

STATE SAVES \$750,000 IN 2 YEARS

Board of Control Reviews Its Work

Biennial Report Discloses Irregularities; Suggests Reforms

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 12.—Three-quarters of a million dollars saved to the state, one state board secretary confronted with charges of personal dishonesty which he is said to have admitted; accounts of investigations of state institutions and boards not heretofore disclosed, and a number of recommendations for new legislation are contained in the first biennial report of the state board of control.

The report was made public today by John Francis Tisdale, president of the board, and, besides accounting for its extraneous activities, gives an account of an entirely altered system of transacting state business.

New reports on investigations of the board are on the following:

- Southern California state hospital in Patton.
- State board of medical examiners.
- State mining bureau.
- Financial accounts, state board of health.

CASE OF DOCTOR TISDALE

The only personal situation now hanging fire, as shown in the report of the board, is that of Dr. Charles L. Tisdale, secretary of the state board of medical examiners. The report transmits to the governor a check for \$1,324 and says:

"This sum represents restitution to the funds of the medical board of certain amounts found short in the accounts of Dr. Charles L. Tisdale, secretary."

A supplemental report says that no one but Doctor Tisdale profited by the shortage, and that he has admitted this. A feature of the shortage is that some of it came from the funds paid in by 33 physicians as license fees.

"An examination of the 'cash book,' the report says, shows that in certain instances names of these applicants and record of their payments had been made in the cash book and subsequently had been erased."

SHORTAGE IN MINING BUREAU

"Nothing of value" is what the state mining bureau accomplished, according to the board's report, which further says that when C. L. Avery, superintendent of accounts of the bureau, arrived and began his investigations of the bureau's accounts, there was on hand only \$639 in cash, where the books showed \$2,982. The discrepancy was accounted for by "tabs" representing "loans and advances" made to the state mineralogist and to other appointees.

W. W. Thayer, bookkeeper and cashier, according to the report, had a tag for \$50 which was more than a year old. It represented an advance for the payment of freight, but the report says that no freight was paid from it and Thayer was asked to refund, which he did. Memoranda of other advances to Thayer also were found.

More than \$490 in cash tags was found charged against Paul W. Prutzman, a mining engineer, who was supposed to give his entire time to the preparation of a bulletin on the oil industry of southern California.

MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TODAY

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 12.—Introduction of bills in the fortieth legislature probably will be begun tomorrow, the first day of the second legislative week.

In the upper house Senator J. B. Sanford of Ukiah, who has been ill of ptomaine poisoning, will make his first appearance and probably will introduce a bill prohibiting the ownership of land by aliens not capable of citizenship.

A bill making it a felony to ship infected fruit will be introduced in the assembly. It has been drawn up by Assemblyman G. W. Libby of Sebastopol and Herbert C. Slater of Santa Rosa, and under its provisions any citizen could swear to a complaint, as in any other felony case. Shipments to canneries or for conversion into by-products are exempted from the provisions of the bill.

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Another proposed law which will be advocated by some of the prosecutors will allow judges to comment upon the facts as well as the law in their instructions to juries.

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Cartoonist Attends Vaudeville Show

Sketches What He Sees in Empress



This week's bill at the Empress theater shows the three Hedders, gymnasts; Jack Rainahan, a talented young singer; the four Punchinellis, operatic transformationists; Fox and Ward, vaudeville team; Harry Burkhardt & Co., sketch; Al Wallace and Murray Mack, singers; the five Musical Lunds; Ella Weston's old time songs by two singers and audience.

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GOVERNMENT TO RECLAIM WOMEN

EXPERT TO DELIVER PAGEANT LECTURE

Rich Philanthropists to Furnish Money to Redeem White Slavers' Victims

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Stanley O. Finch, who has been in charge of investigations instituted by the department of justice in enforcing the white slave law, now is in communication with a group of philanthropists formulating plans for a national movement to reclaim victims of the traffic.

Finch just has returned from New York, where he consulted some of the leaders in the proposed philanthropy and although he declined to discuss the details of the plan, he said no embarrassment for funds was expected.

It is understood John D. Rockefeller Jr. is one of the principal financial supporters of the undertaking.

While men who are convicted under the law receive adequate punishment, the problem of caring for their victims from the first has been the hardest one with which to cope. It is the plan to expend the income from a large permanent fund which may amount to several millions in maintaining rescue homes in which girls who are reclaimed from the underworld may be given care and instruction necessary for a new start in life.

The canvass, which special investigators of the department of justice have been making of women who were leading vicious lives, will be continued and it is expected eventually that the department will have a detailed history of the inmates of segregated districts throughout the country.

The project for the reclamation of all these women aims at establishing a sufficient number of homes—perhaps more than 2,000—in all parts of the country so that definite help may be offered to every woman who will consent to give up a vicious life.

Frederick R. Benson Will Give Last Talk in This City This Afternoon

Frederick R. Benson, the English pageantry expert, will deliver his last lecture in San Francisco on pageants at the St. Francis before the Recreation league this afternoon. The public is invited to attend. Mr. Benson leaves for his home Tuesday.

The pageant of nations which Mr. Benson proposes for the Panama-Pacific international exposition is arousing enthusiasm among many local organizations interested in civic welfare. Funds for preliminary work have been supplied by a number of persons interested.

The pageant is to be a setting forth by the nations of the world of the development of their national life from the earliest times to the present. It will not be a side show, but an integral and important part of the exposition.

A luncheon will be tendered Marquis de la Vega Inclan at the Cliff house today, and at its conclusion he will be conducted to the exposition site in order that he may reserve a location for Spain's participation at the exposition. The ceremony will be an informal one.

An invitation to the general public, beginning today, is extended by the exposition officials to visit the New Zealand building, 334 California street, and inspect the official pictures and models of the exposition buildings, which will adorn the site at Harbor View. The invitation was withheld until after the subscribers to the exposition fund had seen the plans and drawings.

An interesting exposition program has been arranged by the members of the San Francisco District Dental society for its entertainment of dental societies of Alameda county, Sacramento valley, San Joaquin valley, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz, to be held next Saturday evening at the Palace hotel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Members of the Beta Theta fraternity at Northwestern university grouped themselves today about the recently completed foundation for their new home, and, deeply puzzled, scratched their collective heads.

Four solid walls of masonry bounded the embryo house. Not an opening could be found for entrance.

"Where will the doors be?" one of the students finally asked the man in charge of the construction work.

"You've got me," the foreman finally admitted. "Looks as if we clean forgot 'em."

The architect who drew the plans was informed of the discovery, and will order the foreman to proceed in entering the building, doorways be supplied.

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