in the public interest, rest assured there is pressure some where that cannot be debated with.

That pressure is the people.

If the government should assume control of the coal mines and coal roads for a short period, to relieve the awful suffering that is inevitable, the corporations would claim damages and the next congress would quite likely pay them an amount in damages that would equal their profits.

Perhaps they hope for just such a turn.

The subject is the most vital that has claimed the attention of the people since the emancipation proclamation was before them.

Should the people be subject to the unbridled greed of a few men, for those comforts which sustain life and underlie happiness?

CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

The report of Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Oregon penitentiary, recom-

mends that the state install an electric light plant for the pen, which could be extended from there to the other state institutions.

The legislature cannot fail to recognize the high importance of this suggestion. Electric lighting is one of the greatest items of cost in the maintenance of state institutions.

The power used at the penitentiary in the operation of the machinery of the state manufacturing plants could be utilized for this purpose.

Fully one-half of the original cost of installing a plant would be saved to the state on account of the machinery, power, tools and appliances needed, being now used and owned by the state in other branches of mechanical work at this institution.

The object of every movement of this kind is to make the state free from the individual bidders, and the graft that usually accompanies the contracts with the state.

The state should be gradually freed from the annoyance of private contract for these large expense items than can be handled by the state. Every one of the necessary features connected with the maintenance of state institutions should be owned by the people.

The enormous cost of heating, water, light, fuel and food supply, laundry, manufacturing of tools and appliances and all the leading items of expense, could be greatly reduced by state ownership and many vexing scandals attending private contracts would be avoided.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Clear, ringing, business-like, practical, pertinent and democratic in every meaning of the term, Governor Chamberlain's message is an echo of the platform on which he was elected, and a state document which bears out the high confidence placed in the man by the voters of Oregon.

He treats the perplexing state issues with a practical logic that appeals to the common people. He talks business from the beginning to the end of it.

In summing up this democratic state paper, and setting it before the people to whom it is addressed and for whose good its studied recommendations are made, no higher compliment can be paid it than to quote the closing sentences from an editorial review by the Oregon Daily Journal:

"The Journal counsels the people to read the governor's message. It abounds in wise recommendations. It makes for progress. It goes many steps forward, and is in a tone of cordial desire to contribute to the good of Oregon. There are in it no flowery appeals to prejudice, no subtleties of rhetoric to trap the uneducated, no pandering to any base element. It is manly, it is courageous, it is the document of a man whose heart beats warm for the people of his state and who will devote his days and nights to securing their good."

OREGON GOVERNORS.

John Whittaker, the first governor elected in the State of Oregon, was a farmer and democrat. He was inaugurated March 3, 1859, and served until September 10, 1862. A. C. Gibbs, republican, then served one term. George L. Woods, republican, served one term.

J. E. Grover, democrat, was inaugurated September 19, 1870, and for twelve years the democrats occupied the governor's office. Grover was elected for a second term in 1874, and served until 1877, when he was chosen United States senator, and Stephen F. Chadwick, a democrat, was elected to finish Grover's term. W. W. Thayer, a democrat, was

then elected for one term, when Zenas F. Moody, a republican, was elected to serve one term.

On January 12, 1887, Sylvester Penoyer, democrat, was inaugurated and was re-elected, serving until January 4, 1895.

W. P. Lord and T. T. Geer, republicans, have served one term each, and on the eighth anniversary of Sylvester Penoyer's retirement, George E. Chamberlain, democrat, by the grace of American ideas, is inaugurated governor of Oregon.

No republican governor of Oregon has ever succeeded himself. Only twice in the history of the state has one republican succeeded another; Woods was elected to succeed Gibbs in 1866, and Geer succeeded Lord in 1899.

The only governors of the state ever re-elected were Grover and Penoyer, democrats. The democrats held the office for twelve years at one time, from 1870 to 1882.

Of the eleven governors of Oregon the democrats have elected six. There have never been three republican governors elected in succession, while the democrats elected Grover, Chadwick and Thayer in succession.

Of the forty-four years of statehood for Oregon, the democrats have occupied the chief executive's chair twenty-four years, the republicans twenty, with four years of Governor Chamberlain's term to be added to the democratic column.

PHILIPPINE FOREST.

The United States department of agriculture has taken steps for the commercial development of the immense forests in the Philippine islands. It has been estimated by Capt. George P. Alcorn, 9th United States Infantry, temporarily in charge of the forestry interests, that there are at least 350 species of valuable timber, covering over 40,000,000 acres.

Recently the department has sent two expert lumbermen from this country to assist in the work in the Philippines. Grant Bruce, formerly New York state forester, and Edward Hamilton, both men of practical experience, have been selected by the department.

A hope has been expressed that under the management of these able and practical foresters there will not be the uncalculated devastation in the forests of the Philippines that has characterized the lumber interests throughout this country. It would seem from this move on the part of the government, that we have learned a lesson from our own negligence in not having taken proper precautions for the preservation of our native forests.—Maxwell's Talisman.

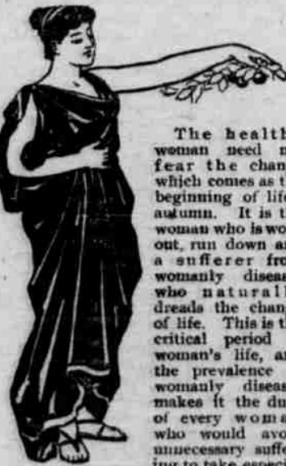
LAUGHS WE HEAR.

Speaking of laughs, the most heart-rending laugh is the laugh of the summer girl that shook you and is gadding about with some other fellow.

The hollowest laugh is the laugh a man laughs when he sees the necktie his wife has bought him.

One of the most comical laughs is that of a person who's got the hives, where the mouth sticks out to one side and the nose acts as though it was mad about it.

The most dangerous laugh is the



The healthy woman need not fear the change which comes at the beginning of life's autumn. It is the woman who is worn out, run down and a sufferer from womanly diseases who naturally dreads the change of life. This is the critical period of woman's life, and the prevalence of womanly diseases makes it the duty of every woman who would avoid unnecessary suffering to take especial care of herself at this time.

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- Misses' Arctics, 55c; Misses' Alaska Protectors, 50c.
- Child's Arctics, 50c; Child's Alaska Protectors, 38c.
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laugh of a man when he's getting slayed at a barber shop.

The most enjoyable laugh is the laugh that's on some one else.

The most untimely laugh is that of a boy who's making off in the darkness with the doped watermelon.

The cutest, sweetest little laugh is the laugh of your best girl. It generally costs a couple of theater tickets and a dollar or two hack hire, though.

There are countless different kinds of laughter. Some people's laughter is soft and mellifluous like the ripple of a meadow brook or the carol of the first robin of early spring, while other people's laughter reminds you of the screech of an old turkey gobbler, or the wall of an asthmatic donkey. A nice, clean-cut, honest laugh is worth going many rods to hear. Next to having a good laugh all to oneself we like to hear a laugh like that.—Livestock World.

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