

SHELDON TO LEGISLATURE

Outgoing Governor Advises Law Makers in Lengthy Document.

FAVORS STRINGENT LIQUOR LAW

Also Advocates Statute to Prohibit Marriages Until After Physical Examination—Defends State Equalization Board.

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are established. Two plans are suggested: Either the enactment of a law providing for the establishment of mutual savings banks with the privilege of having branches in various parts of the state, or a law authorizing and providing for the establishment in commercial banks of a savings department, but requiring the business to be kept separate and distinct.

That legislation be enacted providing for publicity of county funds and the interest paid thereon.

Favoring a law forbidding principal as well as interest where usury is charged.

Favoring an amendment to the state constitution for the increase of the salaries of state officers.

Transferring correspondence showing the federal government's tendency to abandon the Indian school at Geneva and asking the legislature determine whether the state wants to make use of the property.

The recommendation of the governor on other important topics are as follows:

Taxation.

The State Board of Equalization under this administration has endeavored, so far as it was possible, to make the assessments of property uniform, so that each class of property should bear its just proportion of the burdens of taxation.

To this end, the Union Pacific railroad property, in 1907, was increased 25 per cent. Increases were made on other railroad property. Although the assessed value of railroad property in 1907 and 1908 was increased by the board, \$5,644,441.

Any one who has given the question of railroad assessment much consideration, and who is familiar with the facts, must realize that the railroad companies are, comparatively speaking, not equitably assessed. Some of the roads whose earnings are small are probably assessed at a higher value than some of the other and greater roads whose earnings are much larger. However, these inequalities must necessarily continue to exist until the railroad companies fall out with each other. At present there is an apparent disposition among the railroad companies to stand together and not give information concerning another company that would be helpful to the Board of Equalization.

In 1907 the lands of this state were assessed at approximately \$146,000,000, an increase of \$5,700,000. This increase was brought about from the fact that lands had not been assessed since the year 1904, and because since that time there has been a great increase in the value of lands throughout the state.

Difference in Valuation.

When the assessment of lands was returned to the State Board of Equalization, this year, it was apparent that county assessors had not used the same measure of value. The board endeavored to correct that condition and perform its duty as the law requires.

It is the duty of the Board of Equalization to equalize all classes of property so that the burden of taxation may be equally shared.

If it is proposed in this legislature to make any amendments to the revenue law pertaining to the power of the Board of Equalization in this particular, I earnestly request that you give the matter careful consideration before action is taken.

The first essential in a just system of taxation is to provide means for a uniform assessment. No class of tax payers will complain of their assessment if the property

is assessed uniformly throughout the state. The question of taxation is not an easy one. But anyone familiar with the history of the assessment of property of this state during the last ten years knows that the property at the present time is by far more uniformly assessed than it was under the old revenue act.

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Powers of State Board.

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So far as the assessment of land is concerned, it is a matter of common knowledge that the present method of assessing land values in 1908, with the exception of some parts of the sand hill district, increased from the east to the west. It is also a matter of common knowledge that the lands in the eastern part are assessed at more nearly their actual value than they are in the western part of the state. There should be no complaint that such is the case because the property in the western part of the state is still in that period of development where many sacrifices must necessarily be made, a good many of which are for the welfare of the whole state.

Assessment of Railroads.

So far as the lands and the railroads are concerned, I am firmly of the opinion that the lands in the eastern part are assessed as high in proportion to their actual value as are the farm lands of this state. I believe the assessment of the property in the western part of the state is still further from its actual value than the other taxpayers of this state, and hence maintained while acting as a member of the assessment board.

So far as the election of assessors by precinct is concerned, it is a different matter, and to that I have no objection if you deem it wise to make the change.

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In your blood are the millions of corpuscles that defend you against disease.

To make and keep these little soldiers healthy and strong, is simply to make and keep the blood of the right quality and quantity.

That is what Hood's Sarsaparilla does—it helps the little soldiers in your blood to fight disease for you.

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If any amendments to the revenue law are proposed, the subject should be secure, if possible, more just and equitable system of taxation.

A glance at the grand assessment rolls of the state will convince anyone that it is more correct to divide ways and means whereby the owners of personal property may pay more nearly their proportion of the taxes than to make amendments which will affect and tie the hands of the Board of Equalization.

In 1906 the personal property of this state, other than railroad and private car service, was \$78,000,000; in 1907, \$81,100,000, and in 1908, \$85,000,000.

