

PRESIDENT'S LAST MESSAGE

ANNUAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS ARE MADE BY ROOSEVELT.

Sherman Law Should Be Amended.
Favors Postal Savings Banks and Parcel Post.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The following is a brief synopsis of the President's message, read to the two Houses today:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to Sept. 30, 1908, there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge.

Corporations—I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law.

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

Labor—As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, accompanied by an effort to bring about a larger share in the ownership by the worker of railway, mill and factory.

There should no longer be any paltering with the question of taking care of the workmen who, under our present industrial system, become killed, crippled or worn out as part of the regular incidents of a given business. The object sought could be achieved by proper employers' liability laws.

I also renew my recommendation that the principle of the eight-hour day should be as rapidly and as far as practicable be extended to the entire work being carried on by the government.

The Courts—I most earnestly urge upon congress the duty of increasing the timely, adequate salaries now given to our judges. Beginning with the supreme court, the judges should have their salaries doubled.

It is discreditable to us as a people that there should be difficulty in convicting murderers or in bringing to justice men who as public servants have been guilty of corruption or who have profited by the corruption of public servants.

Forests—If there is any one duty which more than another we owe it to our children and our children's children to perform at once it is to save the forests of this country, for they constitute the first and most important element of the natural resources of the country.

Pure Food—The pure food legislation has already worked a benefit difficult of estimation.

Postal Savings Banks—I again renew my recommendation for postal savings banks, for depositing savings with the security of the government behind them.

Parcel Post—The establishment of a local parcel post on rural routes would be to the mutual benefit of the farmer and country storekeeper.

Public Health—The dangers to public health from food adulteration and from many other sources, such as the menace to the physical, mental and moral development of children from child labor, should be met and overcome.

Statehood—I advocate the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states. This should be done at the present session of congress.

Porto Rico—I again recommend that American citizenship be conferred upon the people of Porto Rico.

The Navy—I approve the recommendations of the general board for the increase of the navy, calling especial attention to the need of additional destroyers and colliers and, above all, of the four battleships. It is desirable to complete as soon as possible a squadron of eight battleships of the best existing type.

NATIONAL APPLE SHOW OPENS AT SPOKANE MONDAY

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—The apple is the greatest fruit in the world and the northwestern corner of the United States is the greatest place in the world to grow it in, if the people gathered here today to witness the opening of the national apple show are to be believed. Their belief seems to be justified by the many splendid specimens of fruit placed on exhibition.

Months ago the projectors of the show, aided by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, induced the national government to issue invitations to foreign countries to send here their best specimens of the apple. The object was the bringing together at one time of the standard varieties of apples grown for commercial purposes throughout the world for the purpose of comparison. Another object is the advancement of the interests of apple growers.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

SIMON TAKES CHARGE

Rebel Leader Proclaims Himself Executive of Hayti.

Port au Prince, Dec. 7.—General Antoine Simon, commander-in-chief of the revolutionists, who Saturday entered Port au Prince at the head of an army of 8000, issued a proclamation in which he assumed the title of Chief Executive and declared that he would organize a provisional government pending the assembling of the Parliament.

The Cuban steamer Oteri arrived from Kingston Sunday, having on board General Fouchard and 30 other exiles. General Simon agreed to permit General Fouchard to land.

The two revolutionary leaders remained together for some time at General Simon's headquarters, and after what proved to be a very amicable meeting, General Simon proclaimed General Fouchard chief executive of the army, all the forts and the Haytian gunboats firing a salute of 21 guns.

The situation at Gonaives and St. Marc is grave, the movement in favor of General Antenor Firmin having been greatly strengthened.

Opens Gates to Chinese Women.

Portland, Or., Dec. 9.—New regulations providing for the pre-investigation of American-born Chinese and to give them a passport to make a visit to the Flowery Kingdom instead of having the cases acted upon after the return of the applicants, have just been adopted by the Department at Washington. There is some fear felt among those whose attention has been called to the change in the programme that a great influx of Chinese women to this country will follow and there will be no means of stopping such tide of immigration. The law provides that an American-born Chinese has a right to marry in a foreign country and bring his wife to the United States to live.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28.29.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31; gray, \$30.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 36¢; fancy, 33¢; choice, 30¢; store, 18¢; 20¢.
Eggs—Extra, 43¢; 44¢.
Hops—1908, choice, 8¢; prime, 6¢; 7¢; medium, 5¢; 6¢; 1907, 3¢; 4¢.
Wool—Valley 14¢; 15¢; do. Eastern Oregon, 3¢; 16¢, as to shrinkage.
Mohair—Choice, 18¢; 19¢.

SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96 1/2 c.
Oats—\$30.34.
Barley—\$26.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$16 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10.11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12 per ton; alfalfa, \$9.50 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 27c per lb; ranch, 23c per lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 45¢; 48c.

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The House That is Satisfied Only When You Are

We have just received



Another large shipment of Universal heaters and ranges. This is the third shipment we have received this winter. They are going like hot cakes. If you are going to need a stove of any kind, come and see us. We carry the largest assortment west of Portland. We can give you more for your money, because we buy right.



