

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Full Review of Conditions in South Carolina, and Legislation Needed.

STATE'S NOTABLE INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

All the Public Institutions Are in Excellent Condition --The Treasury Department Borrowed No Money During the Past Year.

Following is a full epitome of the Annual Message of Governor McSwain to the Legislature of South Carolina, read in both Houses at the opening of that body.

It is gratifying to me to welcome you as the representatives of the people under such favorable conditions. You come as the first Legislature to assemble in South Carolina in the new century. The nineteenth century has been one of marked progress and development in all the arts and sciences, and it contains lessons which have been learned with profit to ourselves and which may be of use to us in legislating for the future.

Not the least gratifying evidence of our progress is the remarkable awakening in all departments of education. At the beginning of the century just closed the civilized world knew no such thing as a State system of education, and in many quarters, until a comparatively recent date, the position of those who advocated free public education as a legitimate function of State government was stubbornly contested.

The question of child labor in our cotton mills is one that has been attracting a great deal of attention recently, and properly so. Conditions in this State have changed very much in the last few years. We are no longer simply an agricultural people. With the rapid growth in manufacturing enterprises we are already a large manufacturing State.

Peace and good order have characterized our people during the past year. We have not been visited by plague or pestilence and no resort to mob violence has marred the record or stained the fair name of the State, though in one or two cases the strong arm of the military had to be called into requisition, but the majesty of the law was maintained and no blood was shed.

I take pleasure in calling attention to the very creditable showing which the Treasury Department will be able to make as to the financial transactions of that department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1900, as will appear from the statement of receipts and disbursements.

THE DISPENSARY

The Dispensary has been well managed during the past year, as the statement of the Board of Directors and the State Commissioner, which will be submitted to you, will show.

The Dispensary system and the management of the liquor question have occupied much of the attention of each Legislature since the system was inaugurated. The dispensary has also been an issue in every campaign in the State since it was passed and has been more strongly opposed possibly than any other law that was ever placed on the statute books of this State.

Under the Constitution the Legislature may license individuals or corporations to sell under the rules and regulations governing the Dispensary, or it may prohibit the sale and manufacture of liquors.

As a rule, the law has been well enforced, and it has been with a small constabulary force but with the aid of the police officers and the constabulary force that there were no violations of law and this were an ideal country.

For several years the State has been doing what she could for the few remaining old Confederate soldiers, the widows of soldiers who are in need of its aid. It should be a matter of congratulation to every patriotic son that we have been able to do what we have, and a source of regret that we are not able to do more.

At the last session of the Legislature a new pension law was enacted, which has not yet been tested. The new law is intended to reduce the number of those on the list only those who are worthy, and to give them a sum sufficient to be a real help to them.

During my administration several occasions have arisen in which the civil authorities have called upon me as Commander-in-Chief for the assistance of the Militia to preserve the peace and avert riot and bloodshed in the State.

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S. C. LEGISLATURE

Opening of the Session and Election of Officers.

NEW GOVERNORS INAUGURATED.

A Number of States Have New Chief Magistrates. A Fatal Fire Horror at an Asylum.

Columbia, S. C., Special. The Legislature of South Carolina assembled Tuesday afternoon, Senator John C. Sheppard of Edgefield, a member of the Senate, Gen. R. B. McSwain, clerk, W. H. Stewart, resident clerk, and Rev. S. J. Zimmerman, chaplain.

The Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Governor of Charleston, winning over the other two on first ballot. He received 75 out of 111 votes. Mr. Robinson is a native of South Carolina. He was recently elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of this State a distinguished honor for a layman. He is everywhere regarded an intelligent and brimny man.

Mr. Altamont Moses, of Sumter, former Senator and now Representative, was the first legislator to take the oath of office in the new century. He was the temporary chairman of the House and presided at the swearing in of the other members.

Governors Inaugurated. Tallahassee, Fla., Special. Wm. S. Jennings was inaugurated Governor of Florida Tuesday afternoon. Col. J. Taylor administering the oath of office. Governor Jennings' message favored a cash basis, fair farm loans, uniform assessments and low rates. The inauguration was the occasion of considerable display and the city was crowded.

Denver, Col., Special. Hon. James B. Orman was inaugurated Governor of Colorado with only the simplest ceremonies. His message advocated inheritance and income taxes and other financial legislation.

Montgomery, Ala., Special. From Union Springs, Ala. It is learned that N. H. Frazer, tax collector of Bulloch county, has received a letter dated Memphis, from men claiming they had kidnapped Frazer's 18-year-old son Bass in Atlanta and demanding \$5,000 ransom.

The following curious notice relating to a divorce proceeding is published in an Ohio paper: "I, the undersigned, Ida Ingram, of my own free will, fully cognizant of what I am doing, do most solemnly swear, as I hope to meet my God, that I will do these things to wit: sell off all the things in the house at No. 127 Depot street, with the exception of enough to furnish one room, all pictures and a few fancy dishes and silverware and a few souvenirs, and never keep another boarder as long as I live.

How shall the new Vanderbilt baby be christened is one of the absorbing questions of the hour. The mother being a Roman Catholic, devoted to her church, the presumption is that she will have the infant heir to many of the Fair and Vanderbilt millions taken to the Cathedral of St. Patrick and there purified from the original sin stain by Archbishop Corrigan. If this programme be carried out it will mark the advent of the first Vanderbilt into the Roman Catholic church. In itself the event is not important, but there are a great many that think it is.

The report that Senator Proctor, of the Vermont Marble Company, has secured control of the famous Carrara quarries in Italy at a cost of \$10,000,000, thus giving the Vermont Marble Company practical control of a large proportion of the marble output of the world, has caused a great deal of talk.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The Duke and Duchess of York will visit Canada in 1901.

First Hartle will probably return to America some time this year, but only for a visit.

Count von Blumenthal, Chief of Staff of the German Army, and the oldest Field Marshal in the service, is dead.

Sir Charles Warren, of Spion Kop notoriety, has been appointed to the command of the British forces in Canada.

Judge Deemer has declined to leave the Iowa Supreme Court bench to accept the Chancellorship of the Iowa State University.

The King of Saxony is one of the most approachable of European sovereigns. An audience with him may be had at almost any time.

Captain Dreyfus has been in Paris for the last few weeks, but he has not yet been pardoned and does not. He will probably stay there some time.

Edmond Rostand, the famous French dramatist, owes his poor health largely to his hard work. He has time for little else and is writing or revising nearly all the day and far into the night.

June Lady Carey, who was present at the famous ball, which was given by the Duchess of Richmond at Brussels, on the eve of Waterloo, is still living, although more than a hundred years old.

E. T. Bullen, the author of sea tales, ran away from home and went to sea as a cabin boy at thirteen, and remained at sea until he had seen a tale which he had written to amuse himself and advised him to go at once into literature.

WIFE QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB. Her husband is a great pity that women are not eligible as income tax collectors.

Wife, Why? Husband: So many of them are admirably qualified. -Harlem Life.

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