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GOV. GREEN'S MESSAGE

Fred W. Green, of Ionia, was inducted into the office of Governor of Michigan at Lansing, on New Year's day, with considerable more ceremony and pomp than has marked inaugural events in Michigan in several years.

The new governor took hold of the affairs of state in a manner that indicates the sincerity of his pre-election promises of a radical change in the methods of administration.

His address to the legislature, delivered today, points out clearly what he considers abuses of the past administration and strongly recommends action by the legislature to correct the evils.

Mr. Green was nominated at the primary by an overwhelming majority of his party who are desirous of a return to a popular form of government.

A government in which they will have voice and an opportunity to be heard. Governor Green has given his word that public patronage, state contracts and official action will not be traded for political support or consideration.

The people believe in him and that accounts for the great show of rejecting at the office of Michigan's chief executive.

During the past year, and especially during the fall campaign, the management of the state highway department as conducted by the Administrative Board has attracted much criticism.

The governor in his message deals with the situations without mincing of words. He says: "Since the State Highway Department was made dependent upon the Administrative Board in financial matters, it has been dropped squarely into the lap of politics with direful results."

Contracts have been let to pet contractors who did not even bid on the job, costs have been excessive, reports have been sent out which were not accurate, contractors have been obliged to wait for their money, revenues have been pledged long in advance of their receipt, promises of roads have been made for political reasons, and now there are disquieting rumors regarding the quality of the cement used on some roads.

This department is a shining example of what politics can do in the destruction of efficiency. These conditions will be rectified. I advocate a comprehensive plan covering the construction of roads for a term of years, laid out by engineers in accordance with our economic necessities.

Had such roads been so necessary and so expensive that the road dollar must give a full one hundred cents of value. It is not doing that now.

"The administrative Board Act has failed and should be amended because it places too much power in the hands of the governor. The provision that made it necessary for the governor to sign all proceedings before they become legal made dummies of the other members of the board. These men soon lost interest in the board's actions and it became a one-man affair. Give the members of the board a right to override the governor's veto by a substantial majority and this board will operate like the board of directors in a business corporation, as the legislators originally intended."

regulated inter-state shipment of pistols. "There are men who make crime their business and who are in and out of prison many times. To care for these offenders in New York a man convicted of four felonies is automatically sentenced to prison for life. The number of prisoners that any one man can have is limited. This law known as the Baume Law, is a great success. In Ohio a man sentenced to life imprisonment is not eligible to parole."

In referring to the coming report of the commission appointed to investigate the "law's delays" the message says:

"I have little hope that the legal profession will furnish adequate remedies for the disgraceful condition we now find in our criminal practice."

"One of the first duties of a government is the protection of life and property. In this most primitive and fundamental function our criminal laws and court machinery have not kept pace with modern methods of organized crime. Nothing in modern American life is so weak and incompetent as our criminal courts. No business could survive their inefficiency. While crime is diminishing in every other civilized country in the world, it is increasing here."

"Bar associations everywhere admit and deplore these facts, but nothing is done. We leave to them the duty of keeping their profession clean, yet there is hardly a town of any considerable size that does not contain at least one shyster lawyer. In the large cities there are many of them, and the fact of their presence is known to all the legal profession. We need some new machinery by which this honorable profession can be kept clean."

The governor in his message states that there will be no Representative or Senator authorized to speak for him. His communications will be made individually or collectively.

The governor does not recede in any way from the stand taken by him previous to election for an open and above board administration of state affairs and the correction of many glaring abuses that characterized the last administration.

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John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and the marvelous Vitaphone at Shubert-Lafayette, Detroit.

NEW RECORD IS BEING MADE

A new record has been made by Warner Bros. presentation of John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and Vitaphone now entering on its fifth big week at the Shubert-Lafayette, Detroit, one that is, or rather has been, foreign to those already credited to the great dual bill.

The merchants of Ypsilanti feel that the Detroit engagement of Warner Bros. attraction is taking too much business from that city to Detroit and have made known their viewpoint to the advertising manager of the Ypsilanti Press, F. H. Bennett, who, in an extremely polite letter, setting forth these facts, declines to run the advertising of the theatre and attract them for the above reason.

With the whole country bombarding Warner Bros. to send a unit to its great cities so that the whole people could see a film, which critics pronounce the greatest made in many years, and hear the marvelous, uncanny, unbelievable Vitaphone, hailed as one of the greatest steps forward made in electrical science—be-

cause it perfectly synchronizes sound and motion to the one thousandth part of a second. Warner Bros. for months tried to secure a suitable theatre in Detroit to exhibit the Barrymore picture and the Vitaphone. Detroit is the fourth city in the United States and within a radius of fifty miles has a population of more than two million souls.

