

POLICY OF GOV. ODELL

First Message of the Chief Magistrate of New York Urges Economy of Government.

A CHECK ON TAMMANY

Recommends Centralization of Municipal Powers—Single Head for Police Department, Subject to Removal by Governor or Mayor—Municipal Ownership of Water Supply Favored—Justice for Corporations. How Inequalities in Taxation Could Be Adjusted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 2.—Governor Odell's first message to the New York legislature, transmitted today: "The governor's message is a general recommendation for the reduction of the expenses of the state and a plea for a more rigid economy in the different departments and commissions. He recommends the consolidation of the board of mediation and arbitration, the bureau of labor statistics and the state factory inspection department into one commission, to be known as the department of labor. He asks that the state board of charities and the prison commission be abolished and the work of these departments be done by a single commissioner. He also objects to the present system of employing special legal advisers and recommends that the compensation of attorneys be fixed by statute on a percentage basis.

The governor is of the opinion that the corporations are treated more liberally in other states than they are in New York. The burdens placed upon domestic corporations, he says, is forcing capital to go to other states where more favorable laws exist and as a consequence New York is losing revenues which other states are enjoying at its expense. The legislature is asked to enact amendments which will liberalize and make more popular the state's corporation laws. "We should exercise the same supervision over foreign corporations who seek to do business within our state," says Mr. Odell, "as we exercise over our own, and they should be subject to the same limitations. Many complaints now made against large combinations of capital are just, but owing to our lack of jurisdiction we are unable to control, and therefore no law can be framed which will reach foreign corporations effectively. Even though we deny their right to file certificates, the greatest penalty is the withholding of the right to use our courts, and this in effect is but a slight embarrassment, as the United States court can be used for the same purpose. Liberal laws, therefore, which will accord the same rights as those given to individuals, restrictive as to their powers and the safeguarding of the people's interest, will accomplish much more than declamation against corporations, and will at the same time aid us by relieving the burden of taxation upon the homes of those who can ill afford to bear them."

Taxation of Corporations. The governor says that he has looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to the day when the state of New York would no longer find it necessary to levy a direct tax for state purposes. In referring to the taxation of corporations Mr. Odell says: "All corporations receive from the state certain rights. It seems to me, therefore, that capital of this character in our state should pay a tribute to the creating power for that which they have received. This is not a new principle. This new system should be framed to meet existing conditions and a fair and equitable recompense from all corporations enjoying state protection and favors should be exacted. Exemptions should be given by the localities rather than by the state, because it is the former which receives the greatest benefit and all corporations should therefore pay a tax based upon their earning power. But few of the many corporations in the state are now taxed in this manner, and therefore an unfair discrimination exists."

As to the correction of evils in the city of New York and the need of husbanding the resources of the city, the governor says: "Every department of New York needs corrective legislation. Especially is this true of those departments whose administration is confined to county lines. In this direction I desire to call your attention to the fact that many of the public officers in that city are receiving a larger remuneration for their services than that which is given to the president of the United States. Your attention is called to a few instances of this character. The sheriff of the county of New York receives an annual salary of \$20,000, and one-half of the fees, which are said to amount to \$60,000 per year more. The claim has been made heretofore that the sheriff takes great financial responsibility and is therefore entitled to additional compensation. This is not now true in effect, because he can at all times demand a bond of indemnity and thus save himself from all harm. It would seem to me that a salary of \$20,000 would be ample for this office. The same may be said of the county clerk and the registrar of the county of New York, whose salaries are excessive. In the county of Kings the combined salaries of the sheriff, county clerk and registrar amount to \$300,000 per annum. This could be reduced by abolishing the fee system and substituting therefor salaries, the balance to be paid into the treasury for the purpose of reducing the taxes upon property."

Police Department. The police department of New York city receives considerable attention in the governor's message. Mr. Odell is of the opinion that much of the difficulty now existing in that department is due to divided responsibility and a lack of a centralization of authority. "What remedy have we," he asks, "for this manifest evil which has brought the police force of the city of New York into such disrepute? A state constabulary has been suggested, but

the strong disinclination upon the part of the other municipalities throughout the state to acquiesce in this suggestion renders this plan valueless. A metropolitan police system is open to the criticism that it is a violation of the principle of home rule guaranteed by the constitution. We are therefore brought to face this proposition, with no apparent remedy as yet suggested. In my opinion there should be a complete centralization of power. There is no necessity, it seems to me, for a commissioner who is not in effect as well as in name the absolute head of the police system of the city of New York. An efficient man, the choice of the mayor, as a single headed commissioner, with all the powers now possessed by the chief of police, would at once narrow down the responsibility and place it within the power of the chief executive of the state to hold accountable the mayor and the commissioner thus appointed. This suggestion, if given effect by legislative enactment, would, in my opinion, be no violation of the principle of home rule."

