



CAPITOL GOSSIP

NEWS OF A WEEK AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

Democratic Enthusiasm at the Inauguration. The Day Disagreeable. Mr. Cleveland's Address.

WASHINGTON, MAR. 6.—Democratic enthusiasm cannot be washed out, snowed out, blown out or froze out. The north wind blew, the snow fell and there were icicles hanging from the trees, houses, and the whiskers of men, but these little annoyances did not count when it came to inaugurating a democratic President. Mr. Cleveland proved his indifference to them by declining to deliver his inaugural address in the Senate chamber, instead of from the open-air platform on the east front of the Capitol, before which, standing in the snow storm, were about 10,000 people. He thought and correctly, too, that if these people were good enough democrats to brave the storm to see him—few of them could get near enough to hear him—deliver his inaugural address and take the oath of office, he was good enough democrat to take off his hat, storm or no storm, and do it, and he did.

There isn't money enough in existence to buy from the President the worn bible upon which he took the oath of office in 1885, and upon which Chief Justice Fuller administered to him the same oath Saturday. It is more valuable than gold or precious stones; it was his mother's, and Mr. Cleveland has never forgotten the commandment, "Honor thy father and mother" etc.

Not since the second inauguration of Grant has there been such a disagreeable inauguration day, but the only noticeable effect the weather had was to keep a few men whose health was not robust out of the parade, which was over three hours long as it was, to disfigure and disarrange the house decorations and to postpone the fireworks. Everything else went off according to programme, just as would have been done had the day been as clear and balmy as that on which Mr. Cleveland was first inaugurated. On the reviewing stand with the President and the Vice President were a large number of prominent ladies and gentlemen, among them Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Stevenson.

It is difficult to say which of the democratic governors in the procession received the grandest ovations along the line of March, but Peck, of Wisconsin, Flower, of New York, and Russell, of Massachusetts, have good reason to put the day down among the proudest of their lives.

It is generally conceded that the Inaugural ball was the most successful, from every point of view ever held, and that the decorations of the ball were handsomer and more artistic than had ever been seen here. The members of the committee in charge started out to make this inauguration a memorable one in every respect, and they succeeded. It was a great day for Grover Cleveland, a greater one for the democratic party, and greatest of all for the country, beginning, as it did an era of real, simple pure democratic government, not the pinchbeck kind the republicans have given us.

President Cleveland's inaugural address was a model of its kind. A plain honest, straightforward statement of his intention to carry out to its fullest extent the platform upon which he was nominated and elected, and particularly noticeable was the complete ignoring of the Hawaiian annexation scheme. It is evident, and particularly gratifying to democrats, that Mr. Cleveland intends to investigate that subject more thoroughly than Mr. Harrison did before committing himself, and as he put himself, in his address, squarely on record as opposed to subsidies and bounties of all kinds, it is certain that if Hawaii gets annexed its sugar planters will get no bounty on their sugar.

The Vice-President, in his address, upon assuming the chair of the Senate at the opening of its extra session, made an excellent impression upon the Senators as well as upon the public. His popularity with the rank and file of the democratic party is unbounded and what is more to the point it is all reserved. He is made of the right sort of stuff. A newspaper man was telling him that he supposed the dignity of his new office would prevent a resumption of the free and easy methods in vogue in his office, when he was first assistant Postmaster General, and the "boys" were always welcome. Mr. Stevenson laughed and said: "My new office will make no difference. You boys will be just as welcome as in the old days. There will be no sentry standing in front of the Vice-President's room. You will not be forced to dive into your pockets and fish out a card to be transmitted to me on a salver. The door will stand wide open. There are sofas inside for you to occupy. You will walk right in, and if I

am not there you will send for me. Wherever I am the newspaper man is welcome. I am the vice president of the people, and the people are entitled to know what I am doing. There will be no red tape about the office."

Brother Wanamaker is an expert on the value of advertising. He signalized his retirement from public life by sending—of course at government expense—a letter to every Postmaster and railway mail clerk in the country. This letter administers taffy in such big chunks that its receivers cannot fail to read between the lines: "I am again in business at the old stand; bargains in every department."

COBURN.

Many People on the Move—An Attempt Made to Float Up Salt River.

The farmers are taking advantage of the fast disappearing snow by hauling their grain to market.

W. O. Rearick, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pa., made a business trip to this place on Monday last.

Warren S. Meyer, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, took in the inauguration, and on his way home stopped off at this place to visit the parental home.

Boyd Catherman, who clerked in the station at this place for several years, but who is now located on the N. Y. L. E. & W. railroad in the western part of New York, paid his numerous friends at this place a visit the past few days. After remaining about three weeks with friends here and at other points he will again return to his post.

