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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The biennial message transmitted by Governor Holcomb to the newly convened legislature is the most comprehensive document of its kind that has ever been promulgated by an executive of Nebraska.

The Governor's message is full of suggestions for the improvement of the state, and it is to be expected that it will have its full effect in the legislation of the year.

For the first time in the history of Nebraska its state government has passed entirely out of the control of the republican party.

The ratio of bills introduced into the Nebraska legislature to those that survive and become laws will be kept anywhere near the bounds of 16 to 1.

The Governor claims the unique distinction of having refrained from consulting the government for furnishing financial aid to Cuba in sending Senator-elect Money to Havana.

Bryan is hailed by his Lincoln admirers as "America's most brilliant citizen." What is the fitter with Chauncey M. Depew, Robert Fitzsimmons and Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage?

Citizens who escaped being swindled by the smooth British sharper who has just been held by the heels in Omaha are wondering whether an American rascal would have come so near taking them in.

The new council has an excellent chance to start out squarely and effectively in dispensing with taxators and repealing ordinances that increase salaries in defiance of charter provisions.

Weyler has caused his typewriter to assert that the general is ready to retire whenever the government wants him to.

Mr. Bryan lectured three-quarters of an hour at Lincoln Wednesday without charging a cent for his talk.

PACIFIC ROADS FUNDING BILL.

Measure Comes Up for Consideration in the House. ABLE ARGUMENTS ARE PRESENTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Pacific railway funding bill, which is considered the most important piece of legislation which will come before this congress at this session, came up today in the house under a general debate and one day for amendments.

Representative Powers made a long speech in favor of the bill, thoroughly reviewing the situation from a business view.

He explained the elements which reduced the estimated earnings of the roads and made it unlikely that they could meet the bonds when they became due.

The bill provides for the issue of the companies' bonds for the government's balance at a rate of 2 per cent, and the principal of each company on account of \$235,000 annually for ten years.

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REVENUE REFORMS.

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The eight national banks of Omaha, taken together, have a fraction over 41 per cent of the amount of their deposits on hand in cash.

Coal dealers who allege that the payment of the \$40 license would use up the entire profits of their year's business.

The United States contributes 26 per cent of the fresh produce of the world, and it is moving into the commercial arteries of the world.

It was the custom of the government previously to the war to maintain shipbuilding plants, and there are no obvious reasons why a return of this policy would be injurious to public interests.

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Wool Manufacturers on Hand.

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PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The governor's message was read to the joint session today, after which both houses began the introduction of bills.

In the message an appropriation is recommended for the Transmississippi and International Exposition at Omaha.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The comptroller of the currency has appointed Bank Examiner Blane as temporary receiver of the National Bank of Sioux City.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The senate, in executive session, has adopted a resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to investigate the payment of the Mora claim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$220,137,716; gold reserve, \$135,529,551.

NEW YORK, DRY GOODS MEN SUE A LITTLE FIRM AND OMAHA LAWYERS.

WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE, Jan. 7.—The Northern Pacific Railway company, the new corporation that purchased the properties and franchises of the Northern Pacific Railroad company for the foreclosure sale, today filed an answer to the claim of the Illinois Steel company for \$61,241.76 for steel rails.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS JAN. 7. AT NEW YORK.—Arrived—Spree, from Bremen.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES. Governor Jewell Powers of Maine was inaugurated yesterday.

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