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The inauguration of Governor Vasici on the 1st of Danuary will be an evenof grand importance. The notes of preparation that sound from Raleigh Charlotte and other places in the Statindicate that great interest is taken it. the matter by the people.

jubilee in the Old North State. 1 in rks the beginning of a new cra--thera of the complete emancipation of the State, so far as the political depart ments of the government are concerned With the administration of Zebulor Vance commences a life of regeneration a period of stability for the present and . allowed to the getting and the clab. of hope for the future. The executive authority has been in the hands of mer who basely abused it. The pardoning power has been stretched beyond every reasonable limit. Some of the Repul-Lean 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 per-· fect 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 veneration. He is not only highly gifted and capable, he is also magnetic and popular. The people love him as a brother, for he makes himself one of them.

Starting under such favorable auspices, his administration is bound to, be a success. If he made a magnificent younger man and in a time of extraordinary peril, much more will be command respect and admiration now, when he and the advantages of peace and com-parative 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 approachés.

## THE USURY QUESTION.

One of the most important questions that will come up before the Legislas detending the rights of the people against ture for consideration after it reassembles will be the usary 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 1877 at the rate of \$1 a year, 1 estpaid.

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ment to be in urgent need of immediate reform; do herely enjoin upon the nomi-nees of this Conv. n ion 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

We do here reaffirm our faith in the permanency of the Federal Union, our devotion 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 state and Country. In its humble way it of the Republic; in the supremacy of the civil over the military authority; in the total separation of Church and State, for the sake aitke of civil and religious freedom; in the equality of all citizens before just laws of their own enactment; in the liberty of individual conduct unvexed by sumptuary laws; in the faithful education of the rising generation, that they may preserve, enjoy and transmit these best conditions of human happiness and hope. We behold the noblest products of a hundred years of changeful history; but while upholding the bond of our Union and great charter of these our rights, it behooves a free people to practice also that eternal vigilance which is the price of

DEMOCRATIC FINANCE DEMANDED. We demand a judicious system of preparation by public economies, by official retrenchments and by wise finance, which shall enable the nation to assure the whole world of its perfect ability and perfect readiness to meet any of its promises at the call of the creditor entitled to payment. We believe such a system well devised, and above all, entrusted to competent hands for execution, creating at no time an artiicial scarcity of currency, and at no time alarming the public mind into the withlrawal of that vast machinery of credit by which 95 per cent. of all business transactions are performed-a system open, public and inspiring general confidence, would, from the day of adoption, bring healing on its wings to all our harassed industry, and set in motion the wheels of commerce, manufactures and the mechanical arts; restore employmet to labor and renew, in all its national source, the prosperity of the people.

REFORM IN TAXATION.
Reform is necessary in the sum and mode of Federal taxation so that capital may be set free from distrust and labor lightly burdened. We denounce the present tariff levied upon nearly five thousand articles as a masterpiece of injustice, inequality and false pretence. It yields a dwindling, not a yearly rising revenue. It has impoverished many industries to sub-sidize a few; it prohibits imports that might purchase the products of American labor; t has degraded American commerce from the first to an inferior rank upon the high seas. It has cut down the sales of American manufactures at home and abroad, and depleted the return of American agriculture or industry, followed by half our people. It costs the people five times more than it produces to the treasury, obstructs the processes of production, and wastes the fruits of labor. It promotes fraud and fosters smuggling, enriches dishonest officials and bankrupts honest merchants. We demand that all customhouse taxation shall be only for revenue.

RETRENCHMENT IN EXPENSES. Reform is necessary in the scale of pub-lic expense, Federal, State and municipal out of Federal taxation has swollen from \$60,000,000, gold, in 1800, to \$450,000,000, currency, in 1870. Our aggregate taxation was from \$184,000,000, gold, in 1860, to \$730,000,000, currency, in 1870, or in one decade less than \$ per head to more than \$18 per head. Since the peace the people have paid to their tax-gatherers more than thrice the sum of the national debt, and more than twice that sum for the Federal Government alone. We demand a vigorous frugality in every department and from every officer of the government.

