

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOV. HARTRANFT.

Pennsylvania, ss: In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by John F. Hartranft, Governor of the said Commonwealth,

Whereas, in compliance with an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled "An act to provide for calling a Convention to amend the Constitution," approved by the Governor the 11th day of April, A. D. 1872, the qualified electors of this Commonwealth elected delegates to a convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State with power to propose to the citizens of this Commonwealth for their approval or rejection a new Constitution, or amendments to the present one, or specific amendments to be voted on separately.

And whereas, in compliance with the said act, the delegates so elected assembled in Convention on the second Tuesday of November, A. D. 1872, and adopted, at Philadelphia, on the third day of November, A. D. 1873, a Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

And whereas, the Constitution by said Convention so adopted was submitted to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth for their approval or rejection, appointed on the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1873.

And whereas, the returns of the said election whereby the act of Assembly aforesaid directed to be returned, opened, counted and published, as the returns for Governor are now by law counted and published, and where the number of votes given for or against the new or revised Constitution, or for or against separate special amendments, if any shall have summed up and ascertained, and the difficulties thereof delivered to the proper officers, the Governor shall declare by proclamation the result of the election, and if a majority of the votes polled shall be for the new or revised Constitution, or for any separate specific amendment, such new or revised Constitution and separate specific amendments shall be then forth the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

And whereas, the returns of the election as held for the adoption or rejection of the said Constitution, adopted by the aforesaid Convention, were returned in compliance with the requirements of the said act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, and delivered to the Speaker of the Senate on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1874.

And whereas, by a certificate of this date, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, signed by the Hon. Butler B. Straug, Speaker of the Senate of this Commonwealth, and the Hon. Henry H. McCordick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, it appears that the Speaker of the Senate of this Commonwealth, on the 7th day of January, 1874, in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capital, opened, counted and published the returns of the election to decide for or against the adoption of said constitution adopted by the aforesaid convention, and summed up and ascertained the number of votes given for and against the same at said election, in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, conformably to the laws of this Commonwealth, and that upon counting the votes it appeared that the number of votes given for the new Constitution was two hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, and the number of votes given against the new Constitution was one hundred and eighty-four thousand five hundred and eighty-four, showing a majority of one hundred and forty-five thousand one hundred and fifty votes in favor of the new constitution.

Therefore, I, John F. Hartranft, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have caused this proclamation to issue, and in pursuance of the said acts of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, in compliance therewith, do hereby declare that the election held on the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1873, of the qualified voters of the Commonwealth, to decide for or against the adoption of the new Constitution in Convention adopted at Philadelphia on the third day of November, A. D. 1873, two hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty-four (253,744) votes were given for the adoption of the same, and one hundred and eighty-four thousand five hundred and eighty-four (184,584) were given against the adoption of the same, a majority of one hundred and forty-five thousand one hundred and fifty (145,150) of the votes polled at said election being in favor of the adoption of said new Constitution, and the said new Constitution has been adopted by the State, and is the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, this seventh day of January, in the year

of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and of the Commonwealth the ninety-eighth By the Governor, J. F. HARTRANFT. M. S. QUAY, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

GOV. HARTRANFT'S MESSAGE IN BRIEF.

Governor Hartranft's first annual message was read in the Legislature January 7. We give below a synopsis of it:

He recites briefly the history of the new Constitution, proclaims its adoption and enjoins its strict obedience as the law of the land.

He reviews the finances of the State at considerable length. The total amount of public debt on the 1st of December 1873, was \$25,798,821.94. Deducing the railroad bonds in the treasury, the debt unprovided for is \$14,772,070. Cash in the treasury on the 30th of November, 1873, was \$1,825,151.

He recommends such a readjustment of the revenues as will enable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to meet the requirements of the Constitution.

On the subject of the Centennial he earnestly appeals to the Legislature to grant such aid as will insure its success.

The recommendations contained in the report of the Superintendent of Common and Soldiers' Orphans' Schools generally meet the approval of the Governor.

Compulsory education is again brought to the attention of the Legislature.

Prison reform and the condition of the institutions of the State for the care of the insane are treated upon with considerable attention, and a number of important suggestions made concerning them.

The State banks, saving funds and trust companies also receive attention. The Governor thinks that the practice of banks of discount paying interest on deposits should be prohibited. He suggests the appointment of a commission to examine all the State banks, trust companies and saving funds, and that these institutions be required to publish quarterly statements of assets and liabilities.

The pardon report shows 45 pardons granted during the year, for all of which seemingly good and sufficient reasons are given. The Insurance Bureau, the work of the Fish Commissioners, the Bureau of Statistics, the National Guard, the Land Department, the State Arsenal, and other topics of public interest are also discussed.

The National affairs, the complications with Spain and the temporary stagnation of industries are also duly and satisfactorily handled.

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