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GOV. BLAIR'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate & House of Representatives: I appear before you to perform my last act as Chief Executive of the State. It is made duty by the Constitution, at the close of my official term, to give to the Legislature "information by message of the condition of the State, and to recommend such measures to them as I shall deem expedient. In the performance of this duty, I shall be led, to some extent, over the history of the past four years—years full of great events, and destined to shape the course of our country through all time—years of bloody strife, of heroic endeavor, and of sufferings courageously endured, and of triumphs nobly won.

When I came into office, in January, 1861, there had already begun to be heard the distant mutterings of that terrific storm that subsequently burst upon us in the attack upon Fort Sumter, and has raged with unabated fury during my entire term. The duties of the Executive office have in consequence been so greatly increased, as to seem to be almost entirely of a military character.

The first, and one of the most important duties of every government, is the care of its finances. If these fail, or get into disorder, all its operations must either cease entirely, or be carried forward in such an imperfect manner, as to realize but a small share of the benefits which are the objects of its institution.

The following extracts from the report of the State Treasurer for the year ending Nov. 30, 1864, show the present financial condition of the State: The total receipts of the year, including last year's balance, are \$2,444,242 25.

der the provisions of this act I have issued bonds to the amt of \$230,000 00. All of which were taken up by this office for the sinking funds.

During the past fiscal year the following sums have been set apart for the several sinking funds, to wit: War Loan Sinking Fund, from 1-16th mill tax, \$10,758 49.

STATE DEBT.

Table showing State debt details: Renewal Loan Bonds 6s, due Jan. 1, 1878, \$216,000 00; Two Million Loan Bonds, 7s, due Jan. 1882, 250,000 00.

FINANCES.

The Treasury was empty and the Treasurer himself a defaulter in a large sum and absent from his post and from the State, having made no report, and not being likely to make any of value. The Auditor General told us that we were in debt largely to the counties, to the asylums, and other public institutions.

WAR EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS. The "War Fund" was overdrawn at the close of the last fiscal year. \$120,387 04. The amount of expenditures for the current year charged to this fund is, \$823,216 75.

THE CANAL AND THE UPPER PENINSULA. The business of the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal continues yearly to increase. The gross earnings for the present year have been above thirty-four thousand dollars.

tion of the State Prison and its wants, I refer you to the full and satisfactory reports of the Agent and Board of Inspectors.

THE ASYLUMS. The reports of the several Boards of Trustees will give full information of the conditions and wants of the Asylums for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and for the Insane.

THE SINKING FUNDS. In my message to the Legislature in January, 1863, I called its attention to the rapid increase in the number of boys in the Reform School, and recommended that some legislation be had to prevent the evil.

AGRICULTURE AND THE COLLEGE. Agriculture is the main pursuit of the great mass of our people, and must always continue; and it has been properly a cherished object of legislation to promote improvement in this pursuit, in all legitimate ways.

NATIONAL CEMETERY AT GETTYSBURG. At the extra session in 1864, an Act was passed "to provide for the preparation of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania."

The business of the State Land Office, to whom was committed, by the Board, the duty of selecting these lands, reports that about one hundred and fifty thousand acres have been selected.

require others. It is beyond question, if we consider the extent and variety of its products, the most important mineral country on the globe. It will be your duty to consider carefully what legislation may be required to accelerate the development of the immense resources of this country.

SWAMP LANDS AND ROADS—THE MILITARY ROADS. The policy adopted for the disposition and reclamation of the swamp lands by means of roads and ditches, which has become settled by the action of past Legislatures, continues, I think, to meet the approbation of the people.

By an Act of Congress, approved June 20, 1864, a large grant of lands was made to the State of Michigan for the construction of two wagon roads for military and postal purposes.

THE SOLDIERS' VOICE. The "Act to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections," approved February 5, 1864, requires some amendment.

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GENERAL EDUCATION.

The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will give you full and ample information in regard to the public schools of the State, and the University. The education of the people is the object at which we all aim.

THE UNIVERSITY AT ANN ARBOR. The University at Ann Arbor continues to merit and receive the confidence of the people, and is, I believe, realizing the best hopes of its friends.

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MILITARY.

Since my last bi-annual message, great activity has prevailed in all military operations. Very large calls have necessarily been made upon this State for volunteers, all of which have been filled with great promptness.

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Ludicrous Side of Life.

The dextrous leap of thought by which the mind escapes from a seemingly hopeless dilemma, is worth all the vestments of dignity which the world bestows. It was this readiness in repartee which continually saved Voltaire from social overturn.

"Oh," replied Voltaire, "I think it very likely that both of us may be mistaken." Again, you must all have heard the anecdote of the young gentleman who was discoursing very dogmatically about the appropriate sphere of women.

"What brought you here, Mr. Hall?" Hall significantly touched his brow with his finger, and replied, "What'll never bring you, sir—too much brain!" A rapid change from enthusiasm to nonchalance is often necessary in society.

"I can't wait," was the rejoinder. Sheridan never was without a reason, never failed to extricate himself in any emergency by his wit.

"Well," she said, "it has cleared up I see." "Why, yes," he answered, "it has cleared up enough for me, but not enough for two."

"How to Make nice Butter in Winter." A contributor to the Country Gentleman gives some pertinent hints about making butter in winter.

"NECESSITY OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY.—The Albany Evening Journal, (Administration) of a recent date, devoted an editorial to showing the absolute necessity for an opposition party as 'an indispensable condition to a free State.'

"Excitement in Piano Fortes!" WM. B. BRADBURY'S New Scale Pianos in the Ascendant!!!

