

Governor Penoyer's Xmas Letter to Grover Cleveland.

The extraordinary circumstances which greet the return of this holiday must be my excuse for writing you to-day. It is the first Christmas in the history of Oregon when more than two-thirds of its people are without employment, and more than one third without sufficient means of support.

Repeated appeals have been made to me as Governor of Oregon to assemble the Legislature in order to alleviate this condition of affairs and avert impending calamity.

The laws of Congress, which have discriminated against silver and for gold alone, as full legal tender money giving to the money lender the privilege of refusing both the silver dollar and the silver certificate, thus rendering unavailable more than one-half of the national currency as an absolute debt-paying money, are the sole cause of the decline of values, paralysis of business, and in consequence the impoverishment of the great army of wage earners and of impending starvation of their wives and children.

If, when you stood upon the Eastern portion of the Capitol on the 4th of last March, you had announced to the people that you would speedily convene Congress in extrasession to carry out the pledges of the platform to which you gave your assent and upon which you were elected, which declared for the use of both gold and silver as standard money, without discrimination against either metal the widespread depression of business which has diminished the value of the property of the Nation by fully one half, would never have occurred; and if now you would give such advice to Congress, the further downward tendency would be checked, and, with favorable Congressional legislation, business would again revive and prosperity would again visit our land.

It is honorable to carry out the pledges of a party to the people, and is it not most dishonorable not to do so? The responsibility lies entirely with you. The complete obedience of the Lower House of Congress to your wishes has been observed throughout the world. It would be your behest and in this the Senate would give you support.

You are a father and you no doubt feel grateful to God, when you, upon retiring to rest, look upon your sleeping babies in their couches, pictures of health, consequent of their having a sufficiency of food and clothing. I pray you, however, to enlarge your vision and behold, as you can, in many and many a cot, children loved as much by their parents as yours are by you, weak and sickly from insufficient food and clothing, the innocent victims of financial legislation, whose sleeping forms are bathed by

scalding tears of mothers bending over them in sorrow and despair, and then resolve, as you should, to faithfully carry out the pledges which your party gave to a confiding people. If you will do so God will bless you and a grateful Nation will applaud you.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Oregon state committee, for the Mid-Winter Fair beginning the first of this month and ending in July 1894, at San Francisco California.

The purport of which is, the necessity of devising a way and means for a proper exhibit of our state at the fair.

It is strongly urged that a suitable building should be erected upon the grounds to be known as the Oregon building, the exhibits of the state placed in this building. These exhibits to be entitled to all rights of competition and premium.

The management of this exhibit will be virtually under the charge of the same gentlemen who so ably represented the State of Oregon at the World's Fair. In order to raise funds for this work the committee have incorporated under a capital stock of \$20,000, at one dollar per share. All Oregonians are asked to take as many of these shares as possible.

The World's Fair commissioners have saved \$20,000 of the amount appropriated by the State for the Columbian Exhibition and it is proposed to repay from this fund to all purchasers of stock the amount of their purchases.

The committee will do all in its power to bring about the legislation of this matter at the next session of the legislature. The following are the committee: S. H. Friedlander, Hiram E. Mitchell and R. W. Mitchell.

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