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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1876.

### THE INAUGURATION.

The inauguration of Governor Vance on the 1st of January will be an event of grand importance. The notes of preparation that sound from Raleigh, Charlotte and other places in the State indicate that great interest is taken in the matter by the people.

Well may it be regarded as a day of jubilee in the Old North State. It is in this the beginning of a new era—the era of the complete emancipation of the State, so far as the political department of the government are concerned. With the administration of Zebulon Vance commences a life of regeneration, a period of stability for the present and of hope for the future. The executive authority has been in the hands of men who basely abused it. The pardoning power has been stretched beyond every reasonable limit. Some of the Republican Governors have not scrupled to employ unlawful force in carrying out their sweet wills and the sweet wills of their party. The appointing power has likewise been wrongfully employed. Under Z. B. Vance there will be a perfect reign of law, and peace will everywhere prevail within our borders. His administration will restore order where there has been chaos, bring relief where there has been oppression, give confidence where there has been distrust. Vance has abilities of a high order and character and patriotism which command respect and admiration now when he has the ripe experience of twelve years and the advantages of peace and comparative quiet.

Starting under such favorable auspices, his administration is bound to be a success. If he made a magnificent Governor when he was a considerably younger man and in a time of extraordinary peril, much more will he command respect and admiration now when he has the ripe experience of twelve years and the advantages of peace and comparative quiet.

Well may the people of North Carolina rejoice and be exceeding glad as the day of the beginning of their new and brighter era approaches.

### THE USURY QUESTION.

One of the most important questions that will come up before the Legislature for consideration after it reassembles will be the usury question. We apprehend there will be less difficulty than there was in the last Legislature in providing a measure at once popular and suitable to the requirements of the times. The last Assembly blundered badly, for by the passage of an oppressive law it checked the prosperity of the State, demoralizing business to a considerable extent by driving capital out of the State and curtailing the financial operations within its borders.

We apprehend with such sad experience as a monitor, that the Legislature will, soon after its reconvening, pass an act abolishing the present usury law against usury and substituting for it one much milder—in fact one without pains and penalties—or else one leaving money free as the air to bring whatever value it may be found to have in market.

Perhaps such a statute as the latter would be too much to expect, though it would be greatly beneficial to the interests of the whole people, farmers as well as merchants. It is expected of the Legislature that it will enact a law conceived in the spirit of wisdom by which the financial stress will be somewhat relieved. An act abolishing the present usury law is demanded, and we feel sure that that much in the way of relief will be done.

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the administration of the Federal Govern-

ment to be in urgent need of immediate

reform; do hereby enjoin upon the mem-

bers of this Convention and of the Demo-

cratic party in each State, a zealous effort

and co-operation to this end, and do hereby

appeal to our fellow-citizens of every

former political connection to undertake

with us this first and most pressing patri-

otic duty for the Democracy of the whole

country.

We do here reaffirm our faith in the per-

manency of the Federal Union, our devo-

tion to the Constitution of the United

States, with its amendments, universally

accepted as a final settlement of the con-

troversies that engendered the civil war,

and do here record our steadfast confidence

in the perpetuity of republican self-gov-

ernment; in an absolute acquiescence in

the will of the majority, the vital principle

of the Republic; in the supremacy of the

civil over the military authority; in the

total separation of Church and State, for

the sake alike of civil and of the Demo-

cratic faith; in the equality of all citizens

before the laws of their own enactment; in

the liberty of individual conduct unvexed

by sumptuary laws; in the faithful educa-

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