Anyone who is familiar with the conditions in this state knows that the actual value of personal property in 1908 was greater than it was in 1907, yet the grand assessment rolls show a decrease of \$302,000.

The holders of the invisible personal property evidently have discovered various methods of concealing their property. When the new revenue act was passed in 1907, and first put into force, there was a great increase in the assessment of personal property. It is well worth your while and attention to find out what manner and methods the personal property owners are employing to conceal their property from assessment, and to amend the law, if need be, so that such action can be prevented.

Records of Legislatures of 1907.

I am pleased to inform you that the Railway commission estimates that shippers and passengers of this state have saved \$2,000,000 as a result of legislation passed by the last legislature, reducing passenger fares to 2 cents a mile, express rates 5 per cent; and freight rates, on grain, live stock, fruit, lumber and coal, and other commodities in carload lots, 15 per cent.

Experience has demonstrated that the terminal taxation law which was passed by the last legislature has provided a more equitable system of taxation, and on the whole has benefited the taxpayers residing in the cities and villages.

The last legislature also passed an act to control lobbying and to prevent corrupt practices affecting legislation; abolished the office of the Railway commissioner; passed law, enacted a state-wide primary law, requiring political parties to nominate their candidates by direct vote of the people, and gave the Railway commission power to put an end to rebates and discriminations in transportation, to make and to fix rates, and to control them properly in all particulars. Television, telephone, telegraph and street railway companies were also placed under the control of the Railway commission.

That legislature passed a pure food law, and an employer's liability act. It enacted laws providing for a juvenile court; provided for free high school privileges for normal training in high schools; and assistance for the school districts; prohibited pooling by bridge contractors, and provided a way to remove officers for willful neglect of duty and failure to enforce laws.

Primary Law.

The primary law should not be repealed, but in some particulars should be amended. Provision should be made for a rotated ballot. The precinct-committee should be selected by the voters at the primaries instead of being appointed by the county candidates, as now provided.

There should be a different provision than that now contained in the law regarding platform conventions. Now, each county is entitled to one delegate. This is not representative. Another objection is that the platform convention is not held until after the primaries. A party platform should be promulgated before the candidates are nominated. Provision should be made so that the platform convention shall be held before the primaries or the matter of platform-making left to the candidates nominated by the respective parties.

Sterilization of Delinquents.

Those dependent upon the state have been increasing year by year, and more particularly the insane and convicts. This is a matter for exceedingly serious consideration.

Society is justified in adopting such policies, and in carrying them out against individuals, as will in the long run tend to help elevate and purify the human race. Careless and ill-advised marriages have had a great deal to do in increasing the dependent classes and in producing untold misery. I therefore recommend, for your earnest consideration, a change in our marriage laws so that it will be impossible for any man or woman to marry until a certificate from a physician licensed to practice in this state, has been procured containing a statement that their health is good and that they are capable of producing healthy offspring. Those who are burdened upon society should not be permitted to reproduce themselves.

In order to prevent the confirmed criminal and the incurable insane from producing offspring I suggest that you give careful consideration to the necessity of passing a law providing for the sterilization of that class of people.

Regulation of Liquor Traffic.

In my opinion the time has come for advanced legislation to better regulate and control the liquor traffic. At the present time there is no political party which publicly will "stand pat" on the Stocumb law. The demands of the hour call for legislation to control an evil which is in accordance with the present conditions and needs of the state. This question should not be permitted to drag along until legislation is enacted that will satisfy only the extremists. In that event the legislature will probably be that which a minority rather than a majority approve. Experience in the enforcement of the liquor laws demonstrates that it is to enforce these laws in any community where public sentiment is against such action.

While I have been governor a great many applications have come to me from convicts in the penitentiary, asking clemency in some form or other. I have been impressed by the fact that many who came before me did not appear to be criminals. In most instances when I asked them the question how they happened to get into the penitentiary they replied that they were intoxicated through the use of intoxicating liquors or through associations formed in the environment. The saloon as it now exists is indefensible. It breaks our law, corrupts our politics, degrades our men and fills our prisons and asylums.

This question must be met in a practical way. After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that the proper thing to do at this time is to pass a statewide prohibition act, with the provision so that any municipality may suspend such act by a three-fifths vote, and in such instances to have liquor dispensed as may be provided by law. This will put the burden upon those who desire to continue in the saloon business, rather than upon the people of the state who desire the saloons abolished. I therefore recommend that you pass such an act and that you also submit to the voters of this state a constitutional amendment embodying such provisions.

The Anti-Treat Law.

