

UNDER AN ARREST

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was to be held at the state house next Tuesday evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, under its auspices, to give the public an opportunity to extend congratulations to the governor and other state officers.

Wood offered a resolution calling upon the speaker to appoint a special committee of five, consisting of two independent, two republicans and one democrat, to draft a railroad freight rate bill, but the house refused in its spirit and killed Mr. Wood's resolution in the twinkling of an eye. Stevens' motion to lay on the table was the most popular thing that has been introduced during the session.

To make amendments for it, however, it immediately adopted the motion of Goss of Douglas that it be the sense of the members that the house refrain in session and transact business six working days of every week. Van Housen sent up a resolution calling upon the secretary of state to furnish each member with a copy of the journal of the day on McCutcheon's motion it went to the table.

In the Senate
No Important Business Transacted Previous to the Joint Session.
LAWSON, Neb., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The senate convened at 10 o'clock this morning. After roll call and prayer the reading of the journal commenced, only to be interrupted by a motion from Senator Corbett to discuss a certain bill.

Whereas, indictments have been filed and the accused has been charged with defrauding the state in connection with the management of the Lincoln insane asylum and the building of improvements at the penitentiary.

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chinery of state government. Those whose duty it has been to conduct the affairs of the state have themselves confronted with this, especially in respect to our system for raising revenue. While the majority of states that property should be listed for assessment at its actual value, it is notorious that this is not done. In fact, it is safe to say that the prevailing average of valuation is about one-sixth of the actual value and there is, in consequence, a corresponding high rate of levy required for the raising of the necessary revenue, the rate being invariably up to the limit established by law.

The Board of Equalization should have conferred upon it greater powers than it now enjoys. It should have arbitrary authority to equalize assessments in every county in the state, and should have the right to call for a full and correct statement of the value of the real estate in each county, and should have the power to assess the same at its actual value, and to require the payment of the same at the rate established by law.

Under this head I also desire to call your attention to the fact that a register in indebtedness in the form of outstanding warrants, amounting to \$85,598.45, exists against the institution for feeble-minded. The register is almost blank, but a register in the form of a revenue in two years (if all collected) of \$45,000. This shows that it would require at least four years to discharge the indebtedness against it at full value, or to increase the levy from one-sixth (1/6) to one-fifth (1/5) of a mill and still stop interest charges.

In this connection I would also call your attention to the circumstance that the proposed amendment to the constitution submitted to the last legislature for the investment of the permanent school fund failed of passage. I doubt not this result was due to the fact that the majority of the voters were cast against it, and the proposition failed because of the provision that a majority of the full vote polled must be cast in favor of the amendment. I would therefore recommend its resubmission to the voters.

The State's Finances.
From the biennial report of the state treasurer, under the following facts are given: Dec. 1, 1890, cash on hand, \$1,292,448.21; Dec. 30, 1891, 3,982,576.11.

Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1892, \$1,181,085.93.
Classified and distributed funds:
General fund, \$16,633.05
Permanent school fund, 196,703.35
Permanent school fund, 329,226.86
Temporary school fund, 47,599.78
Agricultural college endowment, 28,796.98

Total balances to funds, \$1,181,085.93.
The above amounts, which were derived from various sources, viz: State taxes received, \$2,294,975.11; from counties for care of insane, 129,278.11; interest and rental on school lands, 599,889.93; principal on university lands sold, 3,150.00; interest and rental on university lands sold, 16,983.27; interest and rental on agricultural lands sold, 21,239.97; principal on normal school lands sold, 56,412.92; interest and rental on normal school lands sold, 5,260.00; principal on school lands sold, 8,299.41; interest and rental on school lands sold, 2,644.95; interest and rental on university lands sold, 608.84; interest and rental on county lands sold, 722,644.31; miscellaneous sources, including interest, 4,019.88.

Total receipts, \$8,962,876.11.
The disbursements amounting to \$4,401,085.38, were made as follows:
General fund warrants, \$2,764,616.31
Applications, 187,987.28
Applications, 727,493.09
Applications, 1,552,147.00
Temporary school fund warrants, 1,135,402.96
Temporary school fund principal and interest, 1,384.78
Capital building fund, 63,932.94
Appropriation to 1887, 16,150.87
Transferred to general fund, 37,781.97
Institute for feeble-minded, 47,320.00
Appropriation of 1887, 1,841.69
Appropriation of 1888, 38,024.15
Appropriation of 1889, 7,454.16

Total amount expended, \$4,401,085.38.
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The auditor of public accounts makes the annexed statement showing the balance of each fund remaining in the state treasury November 30, 1892, the receipts and disbursements to November 30, 1892, and the balance remaining in the state treasury November 30, 1892.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes 'Funds' and 'Receipts'.

The expense of the campaign against the Indians on our frontier contiguous to Pine Ridge agency in January, 1891, amounted to the gross sum of \$4,256,872.55, and cash in the state treasury to the amount of \$4,256,872.55.

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In reporting to you matters of the most moment which have arisen during my administration, I am constrained to lay special emphasis upon the board of public lands and buildings, so far as it relates to educational lands and funds, presents some matters which should be a source of pride and gratification to the people of Nebraska.

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