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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Democratic Governor Toole railing at official extravagance and waste of public moneys under democratic administration of state and county governments is a spectacle for the gods. In a message of unnecessary length and some stupidity the governor takes occasion to preach loudly of economy, but to avoid too many specific recommendations for curing the evils that he declares exist. Briefly, his message appears to be a sop thrown to the large taxpaying public that has reached the limit of endurance in public waste. The people testified their desire for economy at the polls last November; the governor hastens to assume the mask and guise of an economist.

As a state paper the message, which the Inter Mountain prints today, does not rebound to the credit of the governor. It is wordy, tiresome beyond the limit of such documents, impregnated with the spirit of the demagogue, full of sophistry, such as a recommendation for the adoption of the socialistic initiative and referendum, and rich in more or less adroit dodgings of important issues. The recommendations which are made are not noteworthy, save for the creation of a state railroad commission. The proposition of electing judicial officers at elections other than general elections occupies considerable space in the message, but the subject is then disposed of by its recommendation "to your most earnest consideration." With great vigor the governor attacks the present system of county classification and fixing of salaries of county officers, but neglects to admit that it is a system installed and carried on for years by democratic administrations.

In a long and rambling discourse on the evils of that monstrosity known as the Geiger road law, passed by the legislature of 1901, the governor drops into poetry with all the grace and ease that characterizes a scowling descender to her bath. His attempts at wit and flippancy in the treatment of certain subjects are dreary in the extreme. The purpose of the message seems to have been to pile words on words and to provide the frothy generalities of the stump speaker instead of the thoughtful utterances of the statesman. It is a message which might have been written by a hired political adventurer; it is not one which is worthy the governor of a great state.

CHANGING COUNTY NAMES.

In the good old days when the pioneers of Montana were erecting the territory they did not bother overmuch about the niceties of spelling. Thus it was that when the territorial legislature in 1865 established the county of which Fort Benton is the seat it called that county Choteau. The intention was to name the county after Pierre Choteau, whose company first placed steamboats on the Missouri river in 1832. The omission of a little vowel did not worry the pioneer legislators in the slightest.

And then, to make up for the omission in the name of that county, the legislature established a county to be called after the great explorers, William Clark and Captain Lewis, and in so doing tacked on a final "e" where it did not belong, making the name of the capital city's county Lewis and Clarke. Of course the signatures of the original Clark show that he never was guilty of affixing an "e" at the end of his name, but today the official spelling in Montana is Clarke and Choteau—both wrong.

It is reported that an effort will be made at the present session of the Montana legislative assembly to correct the error so far as it concerns Choteau county. The descendants and friends of the well-known Choteau family of St. Louis have a personal interest in the matter and are anxious to see the correction made. Of course the addition of a single vowel to the official name of a county is no great thing for legislative action, but as the intention of the pioneers was to honor the name of a man prominently identified with the early history of Montana, it is but just that their intention be carried out to the letter—even to a small letter.

Advocates of the change appear to think that all that is necessary is the passage of a bill making the alteration. The experience of the Seventh legislative assembly, however, proves to the contrary. The change of one letter of a county name is a change of name. Last session the legislature attempted to change the name of Deer Lodge county to Daly county, and that of Powell county to Deer Lodge

county, but the supreme court held this to be special and not general legislation and hence not constitutional. The only way to get at the matter seems to be to pass a general bill permitting the people of any county to change that county's name by vote. Under this law Choteau county people could correct their present bad spelling and the good citizens of Lewis and Clarke county could get rid of that obnoxious "e." At the same time the people of Deer Lodge and Powell counties could satisfy their fancies in regard to names. It would require a lot of voting, but it would be worth while. The map of Montana might as well be spelled right as wrong.

THE BOUNTY LAW.

When Governor Toole says in his message that he is satisfied that the state bounty law is being abused, he does not make the situation quite clear. It may be that the state bounty law is productive of fraud, but if it is it is because the law itself invites fraudulent claims. Like many a law enacted by the democratic legislatures, it is a measure that works an injustice on the state and imposes a tremendous burden of taxation without adequate return. As the governor has the grace to point out in his message, it is not wholly true that the stockmen pay all the bounty and that, so long as they make no objection, no one else should protest.

