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upon more intelligible terms.

**The Governor's Message.**

The Message of Gov. Downey is an elaborate and able document. It commences by giving a statement as to the condition of our finances. There is in the State Treasury, belonging to the several funds \$489,784-48. The disbursements through the previous year, were as follows:

Interest on State debt.....	\$267,680
Bonds redeemed.....	112,949
Fraction of State reform school,	24,831
Construction of State capitol,	42,268
Canceling State prison contract,	137,500
Reclaiming swamp lands.....	21,657
Support of schools.....	81,714
Geological survey.....	10,000
Extraordinary appropriations,	86,368
Ordinary expenses of Gov't,	403,600
<b>Total,</b> .....	<b>\$1,248,574</b>

Then comes a careful review of the condition of our common school funds; and a recommendation:

"That the present law be so amended as to convert the proceeds of the sale of the School sections into a General Fund for the benefit of all the children in the State; the interest of this fund to be apportioned semi-annually."

**STATE PRISON.**

This institution, which has been a fruitful source of trouble and expense to the State and to those having control and management of it, has been conducted the past year upon a system of rigid economy, and upon the principles of humanity and kindness, so far as good discipline and the means at the disposal of the Directory would admit.

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The system of hiring out the convicts for the manufacturing of such articles as are not produced in the State, being imported principally from the Atlantic States and Europe, cannot interfere with our own mechanics, and will, no doubt, when fairly established and tested, make the Prison a self-sustaining institution.

**GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

The State Geologist presents a brief synopsis of the progress of this interesting work which, in the absence of a more elaborate report in the course of completion, I lay before you. Some thirteen months have now elapsed since this officer first entered upon his official duties. There have been two appropriations made for this object, one of twenty thousand and the other of fifteen thousand dollars. Of these appropriations, there have been expended up to the 31st of December, 1861, the sum of twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents. The estimate for the maintenance and continuance of this survey for the ensuing year, accompanying this synopsis, calls for the thirty thousand dollars. It remains for you to determine whether the State can afford to continue the survey upon such a scale of expenditure or not. It appears from the synopsis presented, that the State Geologist has collected a large amount of valuable specimens, which are of importance to the State, and should the University recommended be established they would constitute an interesting museum, and form a valuable adjunct to the lecture room in the department of Natural Science, Mineralogy, and Chemistry.

**AGRICULTURE.**

The agricultural interest is second to

No other in the State in importance, both as a means of wealth and of industry and good order in society. Already the exports of our cereals, after supplying our domestic wants, begin to awaken attention at home and abroad to this great resource of California wealth. This, like all other branches of industry, requires wholesome legislation, adapted to its natural necessities, to ensure its encouragement and protection.

The farmer in California labors under one great difficulty: that is, in the procuring of proper and cheap materials for fencing in his lands. In many localities of the State it will require an expense threefold more to fence his lands and protect his crops against trespass from live stock, than the lands and crop will sell for. Thousands are prevented from cultivating grain and fruits by this cause alone. I can discover no hardship in compelling the stock-raiser to hunt his stock and prevent their trespass, greater than that requiring the farmer to enclose his cultivated fields to secure the profits of his capital and labor.

**INDIAN HOSTILITIES.**

The employment of State troops for the suppression of Indian hostilities has, with one exception, been avoided during my administration; the officers in command of the United States forces on this coast having, when the same was practicable, rendered timely assistance when called for by me. In the month of August last, I received from the citizens of Humboldt county petitions, accompanied by proper and satisfactory affidavits, setting forth that the lives and property of the citizens were being sacrificed by hostile Indians. I applied repeatedly, in person and by letter, to Brig. Gen. E. V. Sumner, then in command of the United States army on this coast, and requested him to move forward troops into the disturbed districts. After some delay, he informed me that he had no men at his disposal for this purpose. This refusal involved the necessity of rendering State aid; and a company of mounted men was called out, and remained in service some ninety days, or until Brig. Gen. Wright, who had succeeded to the command on the Pacific coast, gave me assurances that he would send into those districts a sufficient force to insure the protection of the inhabitants and their property.

The expedition, in accordance with the orders and instructions given, was conducted humanely, and met the objects for which it was called into service. A proper and praiseworthy economy has been pursued by the officers having charge of it; and an appropriation to meet the expenses incurred is recommended. Sixteen thousand dollars will cover the whole outlay for subsistence, pay of men, and horses, with transportation. This amount will, as it were, be only advanced to the General Government, as it will be promptly recognized; and when such claims are so recognized, they by law become proper offsets against our quota of the Federal tax to an equal amount.

The following are from one of our read-

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 best of the  
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**College by the Sea.**  
 Quakers were never known  
 to attend a college of long ago.  
 Like those they have, our men  
 calm and bright as evening's glow;  
 Days that knew no mad, no morose

**Painting a Spite.**  
 The following remarkable glass story,  
 or well-written epilogue, originally printed  
 in Dickens' paper, *All the Year Round*,  
 and was in a subsequent number of the  
 paper, is here reproduced, fully rounded for by the

**Mr. W. was called by business to Chicago.**  
 He had an old friend of his  
 name, Mr. W. who resided there. Mr.  
 W. was a very old man, and having  
 a ragged and faded looking soldier's coat,  
 he was called by the name of 'Old Soldier'.

**A True Story of the Revolution.**  
 With one  
 hair on his head, and a  
 small eye, he was  
 a ragged and faded looking soldier's coat,  
 he was called by the name of 'Old Soldier'.