

OUR STATE LEGISLATURE.

INAUGURATION OF GOV. PINGREE.

Appointment of the Senate Committee—A few Bills Introduced—The New Lieutenant-Governor—Various General Notes.

The great event of Thursday at the Capital was the inauguration of Gov. Pingree, which took place in the afternoon. He was sworn in impressively by Judge Redfield. He did not follow Gov. Barstow's example of sending his inaugural message in by his secretary and having it read by the clerk, but like our President, delivered it himself, clearly and distinctly. There was a much smaller crowd of visitors present than usual.

Judge Thompson, the president pro tem. of the Senate, presided for the first time, Thursday afternoon, over the proceedings of a joint assembly, and Dr. Nichols acted as clerk for the last time. He has been a most efficient Secretary of State, and judges with kindly feelings toward him. Judge Thompson is an accomplished parliamentarian, has a good voice, and all the attributes necessary for a presiding officer.

Senate Committees.

The standing committees of the Senate are made up as follows:

Rules, Thompson; Finance, Field; Education, Thompson, Paul, Howard, Fletcher, Gibbs, and Carter; Claims, Gibbs, Garrison, Horton, Sloren, Folsom; Education, Burton, Ide, Curtis, Curtis, and Day; Agriculture, Hill, Williamson, and Clark; Manufactures, Holley, Johnson, and Hill; Corrections, Holley, and Chapman; Military Affairs, Brammer, Howe, and Johnson; Railroads, Paul, Thompson, Clarke, McQuade, Holson, Mott, and Field; Highways, W. H. West, Holton, and Clark; Land Banks, Field, Greenleaf, and McQuade; Banking, Holton, Brewster, and Chapin; Printing, Horton, Hebard, and Brammer; General Committee, Hebard, Day and Baxter; Federal Relations, Fletcher, Brewster, and Jones; State Prison, Holton, Fletcher, and Clark; Insurance, Holton, Fletcher, and Paul; Grand List, Moren, Curtis, and Howe; grand list.

The New Lieutenant Governor.

Immediately after the return of the Senators to their chamber, on motion of Senator Field, a committee of three, composed of himself, Senator Gibbs of Burlington and Senator Green of St. Albans, was appointed to wait upon Lieutenant-Governor Daniels. They did so, and conducted him to the bar of the Senate. Judge Thompson administered the oath of office to him and he spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Senate: Allow me first to thank the freemen of the State for the high honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office. The duties of my position, which are also those of an elected officer, will require the exercise of great care and judgment. I shall have to the extent and when deserved. It will be my constant aim and effort to perform the duties of my position in accordance with the oath and spirit of the oath of office which I have taken to serve you, the people of Vermont."

"I have no cause for regret and you little cause for censure or complaint, save what may come from inability on my part, A man speaking your language and understanding your language, trusting that we may succeed in continuing the high standard of dignity and honor with proper despatch of business, so uniformly maintained heretofore by both branches of the Legislature, assume the duties of the office to which I have been elected and now await your pleasure."

A Legal Technicality.

Mr. Abell of West Haven called the attention of the House in the forenoon to an omission of the last Legislature. It seems that the committee of the Legislature to canvass the votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Treasurer is created by the constitution. When having an intimate and particular knowledge of the respective functions to exhibit in detail the present status of the several important financial and other trusts and affairs of the State.

In all our duties here as the representatives of the people let our vigilance, energy, oratorical power, and ingenuity be directed to the purpose, dignity, decorum, grace and dispatch of business which have, in the past, distinguished the Legislative bodies and the Executives which have preceded us, and for the consummation of this object let us, with the same ardor and earnestness, labor to the end that we shall have to the extent and when deserved. It will be my constant aim and effort to perform the duties of my position in accordance with the oath and spirit of the oath of office which I have taken to serve you, the people of Vermont."

The trust is ripe with a evidence of the unrighteous intent, carelessness of endeavor, and general success in results which have characterized and crowned the labors and acts of the General Assembly of the State.

The assembling of your bodies with the executive, constituting the legal representatives of the people of Vermont, and having as "the trustees and servants of our trust" the responsibility which we have assumed, we are affording every facility to the officers of the State, to consult, to modify and enact laws regulating the internal police of the State," to consult, to modify and enact laws, and to make payments under protest, and their reasons for so doing, being also published.

The report of the Auditor of accounts, which I have addressed to the Legislature, in connection with the Commissioner's report, contains a full account of the various recommendations which the report contains.

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