During the two years just closed bounty claims to the amount of \$450,000 have been filed with the proper authorities in this state. Of these more than \$360,000 worth have been paid. Now, at the beginning of the year, not a dollar is on hand to pay these standing claims, while the scalp hunters have another season before them. With a phenomenal bounty on wolf pups and a number of gentlemen engaged in the bounty business, it is fair to assume that the outstanding \$90,000 worth of claims will be materially increased in the next few months. At the rate the state pays for scalps it would be a profitable industry to breed coyotes and wolves instead of sheep and cattle.

Compare these figures of bounty claims with those in neighboring states for the same period. North Dakota stacks up less than \$35,000, Wyoming a little more than \$24,000, and the others even less than this. It is a fair surmise that the importation of coyote and wolf scalps from other states could, if it is not already done, be built up into a good business. The present bounty law simply puts a premium on dishonesty and permits the state of Montana to pay for cleaning out the animal pests of sister states and the Canadian Northwest territory. It is a vicious measure and should be amended materially.

RIGHTS VS. PRIVILEGES.

In view of the vigorous effort the advocates of equal rights propose to make this winter to secure favorable action at Helena, a little talk made the other day by Miss Josephine Dodge Daskam is particularly interesting. Miss Daskam is a young writer who in the last year or two has come up close to the front rank of American authors. She writes stories of child life that appeal to the heart of every lover of children.

She was a guest recently at a "Pilgrim Mothers' dinner," given by the members of the New York Legislative League. Most of the ladies present were pronounced woman suffragists, but when Miss Daskam was called upon to talk she did not appear over-strenuous in the cause—in fact she rather surprised the good ladies. Reminding her listeners that the recent multiplication of women's rights had not perceptibly loosened the hold of "our brother" on the advantages he had always possessed, nor increased the strength of women, she suggested that the girl of the future may have to choose between her present privileges and her rights. In which case, said she, "I should advise a young girl who asked me what to choose, to hang on to her privileges and let her rights go."

Miss Daskam went on: "If you cannot in this generation get your vote you can always get your voter. I don't think the young girl has changed very much. She has no more mind than she used to have, though she may use her mind a little differently. There are two things which woman must always have had to be, since the creation of the world, to be successful: she must be good and she must be charming. If she is not good, the world cannot progress; if she is good, and nothing else, she will be as dull as anything the world ever made; but if she can be good and charming her heritage and posterity can ask absolutely nothing better."

All of which is refreshing and entertaining to say the least, and calculated to rather disconcert the members of the New York Legislative League.

The action of the state senate yesterday in taking the appointment of committees out of the hands of the lieutenant governor and placing the appointing power in the hands of a special committee is quite in accord with parliamentary precedent and is an act founded, like all parliamentary law, in sound common sense. It did not meet with the approval of Mr. Heinze's cohorts at Helena, to be sure, but Mr. Heinze and his friends seem doomed to meet with disappointments.

The Shelby Independent declares that "Shelby is improving right along." In proof it points out that as the result of the holiday festivities in the town "nobody was killed" and "only six pairs of blackeyes" appeared. In jubilation at this evidence of civilization the independent points out that "it used to be so in Shelby that to celebrate the day properly a man or two had to be killed outright; now they are only half killed."

Deception. [Life.] The Frog—Stop laughing at me! The Fish—I ain't! The Frog—Yes, you are—with your gill.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Helena, Jan. 6.—The republicans absolutely control both houses of the legislature after six years of democratic domination. The last session controlled by the republicans was the Fourth, which met in 1895. The leading republican members in the present assembly declare that it will be more than six years before there is another change, as everything is propitious for the supreme reign of republicanism in Montana for a long time to come.

Senator Meyers of Red Lodge has apparently assumed the leadership of the republicans in the upper house. He is one of the holdover members and regarded as probably the best parliamentarian in the senate. Senator Meyers is comparatively a young man, and is engaged in the banking business, being one of the most widely known and influential citizens of Carbon county.