The message recommends the entire separation of the bureau of elections from the police department of the city of New York and the creation of a bipartisan election. Among the novel features advocated by the new governor is the enactment of an employer's liability law, or the establishment of a system of forced insurance of the employees by the employer, the object being to place the employees on the same footing as individuals not employed, in cases of injury or death the employee resulting from negligence on the part of the employer. The message further recommends exempting mortgages from taxation, the consolidation of the forest preserve board and the forestry, fish and game department of labor. He asks that the state board of charities and the prison commission be abolished and the work of these departments be done by a single commissioner. He also objects to the present system of employing special legal advisers and recommends that the compensation of attorneys be fixed by statute on a percentage basis.

PLOT TO BLOW UP A TUNNEL

Bomb Found in La Salle Street Tunnel Under Chicago River. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 2.—On information from a source which he declines to make public, Detective Sergeant McLaughlin, in one of the small arched openings in the dividing wall of the tunnel shortly before midnight. The bomb was taken by the policeman to central station and thence carried to the lake front and exploded. Detective McLaughlin said he received a hint to the effect that an effort would be made to blow up the tunnel used for the passage of the North Side cable cars. He hastened to the scene and found a piece of three-inch gas pipe about fifteen inches long, in one of the small arched openings in the dividing wall of the tunnel. A half burned fuse protruded from one end. Earlier in the night one of the sweepers employed in the tunnel saw a man about 25 years old and shabbily dressed, in one of the small arched openings in the dividing wall. When asked what he was doing he replied: "Nothing." The stranger left the tunnel hurriedly. The police suspect that the bomb was placed there by a discharged employe of the company.

CHILDREN DESERTED

Four Young People Are Found Alone in a Flat. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 2.—Joseph Litzke and Charles Polombe, 10, 8, 7 and 6 years old respectively, were committed to the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children today in the Harlem police court. The children were found alone in a flat, where they had been deserted by their mother. The father, Peter Polombe, is a barber, and is employed at Washington. The neighbors say he sent money each week to Mrs. Polombe for the support of the children. A few days ago, it is claimed, he sent Mrs. Polombe a sum of money and instructed her to pack the furniture and move to Washington. It is charged that Mrs. Polombe did not ship it to Washington, and that she deserted the children, leaving them in the flat without food and with but little clothing. The society agents are looking for her.

CHINAMEN CAPTURED

Eight Celestials Arrested for Illegal Entry. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Plattsburgh, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Eight Chinamen, arrested at North Bulken, near Malone, N. Y., December 31, and four others arrested at the same place on January 1, were brought to New York today for illegal entry into the United States. They were brought here tonight and arraigned before United States Commissioner Woodward. The cases were adjourned until tomorrow.

CATCH A MICHIGAN KIDNAPPER

William Sullivan Arrested and Mrs. Thierry's Boy Recovered. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Houghton, Mich., Jan. 2.—William Sullivan, who kidnaped the 5-year-old son of Mrs. Raymond Thierry, of Dollar Bay, Saturday, was caught by Sheriff Lean at Halfway, eighteen miles south of Houghton, last night. The kidnaped boy was uninjured, although he had walked nearly thirty miles in as many hours during dry weather. He was restored to his mother. Sullivan was lodged in jail. A bill greatly to increase the penalties for kidnaping will probably be introduced in the Michigan legislature next week.

Semi-Monthly Pay Days

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 2.—The Union and Mineral Coal companies announced today that beginning with the 15th of the month, semi-monthly pay would go into operation. Five thousand men and boys are employed at the six operations of the companies between and Mt. Carmel. All other companies and individual operators are now paying semi-monthly in this region as a result of the anthracite strike last fall.

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THEATRICAL

Attractions This Week

Lyceum. Thursday—Bourke's Vaudeville company. Matinee. Friday—"All on Account of Eliza."

Academy of Music. Last Three Days—"Span of Life."

