

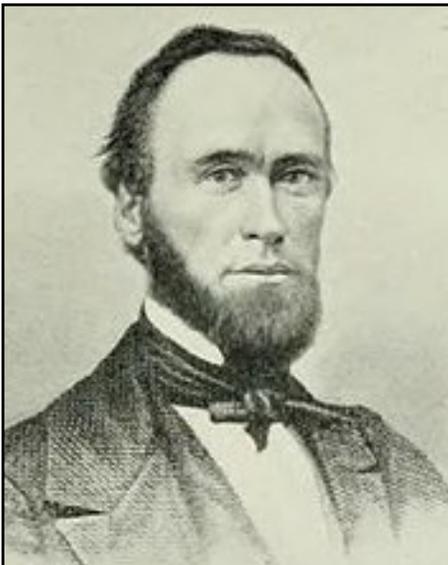
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January 13, 2016

THIS WEEK: **The Seventh General Assembly Claims Several 'Firsts'**

BACKGROUND: The 1858 session began January 11 and ended March 23—a 72-day session.

The Seventh General Assembly Claims Several 'Firsts'



Oran Faville
1817 - 1872

The Lieutenant Governor presiding over the Senate was Oran Faville from Mitchell County. Faville was the first Lieutenant Governor in Iowa.

The office of Lieutenant Governor was created by the 1857 Iowa Constitution. From 1846 to 1857, the Senate had a president as key leader. (In 1988, a constitutional amendment changed the duties of the Lieutenant Governor. As of 1991, the Lieutenant Governor's duties no longer included presiding over the Senate. From 1991 to date, the presiding officer in the Senate is the President of the Senate.)



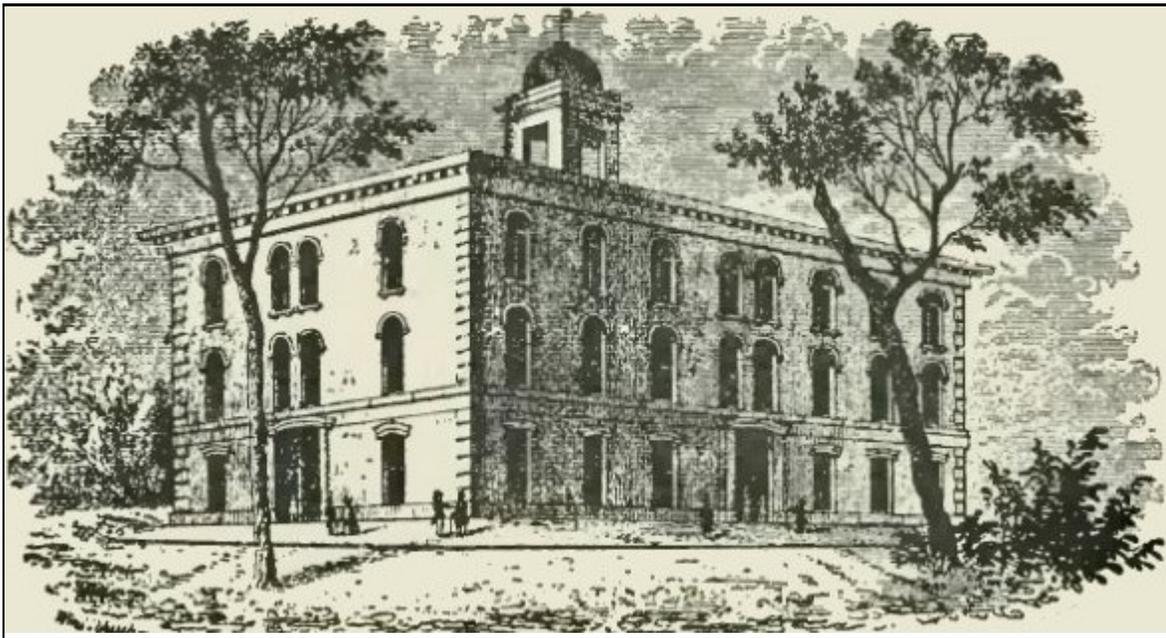
Stephen Shelledy
1802 - 1870

The Speaker of the House of Representatives was Stephen B. Shelledy from Jasper County.

There were 36 members in the Senate, 14 Democrats and 22 Republicans. There were 72 members in the House of Representatives, 30 Democrats and 42 Republicans—a total of 108 members.

The Seventh General Assembly set several firsts for Iowa:

- It was the first General Assembly to convene in January.
- It was the first General Assembly to convene on January 11. (The 2016 Legislative Session is the 17th to convene on January 11.)
- It was the first General Assembly to convene under the new constitution of 1857, and it was the first General Assembly to meet in the new Capital City of Des Moines.
- It was the first General Assembly to convene in the Brick Capitol.