The leaders of the democratic-fusion-labor combination came to Helena thoroughly confident of their supremacy in the senate, and it was not until Saturday evening, after their caucuses, that they received the first intimation that all was not well. On the vote on Get a Good, Hard Jolt organization, as far as the selection of employees of the upper house was concerned, the triple-party delegation showed a ma-



W. F. MEYERS.

majority, but when it came to matters affecting more directly proposed legislation, it did not seem a hard matter for the republicans to draw three votes from the democrats and, on roll call, four democrats were found voting with the republicans. William M. Biggs of Lewis and Clarke, T. P. Cullen of Dawson, C. W. Hoffman of Gallatin, and A. W. Mahon of Valley were the accredited democrats voting with the republicans.

The motion made by Senator Meyers, providing for a committee of three members of the senate, who shall name the standing committees upon various subjects of legislation, is in line with the policy of the United States senate. This takes away from the president of the senate the power to appoint the various standing committees, the contention being that as the lieutenant governor is not a voting member of the senate, except in case of a tie, he should not be clothed with this important appointing power. Senator Meyers also urged as another reason that a senate committee could better decide the capabilities of the respective members and place them upon committees to the best interests of the business of the upper house. He told of his own service upon committees in the Seventh assembly where he was assigned to Men Who Know work, with which he ought to be familiar, while with those men who had a knowledge, he was not called upon to labor. He declared that the motion was in the interests of expediting the business of the session, and was to the best interests of all concerned, a view which met with hearty support.

The first step in the direction of economy was also made by Senator Meyers, who attempted to have the number of pages in the senate reduced from three to two, a suggestion that the democrats and fusionists refused to concur in. In the matter of other appointments it is understood that the republicans will work hard to secure a curtailment of expenditures. While the law provides for certain officials, clerks and attendants in connection with the two houses the clause "and such other employees as may be required," leaves a loophole through which many dollars slip from the state funds.

Early action will be taken by the republicans to bring about a material reduction in the taxation, and it is hoped that at least 25 per cent can be saved the taxpayers by cutting down many of extravagant customs inaugurated by the democrats. The first place to begin this economy is in the number of legislative employees, and all appropriations will be closely watched and cut down as much as possible, with the almost certain result of an enormous saving in the financial outlay of the state for the next two years.

John Flaherty, democratic member of the house from Gold Springs, Jefferson county, declares that the people of his section have plenty of money and are very prosperous. Good crops and splendid stock with high market prices is the forecast Mr. Flaherty makes for next summer, and as he is a farmer and stock grower, he should know.

Justice Piggott was an interested spectator on the floor of the house during the preliminary proceedings incidental to organization.

Mine Inspector John Byrne is in Helena attending the sessions of the legislature. Mr. Byrne is interested in some proposed changes in the laws regulating the inspection of mines and designed to provide more efficient remedies to require compliance with the law governing their operation, more particularly with respect to the safety of employees.

David Hilger of Fergus county, a member of the house, says that his district is the most prosperous in the state. Large shipments of gold ores to the cyanide mills have brought such encouraging returns as to awaken a lively interest in mining in Fergus county.

James E. Martin, democrat, farmer and capitalist, of Bozeman says that the Gal-

latin valley is rapidly filling up with settlers and that things are humming around his home town. He is closely interested in legislation affecting the agricultural interests of the state and will probably offer some proposed changes in the laws affecting waterways, etc.

Nelson Story of Fergus was the only member who did not present credentials. Mr. Story forgot the necessary document, which was left at home. Upon discovering that he did not have the certificate he wired to have it dispatched to him immediately.

PEOPLE WE MEET

"THE need of road legislation is apparent to every citizen and taxpayer of the state," declared Walter Cooper of Bozeman at the Thornton hotel today. "I earnestly hope that the legislators will pass a law that will cure the defects in the present monstrosity. It seems to me that this is the most important question before the legislature, one that requires careful attention. All of the present cumbersome law should be repealed and a measure enacted that is terse and to the point."