The Gaiety. Last Three Days—Sam T. Jack's Burlesques.

Vaudeville at the Lyceum Today. That Manager Ludlow, of the Burke Vaudeville company, at the Lyceum, did not exaggerate in pronouncing his attraction for this week the best of the series up to date, was demonstrated at the Nesbitt theatre in Wilkes-Barre yesterday, where he troupe gave entertainments to delighted audiences. Representatives of the Scranton newspapers, who, in company with Manager Duffy, of the Lyceum, were permitted to attend the performance, do not hesitate to recommend the company as one calculated to please theatre-goers of the Electric City. The troupe is headed by the author, comedian and distinct actor, Harry Hest, and a talented soprano, Carrie De Mar, who are too well known in Scranton to need an introduction. It is probably sufficient to say that their sketch, entitled "The Quiet Day," is one of the funniest upon their repertoire, and their Scranton friends may be assured that a good laugh is in store for all who witness the sketch.

Sam T. Jack's Company. In addition to songs by Hart and De Marr, vocal numbers are rendered by Laura Compton, one of the best of the vocalists, and the Prouty Brothers. Among the other excellent features are the performance of Lorette, the serial artist, and the wonderful mind-reading feats of Prince Albert. The Burlesque programme closes with a one-act farce by the Denney and Mack company, which is a fitting finish to a menu of good things in the amusement line.

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Sale No. 1. In the Basement at 2 O'clock

These Basement Sales of Household Utensils at 2 o'clock are the very best that we can make them. They are growing in interest each week—judging from the extent of the crowds and the profit that accompanies their visit.

At Two O'clock Sharp. CHALLENGE CLOTHES WRINGERS—About the best of any kind you can buy. Full size and warranted to give the best of service. Friday at 2 o'clock. 98c

CUPS AND SAUERS—Made from the best porcelain, all pure white and perfect. Friday at 2 o'clock. 2c

WATER PAILS—Your choice of wood fibre or real cedar water pails, worth 25c. Friday at 2 o'clock. 19c

TEA SETS—Handsome decorated, finest porcelain, 56 pieces to the set. Big 2.29 value Friday, 2 o'clock

DINNER SETS—Fine quality English porcelain, full 100-piece sets, worth \$10; Friday at 2 o'clock. 6.98

WASH BOARDS—Good size full wash boards, the best make; very cheap at 15c. Friday at 2 o'clock. 9c

Sale No. 2. Ready at the Stroke of Three

Some very important events at this hour—bargains that don't come with every Friday Sale. It's your good fortune that they're here this week.

At Three O'clock Sharp. LADIES RUBBERS—Good rubbers—the best that money can buy. You cannot associate the price of these with the quality, for they're A1. All sizes and cheap at 65c the pair. Friday at 3 o'clock. 33c

BOY'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—Of fine ribbed cotton, close knit, finely finished with pearl buttons. An ideal winter garment. Friday at 3 o'clock. 17c

AMERICAN COTTON PLAIDS—A great offering if you require material for children's dresses or waists for yourself. Exquisite patterns in cotton plaids, many colorings; good width; Friday at 3 o'clock. 3c

FINEST EIDERDOWNS—Very best quality of plain colored Eiderdowns in tints of red, pink, blue, gray also cream. Full 27 inches in width, firm and heavy. Friday at 3 o'clock. 19c

GROCERIES IN BASEMENT—Prunes and soda crackers. The prunes are first quality Californians, small, meaty and tender; the soda crackers are the best we can buy. Your choice for an hour, six pounds. 25c

RAINY DAY SKIRTINGS—Here is just the material for it; a fine quality of 30-inch frize in exquisite shades of gray, blue and brown. Very heavy and durable. Cheap at 50c yard. Friday at 3 o'clock. 26c

Sale No. 3. Ready at the Stroke of Four

Most important at this hour is the sale of Taffeta Silks; not much less so is the sale of Ribbons and other things, including the Parlor Tables.

At Four O'clock Sharp. INFANTS' FELT SHOES—Just the thing for winter wear. They come in red, blue, black, green and tan. Of best felt, lined, lacing style with white bows. Sizes 1 to 3. Worth 35 cents. Friday at 4 o'clock. 17c

KID LINING CAMBRICS—First quality of cambric in all the shades; an opportune time for dressmakers and others to buy at 4 o'clock on 7-8-8c