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REPUBLICAN RETRENCHMENT PROGRAMME

LARGE GRAFTS MUST BE DEALT WITH

Opportunities for Adoption of a Business Program by the Incoming Legislature

Governor Chamberlain Will Submit a Reform Message Backed up by the Veto Power

The Journal, December 1st, published a review of the work of the last three legislatures, showing that the increase in appropriations and state tax had been out of all proportion to the development of the state, in wealth or population. The total appropriation of the last three legislatures was as follows:

Biennial term, 1899-1900	\$1,389,044.25
Biennial term, 1901-1902	1,795,000.91
Biennial term, 1903-1904	2,263,717.70

Opportunities for Retrenchment.
The Journal called attention to some opportunities for retrenchment, and recommended that the next legislature take up a definite reform program. Among opportunities for improving the financial exchequer of the state, was enumerated:

Flat salary law will save each year	\$50,000
Equalize four normal schools and save	20,000
Save expense of holding state primary election	60,000
Cut out one-half legislative clerkships	30,000
Abolish domestic animal commission	5,000
Abolish state biologist	1,000
Abolish state labor bureau	5,000

None of these statements have been challenged, but some attempt has been made to explain them away. It is said the flat salary law would not be a saving, but would simply leave that much more in the treasury. Well, if that is admitted, \$50,000 more in the treasury would certainly leave that much less each year to be raised by taxation.

Effect of a Flat Salary Law.
The people will never realize the benefit of the flat salary law, UNTIL IT HAS GONE FULLY INTO EFFECT. It will not only make each of the various state departments self-sustaining, but will put a large amount of money into the treasury. The third effect will be that state officials no longer standing under the stigma of a graft themselves, they will be less prone to stand in with every other graft that is proposed. It is pretty hard now for state officials, receiving compensation directly in violation of the constitution, to object to the unconstitutional encroachments of the legislature. When each state official has been placed upon a fairly adequate fixed salary, he will be interested in making a showing of the largest earnings possible from his department, instead of asking the legislature for additional appropriations. It can be fairly argued that THE PRESENT SYSTEM of fees, perquisites and emoluments, in violation of the constitution, EXERTS A DEMORALIZING INFLUENCE upon every department of the state government. The state officials are in no wise to blame for this condition of things. An unbusiness-like system has been developed out

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HOP BUYER WON SUIT OVER CONTRACT

Judge Galloway this afternoon handed down the following decision in the case of Lillenthal Bros. against Mike Keppinger, et al., for the specific performance of a contract. The court said:

Judge Scott, of the county court, granted a temporary injunction, restraining defendant from selling or disposing of his hop crop of 1904.

The facts in the case are that in December, 1903, Ottenheimer, agent for Lillenthal Bros., called on Keppinger, at his place near Gervais, to enter into contract for his 1904 hop crop. The Thornsberry's owned the land where the hop yard is situated, and they are made parties defendant. The contract was duly made. The question in this case is "did Keppinger have such a possession of the land in December, 1903, that he could have gone into the court and held it against the owner?"

Keppinger himself said that he told Ottenheimer that he wanted to sell the crop, if he secured the land. It is believed by the court that Keppinger did have the right of possession fully enough to make the contract.

We believe that Mrs. Thornsberry did not act in good faith when she leased the yard to her son, when she already had verbally leased it to Keppinger.

Wherefore, it is decreed that the injunction be made perpetual, and Lillenthal Bros., be decreed 20,000 pounds of hops, delivered on payment of the sum specified.

The case of Henry G. Edwards against Laura Hardwick, et al., injunction, is being tried this afternoon.

The case of John Gray vs. M. L.

Jones, et ux., is still on trial, and it is doubtful if it will be finished this afternoon.

CHADWICK WOMAN ESCAPED

New York, Dec. 7.—At 10 minutes after 2 o'clock Mrs. Chadwick made

a sensational escape from the New Amsterdam Hotel, accompanied by her son in a two-horse coupe. They drove rapidly towards 22d street, followed by secret service men and reporters in a half dozen cabs. It is reported on the best of authority that a messenger had arrived from Toledo this morning bearing affidavits and a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Chadwick, issued by the federal authorities.

At 22d and Broadway streets two mounted policemen, who were pursuing the fleeing coupe, compelled the driver to reduce his speed. At 29th and Broadway the coupe stopped at the side entrance of the Breslin hotel, and Mrs. Chadwick, in a fainting condition, was ushered by her son into the waiting room of the hotel. Attendants took her to a room, and secret service men appeared at the hotel a moment after the arrival of the coupe, and took up the watch. The attempted escape was engineered by Phillip Sweet, a private detective, employed by Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 7.—At the instigation of Receiver Lesser, who was

NORTHERN FORCES ARE MOVING

Terrific Bombardment by Japanese Lasted Throughout the Day

Mukden, Dec. 7.—A tremendous bombardment of Poutloff Hill took place from 6 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It is thought the bombardment is the beginning of the Japanese offensive movement.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—It is announced that the Japanese navy yesterday captured and occupied Akaska hill, another eminence in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and also that the Russian cruiser Bayan is aground in the harbor.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—The commander of the Japanese naval guns at Port Arthur reports that the Russian turret ship Poltava is sunk and the battleship

Retvizan is listing heavily to port. Seventy-nine shots took effect in the vessels. On December 6th the Japanese occupied the entire fort at noon. Subsequently they were dislodged, and the enemy occupied the eminence north of Suerkou and two eminences north of San Lichian.

