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Chief Executive of Illinois Recommends Measures of Importance

FAVORS CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Work of Pure Food Commission Is Praised

AS TO CONVICT LABOR

Message Declares Against Competition With Work of Free Men—Child Labor Denounced—State Charitable Institutions in Good Order—State Finances in Gratifying Shape.

The Illinois legislature convened in regular session Jan. 7. Governor Yates sent to both houses his biennial message, with recommendations for legislation to assist or improve several departments of the state government.

Merit System Indorsed. It is scarcely necessary for me to say here, as I have said repeatedly on former occasions that I am in hearty sympathy with the advocates of a statute for a reasonable merit system; nor should it be necessary to repeat what has been pointed out heretofore so many times that all must be familiar with the fact—namely, that we already have the merit system, without a statute; that not only in the state charitable institutions, but in all branches of the state government coming under my control, merit or fitness has been the largest consideration in the making of appointments.

Of the 2,700 other state employees of all grades—approximately 2,500 receiving less than \$900 per annum each, the number including the employees of the Chicago park system—I feel entirely safe in making the statement that not exceeding 10 per cent have in two years exceeded by order of any one. Nearly 10 per cent of these minor employees give up their positions every year, regardless of change of administration or other circumstances.

The question is, shall appointments for merit be compelled by law? I answer that the gratifying success obtained under this administration by the retention of the main part of the old forces at the charitable institutions shows what a calamity it would be to have the whole force removed, from time to time, by the preference to power of first one political party and then another.

A constitutional convention to amend or abrogate the present constitution has been advocated in certain quarters. I do not believe that a need for such a convention has arisen. To provide for a new constitution would, for many reasons, be a grave step at the present time.

The National Guard. By prudent management and the practice of the strictest economy the Illinois National Guard has been maintained upon the appropriation made two years ago, and I am glad to be able to say that a deficiency appropriation will be unnecessary, although an additional regiment, battalion and battery have considerably increased expenses.

The State Medical Board. A proposition to create a state board of medical examiners has been under consideration by the board of medical men generally since 1897, when the secretary of the board in his report expressed the opinion that there was imperative need for an examining board which would leave the state board of health free to perform sanitary duties alone.

Pure Food Commission. Since the lives and health of the people are dependent primarily on a pure and wholesome food supply the food interest is necessarily of high importance. The last two years have witnessed great progress in the cause of pure food. The state food department was created for the purpose of insuring a pure and wholesome food product. The records of the department show that in the last two years 1,800 food samples have been analyzed.

Home for Delinquent Boys. Two years ago the general assembly provided an appropriation of \$50,000 for a rural home for boys. As provided by the statute, I appointed a commission to select the location of buildings, drives, playgrounds and farm and garden plots have been submitted to me, and been approved, as well as the plans for two sample cottages which it is proposed to erect with the \$25,000 appropriation.

States Care of Consumptives. By total resolution the senate and house of the forty-first general assembly directed the state secretary of health to investigate the advisability of establishing a state sanatorium for consumptives and to report thereon to the governor before Jan. 1, 1901.

By this report it was shown (1) that tuberculosis is the cause of the great majority of all deaths in the state; (2) that it is estimated that 100,000 persons die annually in Illinois from tuberculosis; (3) that tuberculosis is a preventable disease; (4) that while there is no infectious disease which causes such disaster in the human family, there is none which is so generally preventable.

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Example Worthy of Emulation. The wealthy woman who died in New York recently and left a will bequeathing generous sums of money to her cook, bar butler, and several other working people who had served her long and faithfully, set an example in the disposal of riches worthy of general emulation by other possessors of fortunes.

The Public Schools. Legislation affecting the public school system is always important. According to the latest census there are in Illinois 1,601,176 persons of lawful school age—also known as the basis of the 21 years. Of this total number, nearly 1,000,000 were actually enrolled in the public schools last year.

The March of Science. Oolite, Ind., January 12th.—Total of 12,265 schools in the state. There are 260 high schools, this number including 34 township schools. These high schools enrolled 41,961 pupils, employed 1,608 teachers and cost for maintenance \$1,500,000.

Railroad and Warehouse Commission. The first report of the railroad and warehouse commission, which was for the year ending June 30, 1901, showed a total mileage of all railroad tracks, including single and double track, of 22,000 miles.

Protecting the Children. Attention has been given recently to material reforms in the work of this department. Now not only is the child under the age of 14 years, but the child under 14 is turned over to the officers of the compulsory department of the board of education of Chicago and returned to school.

