

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen of the General Assembly: The organic law of the State makes it the duty of the chief executive to lay before the General Assembly at each annual session a review of the different departments of government, and to make such recommendations and suggestions as may seem to him wise and proper.

The past year has been a remarkable one in many respects. Many stirring events have marked the record. The tillers of the soil in many sections of our State have not had the usual returns for their labors, and with many of them the present year is going to be one of sacrifice and self-denial, and yet they are looking hopefully to the future and not complaining.

Since your last session the nation has been bowed down beneath the weight of a grievous sorrow, caused by the dastardly blow which struck down its chief executive, a blow aimed not at him but at you and every law-abiding citizen of the land, and at the free government of which he had been chosen by the American people as the head.

There have been two lynchings in the State during the past year, both of which are to be regretted and would have been prevented if possible, but so long as bends in human form continue to commit outrages upon our women, and so long as we have not organized and taxed laid, and never yet has a system been adopted which is entirely equitable and just and which has not been open to fraud and evasion and inequality.

TAXATION. The question of taxation is one of the most important and difficult problems that will confront you and one of the most profound in political economy. It has been a difficult problem ever since government has been organized and taxes laid, and never yet has a system been adopted which is entirely equitable and just and which has not been open to fraud and evasion and inequality.

There has been a gratifying increase in the taxable property during the past year. In fact, the increase is greater than for any one year for several years past. This, of course, has made an increase in the amount of taxes collected, but your appropriations were larger at the last session than the year before, and for the increase in taxable values there would have been a deficit and the appropriations could not have been met out of the income for the year.

GOOD ROADS. During the past year there has been a general awakening throughout the country on the question of good roads and in every section great interest has been manifested and movements begun looking to the improvement of the public highways.

For the past few years there has been a great influx of people into our towns and cities and these have rapidly built up at the expense of the surrounding country. This is an evil which the people should be remedied for it is to the people of the country, and not to the towns and cities, that the State must principally look for the preservation of her institutions.

Under the present system the returns are made to the county auditor. There is a township board of assessors, which meets at the court house after the auditor has taken the returns, and undertakes to go over all of them in one or two days. Then there is a county board of equalization, which also meets at the court house and goes over the returns for the entire county in one or two days.

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of the present shall not only not be dwarfed physically and mentally by close confinement and labor during the tender years of youth, but that it shall have all the advantages offered by the schools of the community.

In many instances, however, these rules are not required, and the mill owners, finding child labor the cheapest, and looking only to the present, substitute the child for the man, and the health and future happiness of this child are sacrificed to present gain.

This question is one that has to be met in every manufacturing country, and in every country where education is the part of wisdom looking both to the mental and moral uplifting and the material advancement of the people.

The manufacturing industries of the South in the near future will be compelled to meet strong competition from the people of other sections of the globe, particularly from the far East.

The question is demanding solution, and the part of wisdom is to solve it now, for the longer it is left alone the more difficult of solution it becomes.

Any action looking to the betterment of our roads which, in your wisdom, you may see fit to take, will be so much done toward the promotion of the general prosperity of the people.

CHILD LABOR. In my last message I directed your attention to the importance of giving careful consideration to the question of child labor in our manufacturing establishments.

It is a principle now well recognized that the safety of the government itself requires that it give its citizens the opportunity to fit themselves for an intelligent discharge of the duties of the State.

Corn Potash. The fertilizer applied, most furnish enough Potash, or the land will lose its producing power.

that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, the diffusion of knowledge.

Public opinion depends for its enlightenment very largely upon the free common schools, and the efforts of the State should be directed principally to the improvement and perfection of its system of common school education.

But it is of little use to have an adequate system of free education unless it be taken advantage of by the children of the State.

The State superintendent calls attention to a plan for securing better school houses. This should be given most careful consideration, because the best results in training children cannot be obtained in shabby and uncomfortable school houses.

IN A HUMOROUS VEIN. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," said Markley.

"I don't know good music from bad," said a man.

"I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Strigins. You can hardly appreciate what a convenience your acquaintance is to my husband when he stays out later than he should."

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which confront us and must be solved. Education is the foundation.

A compulsory law at the beginning would probably have to encounter difficulties in its enforcement, but the time is ripe for something to be done, as every one must admit when he considers the percentage of enrollment to the children of school age, especially in the rural districts.

All the principal countries of Europe, in fact all the principal civilized countries throughout the world, and two thirds of the States and Territories of our own country, have adopted some system of compulsory education.

I desire to repeat here what I said last year: The importance of levying an additional tax for the support of the country schools cannot be too strongly urged upon our people.

Faddy—Don't you consider it the duty of the government to look out for the people? "Daddy—I think it seems to me things would come out better if the people would look out for their government a little more."

After preaching a sermon on the fate of the wicked an English clergyman met an old woman well known for her gossiping propensities, and he said: "I hope my sermon has done you some good."

Senator H. H. H. is found at German oaking. There is a restaurant near the Capitol that he patronizes frequently. The other day the placid hands and the Senator was greeted by a stranger when he went in for a lunch.

SPRINKLING WITH OIL. One of the benefits growing out of the enormous supply of crude oil which is now found in so many parts of the country, says the Railway and Engineering Review, is the possibility of using it for sprinkling and thereby not only saving the dust on the roads but in cities and perhaps most of all in the country roads in those sections where rain occurs only at wide intervals.

"I do," murmured the Musing Philosopher, "to think that every man has his price."

During the sermon one of the quartette fell asleep. "Now's your chance," said the organist to the soprano. "See if you can't catch the tenor."

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"You'll wake him up," suggested the bass. "I could make a better pun than that, as sure as my name's Palm!"

A well dressed and attractive looking man well known on the East Side, started a Wells street car to come downtown yesterday morning.

She—Is this the insurance agency? He—Yes, ma'am. What can I do for you? She—I want an insurance policy at once. My house is on fire—Chicago News.

"Aren't you glad you're through the holiday rush?" he asked. "Yes," replied the saleslady, languidly. "The women haven't got half the fun exchanging their presents yet."

"A woman has acted as Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives," said a man. "Mrs. Tiff acts constantly as speaker of my house," added Mr. Tiff—Detroit Free Press.

Crawford: Why do you think their uneasy marriage will turn out to be a happy one? "Crabshaw: Because all their relatives were so angry about it that they refused to visit them—Judge.

"Yes, he was arrested for running an illegal laundry," said a man. "What's an illegal laundry?" "A place where they wash the cancellation mark from postage stamps."

Faddy—Don't you consider it the duty of the government to look out for the people? "Daddy—I think it seems to me things would come out better if the people would look out for their government a little more."

He looked despairingly into vacancy. "I have had my misgivings," he said in a dull and passionless voice, "but now I am sure. Your laugh shows you are utterly heartless."

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A mammoth cottonwood tree was cut a few days ago in the bottoms of the Little Washbasin river in Illinois. It contained 8,000 feet of lumber.

English sparrows continue to multiply, despite all efforts at their extermination, and where they prosper, other birds are driven out by their numbers. An Illinois sparrow hunt has just ended and as a result four tons of sparrows were killed.

A lump of tallow dipped in sulphur and rubbed on the bodies of trees is recommended by Mr. M. W. Hubbard, a Missouri orchardist of note, as a cheap and safe preventive of barking insects by borers. He takes a lump of tallow in one hand and a small box of the sulphur and rubs the trees from the ground as high as brer rabbit can reach.

Trains collided in a New York city tunnel. Fifteen were killed and thirty injured. The responsibility for the accident has not been fixed.

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