The annual moving time is here. On Tuesday Albert Oister left Samuel Ard's farm and moved to Union county, near White Deer, on Dr. W. P. Ard's farm, and J. B. Rishell moved on the farm vacated by Mr. Oister, J. J. D. Platt and W. H. Karstetter exchanged houses also on Tuesday, Mr. Platt moving into Lucy Aumans house and Mr. Karstetter into his own.

Our Republican friends, the night before the inauguration, secured a large wagon box, such as were used in the long ago to haul grain to market, and attempted to float up Salt river, but on account of low water they put off the expedition until the spring freshet. In the mean time the improvised boat will receive needed repairs, and when everything is in readiness they will sail over the placid waters of Salt river, to the tune of "When Johnny comes marching home."

FARMERS MILLS.

The Sunday School Semi-Centennial Postponed.

Free dinners and gossiping are in style now.

Wilson Beck, is laid up with a sprained leg.

Snow drifts are plenty and deep about here.

This vicinity will have many public sales and flittings this spring.

Sociables are quite numerous about here of late, especially at the Cave hotel and Mr. Finkles.

Had two festivals here recently for the benefit of the Evangelical minister.

By present indications, the Farmers Mills Sunday school semi-centennial has been postponed indefinitely, for various good reasons.

M. M. Somers, of Tusseyville, makes frequent and long visits to this place. Moist and Katie could explain it all.

Wm. Finkle, our good and lively miller, had his left hand badly hurt recently in the mill machinery, but escaped without broken bones.

Mumps among the school children, and a slight form of distemper among the horses are making the rounds here now.

Three of our farmers, Spear, Hettlinger, Benjamin Stover and Adam Ripka have bought farms near Centre Hill, and will move on the same in a few weeks.

Some of our candidates, who were politically dehorned at the recent election say "it's all right but they'll pay some fellows back in the future."

If this severe winter weather don't soon cease, the dox and the mild winter prophet would better keep their heads in, or they will have a cool reception.

The Village of Anarchie.

A new departure is recorded in the history of Anarchism. According to a Paris journal a number of Anarchists have shaken the dust of civilization off their feet and founded a colony of their own upon strictly anarchical principles in the wilds of Brazil. The report is not improbable, as Brazil has been offering inducements to immigrants without much regard to their antecedents, or their principles or lack of principle, and it would not be at all difficult for Anarchists to procure a spot for settlement in the remote regions of that vast republic. The experiment, if it is a reality, is one upon which its authors deserve to be congratulated.

AT THE HEAD

GROVER CLEVELAND FOR THE SECOND TIME INAUGURATED.

The President Delivered His Inaugural Address Baredheaded in the Open Air. Few of the Multitude Hear.

Grover Cleveland is again President of the United States, and although the ceremonies attending his induction a second time into the great office were carried out under the worst possible condition of weather, the whirling snow and the biting blasts could not dampen nor chill the enthusiasm of the mighty hosts of Democracy which had gathered from all quarters of the Union to do honor to the auspicious occasion. Through the slush and the snow the multitude tramped cheerfully and in their exuberant good humor turned to jest the adverse circumstances which otherwise would have been regarded as hardship. The storm which came on in the night was not allowed to interfere in any particular with the program for the day's ceremonies and celebration. Although a bitter northeast wind was blowing when Mr. Cleveland descended the eastern steps of the capitol to deliver his inaugural address, he heroically went forward and talked into the teeth of the blast baredheaded until he had said all he intended to say and fully outlined the policy which is to guide his administration for the next four years. So strong was the wind at times that even those sitting two feet from him were compelled to lean forward with their hands behind their ears to catch his utterances.

The President's scant locks were blown wildly about, and at times a severe gust almost took his breath away; but still he persisted, unheeding the wind or cold, and the vast multitude that filled the great eastern plaza of the capitol stood steadfast with straining ears to catch his words.

Twenty times, when he uttered some strong and characteristic phrase, wild applause broke from all parts of the throng and cut off the flow of his speech. His emphatic declaration in favor of a sound currency, economy in expenditures, the duty of the people to support the government and not the government the people, against favoring special interests at the expense of the great mass of the citizens, in favor of civil service reform, fiscal reform and tariff reform, and generally his plea for purer, chaster and stronger Americanism, were all received with thunders of applause by those who filled the platform about him, as well as the throng that blackened the pavements of the plaza and the steps of the house and senate wings of the capitol. As he solemnly and impressively delivered the last words of his address a mighty parting cheer went up on all sides, and the great crowd began hurriedly to scamper off to shelter, half-numbed by the cold which they did not seem to notice while the President was speaking.