Praise for State Charities. The state board of charities now has sixteen charitable institutions under its jurisdiction. Fifteen of these are in active operation and furnish accommodations for over 11,000 inmates.

Primary Election Law. There are many who believe that a great deal of the friction which arises in all parties is due to the varying kind of primaries held, and to the scattering of the county conventions throughout the state.

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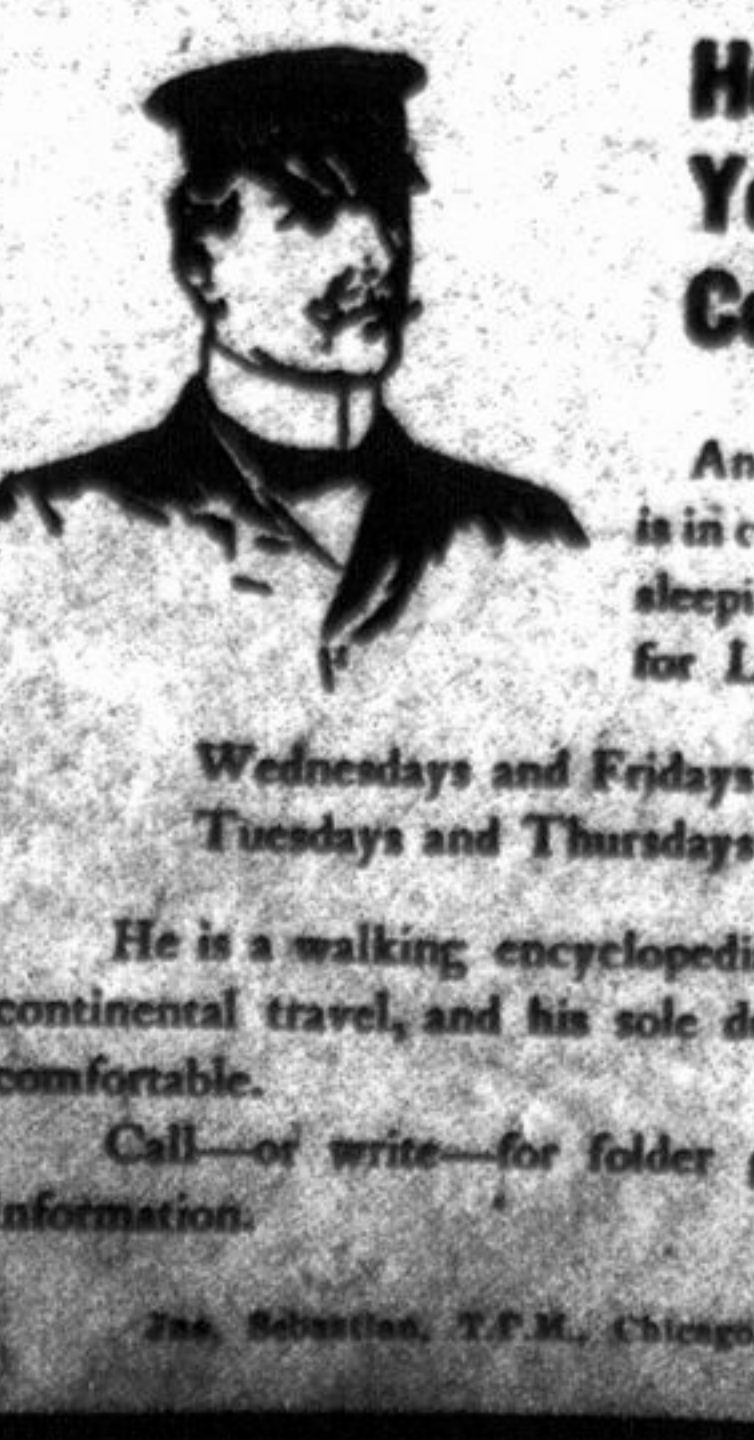
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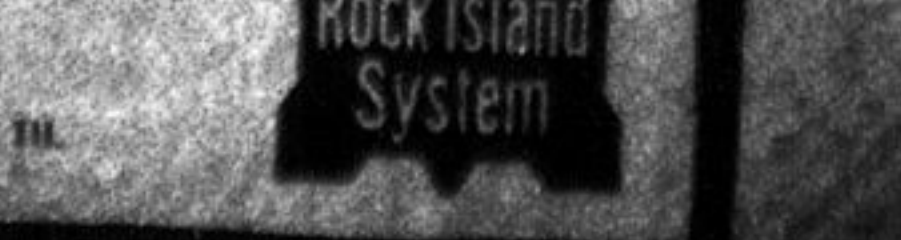
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