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## GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE

Governor Chamberlain delivered his biennial message to the legislature at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Quoting from his message of 1907 in which he recommended the ratification of and promising to vote for the people's choice in Bourne and Mulkey for United States Senators, Governor Chamberlain in a message to the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly recommends the voice of the people be again obeyed.

"The fact that the majority of this Legislature subscribed to pledges promising to vote for the people's choice for Senator," continued the Governor, "supplemented by a law enacted by people commanding all members of the Legislature to vote for the people's choice for senator, is a sufficient guarantee that the election this year will be summarily disposed of as it was two years ago, and time of the legislature devoted to the consideration of measures of public interest."

The Governor urges the strict enforcement of the depository act of 1907, to safeguard the state against conditions similar to those of the financial stringency of that year. He asks for the consideration of measures leading to a uniform system and taxation throughout several counties of the state.

Dwelling at some length on state institutions, he recommends additional facilities and increased accommodations at the asylum for the insane; advises the use of convict labor on the state highways, with reasonable pay for the men, to be devoted to the support of their families and calls attention to many minor details developing at other state institutions.

He heartily recommends state and federal co-operation in the move toward the conservation of natural resources for the purpose of bringing about the enactment of a uniform code, and for collecting definite information as to the resources of the state, urging the creation of a commission by act of Legislature to do this work.

The Governor recites the history of

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the fishery litigation between Washington and Oregon over the waters of the Columbia river and mentions the recommendations of the fish warden that all fishery laws of the state be now repealed and that entirely new legislation be enacted on this special subject.

He asks for the complete state of federal control of streams and he particularly calls the attention of the legislators to the urgent necessity of more comprehensive legislation, as to this as one of the most important matters to be considered. He asks for careful consideration of the entire subject which will deal with all existing water rights and make a basis for issuing new rights.

"The unappropriated water powers of the state ought to be reserved for the use of public," he continues. "Many of the most valuable water powers have been appropriated by corporations and individuals, not for present aid sometimes, not even for future use, but for purposes of speculation. There is some evidence that a deliberate purpose has been formed by persons of other states who understand and know the future uses to which these powers may be put, to acquire, under laws now in force, the unappropriated powers of mountains and other streams."

For a second time he calls the legislators' attention to the need of an employers' liability law, but outlines one much more comprehensive and rigid than in his message in 1907.

A unique feature of the message is a recommendation against concealed weapons for the legislation to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, asking that a law be enacted to prohibit the sale of firearms to anyone not carrying a hunter's license and not provided with a permit to purchase weapons, the permit to be issued by the sheriff or circuit court.

He asks the consideration of a bill for a non-partisan judiciary, suggesting the arrangement of the candidates on the ballots without disclosing their party affiliations.

The Governor mentions a bank guaranty plan, suggesting that a law similar to that of Oklahoma would be salutary, but urges caution in the passage of a bill which might work hardship on the bankers.

The Governor asks the Legislature to carefully consider a plan to increase the number of Supreme Judges by two or re-enact the law providing for a temporary commission to avoid constitution provisions. He states that the proposition at the last election was voted down because it contained so many "riders" and attempted to wrest from the people the power of decreasing and increasing the number of Justices.

The support of a national and state experiment station on some point along the Umatilla project is pointed

out as an urgent need. Speaking of the Willamette locks, he says in part:

"The canal and locks ought to be owned and operated free of charge by the United States, but if Congress declines to act they should be owned and operated by the state and this unjust burden removed from enterprise and industry of the people."

He asks that legislation be such that all private insane hospitals be compelled to state inspection; gives a reminder of the anniversary of Oregon's admission to the Union, February 14; the fitness of enacting this law making Lincoln's birthday, February 12, a legal holiday; urges establishment of a sanitarium for tuberculosis sufferers and touches on the need of legislation to make effective constitution amendment governing proportionate representation.

"In conclusion permit me to express hope that you may approach duties incumbent on you in spirit of compromise and patriotism. All legislation is the result of compromise, because men are so constituted by nature as to differ sometimes essentially on questions that vitally affect public welfare. I promise you that I will with the help of Him who doeth all things well, assist you as best I can in discharge of our mutual obligations to the people of the state, whose servants we are.

(Signed)  
GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN,  
Governor.

#### President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the president of The Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for stomach, liver, and kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c at all druggists.

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#### A Religious Author's Statement.

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. P. M. Kirkland.

#### Withdrawn From Reserve

91,500 acres are to be withdrawn from the Umpqua forest reserve on January 20, 1909. This withdrawal will be made through the Roseburg land office and at which place entry will be made for the same by some of the finest dairy and timber lands in Benton, Lane, Douglas and Coos counties.

## SUFFER FROM COLD WEATHER

COUNTRY PEOPLE REPORT BIRDS FREEZING TO DEATH.

Pheasants, Particularly, Threatened With Annihilation From Severe Cold—Forced to Accept Shelter and Food From Farmers.

In a trip over the Independence & Monmouth railroad last Saturday it was noticeable that pheasants were suffering from exposure. If they are not taken care of by the farmers of the valley, providing the storm continues, every last one of these splendid birds will die. It is gratifying, however, to hear of the many cases of remembrance of the unfortunate birds of all species. They have all been robbed of a chance of existence through the heavy snow of the last ten days and the cold weather is reported to have killed great numbers of them. At one farmhouse out of Monmouth a mile or two many birds which were almost frozen to death were picked up and cared for. They were taken to the house and in many cases revived, while in other they died from the effect of hunger and exposure. The Enterprise is informed that this good household saved many birds from an untimely end. It is certainly a distressing sight to see the pheasants sitting out in the deep snow when the thermometer is as low as it has been during this storm with absolutely no available shelter or supply of food except what is supplied to them by thoughtful farmers. There is no doubt that great numbers of them will perish this winter, together with the quail of the valley which have begun to, be quite plentiful. Quail will suffer most as they are least domestic in nature of any of the game birds of the valley. They will not leave their thicket but will starve to death as they huddle together in hiding. The buds of the trees are frozen and covered with ice and the bugs are buried safely from them under twelve inches of snow, so that there is no escaping starvation unless it is through the country.

It has been discovered by residents that birds are taking refuge from the storm in the hedges of the city and food has been generously thrown out to them. At the home of Dr. Butler great numbers have sought shelter in the archway of hedge at the entrance of his premises. These he has taken great care to supply with food and drink. They have had comfortable shelter there. Other residents report that birds in large numbers have found refuge in woodhouses, barns and other buildings, while housewives have fed flocks of birds at their doors. It is particularly interesting to note that these same birds return day after day for their ration of food, which fact is noted by the peculiar markings on many of them. In one flock that is receiving alms in Independence there is a scrappy little bird that gets in the middle of the feed and holds it against all comers.

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