In the early part of my administration I was requested by the legislature to enforce the anti-treat law. To such I replied that I stood ready to do all in my power to enforce that law, but that nothing could be done unless those who had knowledge of its violation would themselves take the initiative in securing the evidence, presenting it to the prosecuting attorney and standing behind the complaints.

This particular section of the Stocumb law has become a dead letter. If it could be enforced it would be one of the best possible measures to prevent intemperance that could be proposed. Therefore, I recommend that you amend this particular section, known as section 31 of the Compiled Statutes, so that the authorities who grant the saloon licenses will be compelled to revoke a license whenever any person is detected in a saloon who has not himself paid for it.

Table Rock Corporations Meet.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Table Rock Lumber company was held at the office of the company Monday evening and the following members were elected as the board of directors: William Sutton, Mrs. J. I. Miller, J. R. Sutton, Dr. W. H. Wilson and C. H. Smith. The following officers were elected: William Sutton, president; Mrs. J. I. Miller, secretary; J. N. Phillips, secretary and acting manager.

The same evening the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Table Rock Clay company was held at the office of the company, the following members being elected as the board of directors: C. E. Smith, George P. Cotton, William Sutton, W. C. Fellers and C. H. Barnard. The meeting was organized as follows: W. C. Fellers, president; William Sutton, treasurer, and George P. Cotton, secretary. No action was taken in the matter of electing a manager or as to the future policy of the company. For the present J. R. Sutton is in charge of the business of the company as acting manager.

Gage County Farmers' Institute.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Gage County Farmers' institute opened at the county house yesterday with a good attendance considering the weather. After several musical numbers a general discussion followed on the subject, "What is the most important single thing to be done for the general betterment of county life?" At noon a free lunch was served.

At the afternoon session Andrew Elliott of Galt, Kan., spoke on the subject,

Changed to Buddy Glow.

No one likes a slow, muggy complexion. Many who are so afflicted do not realize that the daily consumption of coffee is likely the cause.

Coffee contains a drug—caffeine—which irritates the nervous system of the stomach that is not properly digested and that causes bad blood.

It weakens, by its after effects, the heart and lungs so that the full amount of life-giving oxygen is not taken into the lungs and that is another cause of bad blood. It is often the cause of a slow complexion and nervousness also.

"During the past year," writes a Conn. lady, "I found that I was gradually growing nervous through some unknown cause. I was peevish and irritable, and my complexion had that sallow disagreeable color seen in debilitated people and nervous dyspepsia."

"During this time coffee was my chief beverage at every meal. Having been for many years a constant user of Grape-Nuts, I had read 'The Road to Wellville' and had become interested in Postum. I decided to try it in place of coffee.

"The result was gratifying and successful in every respect. It seemed that miracles were performed in that first week. My sallow complexion gradually giving way, to a healthy, ruddy glow, and my nerves felt rested and at ease.

"In a short time my whole system felt rejuvenated and I was in fine spirits. It is needless to say that from that time to this Postum has always had its place on the pantry shelf along with the famous Grape-Nuts."

"Postum, when made according to directions on the pkg., has a rich, tasty flavor and leaves an invigorating effect which is so different from the languid after feeling of the coffee drinker."

"There's a Reason."

Names given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Building at Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A review of the buildings erected in Fairbury during the year 1908 shows a total cost of \$284,000, of which amount \$183,000 was for brick or concrete buildings. The principal brick buildings were the Catholic church, erected at a cost of \$30,000; the Fairbury hospital, costing \$20,000, and the East Ward school house, which cost \$30,000.

The average cost of dwelling houses erected in Fairbury during the year 1908 was \$2,985, as yet of municipal work, but over \$5,000 has been expended by the city for concrete work in arch bridges and crossings.

Nebraska News Notes.

NEBRASKA CITY—Robert C. Pidditt and Mrs. Ethel A. Rhaney of Malvern, Ia., were united in marriage in this city yesterday.

SEWARD—Police Judge Gladwick, aged 81 years, was married here to Mrs. D. Seagraves, who had disposed of a restaurant business.

BEATRICE—Percy Hoffelinger and Miss Nellie Ray, both of this city, were quietly married at Marysville, Kan. Monday evening. They have arrived in Beatrice to make their home.

SEWARD—"Rube" Stewart, who pitched for Seward last season, has signed for the coming season with Joplin, Mo., of the Western Base Ball association. He joins the team in April.

