



THE INAUGURATION

President Took the Oath of Office in a Heavy Downpour.

TALK OF CHANGING THE DATE.

Again Comes the Proposal to Name the Last Day of April as Inauguration Day—In His Inaugural Address the President Vigorously Discusses the Philippines and Cuba.

Washington, March 5.—"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good, and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

"The wise in heart shall be called prudent; and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning."

Kissing these verses of the Sixteenth Proverbs, with bowed head in acknowledgment of his subscription to the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Fuller, President McKinley at 1:17 o'clock yesterday for the second time passed completely into the full honors of the presidency of the United States. The book, a dark brown seal "Teachers' Bible, about nine by six inches in size, had been opened at random by Clerk McKenny, of the supreme court, who long has made it a point to note as a matter of curious knowledge the verse which chances to meet the lips of incoming presidents.

The Greatest Military Pageant.

Washington's streets yesterday resounded to the tread of more marching soldiers and sailors than ever have participated in a presidential inauguration, and the function had as witnesses to the ceremonies a vast multitude, who cheered frequently whenever President McKinley or his vice presidential colleague was visible. There has been better weather on inauguration day, and there has been much worse than that which attended yesterday's ceremonies. The day in the early forenoon gave promise of being a golden spring day, such as Prof. Moore, the chief of the weather bureau, on Sunday very confidently and with much emphasis predicted, but the weather man was in a capricious mood and by noon a slow drizzle had begun that lasted with some intermissions and occasional lively downpour until late in the afternoon. The worst of the wet weather unfortunately came just at the time President McKinley was being inducted into office on the east front of the Capitol in the presence of a crowd estimated to number 40,000 persons.

But the air was mild and pleasant and the day ended with dry weather, so that, as stated, there have been many worse inauguration days than this. Carlisle was inaugurated in a storm, Harrison in a cold rain that deluged the city from dawn till dark and Cleveland took the oath of office at his second inauguration before 10,000 cheering people in a fierce gale, with the snow beating down upon his bare head. Yesterday's downpour at the most interesting point of the proceedings again brought forward the agitation of April 20 as the date for future inaugurations. It was on April 20 that George Washington took the first oath to the highest office known to man, and yesterday's experience was a commentary on the uncertainty of March weather.

Had a man been on top of the dome of the Capitol Washington must have looked as it did in the spring of 1865, when the victorious armies and the multitude behind and with them gathered here for the grand review, Pennsylvania avenue, decorated with miles of bunting and with thousands of flags trembling and fluttering in the gentle breeze, was lined with an impenetrable mass of people so early that no one pretended to have arisen in time to say when they began swarming into their places. They surged up and down both sides of the beautiful avenue, overflowed the terraced stands and balconies, walked in the windows and fringed the roofs, while blaring bands, clear drawn bugle calls and galloping aids told of the military legions marching deep into the tangle of streets to take their places in the grand procession. The influence of the greatest multitude that ever invaded the city overshadowed all the pageantry and most impressed the mind.

But Few Saw the Inauguration.

Only a comparatively insignificant portion of the vast multitude saw anything of the actual inauguration ceremonies at the Capitol. The great unnumbered thousands were content to wait in the avenue below to see the two men on whom the mental attention of the world was fixed and the great procession which followed them. The brilliant and impressive scene in the senate when the vice president-elect was inducted into office was reserved for a few hundreds. The public had no part in it. The judges of the supreme court, in their satin gowns, the speaker and members of the house, the governors of the states, were all there, when the brilliant assemblage felt an electric thrill as the vice president-elect was announced. He halted a moment beneath the clock at the entrance, drew himself up until he seemed a foot taller and marched down the aisle erect and with the bearing of a soldier. He acknowledged the round of applause that greeted him, and smiled up at the gallery, where his wife and children sat. The president, who was the last to enter, got an even more enthusiastic reception. He never looked better and never seemed more graceful and at ease.

