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GOVERNOR LORD

May Call a Special Session If the People Demand It.

Kind of a Special Session the People Want.

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The People Are Waiting for the Chief Executive to Act.

Governor Lord has all along exhibited a disposition to accede to the demands of the people in the matter of calling an extra session of the legislature. He said today that no direct request for a special session had reached him. Upon this it can be predicted that he has not as yet determined to call an extra session, and will not, unless formal demands are made by the people.—Oregonian, Jan. 23.

The above paragraph in today's Oregonian is most important. It is the first formal utterance of the Governor of Oregon to the effect that he is in favor of an extra session of the legislature to pass reform measures, premised upon the hypothesis that there is a call for such an extra session from the people.

The challenge is thrown down in the Oregonian editorially that the reason the governor will not call an extra session is that he is unwilling to part with alleged large unconstitutional emoluments. In legal parlance, this brings the issue squarely before the people. The governor intimates that he would call a special session to pass reform bills, if the people demand it. The Oregonian says he will not do so on account of his interest in unlawful emoluments.

The issue cannot longer be avoided. The crisis is now upon the Republican party, and it must be faced resolutely, fearlessly and intelligently. THE JOURNAL is opposed to a special session with a demand coming as it did from the old Portland ring politicians; but THE JOURNAL is not opposed to a special session called in the interests of the people. THE JOURNAL believes Governor Lord is an honest man, and wants to give the people relief from extravagant legislation and excessive and improper appropriations made by the last legislature. That kind of a legislature the people of Oregon would hail with joy. That kind of a special session could relieve the people of several hundred thousand dollars taxation for this year, and a quarter of a million dollars in state and county taxes next year.

That kind of a special session the people of Oregon demand. All they need is an opportunity to express themselves in favor of it. A special session demanded by the Portland ring politicians, called for political purposes and to carry out political schemes, the people do not want. The people want a special session called purely for business purposes, to lop off useless commissions, to abolish unnecessary offices, to cut down extravagant salaries and to wipe out appropriations for institutions that should not properly be supported by the state. Such a special session the people want, and want badly. As the executive of this state, Governor Lord sees and knows the whole situation in which the people of Oregon find themselves. That situation was well described in the governor's message to the legislature. The struggle over the senatorship made it impossible to carry out the suggestions then made by the governor. There is now no such obstacle in the way.

Governor Lord can now call a special session, place the whole situation before the people and the legislature, lay before them suggestions for retrenchment and economy of such a specific character that no member of the legislature could misunderstand the purpose for which he would be called to Salem. The people are confused by the charges and counter-charges of the different factions of which the last assembly was composed. These factions would not exist in the extra session if the call to duty was made so plain that no man "though he be a fool or a wayfarer man could err therein."

WHAT TO CUT OFF. The governor should specify about what he thinks should be done. A great deal has been suggested in the press of the state, and there is abundance of material for a business reform session to work upon. Following are propositions that the people all understand:

Abolish the railroad commission. Abolish the state fair appropriation. Abolish the district fair appropriations. Abolish the state board of equalization. Abolish the office of attorney general. Put all state officials on a salary. Put all fees collected into the state treasury. Fix the salaries of all elective officers in state and county to take effect immediately on expiration of the terms for which they are elected. Cut off all appropriations of State University and normal schools. Pass a precinct assessor law and county attorney law. Make care of insane chargeable upon counties.

A CALL TO DUTY. Such a call for a special session, that would leave no room for politicians to wrangle or juggle or evade the issue would be a call to duty for every true Republican in this state. The governor in making such a call, and making the issue so clear and sharp that no member of the legislature could for any partisan purpose evade the responsibility, would meet with a response in the hearts of the taxpayers that would make him their idol and he would become the real leader of the people.

Governor Lord cut loose from the old ring politicians on the senatorial question last winter. He has paid all his political debts if he ever owed them any. He is in a position to take the side of the people fearlessly on this issue of economic reform. If he will send out a ringing call to duty, portraying the distress of the people in its true colors, and assigning the proper responsibility to extravagance in state and county government, the people will rally to his support with a unanimity and a determination that will not be misunderstood.

