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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The message of Sylvester Penney, governor of the state of Oregon, to the legislature is a production well worth reading, not only because of the resume of the affairs of the state during the past two years but for the personal peculiarities of the governor which it shows up like a mirror.

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All through the message there is an undercurrent inimical to progress and in several places the governor refers to the good old times—times when the people enjoyed corn bread, homemade clothes and other now long forgotten luxuries.

Under the head of "Militia" the governor instead of making a mention of the condition of the state forces, wanders off into a long dissertation on the labor question, for no other reason than a political one.

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A CHANGE DESIRED.

If it were not for the present assessment law of the state of Oregon, the present business depression of the country would not be felt in this state to the extent that it is.

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TRY THE GOLD CURE.

When a person becomes aware that something is doing him an injury he immediately attempts to ascertain what that something is, in order that he can remove it.

The monetary conference of the nations that has just adjourned, has demonstrated that the nations of Europe will not stand in on the question of silver and the United States should recognize that she has a royal hand when it comes to the single standard idea—a gold standard.

Gov. Penney's very sensible views regarding the useless waste of money in keeping up the exorbitant expenses of the Oregon National Guard, will meet the approval of a majority of the taxpayers of Oregon.

Gov. Penney makes many good recommendations in his message, but when he suggests that the state board of horticulture be abolished he becomes in the eyes of fruit raisers a muckoak of the first water.

Where would any other interest be without the strong arm of the law to back it? A majority of the people is government, and government governs only because of its power to handle a musket, a sabre, a cannon, or, as the *Graphic* would have it, an elm club.

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er commissions, boards or bureaus. The three departments of government are entirely adequate for its complete management, either by themselves, or by and through their directly appointed officers.

While it is indeed true that the judicial department has sanctioned the legality of commissions armed with power stolen from the executive and legislative departments, there is no reason to record where such sanction has been given by any commission flouting its own department of its own prerogatives.

The expenditures on account of the state militia for the last biennial term were \$65,966.18. It is claimed, in order to maintain such organization in a condition of proper efficiency that the tax of one-fifth of a mill now levied will have to be doubled.

The largely increasing expenditures of the state, as well as the unnecessary increased army of office-holders, should admonish the legislative assembly that no service could be rendered more acceptable to the people than to apply the pruning knife of reform wherever necessary.

Will it not be found upon examination that these disbursements, to quell which military power is evoked, are the direct consequences of need of employment, the unjust exactions of corporations, and the lack of sufficient money, consequent upon the changed policy of the government, by which silver is no longer a full legal tender, resulting in the stagnation of business?

The fish commission was never of any practical benefit; the board of horticulture is working in the same field in which the experiment station of the agricultural college is doing much better and more scientific work.

Laws should also be passed making all officers within the state salaried and compelling such as receive fees to pay into the treasury all in excess of salaries. It would afford a very great saving to the state if it possessed its own plant for public printing as in California, and paid to the state printer a fixed salary.

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houses that they should labor to secure the full and equal coinage of both gold and silver. The right of a state to instruct its representatives or agents in congress is unquestioned, and after having been exercised by it in regard to a matter of so serious import to our people as the one under consideration, any honorable representative would either obey instructions or resign.

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