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American Fence

Now is the time to build fences. We carry the American fences in all styles and heights. We have a large stock on hand at all times, and can make you a better price than you can get on so-called "just as good" fences. We would like to figure with you on any fence you intend building. We know we can save you money.

Gasolene Engines

We are agents for the Fairbanks-Morse, Gilson and Monitor Gas engines. If you are figuring on putting in a pumping plant, let us figure with you.



ACTIVE UNIVERSAL

M. Peterson & Son

North Main Street

OWES MANY MILLIONS TO CATHOLICS; 30 ASSETS

New York, Dec. 8.—That the affairs of the Fidelity Funding Company, organized in 1899 to finance Catholic building operations and which went into the hands of a receiver a few weeks ago, are exceedingly tangled, was asserted by Receiver Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., in a statement here.

According to Mr. Gilroy, the company's liabilities will aggregate not less than \$4,500,000, with practically no assets. Its creditors include 50 churches, seminaries, colleges and many priests and nuns. These are located from the New England states to Oregon. Chief among the company's creditors is St. Mary's Academy of Nauvoo, Ill., which is involved for at least \$500,000.

MAY CLOSE SMELTERS

Roosevelt Will Investigate Subject to Save Montana Forests.

Washington, Dec. 7.—After a hearing at the White House at which representatives of the Anaconda Copper Company had presented their version of the controversy over the destruction of the forests and vegetation at Anaconda, Mont., against which the farmers had complained to him, President Roosevelt declared that the only influence he would exercise in restraining the Department of Justice from proceeding with an injunction suit against the copper company would be to make an investigation to ascertain whether a practical method is possible for the extraction from the fumes of the smelters of the poisonous substances which are doing great damage.

PAT CROWE, THE KIDNAPER, BECOMES AN EVANGELIST

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Pat Crowe, once charged with kidnaping "Eddie" Cudshy and one of the most picturesque characters with whom the police have had to deal in the last 15 years, has forsaken his old life and accepted Christianity. As soon as he can complete his plans he will go forth as an evangelist, preaching the

gospel and the philosophy of life in an effort to lead young men from the primrose path that he has traveled.

In Whang Chang's Trial Begins.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The trial of In Whang Chang, the Korean, charged with the murder of Durham White Stevens, American adviser to the government of Korea, in this city, on March 23, last, as Mr. Stevens was taking his departure for Washington, was begun today in Judge Cook's department of the superior court. The case has been postponed a number of times, but the attorneys on both sides now express their desire for a speedy conclusion of the trial.

Loses Some Brain; Lives.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Although he has lost approximately an ounce of brain matter and has the fragments of a .32-caliber bullet and the shattered remains of a bone in the most vital and necessary part of his head, 10-year-old Ralph Tanner of North Bend, Wash., is attending school and is declared by the surgeon who performed the operation to be quite normal.

Ingersoll's Widow Wins Suit.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The supreme court of the United States today decided in favor of Mrs. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coram and others, involving a claim of \$100,000 by Mrs. Ingersoll on account of services rendered by her husband in the breaking of the will of the late Andrew J. Davis, a Montana millionaire.

—Go to Miss Kirkwood's for toilet articles. 20th

—We'll buy your wool and mohair. Bring it in. Bailey.

—The top price at Bailey's for your Wool and Mohair.

—See the new art line of clocks at Venen's.

—W. O. W. will give a dance in Masonic Hall Xmas eve. Walker's Orchestra Admission 75c. Everybody invited. 21-14

At Rest.

To the loving memory of Jas Boldrick.

All is now well done,
Earth and its troubles passed.
A new and unknown life begun
Which shall forever last.
You whom we knew on earth,
Now as a spirit blessed,
Shall evermore with the angels dwell
And be at rest.

We kiss your pale brow,
And look at your calm face,
No more pain or suffering now
In its lines we trace.
You was a life of pain
Sometimes by fears oppressed.
We do not wish you back again.

You are at rest.
Hush you lie as in sleep
Or wake as we draw near,
Ah! that slumber deep
Will never be broken here.
We leave you to your repose
And fold your hands on your breast,
Never again to unclose.

You are at rest.
We lay you gently away
Beneath the green sod,
Your body to rest always,
But your spirit has gone back to God.
So we'll let our tears be few,
And not by grief be oppressed.
For you whom once on earth we loved
Now are at rest.

—We always pay the highest price for wool and mohair. Bailey.

—M. Turner of Banks has a full line of Rubber Aquapelle and wet weather goods. 19-1f

—New stock of latest Ladies' Home Journal dress patterns at Bailey's Big Store.

—Money to loan on farra security. W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove

SAID TO BE FINE.

This Simple Home-Made Treatment Will Overcome Rheumatism.

Few people here know that you can cure that dread American disease, Rheumatism, with just common, every-day drugs found in any drug store. The prescription is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter, which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys, and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and back-ache.

—Try Schultz's ground bone for your pens. It will make them lay.
—Goñ Bros. have just received a carload of lab and a carload of cement. Let them supply you.

—Hoffman & Allen Co. are again headquarters for Christmas candies, nuts and goodies of all kinds.