IN THE SENATE.

The ceremonies in the senate, as invariably occurs, were witnessed by an audience made up of the notable officials and public men of the nation and their families. Not an inch of space on the senate floor but was taken three quarters of an hour before the ceremonies began, while the galleries were packed to suffocation, many standing on chairs and short step ladders outside the doorways so as to look over the heads of the more fortunate early comers who had succeeded in getting inside.

Mrs. Cleveland, who occupied a seat in the front bench of the President's gallery, was a center of interest during the three-quarters of an hour that intervened between her arrival and the appearance of Vice President Stevenson. The decorum of the body was not broken by applause when the latter came in shortly before 1 o'clock. The hands of the senate clock had been put back three times in the meanwhile. But when Mr. Cleveland appeared a short outburst occurred in the galleries.

SWORN INTO OFFICE.

The troops arrived at the noon hour. At 1.40 the arrival of Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Perrine and other members of the presidential party betokened the early appearance of the president-elect. There were about 50 ladies and gentlemen in the Cleveland party, and they were shown to two rows of chairs reserved for them immediately behind the presidential elect.

At about 1.35 o'clock the doors leading from the rotunda to the central portico of the inaugural stand swung open and Marshal Dan Ransdell of the District of Columbia and Marshal Wright of the United States supreme court appeared heading the procession. Ex-Vice President Morton and Chief Justice Fuller and the justices of the supreme court, except Judges Blatchford, Field and Harlan, came next. Then came Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine and Senators Teller, McPherson

and Ransom of the committee of arrangements, preceding President Harrison and President-elect Cleveland, who walked side by side.

Behind the incoming and outgoing presidents followed the members of the senate and an unusually large contingent from the diplomatic corps, members of the house of representatives, governors of States and other official persons.

Mr. Cleveland was warmly greeted by the patient throng gathered about the stand, and after a few minutes of delay he stepped to the front and began the delivery of his inaugural address. He followed the same course pursued by himself eight years ago, of delivering his address first and taking the oath afterward.

The characteristic feature about the inaugural was the clear steady and excellent enunciation with which it was delivered and the absolute absence of any gesture. Mr. Cleveland gave no other emphasis to his remarks than that derived from the emphatic tone and the determined nod of the head with which he at times stated some of the more forcible passages of his oration. He spoke without notes, and turned from one part of the hall to the other. In the confusion caused by the crowding, the lack of observance of the arrangements made, and the wind, it was impossible for persons within 40 feet of Mr. Cleveland to fully follow his remarks from beginning to end. The reference to the currency question provoked considerable cheers, but the loudest approval was given to the tariff section of his remarks.

THE OATH ADMINISTERED.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Cleveland turned around to the chief justice, who was attired in the robes of his office, to take the oath prescribed by the constitution. The oath was pronounced by Chief Justice Fuller in a clear voice, Mr. Cleveland assenting to it by bowing his head and kissing the Bible.

The oath taken reads as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States."

The Bible used in the ceremony was given to President Cleveland by his mother 49 years ago. This morning, shortly before 11 o'clock, it was brought to the capitol by Edwin Freht of Michigan and delivered to James McKenny, clerk of the United States supreme court, with a message from Don M. Dickson, stating that it was Mr. Cleveland's wish that the chief justice use the book in to-day's ceremonies.

Where We Are At.

We are nigh in the midst of March, the most trying month of the year for the coming wheat crop and the fields under a mantle of snow and beneath that some fields have a sheet of ice. The ground has been frozen to an unusual depth since the early part of winter. While this is true so far as concerns Centre county, we think it is the same as to the rest of the state and probably of nearly all the states.

We have gone thro a most rigorous winter, and the opening of spring alone will tell whether the wheat fields have suffered. Old and observing farmers assure us that the wheat is not injured; that a steadily frozen ground does not cause any harm to the crop and that it is only the repeated changes from freezing to thawing that are damaging, or when the winter is dry, cold and stormy that the fields suffer from exposure, the top soil being blown off the roots become exposed and the wheat plant is killed. We think, from our own observation, this reasoning of the sagacious farmer is sound, and up to this date the grain in the ground has sustained no harm and that it is only an unfavorable spring that will affect it now. But, the fields being still well covered by the recent snows, the icy blizzards of March will wait over them harmlessly. We may look for an average crop at least.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. J. D. Murray, Druggist.

If in need of a heavy storm ulster go to Lewins, at Bellefonte, and take a peep at his stock. You will certainly find something that will be of service and worth to you, and at such low prices that are astonishing. He has a fine stock of such articles.