Brick Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa

The following are a few of the actions of the Seventh General Assembly:

- The Seventh General Assembly elected James W. Grimes to the U.S. Senate.
- School funding and funding for the State University.
- Banking regulations, as the new 1857 constitution allowed for the establishment of banks in Iowa.
- Established bushel weights for various seeds and passed legislation allowing aliens to own real estate.

The following are the Receipts and Expenditures from November 1856 to October 1857 reported by the Auditor on July 15, 1858:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, IOWA, }
 DES MOINES, JULY 15TH, 1858. }

J. TEESDALE, ESQ., STATE PRINTER:

SIR:—Section eighteen of Article third of the Constitution requires that “an accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public money shall be attached to and published with the laws at every regular session of the General Assembly.” To enable you to comply with the above requirement, I send you the following statement of the receipts and expenditures from the first day of November, 1856, to the thirty-first day of October, 1857.

I am very Respectfully,
 Your Obedient Servant,
 JNO. PATTEE,
 Auditor of State.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FROM NOVEMBER 1st, 1856, TO OCTOBER 31st, 1857

The receipts into the State Treasury during the past year have been as follows, viz:

From County Treasurers,.....	\$173,734.62
By loan of School Fund,.....	57,500.00
Balance of Saline Funds on hand Nov. 1st, 1856,.	956.21
Payments on Saline Fund account,.....	11,882.01
Balance of revenue in State Treasury Nov. 1st, '56	11,254.91
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	\$255,327.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

These have been as follows, viz:

For payment of State debt and interest thereon—payable at Philadelphia,.....	57,500.00
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For redemption of Auditor's Warrants,..	180,404.68	
Interest allowed on do do ...	1,240.37	
For payment of an order of the Commis- sioners of Insane Asylum,.....	2,000	241,145.05
Balance in the State Treasury at this time,.....		<u>\$14,182.70</u>

Made up as follows, viz :

Balance on revenue account,.....	13,682.90	
Balance on Saline Fund account,.....	499.80	\$14,182.70

EXPENDITURES.

Exhibiting the total amount of Warrants issued and the several accounts to which they have been charged on the books of this office; and *all* the other expenditures which have occurred during the year.

Agricultural Societies,.....	\$4,966.55
Institution for the Blind,.....	7,222.00
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,.....	7,000.00
Expenses of 5th General Assembly,.....	10.50
“ of Extra Session,.....	30.65
“ of Sixth General Assembly,.....	31,283.49
“ of Constitutional Convention,.....	27,009.65
General contingent fund,.....	364.31
Insane Asylum,.....	100,338.42
Miscellaneous Disbursements,.....	8,945.61
Penitentiary support,.....	24,817.00
“ Officers' salaries,.....	1,909.00
Publishing laws in newspapers,.....	780.50
Printing,.....	27,587.55
Binding,.....	2,854.16
Stationery,.....	11,941.46
Special Appropriations,.....	9,583.49
Removal of Capitol, (expenses to this date,).....	319.15
Fuel account,.....	861.77
Geological Survey,.....	9,964.90
Iowa Supreme Court Reports,.....	4,000.00

SALARIES OF SUPREME JUDGES.

Wright, Ch. J.,.....	2,191.64	
Woodward, J.,.....	2,191.64	
Stockton, J.,.....	2,358.31	6,741.59

SALARIES OF DISTRICT JUDGES.

1st District,	1,159.00	
2d " "	850.00	
3d " "	1,183.33	
4th " "	1,216.66	
5th " "	1,183.33	
6th " "	900.00	
7th " "	1,266.66	
8th " "	850.00	
9th " "	550.00	
10th " "	1,050.00	
11th " "	633.33	
12th " "		
13th " "	633.33	
14th " "	500.00	11,966.64
Supreme Court contingent expenses,		517.87

SALARIES OF STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Governor,	1,250.00	
Secretary,	1,500.00	
Auditor,	1,500.00	
Treasurer,	1,500.00	
Supt. of Public Instruction,	1,500.00	
Register of State Land Office,	1,024.70	
Librarian,	150.00	
Attorney General,	1,000.00	9,424.70
Governor's Contingent Fund,		1,000.00

SALARIES OF CLERKS AND DEPUTIES.

Secretary's Deputy,	559.39½	
Auditor's " "	555.00	
Treasurer's " "	200.00	
Register's " "	408.33	1,722.72½

Total amount Warrants issued during the year...	313,163.68	
To which add interest allowed on redeemed		
Warrants,	1,243.35	
Payment of State debt and interest,	57,500.00	58,743.35
Total expenditures,		\$371,907.03