It is useless for the people of Oregon to be compelled to wait until all the rascals die or until the people elect a better legislature. The good men in the last legislature are good men still and some of the wrongdoers show signs of repentance.

Governor, place the situation before the people without fear or favor. Call a business session of the legislature. The time is ripe for action. The people will endorse such a decision on your part to give them all the relief in your power, and you will have done your official duty. In 48 hours the people of Oregon will be at your back, and bossism and boodle politics will have received a death blow. The people want a leader against the selfish organization within the party to rule or ruin. There was never such opportunity for a public man in this state to distinguish himself as the friend of the people. The people know you have the courage of your convictions and they would hail with joy your actions in the contingency as their friend and saviour in these times of distress. You would enable the true representatives of the people to fully redeem their pledges, and those who refused to do their duty when the opportunity is offered them would be cast into outer darkness where they belong.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY

They Have Concluded a New Treaty.

FRANCE TO BE INCLUDED

Propose to Close up the Dardanelles.

THE CULLOM RESOLUTION.

Reciting the Terms of the Berlin Treaty.

Madagascar Becomes a French Possession.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople, dated yesterday, says an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between Russia and Turkey. The basis of the treaty is declared to be on the lines of the Unkarskeless agreement of 1833, by which Turkey has agreed, in the event of Russia going to war, to close the Dardanelles to the war ships of all nations.

The Pall Mall Gazette correspondent says the treaty must soon be abandoned owing to the refusal of the powers to recognize it. He also says it is probable that France will be included in the new alliance. Commenting on the dispatch from Constantinople announcing the signing of the treaty between Russia and Turkey for offensive and defensive purposes, the Pall Mall Gazette says: "We regard the news as true, and the result of the treaty is the Dardanelles is the southern outpost of Russia and Turkey is Russia's vassal. We presume the British government will protest against the treaty for all it is worth."

BELONG TO FRANCE. PARIS, Jan. 23.—It is announced today that by a treaty signed January 18th, Madagascar is declared a French possession.

THE BERLIN TREATY. Following is the full text of the resolution prepared by the senate committee on Foreign Affairs: "Whereas, The supplementary treaty of Berlin, of July 13, 1878, between the Ottoman empire, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, France, Italy and Russia, contains the following provisions:

"The sublime porte undertakes to carry out without further delay the ameliorations and reforms demanded by local requirements in the provinces inhabited by the Armenians, and to guarantee their security against the Circassians and Kurds; it will periodically make known the steps taken to this effect to the powers and will superintend their application; the sublime porte having expressed the wish to maintain the principle of religious liberty, to give it the widest scope, the contracting parties take note of this spontaneous declaration; in no part of the Ottoman empire shall difference of religion be alleged against an individual as a ground for exclusion or incapacity as regards the discharge of civil and political rights, admission to the public service, functions and honors, and the exercise of the different professions and industries; all persons shall be admitted without distinction of religion to give evidence before the tribunals; liberty and outward exercise of all forms of worship are assured to all.

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that no hindrance shall be offered to their hierarchical organization of the various communions, or to the relation with their spiritual chiefs; the right of official protection by the diplomatic and consular agents of the powers in Turkey is recognized both as regard the above-mentioned persons and their religions, charitable and other establishments in the holy places; and

"Whereas, The extent and object of the above cited provisions of said treaty are to place the Christian subjects of the porte under the protection of the other signatories thereto and to secure to such Christian subjects full liberty of religious worship and belief, the equal benefit of the laws and all the privileges and immunities belonging to any subjects of the Turkish empire; and

"Whereas, By said treaty the Christian powers parties thereto, having established under the consent of Turkey their right to accomplish and secure the above recited objects.

Resolved, By the senate of the United States, the house of representatives concurring, that it is the imperative duty, in the interests of humanity, to express the earnest hope that the European concert brought about by the treaty referred to, may be speedily given its just effects in such decisive measures as shall stay the hand of fanaticism and lawless violence, and as shall assure to the unoffending Christians of the Turkish empire all the rights belonging to them as men and Christians, and as beneficiaries of the explicit provisions of the treaty above recited.

