

Lady Legislator Rides to Trenton

Continued from Page One Blue-eyed and pretty, by the way, there was no sign of it. "It is perhaps then the greatest adventure of your life," was a remark made to her.

BEAUTY IN HALLS OF LEGISLATURE AT TRENTON



Reading from left to right, the photograph shows Ruth, the eldest of the three fair daughters of New Jersey's lady lawmaker; Jane, the second of the trio; Mrs. Jennie Van Ness, of East Orange, who took her seat today as a member of the House of Assembly, and Dorothy, the youngest member of the family

When asked what she thought of the sitting of women in state houses would do for women, Mrs. Van Ness said she did not believe in class legislation. "I believe it is the teamwork between men and women going to give rounded out legislation for all."

city which may desire to take advantage of the provisions of any general act containing a local referendum. The governor suggested the creation of a special committee of the Senate and House to confer with him on a program for good roads and for the conduct of state institutions.

Discussions of automobiles and their relation to state roads, the governor said experience had shown motor vehicle fees insufficient to keep pace with maintenance needs and he suggested that a fair method of determining the license fee of pleasure cars was perhaps upon the basis of carrying capacity.

When asked for her opinion on coming legislation she said she would prefer not to make any statements just now. "I have an insatiable desire to hear both sides of every story."

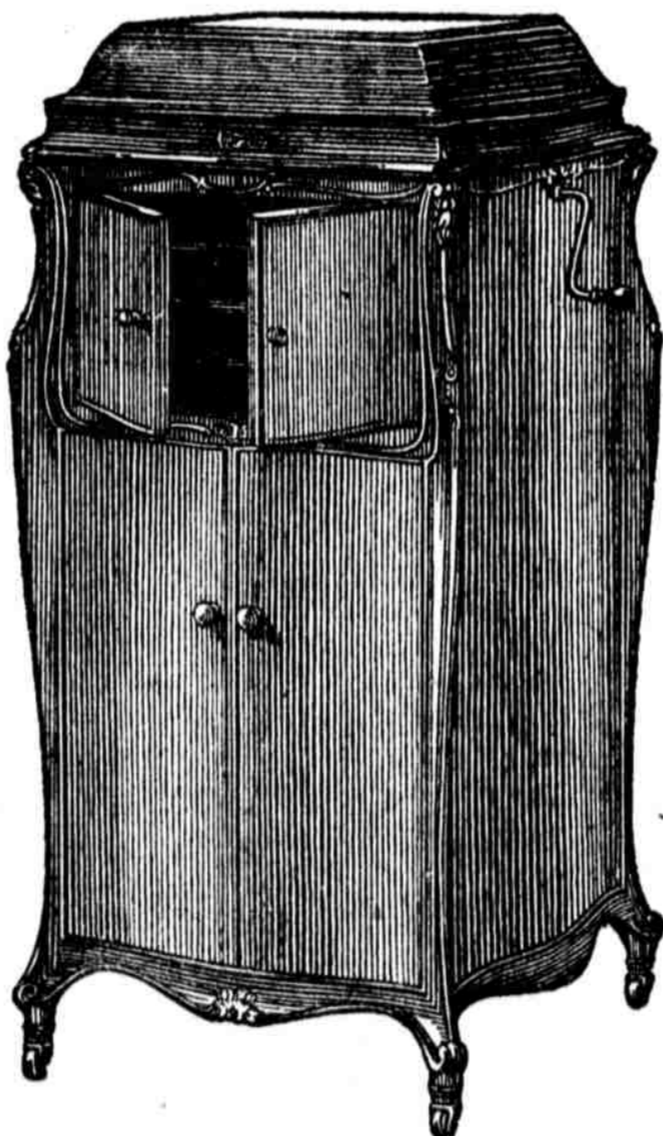
Referring to state institutions the governor recalled that a constructive program covering ten years, with an estimated cost of \$16,000,000, had been presented to the 1920 Legislature.

