

A SERMON

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"Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon: rule thou over us, both thou and thy son, and thy son's son also; for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said: I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you; but the Lord shall rule over you."—*Judges*, VIII. 22-23.

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Viewed in the light of Providence they speak of destiny. Nay, more: The Ruler of nations speaks. And at his voice let the earth tremble and the mountains shake; let the floods lift up their voice; let the hills clap their hands and the fields be joyful together; for the Lord reigneth and righteousness is the habitation of His throne. Our theme at present is—

GOD'S RULE IN AMERICA A SUBJECT OF
THANKSGIVING.

The history of our colonies indicates that
 "providential interference to populate the
 land with a people disciplined, by a severe and
 process; to an appreciation of civil and
 religious immunities, and antipathy to
 anarchy and oppression. What could
 have induced Israel to propose a reor-
 ganization of their government by ap-
 pointing Gideon and his family their
 bers, but a conviction of the wrongs they
 had suffered, and the hope of consolida-
 tion, under the rule of a chieftain whose
 might successfully resist aggressions?—
 And what could have amalgamated the
 sympathies of the colonists into a gen-
 eral national heart but the oppressions they
 endured and the prospect of united
 strength to repel invasion and enjoy
 peaceful independence?

In their successful contest, the hand of Providence is equally clear. The probabilities of success existed nowhere but

the justice of their cause. Standing before superior numbers, and a well disciplined and experienced sea and land force, with but few arms and limited means, to whom could they look for success but the God of battles? Numbers, wealth and military science were against them. But Providence helped them. While difficulties were thickening at every step, the heavens grew dark with improbabilities which loomed up like massive clouds upon the political horizon. Fearful words were smitten upon the

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Little did the Swedes and Finns who came to our Peninsula *two hundred and thirty-four* years ago, and who formed a colony under the auspices of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, think of the future glory of their adopted country.—Lewestown was founded in 1630; but the Dutch claiming the country in twenty-five years from that date, it passed into their power. In 1664 the colony on the Delaware fell into the hands of the English, and was granted by Charles II. to his brother, James the Duke of York, who in 1682 conveyed it to William Penn. But it was not until 1704 that Delaware became properly a separate colonial establishment. This relation it maintained until the revolution. Its constitution was formed in 1776.

Delaware has always been loyal to herself and her pledges to the government, and although some of her Legislative acts may cast obliquity upon the moral rectitude and fidelity of her representatives, yet it is believed, the intelligence of the masses, reprobates their principles and condemns their action. Lotteries and treason find no place in the sympathies of the better class of Delawareans. We cannot eulogize too highly the action of the last Legislature, which rejected with contempt the proposition for a treasonable alliance. That action has saved us much trouble, and perhaps prevented

ashed by, faction on our own soil. strengthened the spirit of loyalty and contributed to unity of sentiment. In the clutches of rebellion in other parts—You need not look to us for aid; our cause is a wrong one, and hence we give you no official encouragement. Do we not find in this some cause of thankfulness?

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HEALTH.

Health is a blessing imparted by the
—2 Kings, xx. 5,—and for the
twelve months has crowned our
city. No pestilence has breathed upon
and the usual diseases have not been
than ordinarily prevalent or fatal.
To some hearts are mourning depart-
ed ones, the great body of our
are cheerful, healthy, and com-
pletely happy. Let us for this, also,
thanks to the "Father of lights
whom cometh every good and per-

Our State is chiefly an agricultural one, and so clearly is this seen that even the prospect of a failure in the crops occasions sadness and depression. But for the smiles of a kind Providence, our crops have not commensurate with what they have exceeded, our anticipations. Nor do these remarks apply exclusively to the grain, which is said to be really raised; but other products are equally to be abundant. Thus of the corn with the year with his goodness. The market price of produce, especially of the grain, while it has not fallen below the

of the people, has given a
able remuneration to the producer
not oppressing the consumer. And
ough there is, owing to our present
and difficulties, some stagnation in
in branches of business, Delaware
perhaps produced enough to keep
native population one year at least,
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ness. As a State we have much
of thankfulness. Ours is a goodly
rage. While England, France, Ireland,
Belgium and Russia, and in fact
greater part of the old world, com-
of failure in their crops, our country
is of a superabundance. In this
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our hearts more than the time when
corn and their wine increase.

an integral part of the Union, Delo cannot be unseparated in the presence of war. She endures a small proportion of the common sufferings of the country, but will furnish her proportion of the necessary expenses of the government, and in its triumph she will rejoice. And that the inclement weather is not punishing, her volunteers are not forgetting. The prayers and other blessings of the ones at home are with them, while the angels of mercy have pledged perpetuity. Nor is this a mere sentimentalism. Its practical operations appear at Fortrose, Yopou, and

in the form of plagues, stock-raising and the like. But we do not intend to do this. We would not depreciate the Indians' hearts and minds, nor make them more susceptible of benevolence than those of their brethren, and we would not make pathetic litanies more acute than the finer speciments of humanity. We may just pardon us, when we say that we have no intention of making the Indians the subjects of the litanies of Providence, and that we do not intend to use those who are engaged in a cause—that of self defence and sustaining the "Powers on Earth." With such patriotism we have no legal obligation to plead. We might, too, no aged matron to be the mother of the nation, with tears interlarded in her eyes, and her hands clasped in prayer. Among the American Indians, we need like—the mother of the nation—to pour their tears and blood for the sake of the foe for the salvation of the country are not a few in Delaware.

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 to thousands and wielding a
 capital, she will scatter it North,
 east and West. The millions of
 daily required for the necessities
 of the Government do not come from Dela-
 ware. No other State, nor is the
 unannihilated beyond the circle of
 family of States.
 Indeed, therefore, of our troubles
 in the midst of thankfulness. None
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day of the chosen "ancient
Jehovah" to clearly rule over
the earth. Neter was a civil war
promoter, more clemency and less blood-
shed, and a restoration of property.
The harmful as it is, is attended with
calamity, and the thunder storm is
the atmosphere; while earth is
pour her produce and her minis-
ters take the life of the nation,
therefore, must be the man who can
receive the hand of Providence to
lead justice and mercy toward
the world. The declaration of my

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ment in Jewish history placed in the original alliance, but contrary to reasonable law because of the lack of retributive justice. Jerod's attorneys may find their case on Davis and his defense on the Internet of Jerod's government would be further as the present demands treating the latter to choose to make their settlement, and the measure. We may be justice; for we are sure and his serious case disgraced, the President's Confederacy and are flattered by the glorious sense the de-

—The Lord shall reward; Amen. Lord Ja

not be the modern Imperial capacity, it is the spokes of his chariot—and if it be the mountain within the kingdom set up by the sword, it is to endure through all time, will it ever be broken. The destroying elements of the world, which have polluted the economy of the monarchies, cleanse the earth, cleanse the Lord of Lords, the King of nations. There, Turbulent nations, the oppressive nations. The present war and the rebellion he has kindled with his sword. What means the change of the trade movement? Why this flux of wealth? How does the unmistakable material appropriation in the preparing American struggle, some of it not be her mission, but also power of her army before the coming of the world? And as ancient Israel in rampages, may I be not also

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