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LEGISLATIVE.

Speech of Lieut. Gov. Brogden.

The following address was delivered by Lieut. Gov. Brogden on the opening of the Senate on Monday, 17th inst.

SENATORS:—You have met in compliance with your constitutional duties, for the transaction of the important business of legislation, and I indulge the sincere hope that the labors of the session which has just commenced, will, under the guidance of a spirit no less prudent than patriotic, issue in measures conducive to the best interests of the State and the prosperity of the people.

Numerous as are the providential blessings which demand our grateful acknowledgments, our devout gratitude is due to the Supreme Being for having graciously continued to the people of our State, through the vicissitudes of another year, the invaluable blessings of health, peace, and plenty. Seldom have our people been so generously exempted from the ravages of any contagious sickness, or the labors of the husbandman more amply rewarded. We have not been visited with the alarming pestilence which has so fatally afflicted our brethren in some other sections of our Union.

Peace reigns within our borders, and individual happiness rewards the private virtue, industry and enterprise of our citizens, showing the most gratifying state of affairs, and testifying an advance in the improvements of social, and the securities of political life.

The eight amendments to our State Constitution, which were passed at the last session of the Legislature, were accepted by the people of the State at the polls on the first Thursday of August last, it is believed, although no official information of the fact has been received as yet.

This shows with what ease and facility the people can quietly and safely alter and amend their fundamental and organic law, according to their own will and pleasure, without creating any confusion or derangement in any department of the government.

Our Constitution belongs to the people, and it is the work of their hands. It was formed by the people, and for the people, and it provides for equal and impartial liberty and justice to all. Each individual has absolute rights which the State itself should respect.

The will of the majority, legally expressed, wields the destiny of the State, subject to constitutional and fundamental limitations. The State should have for its first object the welfare of the individual, as such, without regard to pecuniary, social, or educational considerations. And it is precisely in proportion to the State's adherence to these great principles of civil liberty that it will be the seat of order, peace, and general prosperity.

Our Federal Government is, perhaps, the only government which, in all its parts, was the result of plan, wisdom and sagacity. Most governments have originated from mere accident, and by a concurrence of unforeseen events. But the plan which the framers of our government adopted was dictated by their knowledge of human rights and human liberty, and it is probably the ablest and best plan of government ever formed by man.

As no human government can be perfect, the best ever devised by mortal man must be subject to changes, inconveniences and weakness.

Man himself must fail; and it need not be thought strange that all his works should, in that respect, resemble him. The political tactician can easily demonstrate that no system of laws or form of government can be couched in such language as to be beyend the reach of sophistry. The clearest, most forcible, and positive expressions, are liable to constructions, colorings, and perversion. It is remarkable that some of the greatest and most important political disputes in this country have arisen respecting the intent and meaning of the Constitution. The people have taken different sides, and maintained the controversy in the most strenuous manner. No representative republilican government can be considered as complete in which there does not exist a plenitude of legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Coming from all parts of the State at this interesting period, you must be possessed of a knowledge of the sentiments and wishes of your constituents.

Among the subjects which will claim your immediate attention and action, is that in regard to our financial affairs. Our State Treasury is not free from embarrassment, and if the application which is now pending for an injunction to order and enjoin our Public Treasurer not to pay any money out of the Treasury until certain specific claims against the State shall be first paid, should be successful, it will require the exercise of wisdom and statesmanship to relieve the Treasury from the extraordinary difficulties which surround it.

Without the employment of prompt and practical means, the ordinary operations of our State government will be greatly embarrassed, and our charitable Institutions and the Penitentiary will soon suffer for necesary support.

The late monetary panic throughout the country was brought about by the operation of events and causes which were not generally foreseen or understood; and therefore it inflicted much injury upon our farming interests, and which of course affected other interests, as their prosperity must depend upon that of agriculture.

The present financial embarrassment of a large and respectable portion of our people seems to be such as to need some practical assistance, if any feasible, safe, and constitutional remedy can be employed for their relief.

There is another important subject for your consideration in connection with the financial condition of the State. Her interests and honor have been placed by your constituents for the time being in your care.

I trust I do not deceive myself while I indulge the persuasion that you may be able to make such an arrangement in regard to our State debt, as will be just to our creditors and honorable to the State. It is my sincere desire, and in this I presume I concur with you and with our constituents, that some definite action shall be taken upon this subject, so that our position may not be misunderstood. We have reached the utmost limit of utility in the mere study and discussion of it, and the time for decisive action has arrived.

