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**The Chief Executive Manfully
 Meets Various Issues.**

MONEY FOR COMMON SCHOOLS.

**Advocates Full Eleven-Million Dol-
 lar Appropriation. Wants More
 Stringent Laws Regarding Oil
 Traffic, Favors Developing Forests,
 Ballot Reform and Election of
 United States Senators by Popular
 Vote.**

(Special Correspondence.)
 Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—Governor William A. Stone, in his message to the legislature, which convened here today, touches upon many issues in which the people of the commonwealth are interested. He states that "the two years just closed have been the most prosperous two years in succession the state has ever experienced. Our people have been prosperous individually, and that prosperity has resulted in a large increase in the revenues of the state."
 Continuing, the governor says: "On the first of January, 1899, there was a deficit in the state treasury of about \$3,000,000. I am happy to state that owing to the unexpected increase in the revenues this deficit has been entirely liquidated, there is sufficient money to pay all unpaid appropriations as they mature, and there will be on the first of January, 1901, a balance, over and above the amount necessary to liquidate all demands, of about \$1,500,000."

"The report of the state treasurer, which will be shortly submitted to you, will show the total receipts of the treasury department from all sources for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1900, to be \$17,494,211.78. Deduct the interest received on the securities in the sinking fund and the securities maturing and paid into the sinking fund and you have a balance of receipts available for general disbursement of \$17,192,817.91. Taking out the \$344,371.50 transferred to the sinking fund, there was a balance of \$16,848,446.41 available for general disbursement. * * * If you shall appropriate the million dollars to the public schools eliminated from the appropriation made by the last legislature, there will then be a balance of \$500,000. * * * If the legislature shall appropriate for the coming two years \$11,000,000 for the common schools, as I presume it will, and if it shall make appropriations for the completion of the capitol, as in my judgment it ought to do, it will not be safe to increase the balance of the appropriations beyond those made by the last legislature, if the credit of the state is to be preserved, and we are to avoid another deficit in the treasury."

COMMON SCHOOLS.
 "When the legislature convened in January, 1899," continues the governor, "there was a deficit in the treasury of about three millions of dollars. The revenue for the coming two years estimated by the auditor general and state treasurer was entirely appropriated by the legislature. I felt constrained to follow the precedent set by my predecessors and reduce the appropriations sufficient to permit the reduction of a portion of the deficit during the coming two years."
 "The legislature appropriated \$11,000,000 for the support of the common schools for the two years beginning June 1, 1899. Anxious only for the preservation of the credit of the state, and to enable the payment in part of the deficit then existing, I found myself unable to approve the whole of this item and withheld my approval from one million dollars of the eleven millions appropriated for the support of the public schools. But an unusual and unexpected increase in the revenues of the state during the past two years has enabled the state treasurer to liquidate the deficit which existed on the first of January, 1899, and I am assured that there is a balance in the state treasury of available cash over and above all liabilities which will justify the payment of the one million of dollars withheld."
 "I, therefore, respectfully recommend the passage of a bill appropriating one million of dollars to the common schools of the state to be distributed proportionately under existing laws for the two years ending June 1, 1901, inasmuch as the appropriation to the common schools in 1899 was in a lump sum for the two years ending June 1, 1901, and payments of money of said appropriation have been made and are being made by instalments, this appropriation will not work any inconvenience, and the money can be paid in the same manner that it would have been paid if the one million of dollars had not been eliminated from the appropriation in 1899."

CAPITOL BUILDING.
 Upon the subject of the completion of the capitol building, the governor, among other things, says: "Owing to the increasing demands of necessary charitable institutions and the uncertainty that always surrounds anticipated revenue, I do not think it would be safe to take out of the revenues for the next two years sufficient moneys to complete this building, and if it cannot be completed in time for the meeting of the next legislature in January, 1903, its completion may as well be postponed until the meeting of the legislature in January, 1905."

"I, therefore, respectfully recommend the passage of a law authorizing an-

ually so much of the general revenues of the state during the next four years as the legislature shall deem necessary for the proper completion of this building and providing that it be finished by the first Tuesday in January, 1905."
FOOD LAWS ENFORCED.
 In commending the work of the department of agriculture, Governor Stone says that in the dairy and food division attention has principally centered in the enforcement of the law passed by the last legislature, known as the oleomargarine law, through the persistent attempt of certain persons and certain newspapers to misrepresent facts for political effect. It has been repeatedly and persistently charged that the agricultural department has not enforced the law and has not attempted to suppress the oleomargarine traffic, while the records show that the criminal courts are overcrowded with cases brought by the agents of the dairy and food commissioner. * * * Since the decision of the superior court, April 30, 1900, up to Dec. 15, 1900, nine hundred and one criminal prosecutions have been brought by the dairy and food commissioner against oleomargarine dealers in the various counties of the state. Eighty-seven of these cases have been terminated and eight hundred and fourteen are still pending and undisposed of. * * * The agents and attorneys representing the dairy and food commissioner have made every effort to obtain trial of these cases. They must await the disposition of jail cases and the prior disposal of other cases deemed more important by the district attorneys who control the order of trial of cases in the criminal courts. * * * I am satisfied that the penalty is insufficient to properly enforce the law. Instead of a fine of one hundred dollars for the first offense, it should not be less than five hundred dollars, and there should also be imprisonment of at least sixty days. For the second offense the fine and imprisonment should be increased, and I recommend that the law be amended in this particular. * * * My attention has also been called by the secretary of agriculture to the New York law, which authorizes the granting of injunctions by the courts restraining and enjoining persons from selling oleomargarine colored like butter. This authority would be a great aid to the department, and our law ought to be amended giving like authority in this respect. * * * I am much gratified at prospects of the early passage in congress of the Groat bill. If this bill becomes a law, it will greatly aid in the suppression of the oleomargarine traffic."

