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FURS!



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The emphatic protest against the high price of eggs from some quarters is having its effect—the hens are beginning to lay.

The coal situation in this section of the country may be an undesirable condition, but it has not yet come to the pass where coal dealers will only fill orders on the prescription of physicians, as in Ohio. In the name of all that is right, people should have coal when they have the money to pay for it and are willing to pay, whether there is sickness in the family or not.

The real nice question for members of congress to consider on the trust proposition will be as to how they may control the trusts without having the legislation apply to and interfere with the smaller business interests of the country. Should the law that will be passed be applicable to the smaller affairs of the country there will be such a protest raised that will lead to the impression that there were no advocates of an anti-trust measure to begin with. It is anticipated that the measure presented and urged by Senator Hoar would have just such an effect.

Messages of Two Governors.

Nebraska is now operating under a new administration, Governor Savage having retired and Governor Mickey having taken up the affairs of state as chief executive. The distinguishing feature of the change are the messages delivered to the legislature by the retiring and incoming governors. It may be prejudice, but it is the opinion of THE NEWS that the message of the incoming governor, though brief, is much the better document of the two. The new governor's recommendations are all good and just, while that of the retiring official mixes the bad with the good and in view of his record, is inconsistent in some particulars. For instance his recommendation for a state board of pardons, when he so steadily and persistently abused all his powers in that direction, might in all reason, have been left entirely to the incoming

governor, while his recommendation to abolish capital punishment is just as inappropriate, and in view of the fact that there is at least one awaiting the extreme penalty who fully deserves such a fate, might be interpreted as an inducement for lynch law. Governor Mickey takes up and endorses the retiring governor's best suggestions and adds other good ones, so that if his recommendations are followed by the legislature, that body cannot go far wrong. He recommends economy, and his suggestions conform to that recommendation. For instance he leaves it to the legislature to name the amount that should be expended for a state exhibit at the Louisiana purchase exposition, while the retiring governor suggests that \$75,000 would not be too much for that purpose.

Governor Mickey's message is business-like and wise. Though brief, it contains a vast amount of appropriate suggestion that should receive the careful consideration of the legislators. He takes a firm stand for tax reform and attributes the present condition of the state finances to a laxity of assessments and collections. With a view to developing western Nebraska as an agricultural section he recommends the establishment of an experimental farm there, to be under the auspices of the university, co-operating with the national government in the reclamation of the arid portion of the state. It is recommended that the supreme court commission should be continued, though its effectiveness might not be interfered with by reducing the number of members from nine to six. The present commission is commanded for the work it has done and it is believed that there is sufficient urgency to warrant its maintenance. While not desiring to shirk any of the responsibilities of his position he recommends that a board of pardons be constituted, with advisory powers. The free educational provisions of the state are endorsed and liberality toward all educational institutions is recommended. For the adoption of constitutional amendments, the present law having proven inoperative, it is suggested that it be made possible to vote on such amendments at special elections, or at least that a separate ballot be used. Attention is called to the poor quality of oil being sold in the state for illuminating purposes and it is advised that the inspection law be so revised that a test for impurities be required as well as the test of volatilization qualities. It is suggested that Nebraska should have a part in the exposition at St Louis, but that prudence should dictate the appropriation and manner of expenditure. The penitentiary should be reconstructed to

ford needed room and an appropriation should be made for this purpose. An excellent suggestion is that the pure food law should be more comprehensive and rigidly enforced in the interest of the public health. A state accountant should be provided as an adjunct of the board of public lands and buildings, enforcing economy on the part of the officials of state institutions and placing the books on a uniform system.

Of particular interest of Norfolk and this section of the state are Governor Mickey's recommendations that the hospital for the insane at this place be reconstructed and properly saved. He departs entirely from Governor Savage's scheme of consolidation, which is as unpopular at Grand Island, and other towns affected as it is in Norfolk and vicinity. The retiring governor is inconsistent in recommending that the insane hospitals and soldiers' homes be consolidated, while he favors the construction of an additional normal school. If his theory is good it should apply in all cases. If the western part of the state should have a normal school, the same reason would dictate the reconstruction of the Norfolk hospital for the insane, and with greater force, because the state now has property worth thousands of dollars here to be preserved or lost.

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