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At the inauguration of Governor Aycock in Raleigh on January 15th, he delivered the following address: Gentlemen of the General Assembly, Ladies and Fellow Citizens: Every four years brings us a change of administration but not always a change of policy.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

When the Legislature of 1899 met it was confronted with these facts and was sincerely anxious to save the good and suppress the evil of those forces which had made our history. They, therefore, submitted to the people for their action an amendment to the constitution which forbids any man to vote who cannot read and write, but excepts from the operation of this restrictive clause all those who could vote in any State on January 1st, 1867 or at any time prior thereto or who are descended from any such voter.

of all the parties declare in favor of a liberal policy towards the education of the masses; notably the democratic platform says, "we heartily commend the action of the general assembly of 1899 for appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the benefit of the public schools of the State, and pledge ourselves to increase the school fund so as to make at least a four months term each year in every school district in the State, and in the campaign which was conducted throughout the State with so much energy and earnestness that platform pledge was made the basis of the promises which we all made to the people.

commerce will expand; our railroads will do a larger business when we shall have educated all the children of the State. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance from a material point of view that our whole people should be educated.

Care must be taken on your part, gentlemen of the legislature, to bring the schools in the remotest districts up to the standard of the constitution which solemnly admonishes you, as it did me but a moment ago when I took the oath to support it, that at least four months of school must be carried on in every school district in each year. Our party platform follows the constitution and we cannot afford to violate either. If there are districts which are weak they must be strengthened by those who are strong. The good book tells us that the strong should bear the infirmities of the weak and the lessons of that great authority are of utility in our political life. There has grown up an idea among strenuous men that only the strong are to be considered and benefited; that the poor and the weak are the burden bearers who deserve no aid and are weak because of their follies. A great State can never act on this theory, but will always recognize that the strong can care for themselves while the true aim of the State is to provide equal and just laws; giving to the weak opportunity to grow strong and restraining the powerful from oppressing the less fortunate.

and the vote was counted in Charleston, South Carolina. We have denounced and ever will denounce that election as fraudulent. When we came to power in 1870 we changed the election law of the state and from that time down to 1891 all elections were held under laws passed by us. Our adversaries charged that these elections were carried by force and fraud. When they came to power in 1895 they adopted a law which we denounced as providing means for the registration and voting of minors, dead, imported and convicted negroes. They carried the state under that law in 1896. We beat them in 1898 despite their law and then we passed a new election law which they denounced as designed to thwart the will of the people. We held the election of 1900 under that law. By the result of that election we have eliminated the ignorant negro from those entitled to vote. If what has been charged by the opposing parties be true and elections have been fraudulent and elections laws unfair ever since the negro came to be a power in the state, it certainly ought to follow that with the disqualification of the ignorant negro the state should return to her ancient ways when no man questioned her integrity. Henceforth our laws and their administration must be so fair that the civilized world should recognize the high purpose with which we have wrought to see this day. Let history record of us that we have fought our great fight and won our notable victory with no view to perpetuate ourselves in power but honestly to secure good government founded on intelligence worked out through a perfectly fair election law administered as a sacred trust to be held forever inviolable. Good men go to war only for the sake of peace and the patriotic citizens of our state have won this victory only for the sake of good government and not for party aggrandizement.

On every platform in the late campaign I declared our purpose to be to secure good government, safety and peace to educate all the children, and to bring about that day when even extreme partisanship should not be able to cry out against our laws or our methods. Thousands of republicans and populist joined with us in securing our more than sixty thousand majority. I shall, therefore, confidently expect you, gentlemen of the legislature, without regard to party, to frame an election law fair in every purpose, clear in every detail, and to provide machinery by which every man qualified under our constitution shall be able to vote and shall know that his vote is effective. We can have safety, security and integrity on no other basis. I now pledge you the whole power of my administration to secure this end. I declared in my speech of acceptance that I should enter upon the discharge of my duties if elected with great fear lest I should fail to interpret adequately the true spirit underlying our change in the constitution; but I have never for one moment questioned that the ultimate aim of our people was to secure a constitution under which security for life, liberty and property could be found under the forms of law and not in violation of them. Our opponents have denounced the movement which we inaugurated to amend the constitution, and which will be carried out in the spirit just suggested, as revolutionary. They sought to prevent its success by threats before the election and in the first moments of passionate disappointment after the election they began prosecutions against certain officers of the state for alleged wrong doing in connection with the August election. This movement of ours was carried out with such deliberate high purpose and such noble earnestness that thousands of our political opponents joined hands with us in an effort to forever settle a question which had distressed us for thirty years. It was the uprising of almost an entire people. There was about it, indeed, in its spontaneity, in its enthusiasm, in its determination and sturdiness of purpose and in its high aims, something of the revolutionary spirit of 1776. That spirit still lives in the heart of North Carolinians. It is a part, and a glorious part, of their heritage—it cannot be prosecuted, nor will they without the utmost exertion see any of their agents made to suffer for the defeat of those who sought in vain to stem the mighty tide of popular opinion. LAW AND ORDER MUST PREVAIL.

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