

## THAYER'S BIENNIAL.

The Governor's Message Delivered Before the Legislature.

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## BETTER ASSESSMENT LAWS.

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Leese's Recommendation Not Concurred in—An Electric Transportation Board—The Omaha Police Commission—A Plea for the Militia.

## The Message.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Under the blessings of Divine Providence you are permitted to meet in the twenty-first session of the legislature of the state of Nebraska, in a session of congress, which you meet under such favorable auspices. During the year that closed, general health and prosperity have prevailed. The labors of the husbandman have been followed with bountiful crops, and on every side we find evidences of general improvement and satisfaction.

The excitement of our national quadrennial election has ceased, to be succeeded, one may safely assume, by a healthy confidence in permanent public policies which shall guard and foster American industries and American labor.

Under the influence of fixed systems it is reasonable to anticipate a new impetus to be given to the various branches of business pursued, or followed by a degree of improvement in all our material interests not hitherto reached.

The constitution makes it the duty of the executive at the opening of each biennial session of the legislature to furnish information on a condition of our public affairs, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as, in his judgment, will best serve the interests of the state and promote the public welfare.

Your attention is invited to the reports of the treasurer of the state and of the auditor of public accounts, which will give you a clear idea of the financial affairs of the community.

The treasurer is the general receiver and disburser of all the public funds, while the auditor is the general accountant of the state. The reports of these officers contain complete and most valuable information in regard to the amount which the state has of direct interest to the people. It will be your duty to give them an exhaustive examination. I believe the financial condition of the state to be highly satisfactory.

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.

Balance in treasury November 30, 1888..... \$ 944,832.76 Receipts December 1, 1886 to November 30, 1888..... 4,236,528.04

Total receipts..... 35,150,881.70 Disbursements December 1, 1886 to November 30, 1888..... 4,244,882.08

Balance in treasury November 30, 1888..... \$ 936,298.72

Interest on bonds and notes..... 1,000,000.00 November 30, 1888..... 4,236,528.04

State tax received from counties, 2,287,093.00

Revenues from land and other sources..... 1,651,189.45

Transfers from other funds..... 265,399.06

Disbursements during the same time..... 4,244,882.08

Legislative appropriations warrants redeemed..... 2,286,066.55

School fund apportionment warrants redeemed..... 1,090,625.18

Bonds purchased for educational purposes..... 604,622.19

Transfers to other funds..... 265,399.06

Disbursements greater than receipts..... 8,054.04

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