APRIL COURT

WHO THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE FROM.

List of Grand and Travers Jurors Drawn From the Wheel for the Next Term of Court.

GRAND JURORS FOR MARCH TERM. Jno. Condo, clerk, College. Philip Woodring, shoemaker, Miles. Charles Garis, mason, Spring. Thos. Schaughency, mill hand, Bellefonte.

David E. Holter, merchant, Howard boro.

Henry Shadow, cabinet maker, Potter.

W. H. Meyer, merchant, Penn. Orin Vail, farmer, Rush.

Arthur Rachau, laborer, Miles. Benj. Stover, farmer, Gregg.

M. L. Emerick, blacksmith, Centre Hall.

G. W. Spangler, farmer, Potter. Robert Flick, farmer, Union.

William Orr, farmer, Marion. M. H. Speicher, farmer, Potter.

John Weaver, farmer, Taylor. Henry Walkey, carpenter, Bellefonte.

Geo. Cowher, farmer, Worth. J. A. Smith, laborer, Liberty.

Geo. Taylor, farmer, Benner. Jacob Bridge, laborer, Marion.

Geo. F. Derr, laborer, Boggs. G. H. Lyman, farmer, Boggs.

Jos. Hettlinger, contractor, Ferguson. Luther E. Stover, farmer, Haines.

Samuel Martz, shoemaker, Ferguson.

Ira Gramley, laborer, Haines. James Foreman, laborer, Bellefonte.

Wm. Mulbarger, farmer, College. J. P. Sebring, farmer, Half Moon.

Luke Steyer, laborer, Haines. A. J. Swartz, farmer, Spring.

James A. Ott, laborer, Spring. S. D. Miller, printer, Millheim.

D. K. Tate architect, Bellefonte. Warren Dillen, carpenter, Phillipsburg.

GRAND JURORS FOR APRIL TERM. John Meese, merchant, Bellefonte.

Emil Joseph, merchant, Bellefonte. N. G. Pletcher, carpenter, Howard boro.

John S. Walker, clerk, Bellefonte. Michael Hess, farmer, Haines.

W. H. Gorman, gentleman, Miles. Robert Treaster, foreman, Howard.

Samuel Musser, farmer, Gregg. Curtin Fox, farmer, Curtin.

S. M. Arney, farmer, Potter. B. F. Miller, farmer, Miles.

Elmer Reed, plasterer, Ferguson. Joseph Bechtel, farmer, Liberty.

Joseph Mingle, laborer, College. E. E. Erhard, carpenter, Unionville.

John Mallory, blacksmith, Miles. Jeremiah Ertel, laborer, Gregg.

Samuel Everett, carpenter, Penn. B. F. Brown, farmer, Haines.

Francis McBeth, farmer, Patton. Thos. A. Meyer, farmer, Haines.

John Noll, mason, Bellefonte. H. C. Robison, salesman, Walker.

John Barger, laborer, Boggs.

TRAVERS JURORS—1ST WEEK. J. L. Rote, huckster, Spring.

W. P. Parson, farmer, Huston. J. Dorsey Green, gentleman, Patton.

Henry Daughenbach, laborer, Howard boro.

J. C. Miller, accountant, Bellefonte. J. L. Zerby, mason, Potter.

David J. Gates, farmer Half Moon. C. S. Fortney, farmer, Potter.

David Thomas, farmer, Patton. E. A. Meyer, miller, Harris.

James Musser, carpenter, Haines. R. U. Bitner, teacher, Gregg.

W. F. Rocky, huckster, Potter. Stephen Waugh, laborer, Rush.

Owen Hancock, clerk, Phillipsburg. Irvin Robinson, farmer, Curtin.

Irvin Spangler, laborer, Liberty. Geo. Taylor, gentleman, Boggs.

Harry Searson, agent, Harris. John R. Herd, clerk, Phillipsburg.

Thomas Sanders, laborer, Howard twp.

J. W. Oyler, farmer, Curtin. Wm. Cronoble, laborer, Walker.

Geo. Yearick, teacher, Miles. John Rossman, laborer, Boggs.

Frank Beck, machinist, Phillipsburg. J. H. Meyers, farmer, Harris.

Geo. Markle, laborer, Benner. Conrad Miller, mason, Spring.

A. V. Jackson, laborer, Bellefonte. Henry Summers, laborer, Haines.

Jackson Watson, laborer, Snow Shoe.

John Butler laborer, Howard twp. P. S. Richards, laborer, Taylor.