"Resolved, further, That the senate of the United States, the house of representatives concurring, will support the president in the vigorous action he may take for the protection of American citizens in Turkey and to obtain redress for injuries committed on persons or properties of such citizens."

The Chase Stock Company. "Pawn Ticket 210" was produced at the opera last night and proved to be one of the very best performances yet given by this favorite company. Miss Chase as Mag, the pawn, gave us a most delightful piece of comedy acting, keeping the house in a continual roar of laughter. The entire company appeared to great advantage in all the roles assigned them. Mr. Chas. H. Smith received the \$10 on the first call. Tonight Damon & Pythias will be the bill; it is the favorite play of the company and exchanges say that they give a performance of the great play fully equal to that of the famous Warde and James combination. Mr. Hayes will be the Damon, Mr. Chase the Pythias, Mr. McClure the Dionisus, Aida Gardner the Herminone and Miss Chase will be seen as Calanthe. The company carry special scenery and correct historical costumes and those who remain away from the opera house tonight will doubtless miss a rare treat. "Little Coquette" will be repeated by special request for the Saturday matinee. The handsomest lady and the homeliest man will also receive presents tomorrow night in addition to the \$10 given away each night.

Chicago Storm. CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—A sleet storm last night and today resulted in cutting off Chicago from telegraphic communication with all other cities, wires being rendered practically worthless. Between this city and commercial centers of the east dispatches seemed to be practically abandoned.

Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Fred P. Legg's drugstore. Regular size 50c and \$1.

SILVER REPUBLICANS

State Their Political Position in Congress.

NO FUSION WITH POPULISTS.

Silver Republicans Favor Protection Generally.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—In a speech Senator Dubois delivered in the senate today, in addition to advocating the passage of a free coinage substitute for the bond bill, outlined the position of Republican senators in the silver states. The senator said while he cheerfully greeted the Populist votes in the senate for the free coinage of silver, he could not accept the Populist leadership, that party being irrevocably committed to fiat money with unlimited inflation. Further silver Republicans favored protection generally including so-called raw materials, and particularly lead, wool and lumber, besides the various products of the farm, plantation and ranch.

HARRISON IS THERE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Ex-President Harrison arrived here this morning and took quarters at the Arlington. He will call on President Cleveland during the day, to pay his respects. He hopes to conclude his work before the supreme court so as to leave for Indianapolis tomorrow. This visit to Washington is his first since he retired from the presidency. COPPINGER REPORTED FAVORABLY. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The senate committee on military affairs today decided unanimously upon a favorable report upon the nomination of General Coppinger to be brigadier-general.

NO KENTUCKY SENATOR. FRANKFORT, Jan. 23.—The senatorial ballot for United States senator resulted as follows: Hunter 68, Blackburn 57, McCreary 1, Carlisle 4, Wilson 1, Buckner 2, Bate 1. There was no choice. Populist Edgington again voted for Blackburn, while Poor changed his vote to Bate.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The silver conference today resulted in an animated discussion of the financial situation and the policy to be pursued by the friends of silver. During the discussion considerable feeling was aroused by the remarks of General Hatch of Missouri, who stated in effect that if the Populists of Kentucky had done their whole duty the election of Blackburn to the United States senate would not be a matter of doubt. The committee on resolutions of which Senator Jones of Nevada, is chairman, submitted a report, consisting of an unusually long preamble and ending with the declaration: "That above all other questions of policy, we are in favor of restoring to the people of the United States the time honored money of the constitution, gold and silver, not one but both."

Former Chief Justice Dead. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Wm. U. Upham, appointed justice of the supreme court of Oregon in 1867, and subsequently chief justice, died today, aged 70 years. In 1865 he moved to Portland, Or., and held several public offices. He was appointed second comptroller of the treasury in 1877, and lived here since that time. He was a Scottish rite Mason, and leaves a widow and five sons, three of whom are prominent in Oregon politics, to survive him.

The general report is that roads in Marion county were much improved the past year. Times are too hard for one person or firm to hold over one public office or draw over one salary at a time. The Republican party has always stood for fair wages, justice to the people and to their servants.

Prepare to hold your ears! The Oregon Poultry Journal will soon give its third crow.

By the way, what does the Republican party of Oregon owe Geo. Steel anyhow?

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