On December 6th, at 4 o'clock, in response to the request of the Russian commander, an armistice of five hours was granted for the removal of the dead.

Tangier, Dec. 7.—The Russian transport Dnieper, of the Baltic fleet sailed for the Far East today, having in tow two torpedo boat destroyers. This was done in order to save coal.

appointed by the federal bankruptcy court to take charge of the affairs of Mrs. Chadwick, Deputy United States Marshal Fanning last night served papers at the home of Banker Ira Reynolds, attaching the securities which it is claimed he holds for Mrs. Chadwick. Reynolds is in New York, and it was claimed in the petition that he had threatened to transfer the assets to certain creditors of Mrs. Chadwick.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Chadwick, with her son, Emil, and her maid, occupied a suite of three rooms on the fifth floor of the New Amsterdam Hotel today. It is stated that secret service officers occupy the adjoining room, and the woman is under such close surveillance that escape is impossible. Secret service men stood at the front door, another watched the window, and two more were placed in the lobby of the

hotel. The management of the Holland House say that Mrs. Chadwick and party left that hotel of their own volition, as she had paid her bill two days ago.

Eastern Star Election.
Chadwick Chapter No. 37, O. E. S., elected the following officers last night: W. M., Mrs. Alice Meyers. W. P., Rev. W. C. Kantner. A. M., Mrs. Frances Otter. Secretary, Miss Erna Bushnell. Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Laughhead. Conductress, Mrs. Ruth Brown. Associate Conductress, —rs Sallie Dyer.

Wedding Announcement.
The marriage of Miss Carrie Goode to Mr. John C. Knowland has been announced to take place this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goode, in North Salem.

TOMORROW NIGHT

Miss Mabel Baker - - - Contralto
Sara Brown Savage - - - Elocutionist

See program in this paper.
At Grand Opera House, December 8

PUBLIC BUILDING ROBBED

Cleveland, Dec. 7.—The water works department of the city hall was robbed this morning, and it is believed that about \$2000 was secured.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—The Detroit Museum of Art was broken into last night and robbed of precious relics, mostly gold and silver, valued at \$20,000, a gold watch once the property of General Winfield Scott being among the booty.

Christmas Carnival.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Leslie M. E. church yesterday afternoon and evening held a carnival at the church in South Salem, which was declared one of the most pleasing and successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city. The afternoon was devoted to a tea for the older members, while in the evening the younger element held full away. Three attractive booths were prepared, one of which was for the purpose of gratifying the sweet-tooth of all present, while from the other two beautiful sofa pillows, pin cushions, dolls and everything else showing the lovely handiwork of women were dispensed.

The sales were made by the fair daughters of the church, while the booths themselves were masterpieces of the decorators' art. American flags, gracefully draped, were chiefly utilized, their beauty becoming enhanced with a judicious use of yellow chrysanthemums, the whole effect reflecting great credit upon the supervisor of decorations, Harry H. Lucas, who is commonly known as "Buff." A neat sum was realized from the carnival. One of the main features was the basket supper, the baskets being sold to the highest bidders.

Holiday Goods

Our assortment is now complete. Remember that the most desirable goods go first, so don't wait until the last week before Christmas to buy your presents.

Dolls, Games, Picture Books, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Jewel Cases, Photo Cases, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Cushion Tops, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Ribbons, Towels, Table Linens, Stamped Linens.

Everything suitable for the Holidays. If you prefer practical presents, give your friend a pair of shoes, a suit of clothes, a comfortable overcoat or one of those fine waterproof rain coats.

Give your boy a nobby little suit and make him happy. We have an excellent line of dry goods from which you can select a nice waist pattern or a dress pattern for your mother or sister. They may appreciate something practical more than any fancy present you could get for them.

Our usual extremely low prices apply to Holiday Goods

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ORIENTAL CUSHION COVERS
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Ladies' Suit Sale
It is stores like Meyers' that have made it possible for women with limited income to wear latest styles. Such a sale is now in force, which is really wonderful in its economy. All the garments are of this season's showings and are strictly right in every particular.
\$18.50 values now **\$12.35**
22.50 values now **15.00**
25.00 to \$35.00 **19.00**

New Ribbons
To brighten up that new gown, a new neck ribbon or sash. New lot of ribbons on display for the first time. We can supply you with any width or shade you need, and at prices much lower than you'd expect to pay.

It's Puzzle, Puzzle, Puzzle, Think Think
My what a worry Christmas is when you don't know what to buy. The best way to smooth out the wrinkles of perplexity is to come to this great Christmas corner, where is displayed the broadest and richest collection of gift things in this valley. Bring the children and let them enjoy the sights, for they can best tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas, and have them guess on the number of kernels of corn, as some one is to receive that

Men's Clothes
Lives there a man with soul so dead, Who can be indifferent to what is said, By the opposite sex about his clothes?
OUR CLOTHES
Are cut to make men look their best. This is more than can be said of the result obtained by the average tailor. The slight men should not slight this hint. The heavy man will find heavy odds in our favor. Step in and see what we can do for **\$10 to \$25**

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