D. F. Runkle, agent, Gregg. Frank Hunter, laborer, Spring.

J. I. Condo, blacksmith, Gregg. Wm. Irvin, farmer, Marion.

Wm. Crawford, laborer, Ferguson. Geo. Veldherfer, farmer, Burnside.

Michael Stover, laborer, Rush. John Snavely, farmer, Potter.

Wm. Stover, farmer, Penn. Joseph Smith, wagonmaker, Gregg.

B. C. Achenbach, baker, Bellefonte. John Ginery, farmer, Huston.

Emanuel Garbrick, farmer, Walker. John Beamer, miner, Phillipsburg.

TRAVERS JURORS—2ND WEEK.

Al. Walters, cashier, Millheim. G. R. Spigelmeier, merchant, Bellefonte.

Elmer Barr, laborer, Ferguson. Perry Confer, farmer, Haines.

Pierce Vonada, engineer, Penn. Geo. F. Shook, farmer, Gregg.

Geo. Clark, farmer, Half Moon. J. C. Condo, blacksmith, Gregg.

Geo. Uzzle, farmer, Snow Shoe. Michael Connelly, foreman, Spring.

Henry Frederics, farmer, Harris. Harry Brown, laborer, Snow Shoe.

Wm. Hazel, carpenter, Miles. Wm. Kerrin, farmer, Snow Shoe.

C. J. Finkle, farmer, Gregg. W. C. Wantz, farmer, Haines.

Ed. Longwell, butcher, Benner. Jacob Ray, blacksmith, College.

Samuel Kreamer, farmer, Haines. Eph. Glenn, farmer, Patton.

John Gruber, barber, Phillipsburg. James McDormott, mason, Bellefonte.

Henry Elder, farmer, Ferguson. C. G. Bilger, laborer, Rush.

W. M. Melick, druggist, Phillipsburg. Berton Henderson, farmer, Benner.

S. Y. Lucas, laborer, Spring. O. S. Woerner, laborer, Rush.

Wm. Platt, miner, Phillipsburg. J. P. McDonald, foreman, Unionville.

Isaac Pressler, miller, Marion. Alfred Swarm, plasterer, Miles.

Robert Burley, wagonmaker, Boggs. Patrick Parker, laborer, Rush.

Clayton Brungart, farmer, Miles. J. S. Reish, farmer, Potter.

EDUCATIONAL.

Centre County Schools Improving Much in the Last Twenty Years.

We hear less complaint each year of poor schools in our county. The standard has been steadily advancing for the last decade, and we hope to see it keep on advancing until Centre county can occupy the foremost niche in the common school system of our state, and we are now not far behind, if not even with, any other county in the commonwealth.

We have an excellent army of school teachers, in the main, male and female, and our school buildings are far more comfortable and inviting than fifteen or twenty years ago.

The REPORTER is happy to make this gratifying allusion to the common schools of our county, having always taken a deep interest in all that pertained to the advancement of the good cause. Our voice was heard further back than a quarter of a century ago in some of the first county institutes held; the advocates of a good school system were few then and took a position that encountered prejudices which have nearly all been worn down by the advance of intelligence.

M. E. Conference.

Bellefonte is getting ready for the big event. A writer says in the Altoona Tribune:

No social whirlwind could have produced greater interest among the ladies of our town than has the approach of the time for the Methodist conference. Everything is conference. Housecleaning must be hurried for those who will entertain preachers. Paper must be torn from the walls, fresh put on and a little painting done. Head-rests, sofa pillows, pillow shams and bed-spreads, exquisite little table doilies, fashioned by painstaking but ambitious fingers, have sprung up in many households. Fair damsels are hoping that mama will have single preachers to entertain. One thoughtful housewife has planned out a menu for every meal during her guests' stay. All the best cooks in town were engaged a long time ago to serve up delicious viands at this particular time. One ambitious woman, whose lord and master can well afford the expenditure, has sent to Williamsport for one of its best caterers, to serve up in fine style the eatables for the preachers and bishops who will be the most honored guests during the week.

THE FOUR convicted Homestead poisoners, Dempsey and Beatty, who were convicted after trial, and Gallagher and Davidson, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced yesterday. Dempsey and Beatty were given seven years each, Gallagher five and Davidson three years in the Eastern Penitentiary. In view of the enormity of their crime the sentences are light, for the intent of the act for which they are punished was deliberate, willful, cold-blooded and wholesale murder.

THE MAINE Legislature shows wisdom in not taking kindly to the proposition that the habitual drunkards of the state shall be Keeley-cured at state expense. To cure all the drunkards in a "prohibition" state would take a mint of money.

WE ARE how living under a Democratic administration from top to bottom.