If North Carolina is behind some of her sister States in manufacturing industries and improvements, let it not be truly said of her, that she is behind them all in making any efforts to maintain and preserve bright and untarnished her honor and good name. Let us try to do something to prevent any such humiliation and shame.

The do-nothing policy was condemned by our Saviour in the parable of the man to whom was given one talent, and failed to improve it.

There is no propriety in saying that, because we do not acknowledge the justice and validity of some claims against us, therefore we will not acknowledge those which are just and valid. The individual who would assume such a position in regard to his private debts, might be considered as not strictly honest.

There is another subject of much interest and importance to the people.

Our free public schools need assistance. No system of education can be successful without the necessary support. And whatever multiplies and cheapens the means of education, and elevates its character in any region, enhances the material prosperity of that region. Education is calculated to promote virtue and morality, and it is the surest safeguard against vice, degradation and crime. It elevates and expands the powers of the intellect, and enables the frail children of mortality to fulfill their duties on earth, and read in the book of divine truth of the sublime and marvelous beauty and greatness of all the works of our great Creator. The christian-statesman, who does all he can to spread abroad the immense and invaluable benefits and blessings of necessary education and true christianity will merit the richest reward to which he can aspire, true honor on earth, immortal glory in heaven.

Money invested in useful and practical education generally pays better in real enjoyment than any other pecuniary investment. It is a light that shines in darkness, and it is the cheapest and best protection and defense of the people against injustice, oppression and wrong.

Our charitable and penal institutions are all supported by taxes levied from the people, and the management of those institutions should be scrutinized by the Legislature.

Let us faithfully acquit ourselves of the duties and responsibilities imposed upon us, and actuated by pure and virtuous resolutions and intentions, let us go forward to meet the shodowy future with unfaltering steps and with manly hearts. And may that Being who is supreme over all, the Patron of order, the Fountain of justice, and the Protector, in all ages of the world, of virtuous liberty, continue his blessings upon the people of this State, and give them all permanent and perpetual peace and prosperity, consistent with the ends of his providence.

May the State of North Carolina be the residence of virtue and happiness! Here, and throughout our country, may simple manners, pure morals, and true religion, flourish forever!

I shall rely with confidence upon you, Senators, to maintain and preserve proper order and decorum in your deliberations, and to assist me in the performance of my official duties as the Presiding Officer of this honorable body.

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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, Oct. 22, 1873.

WHEREAS, The people of North Carolina have been abundantly blessed during the past year, and the earth hath yielded bounteously of all the products of its soil, so that the garners of the husbandman are filled to overflowing; and the industrious mechanic has realized a rich reward for his labor, and every class of our population has prospered in all laudable enterprises; and

WHEREAS, above all, fraternal feelings and good will have in a great measure been restored in our midst, and no plague, pestilence or famine, has visited our State: Now therefore, as it becomes us, a grateful people, to render thanks to Almighty God for these and numberless other blessings showered upon us in His great mercy; I, Tod R. Caldwell, Governor of North Carolina, in obedience to law and in conformity with an honored precedent, do appoint and set apart

Thursday, November 27, 1873,

as a day of public Thanksgiving throughout the State; and I do earnestly invite the clergy of every denomination to open their respective houses of worship on said day and to exhort their congregations to humble themselves before the throne of the ever-living God, and render unto Him praises which are justly due, invoking for themselves, their State and their whole country, His guidance and protection throughout all time to come.

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation."

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

Done at the city of Raleigh, on this the 22d day of October, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three and in the ninety-eighth year of American Independence.

TOD R. CALDWELL.

By the Governor,
JOHN B. NEATHERY,
Private Secretary.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
State of North Carolina,
Raleigh, Oct. 8, 1873.

Proclamation by the Governor.

WHEREAS, Official information has been received at this Department that R. A. Owens, alias Jenkins, late of the county of Gaston, stands charged with the murder of John W. Cheek, of said county; and that the said Owens has fled the State, or so concealed himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him:

Now, therefore, I, TOD R. CALDWELL, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my proclamation, offering a reward of

FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS

for the arrest and delivery of the said R. A. Owens alias Jenkins, to the sheriff of Gaston county, in the town of Dallas, and I do enjoin all officers of the law and all good citizens of the State to aid in bringing said criminal to justice. Done at our city of Raleigh, on the 8th day of October, [L. S.] the ninety-eighth year of American Independence.

TOD R. CALDWELL.

By the Governor:
J. B. NEATHERY, Private Secretary.

DESCRIPTION:

Owens is about 25 years old, six feet high, weigh about 165 pounds, fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, a long nose and was clean shaven when he left.—When he smiles a wrinkle runs across his cheek towards his ear. 18-4w

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