



Tidbits From

The TOUR STAFF

From the Senate Journal 1906

Senator Gilliland from committee of Arrangements for the legislative reception reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Reception

The Thirty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa extend a cordial invitation to the people of the State to attend a public reception to be tendered to

Governor Albert B. Cummins

By the members of the Assembly, at the State House, on Thursday evening, January eleventh, Nineteen Hundred and Six, from Eight until Eleven o'clock. An opportunity will also be given the public to inspect the Blashfield painting, allegorical of the progress of the State, the new arrangement and disposition of the Battle Flags and also the general improvements at the State Capitol, made under the direction of the Capitol Commission.

NOTE: *The Capitol Commission referred to in this report existed from 1902 to 1908. The task of the commissioners was to "finish" the Capitol. Up to this point, the walls and ceilings in the public areas lacked decoration. In addition, the exterior steps on the south and west were not completed, and many windows needed replacing. The large central dome was also in need of gilding. During this time, the slate roof was replaced with copper and electrical lines were installed throughout the building. After the 1904 fire, the Civil War Battle Flags, that had been displayed near the Library on the second floor, were moved to the rotunda on the first floor and placed in the four niches then covered with glass.*