DYSPEPSIA, AND DISEASES RESULTING FROM DISORDERS OF THE LIVER AND DIGESTIVE ORGANS. ARE CURED BY HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS.

THESE BITTERS HAVE PERFORMED MORE CURES HAVE AND DO GIVE BETTER SATISFACTION HAVE MORE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE TO VOUCH FOR THEM!

REMEMBER THAT THIS BITTERS IS NOT ALCOHOLIC, CONTAINS NO RUM OR WHISKEY, AND CAN'T MAKE DRUNKARDS.

From the Rev. L. G. Deek, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Pemberton, N. J., formerly of the North Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

From the Rev. J. H. Kennard, Pastor of the 10th Baptist Church, Germantown, Penn.

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THE ROOTS AND THE LEAVES Will be for the Healing of the Nations. PROF. J. LYONS, THE GREAT AND GREAT PHYSICIAN OF THE THROAT, LUNGS, HEART, LIVER AND THE BLOOD.

INDIAN HERB DOCTOR! Of 232 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Having purchased J. R. WEBSTER'S stock of Books and Stationery, I shall endeavor to keep a constant supply.

Watches! SETH THOMAS LOCKS! Fine Jewelry Sets GOLD CHAINS, TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY!

PERISCOPIC GLASS, a superior article. Persons having difficult watches to fit with glasses are accommodated, as my stock is large and complete.

A LECTURE TO YOUNG MEN. A LECTURE on the Nature, Treatment, and Radical Cure of Spermatorrhea or Seminal Weakness, Impaired Vision, Sexual Debility, and Impediments to Marriage generally.

Dissolution Notice. THE FIRM OF CHAPIN, WOOD & CO., was dissolved January 19, 1865, by mutual consent.

REMOVAL! N. B. COLE, has removed his STOCK of

DR. SMITH'S NEW PRESCRIPTION & DRUG STORE! Is the place to buy your

BANNER HAT STORE! GOTO S. G. TAYLOR'S Before you buy Spring and Summer styles of HATS.

EMPIRE BOOK STORE! Having purchased J. R. WEBSTER'S stock of Books and Stationery, I shall endeavor to keep a constant supply.

LOWEST CASH PRICE. Also ALBUMS, GOLD PENS, SHEET MUSIC and a superior quality of WALL PAPER!

G. W. SNOVER. 15960 Ann Arbor, June, 1864.

Rifle Factory! Beutler & Traver, Manufacturers of and Dealers in Guns, Pistols, Ammunition, Flasks, Pouches, Game Bags, and

INSURANCE COMPANY Kalamazoo Mich. Insures against Loss or Damage by Fire or Lightning.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION, PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Diseases of the Nervous, Seminal, Urinary and Sexual Systems—new and reliable treatment—

Brownell & Perrin, GEN'L COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 130 South Water Street, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

100 City Lots for Sale. The place to buy your

M. GUTERMAN & CO'S! Having just returned from East with a large stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS!

STUDENTS especially will find it to their advantage, For it takes but LITTLE MONEY to replenish.

PANTS! PANTS!! PANTS!!! Fancy CASSIMERES and DOE-SKIN of every grade, We sell them from ONE DOLLAR up to EIGHT.

P. BACH has a new and complete STOCK OF SPRING GOODS bought before the recent

GREAT RISE IN GOLD! [Which] will be Sold FOR CASH ONLY, AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICES!!

Call and See! Ann Arbor, April, 1864.

PUTNAM'S CLOTHES WRINGER! THE ONLY reliable self-adjusting Wringer. NO WOOD WORK TO SWELL OR SHRINK.

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100 City Lots for Sale. The place to buy your

JUST OPENING! The largest Stock and best assortment of CABINET FURNITURE?

THE LOWEST CAS PRICES. N. B. I must have money, and respectfully request those indebted, to call and fix up their old matters without delay.

RISDON & HENDERSON Have the BUCKEYE GRAIN DRILL, and Grass Seed Sower, Manufactured at Springfield, Ohio.

THE VERY LATEST IMPROVEMENT, and better than all others; adapted to sowing Wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley and Grass Seed.

TESTIMONIALS: We give the following names of a few Farmers in this vicinity who have bought and used the Buckeye Drill:

100 Grain Cradles Which we will sell Cheap. Also large assortment of Grass Scythes.

BENT STUFF FOR CASH ONLY, AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICES!!

STOCK OF HARDWARE AT REDUCED PRICES. NAILS, GLASS, PUTTY, PAINT, and LINED OIL.

COOPER WORK! Large Assortment of COOPER WORK! Such as Kegs, Firkins, Churns, Well Buckets, Flour and Apples Barrels, etc.

Estate of William J. Davison, STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw.

Estate of Norman M. Cumings, STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT—In Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw.

THE undersigned having purchased the entire stock of W. D. Smith & Co., and added largely to the same, is prepared to furnish his friends and patrons a good assortment of well made furniture, consisting of

SOFAS, BUREAUS, BEDSTEADS, BOOK-CASES, TABLES and CHAIRS, of all kinds, and in fact of everything pertaining to the business.

WOOD COFFINS, METALIC CASES, AND CASKETS. On the shortest notice. Also attends to laying out deceased's day and night, without charge. All furniture delivered in the city free of charge.

NEW FALL GOODS! AT REDUCED PRICES. NAILS, GLASS, PUTTY, PAINT, and LINED OIL.

COOPER WORK! Large Assortment of COOPER WORK! Such as Kegs, Firkins, Churns, Well Buckets, Flour and Apples Barrels, etc.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills. Deduction from Former Prices! Please call early and make your purchases while the stock is complete.