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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Suggestions As to Needed Legislation On Various Subjects

STRONG ON IMMIGRATION

Legislature Receives Governor's Last Message Gov. Heyward Recommends Strengthening the Immigration Department by Increasing Its Appropriation to \$25,000, Suggests the Erection of Temple of Justice, Renews His Recommendations of Previous Messages Urging the Purification of the Dispensary System by Reforming the Methods of Purchasing, Asks That State Tax System be Reorganized.

In his last message read on the convening of the Legislature, Governor Heyward asks the passage of a compulsory education law, recommends strengthening the immigration department by increasing its appropriation to \$25,000, suggests the erection of a temple of justice to relieve the overcrowded condition of the State House, asks that attempt at rape be made punishable by death, renews his recommendations of previous messages as to purifying the dispensary system by changing the method of purchasing, and urges that the State tax system be reorganized so as to provide for a State board of five to equalize the assessment of property. He recommends that the salary of the Governor and other State officers and the circuit and Supreme Court judges be raised. The new Governor, Mr. M. F. Ansel, of Greenville, and other State officers will be inaugurated January 15. Governor Heyward makes his message brief on account of the change in administration.

Immigration

As to the immigration the message says in part: "During the past six months your department of agriculture, commerce and immigration—though established less than three years ago—has undertaken the execution of carefully prepared plans and has worked with such vigor, energy and success to accomplish the desired ends, that it has succeeded in..."

from taking any steps to... of the desirable people of Europe... people best adapted to our own conditions—most notably the North Italian and Greek farmer—two of the most law-abiding and thrifty immigrants that come to America. I cannot too strongly urge the elimination of this section from the net, leaving the class of people to be brought to the judgment of the commissioner.

Concerning the dispensary, the Governor says: "The fact that a large number of counties in the State have voted local dispensaries; the work of the investigating committee, and the these considerations, in connection with the fact that the people of the State have recently expressed in no uncertain terms their disapproval of the present operation of the dispensary law, all demand imperatively that something should be done to correct existing evils. The people will not stand for anything in which they believe graft exists in any form, and a serious trouble with the dispensary law is that it affords a great opportunity for wrongdoing and a little opportunity for detection."

"Extra conservatism in all matters relating to this undertaking has marked, and is marking the course of your department. The semblance of lack of support in this critical stage, when the department has the confidence of the best intelligence in Europe, would almost certainly jeopardize the success of the undertaking and possibly lose for us the opportunity now open. Once allowed to pass, this opportunity will be probably beyond our power to regain in a half century."

"It is scarcely necessary for me to recapitulate the facts in reference to the character of immigrants landed in Charleston last November, upon whom such high encomium was pronounced by the Federal examining officers. Nor is it necessary to repeat here the details of the selective methods employed abroad—the selective...

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consideration, and it must be squarely met. In view of the great importance of this question to all the people of our State, its bearing upon our reputation abroad and upon our integrity as a people, I must again, in emphasizing my position, urge that you take such action in the matter as the grave necessities of the situation demand. Many of you have been elected upon this issue by the people, and this increases, in large measure, your individual responsibility.

"The situation demands your careful thought, wise and judicious action, and I believe it will be thus considered, free from prejudice, with the views of all concerned, but also for what are the highest interests of the State.

Lawlessness and Lynchings. "I am ashamed to have to report to you that, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, the crime of lynching has been committed more than once in our State during the past year.

"It can be stated here, with absolute truthfulness, that it is not the color of the offender, but the nature of the crime, that makes lynchings occur.

"Recently the Legislature of Virginia enacted a law making an attempt at rape a capital offense, and providing also that the testimony of the victim could be taken in private and not before the public in a court room. I am informed by State officials of Virginia that this law is working satisfactorily. I think this a very important consideration, and I recommend the passage of such a law for our State.

State Hospital For the Insane. "To-day our State Hospital has accommodations for 1,000 patients, but during the past year nearly 400 patients in excess of its capacity have been crowded within the buildings. The total admission for the past year numbered 571, this being the largest number in the history of the institution.

"In considering the future welfare of our insane, I am convinced that it would be a wise policy on the part of the State to consider the proposition by the regents to purchase additional land a short distance from the city for the double purpose of a colony for chronic insane and also for farming lands for the support of the hospital. The property at present owned is being gradually occupied by the groups of buildings necessary for the more acute cases, and the proposed addition would be valuable from every standpoint."

For the Jamestown Exposition \$12,000 more is asked as the \$20,000 appropriated last year precludes a State building.

South Carolina Penitentiary. The new... of this building is erected with modern improvement and is a comfortable and well appointed hospital for the suffering convicts who need special care and attention.

The State farms are each year brought to a higher state of cultivation, and, despite an unfortunate crop year and a disastrous storm, destroying 100 bales of cotton and 300 tons of hay, the report of Superintendent Ordahl will again show a good profit for the State. These farms are, therefore, not only profitable to the State, but are invaluable for the reason that they furnish outdoor work for such convicts as cannot perform other service.

Hampton Monument. Two years ago the general assembly of South Carolina passed an act appropriating a sum for the purpose of erecting a monument to our beloved soldier, patriot and statesman, Wade Hampton. The commission to whom was entrusted this important duty have completed their responsible task, not only with the greatest credit to themselves, but to the entire satisfaction of the people who loved our greatest leader and whose desire is to fitly honor his memory. The statue, as a work of art, has few superiors, and the entire work, in its finished perfection, is a stately memorial, not only to our distinguished son, but as a tribute to those whose love has so hallowed the name and the fame it will forever commemorate.

Annual Confederate Reunion. It is evidently a manifest desire among the Confederate veterans of South Carolina to have a fixed and permanent place at which their annual reunions shall be held. Columbia, on account of its central location and its excellent railroad facilities, has been suggested as the proper place of meeting for those annual reunions. There is every reason why...

England's New Cruiser. London, By Cable.—The official trials of the new cruiser Warrior, took place off the south coast and proved highly satisfactory. Her keel was laid late in 1904 at Pembroke Dock and she was constructed at a cost of \$5,800,000. Her tonnage is 14,350 and she developed a speed of 20 knots. Her chief armament consists of six 9.2 guns, four 7.5 caliber four torpedo tubes, four crew numbers 630. Five other vessels of the Warrior's class are now in the stocks.

Scranton Fever Bound. Scranton, Pa., Special.—As the result of the typhoid epidemic in this city, Mayor Dimmick declared to the police force that the fever epidemic demanded practically martial law for the next few months. The health ordinances must be enforced without fear of favor. It is said that a big curfew will be made, and that seventy warrants have been issued.

Business Portion of Florida Town Burns. Tampa, Fla., Special.—A special from Crystal River says main business portion of that town was burned including the A. C. L. depot, Knight Mercantile Company, Postoffice, Weekly News building, Paul Boelert's store, D. J. Bennett's office. The fire started in the store of the Knight Mercantile Company. The loss was \$35,000, partly insured.

Unique Bond Issue. New Haven, Conn., Special.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford Company issued notes to the amount of \$7,000,000, which will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent; \$3,500,000 will be due in January, 1910, and the same amount on January 9, 1912. They are issued as coupon notes in denominations of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty thousand dollars each. The whole issue has been underwritten.

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