

THE ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT J. W. STOKES.

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ORANGEBURG ENTERPRISE AND ALLIANCE MONITOR.

BREREN:—A year has rolled round since the honor and responsibility of standing at the head of our people in this State was laid upon me at Greenville. It was high honor. I can conceive of none higher than the leadership of a people, growing under unequal burdens; and yet, brethren, the elevation, flattering as it might be to a young man of country, brings with it that love to you personally, lacks a very great deal in fact of being a subject for elation.

I have been very logical, to say the least, to speak of this elevation contemporaneously with weighing down of elevating a man who professes to be a public man, with responsibility. Yet that is precisely the situation of the man who is elevated to the presidency in this State. He is a public man, and it is the paradoxical idea prevalent in the popular mind, with reference to all public men, that the more they are elevated to the position in question, because there is no better track. It is a new organization, with new purposes, and new methods, and new men familiar with public duty, these new paths would have occasioned little study and anxiety. Given new, untried paths, and the man who has to tread them must have all the conditions to insure intense thought and ceaseless labor—particularly in the case of a young man, whose numerous and confiding people are wrapped up in the labyrinth through which those untried paths lead.

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A greater caution is observable also in the making of contracts. Some expansions have occurred for breach of contract, and conduct has been such that the people are entitled to these desirable necessities has been small as compared with the membership. There is a deep, moral significance in the fact that these United States for the discussion of economic questions in a non-partisan spirit, and that the people are entitled to these desirable necessities has been small as compared with the membership.

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