

A REMARKABLE MESSAGE.

The message of Governor Penoyer is a remarkable one. In length it has about ten thousand words. In the first place it is remarkable in antagonizing a great many pet interests that will be put forward for recognition. The governor would have no further taxation of the people of the whole state to pay the tuition and support free scholarship for the limited few sons and daughters of well-to-do men who can send such away from home to school. There is much food for thought and reflection here. "No general tax should be levied which is not for the general benefit" says this remarkable document. This is getting down to first principles and is a vigorous stroke at class legislation.

With a two-edged sword the governor makes battle on our delegation in congress for attempting to secure an appropriation to build a boat railway at the deltas of the Columbia river, which he says will take thirty four years to build when they might secure an appropriation to build a portage railway which could be constructed in one year. The governor would have the state buy the locks at Oregon City. A very large number of the tax-payers are opposed to this. The governor would raise the revenue for the state directly from the people, entirely independent of county taxation. This he would do by imposing a poll tax of \$2 on every male person over 21 years of age and a graduated income tax on all incomes exceeding \$1000 and a tax upon the gross receipts of express, telegraph, telephone and insurance companies. The governor will find it difficult to induce the legislature to adopt this recommendation especially the \$2 poll tax.

He thinks the mortgage tax law all right. If deductions for indebtedness are to be retained then there should be excepted such indebtedness as is due to national banks. This for the reason that the state is permitted to tax only shares and real property of such banks. Opposes the repeal of the usury law. Favors the abolishment of all commissions for the enforcement of state laws. Recommends the adoption of the Australian ballot system of voting, and a registration law. He seems to overlook the fact that the supreme court has decided that a registration law contravenes the constitution of this state. He opposes any further appropriation of public money to pay premiums at agricultural fairs or to make an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition or World's Fair.

"One of the first acts which should be performed by this legislature should be the repeal of the law providing for a board of railroad commissioners." This is just as pointed and blunt as the governor could make it. But the recommendation will not be heeded. He would have laws passed fixing the maximum rates to be charged by the railroad and telephone companies. Gives Judge Deady a few raps over the head for assuming to pass upon the constitutionality of a statute of the state, and reiterates his former expressed belief that only a legislature can declare a law unconstitutional, and that by repeal.

He would have the legislature by joint resolution instruct our delegation in congress to labor to secure more stringent laws for the exclusion of the pauper hordes of China; the imposition of a graduated income tax law by which the wealth of the country now entirely exempted will be compelled to bear its just share of the public burden, the further adjustment of our revenue laws by which all tariff taxation shall be removed from the necessities of life and placed upon luxuries, the forfeiture of all unearned land grants to railroads, a postal telegraph system for the use of the general government, opposition to all subsidies, unyielding opposition to the Force bill, abolishment of inferior federal courts, free coinage of silver, providing for the loaning of money by the general government upon improved farm property.

It is remarkable for the great scope of its recommendations, for the radical innovations it proposes for the courage and

candor of its author and the amount of antagonism it will arouse. We regret that we have not space to publish it in full.

It is amusing to see the parrot-like way in which the small fry republican organs through out the state take up the matter of Governor Penoyer's being a candidate for president so elaborately dwelt upon by the Oregonian, and in a very imbecile way attempt to imitate the big organ. There is a united effort all over the country among the organs to turn aside attention from Cleveland. But that, as they will find, is out of the question.

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