Edwards Advises Against Blue Law

Continued from Page One gliding to the community. I therefore suggest to you that if such bills appear they be not approved. "Not only am I opposed to any extension or amplification of the Sunday law for the reasons stated, but I believe it should be liberalized. The difficulty inherent in our present Sunday law is that the sentiment of the people in many localities is opposed to its enforcement, with the result that it becomes unenforceable at the hands of grand juries, and it is therefore publicly condemned. This situation is undesirable because it breeds a contempt for the law, and its results strike at the very base of our system of government."

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The State Budget A summary of the budget, showing the amounts recommended for the various branches of the state government, follows: Executive and administrative, \$1,275,161; legislative, \$109,638.32; judicial, \$817,565; regulatory, \$1,711,525.71; educational, \$2,951,855.71; agricultural, \$455,070; military, \$332,746.25; pension and retirement funds, \$46,900; constructive, \$511,000; general, \$310,245; special funds, \$300,000; institutions and agencies, \$6,700,276.04.

The recommended appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1921, are \$77,078.87 in excess of the total amount appropriated for the fiscal year 1920-1921, \$15,248,114.40.

Abolition of the Department of Public Reports was recommended by the governor. An appropriation of \$2700 had been requested for this department, which is headed by Commissioner William A. Sweeney, Republican, Red Bank, with three more years to serve at \$2000 a year. The department also has a clerk at \$600 a year. The commission, reported as a sinecure, was held by a Democrat prior to Sweeney's appointment two years ago.

The governor entirely ignored the peculiar situation created by the Senate's failure, on three occasions, to confirm his appointments to the state Public Utility Commission.

The Republican leaders, while agreeing that the utility board should be taken out of politics, have reached no agreement on the means to be employed. A "steering committee" of the Legislature will meet next Saturday or Sunday at Atlantic City and try to draft some definite plan that may be incorporated into a bill. One suggestion is to remove power of appointment from the governor and give it to the chancellor and the chief justice of the Supreme Court. The House was convened at noon by

Clinton H. Read, Trenton, chairman of stationery committee. Leno Democrat's Assignments Assemblyman Harry Runyon, Warren county, lone Democrat in the House, was appointed to the appropriate committees, judiciary, militia and municipal corporations committees, as well as to committees concerned with various homes, hospitals and prisons.

House Committees Named After his formal election today, Speaker Hobart announced the composition of the fifty-one standing, special and joint committees of the House. The two women members drew important committee assignments. Mrs. Van Ness was made senior House member of the joint committee on the state reformatory for women.

Other committees to which the women were assigned were: Mrs. Van Ness—Education, unfinished business, school for feeble-minded children and state library; Mrs. Laird—Public health, special welfare, public grounds and building and state hospitals.

In the Camden county delegation, Assemblyman T. Harry Rowland, majority floor leader, was named chairman of the judiciary committee; J. Jennings Cole, chairman of the corporation committee, and Willard T. Gibbs, chairman of the passed bills committee.

Assemblyman Emmor Roberts, Moorestown, was made chairman of the agricultural college committee; Assemblyman Horace M. Forder, Gloucester county, chairman of the education committee; Assemblyman George W. Guthrie, Trenton, chairman of incidental expenses committee, and Assemblyman

These persons can hardly be blamed if they conclude that officials who proclaim their contempt for every law which may chance to interfere with their pecuniary profit or their criminal inclinations.

The Republican platform has declared it to be the policy of that party to be for impartial enforcement of the eighteenth amendment. It is our duty to give prompt consideration to the enactment of appropriate legislation which will give the necessary authority to the public officials of the state for the enforcement of this article of the federal constitution.

Speaker Hobart, in his speech of acceptance, delivered what was construed as a severe indictment of Governor Edwards' attitude toward prohibition. Discussing outbreaks of crime in New Jersey, the speaker declared: "I beg leave to suggest that these conditions are but the natural result of the public expression by some of our public officials of their contempt for the law of

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