"It has been my idea all along that there should be a convention held at Helena during the session of the legislature of one member of each of the 26 houses of county commissioners in the state. This convention might call in a good lawyer and draft a bill that would give satisfaction; then let the bill be presented to the legislature for consideration. That would be one of the most practicable methods of securing road legislation that would meet the existing conditions."

WHAT HAPPENED TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO TODAY

Why Just Read These Extracts From the Files of the Inter Mountain of That Date and Be Made Wise.

A large number of men left here yesterday to work on the new depot buildings at Ogden.

The tunnel celebration takes place tomorrow and a large number of people from this city and Helena will attend the celebration.

Snow has been falling all day. The new Bruckner furnace in the Alice mill is running and doing satisfactory work.

The Western Union has reduced the rates on day messages to all important Eastern points to \$1.50 for ten words.

Henry Stiner was yesterday examined as to his sanity and was adjudged insane and will be taken to Warm Springs tomorrow.

In a fight on the street yesterday between two boys one was severely stabbed with a pocket knife.

The supreme court is in session with Judge Wade presiding. One hundred and fifty tons of \$100 ore was shipped from the Wabash mine yesterday.

Rev. D. J. McMillan, educational bishop of the Presbyterian church, is visiting in the city from Salt Lake.

All of the hotels in the city are crowded with guests.

Trade continues brisk. There is no relapse from the holiday sales.

W. H. Lipman, of Lipman & Davis, leaves for Salt Lake tonight to buy goods.

Judge Knowles and J. F. Forbes are attending the session of the supreme court.

Mons. Bell, an eminent mining engineer, is in the city for the purpose of inspecting the Alice mine.

ABOUT PEOPLE

S. F. Shannon is down from the Capital City and is mingling with Butte friends.

W. J. Beilensberg of Deer Lodge is in the city and is a guest at the Butte.

John D. Losekamp of Billings is in the city on business and has rooms at the Thornton.

Samuel A. Steddenhall, one of the popular residents of Bozeman, has rooms at the Thornton.

C. J. Cottingham is down from Great Falls and is stopping at the Finlen.

L. Stockett came down from Great Falls last night and will remain in the city for a few days.

C. A. Keane of Helena registered at the Finlen last night.

Ed. Hogan and J. E. Emerson, two Great Falls gentlemen, are at the Finlen.

R. A. Luke, a Helena insurance man, is in the city.

E. A. Gray, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Chicago & Northwestern in Montana, with headquarters in Helena, arrived from the capital last night.

S. F. Shannon, the Helena powder agent, is a guest at the Thornton.

Miss Mabel Merriman, daughter of General Agent Merriman of the Northern Pacific and Miss Grace Whiting returned to Spokane yesterday where they will resume their studies.

AMUSEMENTS

"Human Hearts." The rugged life found among the sun-kissed mountains of Arkansas forms the groundwork of a graphic story that is depicted in "Human Hearts," that melodrama of intense interest. This play will be offered at the Lyceum next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and always appeals forcibly to the popular interest of all classes. It is a romance worthy of Dumas and other famous writers. The story told in unfolding the plot is a beautiful one, sweet, pathetic, natural, and it teaches a wholesome moral lesson. Like those patriotic songs, "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," it never fails to touch the hearts and minds of those who see it portrayed with vivid life-like action. Pathos and villainy are happily blended with comedy, so that laughter is mingled with tears and thrills.

"Fiddle-Dee-Dee Busts." The "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" company, which was to have shown here tonight, has been disbanded in Spokane and the members have scattered. Some stories aver that there was too much New Year's celebration among the young ladies and that some of the male members looked too long on the flowing bowl. In any event the constellations of the show have done even as the famed Arab and are now supposed to be wending their ways East.

At the Le Petit. The patrons of the Le Petit theater will have an opportunity of seeing things that are things tonight when the second edition of the "Warm Baby" is put on. The entire program has been changed and new faces, new specialties, new novelties and new acts will be the order. The usual Saturday and Sunday matinees will be seen and the Butte theater-goers can count on witnessing some of the most wonderful feats that ever took place on a Butte stage.