WASTE OF THE PUBLIC LANDS. Reform is necessary to put a stop to the profligate wastes of the public lands and their diversion from settlers by the party in power which has squandered two hundred millions of acres upon railroads alone, and out of more than thrice that aggregate has disposed of less than a sixth directly

to tillers of the soil. CHRISTIAN CITIZENS AND HEATHEN CHI NESE.

Reform is necessary to correct the mis takes of the Republican Congress and the errors of our treaties, and our 'diplomatic relations which have stripped our adopted citizens of foreign birth and kindred race recrossing the Atlantic of the shield of American citizenship, and have exposed our brethren of the Pacific coast to the incursions of a race not sprung from the same great parent stock, and, in fact, now by law denied citizenship through natu-ralization, as being neither accustomed to the habits of a progressive civilization, nor exercised in liberty under equal laws. We denounce the policy which thus discards the liberty-loving German and tolerates the revival of the Coolie trade in Mongo lian women, imported for immoral pur poses, and Mongolian men hired to per form servile labor contracts, and demand such modification by Congress within a constitutional limitation, as shall prevent the further importation or immigration of

the Mongolian race. . REPORM IS THE CAMPAIGN ISSUE. Reform is necessary, and can never be cluded. effected but by making it the controlling issue of the election, lifting it above the two false issues with which the officetwo false issues with which the office-holding class and the party in power seek to smother it. The talse issue with which they would enkindle sectarian strife in respect to the public schools, of which the establishment and support belong exclu-sively to the several States, and which the Democratic party has cherished fro a their foundation, and resolved to maintain without partizanry or preference for any class, sect or creed, and without contributing from the Treasury to any—the false issue by which they seek to light agew the dying embers of sectional hatred between kindred people, once unnaturally estranged, but now reunited in one indivisible Republic and a common destina lic and a common destiny,

REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Reform is necessary in the civil service. Experience proves that the efficient, economical conduct of the governmental business is not possible if its civil service be subject to change at every election—be a prize fought for at the ballot-hox—be a brief reward of party zeal, instead of posts of honor, assigned for proved competency and held for fidelity in the public employment. That the dispensing of patronage should neither be a tax upon the time of all our public men, nor the instrument of their ambition. Here again professions falsified in the performance, attest that the party in power can work out no practical or salutary reform. REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

REPORM AMONG THE HIGHEST PUBLIC Reform is necessary even more in the higher grades of public service. Fruident,

Ca.AT- | Vice-President, Judges, Senate sentatives, Cabinet officers. These of and others in authority, are the people' servants. Their offices are not a private perquisite; they are a public trust. When the annals of this Republic show the dis-grace and censure of a Vice-President; a late Speaker of the House of Representatives marketing his rulings as a presiding officer; their friends profiting secretly by their votes as law-makers; five chairmen their votes as law-makers; five chairmen of the leading committees of the late House of Representatives exposed in jobbery; a late Secretary of the Treasury forcing balances in the public accounts; a late Attorney General misappropriating public funds; a Secretary of the Navy enriched or enriching his friends by percentages levied off the profits of contractors with his Department; an ambassador to England censured for a dishonorable speculation; the President's private secretary barely escaping conviction upon trial for guilty complicity in frauds upon the revenue; a Secretary of War impeached revenue; a Secretary of War impeached for high crimes and confessed misec. meanors—the demonstration is so cor. plete that the first step in reform must be by the people, or houest men from another party. The disease of one political organ-ization infests the body politic and thereby making no change of men or party, we can get no change of measures and no

> RADICALS AND RADICALISM MIST BE DRIVEN FROM POWER.

All these abuses, wrongs and crimesthe product of the sixteen years ascendancy of the Republican party—create a necessity for reform, confessed by Repub-licans themselves. But their reformers are voted down in convention and displaced from the Cabinet. The mass of honest voters is powerless to resist the and guides.

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