

The saccharine produced in Germany last year was equivalent in sweetness to over 1,000,000 centners (50,000 metric tons) of sugar.

Peasants in Donegal, Ireland, are anxious to find a good market for the large quantities of honey with which the country is favored.

"Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground," says Shakespeare's character, on the storm-smitten vessel.

The Elysee Palace hotel, at Paris, is so largely patronized by English people that when, just before the arrival of President Kruger, his agent, Dr. Leyds, endeavored to secure rooms for him there, the managers refused to let him have them at any price.

Now Buffalo contributes to the divorce scandals of the country. A divorce "mill" has been discovered there, which has secured with secrecy and celerity by means of deception, bribery and intimidation.

George Benjamin Clemenceau, now a "struggle-for-lifer" in Paris, earning a scant living with his pen, was ten years ago one of the foremost figures in French politics.

Search for the casket containing the remains of Charles Coghlan has been abandoned at Galveston. The noted actor died there in November in 1899.

In Vienna there is a school for waiters. The first course is devoted to a theoretical exposition of the art of serving at table. When the pupils have sufficiently mastered the principles of the art, they are allowed to practice on two ladies and two gentlemen in evening dress who dine at one table.

The east end of Paris, like that of London, is at present overrun with raffians of the Hooligan type, who are known as "les ceintures bleues," because each wears a blue belt as the sign of his villainous associations.

A secret society called the Home Makers has a large membership among the foreigners in the mining districts of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the organization is to provide and maintain pleasant homes for its members and those dependent upon them.

Italy's parliament has just voted at the request of the government an annuity of 1,000,000 francs to Queen Marguerite, as owing to the fact that her husband's will has never been found, she remains unwedded.

Gov. Bliss' Message.

Urges That Justice be Done to All Classes of Property.

COST OF STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Changes Should be Made in Primary School Fund—Suggests That Sale of Cigarettes be Prohibited—Asks for Economy and a Short Session.

Lansing, Mich., January 3.—The following is the full text of Gov. Bliss' message to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives:

Michigan enters upon the long highway of the twentieth century in the van of the procession of the states of this great republic. Yours, gentlemen, the forty-first legislature, is the distinction of being the first legislative assembly of this century to meet in the year of its centennial.

Standing upon its record of progress and prosperity, Michigan, at the beginning of the twentieth century, faces the most splendid decade in its history. The state is in the hands of an honest and decisive settlement of the public debt, so that the people, assured justice has triumphed, may devote themselves to the pursuit of business and the earning of a livelihood.

Reform in the Tax Laws. I ask the legislature to give its careful attention to the tax laws, so that every dollar worth of property shall be taxed in equal proportion of the tax burdens.

Cost of State Institutions. One of the most important problems in the administration of the government is the increasing cost of the institutions and the growing demand for the carrying of these great public works.

Regulation of Transportation Service. Your attention is called to the recommendation of the transportation commission that electric railroads should be brought under the full jurisdiction of the state.

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while under the present law they are left to the demoralizing influences of the country house.

Insurance Department. It seems advisable that the question of sharing the insurance department should be brought to a business basis.

Prison for Women. Your attention is called to the subject of a state prison for women. There is need of a prison or reformatory for the incorrigibles whose presence in the industrial home for girls exerts an injurious influence upon others not so far advanced in the ways of wickedness.

Forestry Problem. Believing that Michigan cannot afford to lose its lumbering industry, I advise the legislature to give careful attention to the work of the forestry commission.

Changes in Penal Laws. The report of the state board of corrections and charities, dealing with the penal code, is worthy of special attention.

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The Common School System. In the common schools a large majority of the children are trained for life's service. There are 700,000 pupils enumerated, and over one-half million of them receive instruction in the schools each year.

Michigan Chickamauga Commission. The Michigan Chickamauga commission desires to continue its work, and if that is done, an appropriation is necessary.

Appropriations for State Institutions. It is not intended at this time to go extensively into the matter of state institutions, reserving that subject for future consideration.

Table with 4 columns: Institution, Current Expense, and two other columns. Rows include Michigan Asylum, Eastern Michigan Asylum, Northern Michigan Asylum, etc.

Exceeding the statement from the University of Michigan, no special appropriations will be needed, and the explanation given elsewhere of the situation at the colleges and universities is sufficient.

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Cigarettes. Firmly believing that the growing use of cigarettes is a menace to the youth of Michigan, I call attention of the legislature to the evil, and advise the state to enact legislation possible, in order that the sale of cigarettes may be discouraged in their development.

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