THEY WILL PUT UP COSTS IN COMMON

SUIT OF ROTH VS. FELDMAN HAS BEEN COMPROMISED—WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.

The case of Morris Roth against Louis Feldman, pending in Judge Clancy's court, has been settled by consent of both sides, both agreeing to pay tax costs. This was an injunction suit and an action for damages.

The two formed a partnership in 1901 to carry on a second-hand business at 221 East Park street. Plaintiff Roth alleged in his complaint that in July of last year they agreed to dissolve partnership, the plaintiff paying the defendant \$550 for his interest and good will.

Soon after this was done Roth claimed that Feldman set up an opposition store at 219 East Park street, in violation of the agreement not to again enter into the business here. Roth asked for an injunction to prevent Feldman from further carrying on the business, and also sued for \$3,000 damages.

Feldman answered that he had sold his business since the commencement of the action, and efforts toward the settlement reached today have since been in progress.

BUTTE SINGERS WILL GET UP A CHORAL ORGANIZATION

Meet and Affect Temporary Society and Will Elect Officers Next Monday Night.

There was a large gathering of Butte singers at the Presbyterian church last night. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing a local choral society. All of those present manifested great interest in the formation of the society and everything looks bright for the new organization.

Mrs. Ignatius Donnelly was elected temporary chairman and, in an address in which she outlined the objects sought to be attained by the new society and the manner in which the organization was to be established, she said:

"There has perhaps never been so favorable an opportunity for forming a permanent mixed chorus in Butte as there is at the present time. It is generally conceded that there are in this city a large number of really fine voices in proportion to the population than in any other city in the Northwest. The singers generally have, for some time past, felt the need of a good choral society in which there could be banded together the best vocal talent in the city. It is for this reason that steps are now being taken to accomplish this result. By not attempting to accomplish too much at first there is no reason why, in the course of a month or so, we should not have a chorus of which any city might well be proud."

It was moved that the name of the society be the Butte Choral society, and the motion was adopted. The evening was then devoted to the discussion of the matters leading up to the formation of the society. The election of officers will be held on next Monday night and the music to be studied for the ensuing two months will at the same time be decided upon. Those who joined last night and who join at the meeting Monday night will be considered as charter members.

The large number of prominent singers who were present last evening would indicate that the choral society will be a success in a musical way from the beginning. It is the intention of the organizers to give a number of public concerts and, if it is warranted, the society will give a number of operas. William Goldenburg, organist at the First Presbyterian church, will direct the chorus. There will be weekly rehearsals held on Mondays.

NEW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ARE IN SADDLE

Several of Them Have Already Tried Cases—Who They Are and Where They Will Hang Out.

The new justices of the peace who were elected at the last election have been installed into office and some of them already have tried cases. Justice P. Harrington and Mathew Dorian, the justices of the peace in Silver Bow township, have their offices in the building on the corner of Quartz and Montana streets. Patrick Holland and John McGrath are the constables.

In Walkerville M. J. O'Connor steps out and his office is occupied by E. C. Sheehan. Michael Gleason will serve as his constable. Justice Patrick Colligan, who was elected at the last election, has established his office in the front part of his residence at No. 1510 North Main street. Mathew Whalen is his constable.

In South Butte Justice Taylor will be found in his accustomed place, while Justice Philip Harrington, the newly-elected justice, has established his office in the Centennial Brewery building. John Harmon and Thomas Cosgrove are the constables there.

There is no change in the offices at Meaderville, H. S. Libby and G. F. Ganser having been re-elected. Their constables are Elmer Plummer and Reuben Lanyon.

Just Blame Yourself. Hennessy's big store has spent many a dollar telling the public how to save many dollars by spending a few dollars for needed articles in some of the several departments. If you fail to get your share of these money-making bargains don't blame Hennessy's.

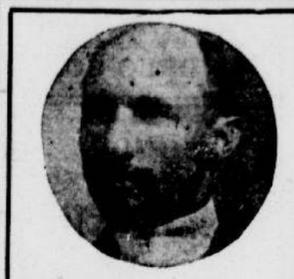
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