

School Apportionment

On the 5th instant the state treasurer certified to State Superintendent Jackson that the sum of \$292,883.59 was in the temporary school fund available for distribution to the several counties.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes State school tax, interest on sales of school land, etc.

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The apportionment of May, 1898, was the largest ever made in the history of the state. It was abnormally large because of the very large amount of money received from interest on sales of school lands.

It may be stated that this item will grow less year by year, inasmuch as holders of sale contracts pay off their indebtedness to the state and receive title to the land contracted for, thus stopping further interest.

There are four items which make up the bulk of every school apportionment: state school tax, interest on the invested permanent school fund, interest on school lands sold, and rentals on leased school lands.

It may be stated that a normal school apportionment will in the future be about \$275,000 to \$300,000 for December, and \$300,000 to \$330,000 for May.

Large table with multiple columns and rows showing financial data for school lands sold, interest on investment, and rentals on leased school lands for various years.

New Treasury System

Under republican management of the state treasury, county treasurers were not required to remit state moneys oftener than once or twice a year.

turned into the state treasury then. Such a course meant less work for the state treasurer and his office force, but it also meant greater hazard, for county treasurers are human and liable to err.

Then, too, under republican rule, state officers collected fees from time to time, but turned them over to the state treasurer about once a year; sometimes not so often; and sometimes not at all.

Under Treasurer Meserve's administration of the state treasury he requires the treasurers of fifty-two counties to remit all state funds in their hands every thirty days; treasurers of thirty counties to remit every sixty days; seven every ninety days; and Hooker county's treasurer is given six months.

The effect of this wise policy is to lessen the risk of defalcations by county treasurers, and it results in a large saving in interest on outstanding general fund warrants, by reason of the more frequent turning over of state money.

From the year 1875 to January, 1897, republican treasurers issued 6,255 receipts, or about 298 per year for twenty-one years. From January 7, 1897, to November 30, 1899, a little less than thirty-five months, Treasurer Meserve has issued 7,746 receipts, or about 2,652 per year, nearly nine times per year as many as under the old regime.

The clerical work required in handling and accounting for state warrants is not materially different from former times except that under Treasurer Meserve's management the calls are more frequent, but not so large. Each warrant must be paid, handled, posted, cancelled, and filed away in any event.

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Failed to Vote

A careful analysis of the vote in 48 counties seems to show that in those counties 4,771 fusionists and 7,346 republicans failed to vote for supreme judge. The total ballots cast in these counties are 12,117 greater than the combined vote of Holcomb and Reese, but in the analysis no account was made of the prohibition vote.

Based on the figures above, the 16,721 men who did not vote for supreme judge might be divided as follows: Fusion, 6,674; republican, 10,047. This, of course, is not taking into account the 5,635 men who voted for Smith, the prohibition candidate for regent.

At arriving at the figures first given, the following examples will explain the method: Fillmore county cast a total vote of 3,678. Holcomb received 1,909; Reese, 1,578; and 151 did not vote the head of the ticket.

if 11 fusionists and 140 republicans did not vote for supreme judge. Another example: Nemaha county cast a total vote of 3,389. Holcomb received 1,652; Reese, 1,316; and 421 did not vote for supreme judge.

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A Constitutional Convention

One of the things to be done by the legislature of 1901, and something of vital importance, should be provision for holding a constitutional convention. Nebraska has outgrown the constitution of 1875 just as she had in 1875 outgrown the constitution of 1866.

There is no good reason why these funds should not be invested in municipal bonds and school district bonds of Nebraska. It is useless to submit a constitutional amendment on the question—or any other, for that matter—and a constitutional convention seems to be an absolute necessity.

Revenue Bills

Every session of the legislature some enterprising member introduces a revenue bill which passes along by easy stages to final defeat in one house or the other. A commission should be appointed by the next legislature with full powers to investigate the subject of taxation in every portion of the state, and with instructions to prepare a bill not later than January preceding the election of a new legislature, and with authority to cause its publication in at least one newspaper in each county, in order that the widest publicity might be given to the bill in all its details.

Until a complete revenue bill is finally passed and becomes a law, some temporary measures should be taken to reduce the floating indebtedness of the state, which is now in round numbers \$1,700,000. Every session of the legislature appropriations are made in excess of the possible amount of revenue to be raised in the two years, even if every cent of the current levies should be paid.

The state board of equalization should be authorized to levy not to exceed seven mills on the dollar valuation, and sufficient revenue would be derived to meet reasonable and proper appropriations and gradually reduce the floating indebtedness. This would be sufficient relief until a new revenue bill could be passed.

Feel Jubilant

The reform forces have a number of good reasons for feeling jubilant over the results of the recent election. Not only has the supreme court and the state university been wrested from republican control, and freed from all the evils attendant upon such control, but also the fusionists have a big majority of the county officers.

THE NEW CONGRESS

Scores of New Men Appear in Both House and Senate—Almost a Revolution in Membership. Washington, D. C. December 8.—(Special Cor-respondence).—The membership of the new congress includes more than a hundred brand new recruits in the house alone, who have never seen service in the national legislature.

is a "substantial" lawyer in every sense of the term, in business, and in person (weighing perhaps 250), smooth faced, dark complexioned, and with a nasal appendage that can never be hid under a bush.

Pennsylvania sends a grandson of President Polk to the 56th congress—Mr. Rufus K. Polk, of Danville, in the Seventeenth district. Like his illustrious ancestor, he is a democrat of the first water, and succeeds "Farmer" Kulp of Shanokin.

New York has made the greatest change of any state in its congressional delegation, which in the last congress embraced six democrats and twenty-eight republicans. Now there are eighteen democrats and sixteen republicans.

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Special attention centers around the successors of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, the venerable Nelson Dingley of Maine, and the late lamented "Silver Dick" Bland of Missouri.

The Smith family is well represented in this congress, as everywhere else. There are five of them in the house, three from the state of Michigan.

War Expenses The cost of war does not end with fighting by any means. It goes on and on for a hundred years after. Over 25,000 applications have been received at the pension office as a result of the war with Spain and the insurrection in the Philippines, 695 coming from the navy.

Beginning to Kick

The trusts have come down so hard upon the newspapers that even some of the mullet head editors are beginning to kick. Some of them have, as the boys say, got a move on themselves, down in Kansas and Missouri, and say they are going to "do something" about it.

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