FOR BALLOT REFORM.
 The governor dwells at some length upon the question of ballot reform, and says: "I am heartily in favor of any legislation that will result in a purer ballot." There is urgent demand, he believes, for legislation on this subject, and he urges earnest consideration of the suggested remedies by various reform bodies. * * * The governor, in referring to the proposed Pan-American exposition to be given at Buffalo, N. Y., says if Pennsylvania is to be represented there action must be taken at once. He advocates the passage of a bill repealing the first section of the act of assembly approved March 24, 1891, and this would add \$100,000 annually to the revenues, and at the same time not interfere with the plans of the founders of the sinking fund.

Governor Stone devotes considerable space in his message to commending the work of the department of agriculture in developing the forests of the state. He advocates the purchase of further tracts of land distributed among the counties as public parks. He recommends legislation to place the purchase and supervision of such tracts of land under one management and permit such management to sell matured timber and timber destroyed by fire, etc., to lease coal lands and oil rights and to pay the proceeds to the commonwealth. The governor also advocates legislation to encourage competition in bidding for furnishing supplies for public buildings and grounds. He also urges the passage of judicial, senatorial, representative and congressional apportionment bills, and advocates the election of United States senators by the people.

A proposition by Governor Stone in favor of compulsory arbitration in disputes between labor and capital will, no doubt, attract widespread attention.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Johnny Nelson of Boston beat Hardie Downing of San Jose in a five mile motor paced bicycle race on the Velodrome indoor track. He made the distance in 8m. 12.5s., beating the world's record.

An Italian Strike Ended.
 GENOVA, Dec. 24.—The strike that was caused by the closing by the prefect of police of the bureau of labor unions came to an end yesterday on the announcement that the government had consented to a reconstruction of the bureau.

Americans Take Another Contract.
 SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—The government of Chile, which recently invited tenders for 400 freight cars, has accepted 300 from Beeche & Co. and 100 from W. R. Grace & Co., all of American manufacture.

China Will Accept All.
 LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, writing to The Times from Peking Saturday, says that official Chinese declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

Weather Probabilities.
 Fair; colder; westerly winds.

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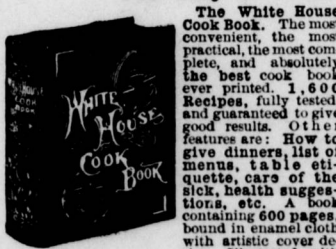
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5:20	4:18	12:55	7:45	Halls	7:35	9:55	12:00	4:00	4:45	5:30	6:15
5:25	4:21	1:00	7:50	Pottsville	7:30	9:50	11:55	3:57	4:41	5:25	6:10
5:30	4:24	1:10	8:00	Hughesville	7:20	9:41	11:45	3:45	4:32	5:20	6:05
5:43	4:40	1:18	8:10	Picture Rocks	9:35	3:37	4:22	5:15	6:00
14:44	1:22	8:17	Lions Mills	9:30	3:33	4:18	5:10	5:55
14:46	1:24	8:21	Chamont	9:28	3:31	4:11	5:05	5:50
14:53	1:31	8:30	Glen Mawr	9:22	3:25	4:03	5:00	5:45
15:01	1:39	8:39	Strawbridge	9:15	3:18	3:55	4:55	5:40
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.....	1:48	8:50	Muncy Valley	9:06	3:07	3:45	4:45	5:30
.....	1:55	9:00	Somerset	9:00	3:00	3:37	4:37	5:20
.....	2:01	9:05	Nordmont	8:44	2:53	3:30	4:30	5:15
.....	2:08	9:15	Laport	8:37	2:46	3:23	4:23	5:08
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.....	2:22	9:30	Ringdale	8:12	2:36	3:13	4:13	5:00
.....	2:29	9:40	Herricks	8:05	2:30	3:07	4:07	4:55
.....	2:36	9:50	Satterfield	8:00	2:25	3:00	4:00	4:50
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.....	6:13	1:00	1:35	2:35	3:25
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STAGE LINES
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