The educational value of Vitaphone is immeasurable, and for this reason it was sent to Detroit, one of the greatest industrial centers of the world. It is to be regretted that the Ypsilanti Press, constrained to refuse the Warner Bros. advertising "because the merchants feel that it is taking too much business from Ypsilanti." This statement is about the finest endorsement that could be offered an attraction and proves that the people of Ypsilanti realize the wonder of the film and Vitaphone and propose to stand apart for themselves gaining added enjoyment with knowledge and intend to patronize Warner Bros. presentation at the Shubert-Lafayette, despite the edict of local merchants.

When you come to Detroit, bring the family and visit the Shubert-Lafayette. Two shows daily, at 2:15 and 8:15.

Saying It With Place Cards By HENRY HOLLAND

ANNE CRANSHAW, debutante daughter of John Cranshaw, the coffee king, slowly circled the gleaming table set for twelve.

What did matter was whether her mother had put her next to the new secretary whom her father had brought home with him from his last visit to his South American coffee plantations, and whom Anne had at first confounded with the mystery of distant lands and an unexplored personality.

Flinding the bit of pastebord with his name on it, Cowles Livingston, she paused, frowning. "Gosh," she murmured to herself, "that's downright mean of you. Putting him beside that dirty little mix of a Belle Saunders!"

Carrying the card to the other side of the table, she exchanged it for one which bore the name of Roger Carter, Roger was merely the boy who lived next door, who, having grown up with Anne, was naturally always included.

"Suddenly switched alone in Anne's black eyes. Whipping out a tiny silver pencil hanging on a silver chain about her neck, she wrote "over" just beneath the name of Cowles Livingston. Then, on the other side, "the fifth hole after the fourth dance."

Of course, he would know that but one person would have had the chance to write it. If he came, and in any way proved difficult, she'd pretend—oh, something!

Demurely, she took herself off into the long living room to await the first guest. And, as she did so, she said softly to "Cousin Livingston." Then, tentatively, "Mrs. Cowles Livingston."

The guests began to arrive before Anne's mother appeared. And then she entered rather hurriedly, as if delayed on the way. There was an odd little expression in her dark eyes, so like Anne's own.

Seated at the table, Anne toyed with her napkin, watching out of one corner of her eyes young Livingston as he managed, unobtrusively, to turn his place card. She caught the slight quiver of his shapely mouth before he said quietly that which all the table in a clever game of "Twenty" there was a slight pause before that last word.

Anne's eyes fluttered, then fell. "Righto," she said. "But her heart was beating rapidly. What had she done?"

It was a decidedly pautley Anne who excused herself from her partner at the close of the fourth dance, and ran across the hall to the little side door. There was no one there as she sat down.

Then—and her heart skipped a beat—she saw a dark figure come down the veranda steps and walk toward her. But there was someone coming behind him! And someone else! Yes—and still another.

ered her capo about her, in place of her dignity, and tied up the steps, and almost for the arms of a young man who was just coming out of the hall when the next dance was under way. "Oh, Roger!" she sobbed. "You were the only one who didn't take advantage!"

"Why, Anne darling!" Roger did not in the least know what it was all about, but some happy stroke of fortune had thrown an opportunity not to be lost his way. "Tell me!" He drew her back into the shadow of the building, and took her tenderly in his arms. And, to her great surprise, Anne felt as if she belonged there.

Anne's mother was waiting when Anne came in. "A good time, dear?" she asked casually.

Anne regarded her mother quizzically before replying. "Then, 'Someone threw a monkey wrench into a little scheme of mine. Was it you?'" Her mother nodded. "Yes, dear," she said cheerfully. "I just happened, as I took a last look around, to find out. Didn't have much time, but was afraid you'd make a little idiot of yourself, and knowing there's safety in numbers I duplicated your little impertinence on every other man's card—except that of nice old Roger."

"Hum!" granted Anne. Then she flung herself down beside her mother. "Oh, isn't Roger wonderful?" she cried.

Queen Mand of Norway has recently completed a modern novel, but due to her shyness has thus far refrained from having it published.

Elephant Too Playful Khartoum, largest of the elephants in the Bronx zoo in New York, is a kind-hearted creature—but he is misunderstood. Last year he conceived the benevolent idea of sharing his bath with the hot humans who came to watch his ablutions. Those whom he sprayed with trunkfuls of water, however, were unappreciative, so this season finds a huge platelass screen erected between his cage and the public.

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company. CALLS attention to the two general classifications of Long Distance Telephone Service and rates: 1-Particular Person Calls—To be used when you must talk to a particular person. Rates on Particular Person calls are the same, day and night. 2-Anyone Calls—To be used when you can talk with anyone who answers your call. There are Day, Evening and Night rates on Anyone calls, as follows: Day Rate, 4:30 a. m. to 7 p. m.—This rate is considerably lower than the Particular Person rate. Evening Rate, 7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.—Approximately 25 per cent lower than the Day rate. Night Rate, 8:30 p. m. to 4:30 a. m.—Approximately 50 per cent lower than the Day rate. THERE IS NO CHANGE OF RATES AT MIDNIGHT

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