BEATRICE—The traveling men, branch house managers and heads of the local

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BEATRICE—Dempester horse company No. 10, met last evening at a closed house on the corner of H. A. Kuhn, president; Charles Schank, vice president; G. D. Kuhn, secretary; C. E. Lock, treasurer; Paul Dresser, foreman; Rudolph Engler, first assistant foreman; Charles Dukes, second assistant foreman; John Fibouch, steward.

SEWARD—Mr. Thompson, who occupies the office of state architect in Texas, came to Seward today to inspect the new county court house. He admires it immensely and when County Clerk Suppliger asked him if he considered the county had

Advance Agent of Baldness.

Microbes Work Without Salary While You Eat and Sleep.

OMAHA FIGHTS DANDRUFF

The Most Active Campaign Nebraska Has Seen in the Cause of More Hair and Better Attention to Scalp Needs.

From the beginning of time womanly beauty has been increased by a well-kept head of hair. Woman as a rule pays more attention to her hair and scalp than man does. She keeps her hair cleaner, more carefully. He gives his head an occasional shampoo. Lack of attention gives dandruff a chance and dandruff is the forerunner of baldness.

One of the greatest American experts in hair culture and hair preservation is Dr. Scott, and the formula for Dr. Scott's Hair Tonic was so valuable that The Healy-Kills Drug Co. succeeded in gaining possession of it, so that they could put it on the market. As a simple hair dressing, it is unexcelled. As an aseptic, it will make all dandruff-creating microbes quit business. As a tonic, it will strengthen the scalp and eradicate all traces of disease. Ninety per cent of all baldness is susceptible to successful treatment and to that 90 per cent of Dr. Scott's Hair Tonic is worth a cent of money. This tonic is calculated to promote the growth of thickness and length of hair, it will help you keep the hair you now have and will surely correct any tendency of the hair to crack or split. For abnormally greasy heads, there is nothing quite so sweetening and purifying as Dr. Scott's Hair Tonic. Get it at Myers-Dillon Drug store. Ask about this.

received the worth of its money in its court house, he replied, "Yes, dollar for dollar."

LEXINGTON—O. S. Kinney is putting in his drug store on Washington street in fine soda fountain, which is valued at \$2,000. This drug store is now one of the most beautiful in the state, all of the furnishings being in mahogany.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Cass Land company, which owns a large body of land near Granada, Colo., has elected the following officers: President, C. C. Farnelle; vice president, F. N. Nitzman; treasurer, D. C. West; secretary, C. A. Rowls; general manager, J. G. Richey. A banquet was given by the officers by the president at his residence.

SEWARD—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hamlin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on January 2 in a quiet way, with their immediate family. It is not often that people are permitted to celebrate the golden anniversary of their wedding, and the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin wish for them many more anniversaries of their married life.

NEBRASKA CITY—At a special term of the district court, held here last night, Clark Brumme pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Brumme is the man who was arrested several weeks ago by Sheriff Jones and at that time suspected of committing several burglaries at Lawrence and other points. He belongs at Holott, Kan.

NEBRASKA CITY—Meeting of the Otoe County Farmers' Protective association has been called for next Saturday, for the purpose of reorganizing. The association has been in existence for a number of years and has been the means of landing a number of thieves in jail who have molested their property.

SEWARD—Mary E. Stauffer died at her home twenty miles north of Seward last night, aged 59 years. She was born in Ohio and was married to a railroad man and in favor of a lighting system which the council has opposed for some time. The council voted against the confirmation of his appointment by a vote of two to one. The occupation tax ordinance was amended so as to tax moving picture shows \$2.15 per month and skating rinks 50 cents per month.

"filmflammer" appeared. He stood by Elder J. W. Walden. The train-jump stopped—when she called him taken by surprise he answered, "I was simply jerked the \$5 from his hand. He left on the train and so escaped punishment. He tried to work his game on Gallier Bros. also.

BEATRICE—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator company in Cedar Creek the following officers were elected: President, John A. Hennings; vice president, L. T. Terryberry; secretary, H. A. Schneider; treasurer, John Albert; trustees, George P. Melinger, Philip Schaffer and Louis P. Michl. William Schneider was named for general manager during the ensuing year.

PLATTSMOUTH—At the regular session of the county commissioners J. H. Tamm was reappointed superintendent of the county farm. The report of Sheriff Quinton showed that he had collected during the last two quarters \$303.50. County Recorder Schneider had collected for the last quarter \$382.25, the county judge had collected \$306.20 and County Clerk Hosenrath had received \$260.90.

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