When the ceremony in the senate, a little tedious despite its brilliancy, was over, the floor and galleries emptied into the corridors, through which the people jostled and squeezed into the rotunda and out onto the great platform erected from the east portico of the Capitol building. Upon it were to be seated the senators, representatives, diplomatic corps, supreme court and

some of the invited guests. Flanking it on either side were other stands black with people, while the steps to the house and senate wings were precipitous hillocks of humanity. Overhead on the ledges of the facade, and even on the gallery surrounding the dome, were others still, as if a great tidal wave of humanity had been dashed against the front of the Capitol and receding had left many people clinging to the dizzy projections. Below the multitude filled the plaza and beyond, down the diverging avenues, patches of color and myriads of points of steel indicated the assembled soldiery far as the eye could reach.

Sworn In in a Rain Storm.

As the first of those from the senate appeared a fine drizzling mist began falling, which changed quickly into a pelting rain. Soon it was a veritable downpour. The forbidding aspect drove some back into the rotunda, but many bravely gowned women, most of the senators and representatives, every member of the supreme court, and the entire bespangled diplomatic corps braved the elements. They stood on the platform in huddled groups, most of them without umbrellas, with the rain trickling down their backs. The diplomatic corps suffered most with their bedraggled chapeaux, ostrich plumes and court finery. The president and vice president, Mrs. McKinley, the chief justices and several others in the rear of the covered enclosure putting out their hands were protected from the storm. In the presence of 20,000 and in the sight of twice that number of people standing in a spanking rain, the president took the oath of office and delivered his second inaugural. The hushed multitude waited breathlessly to see him kiss the Bible, and then, despite the rain, they awakened the echoes of Arlington across the Potomac with their applause. Hardly had the inaugural been finished when the rain abated, turning into a drizzling mist again and later ceasing altogether.

When the president and vice president had quitted the scene to take their places at the head of the procession the soldiers stretched across the plaza where the multitude had been. The procession wound down the hill and up the broad rain drenched avenue through a living haze of people. The crowds had waited patiently through the rain rather than lose their places, and when the parade appeared their ardor seemed undampened. The cheering rose and fell and rose again, swept up the avenue around the treasury building and on through the court of honor to the White House.

The regulars, infantry, cavalry and artillery, the Jack tars and marines, the smothered cowboys, the dark skinned Porto Ricans in the American uniform, the militia of 22 states and the political clubs of the civic division swelled the great procession which escorted the president and vice president back to the White House. The eye and mind were alike distracted by the simultaneous bursts of music, the clatter of horses' hoofs, the flashing of sabers, the nodding plumes, the rumble of artillery and the blare of bands. From one end of the avenue to the other the troops, keeping step to the rhythm of the martial music, rolled on like billows of the sea, their banners and guidons and shining steel completely filling the vision. Over all was the continuous roar of voices greeting the presidential party. In advance rode a platoon of mounted police, followed by the famous Governors' Island band, playing "Hail to the Chief." Behind these there broke upon the spectators view the grand marshal, Gen. Francis V. Greene, and his dazzling staff.

Welcoming the Leaders.

Then the handsome City Troop of Cleveland, in grenadier uniform, the president's personal escort, rode by, their plumes rising and falling to the movement of their coal black chargers. But their claims to admiration were slighted in a large measure. The craning eager crowds had eyes only for the open barouche drawn by four horses in which the president and Senator Hanna, chairman of the committee of arrangements, sat. The explosions of applause which greeted the chief marshals were redoubled as Vice President Roosevelt, in another carriage drawn by two horses, came into view. The hero of San Juan received, if anything, a more flattering ovation than the president himself. Both acknowledged the salutes of the vast crowds that cheered them by bowing right and left. A detachment of the Twenty-third Ohio, the president's own regiment during the rebellion, battered and grizzled by time, trudging along on foot in the wake of the carriages, testified to the loyalty of the president's old comrades of the civil war.

The military, as a whole, attracted unbounded admiration. The regulars, who in the old days before the Spanish war would have received scant attention, got an ovation from one end of the line to the other. The crowds fairly rose at the Jack tars rolling along with the sword bayonets like a thicket of steel above them. Admiral Dewey, Gen. Miles, Gen. "Joe" Wheeler and many other officers who came into prominence during the Spanish war were lionized.

The crowds went wild over the West Point and Annapolis cadets, marching with clockwork precision, and the rough riders upon their bronchos. The Porto Rican regiment, the Richmond Greys, in Confederate gray, and the college students from the principal universities set the crowds off again and again. The national guard of the several states made a brilliant showing, and many of the governors riding with their staffs were overwhelmed with enthusiasm. Darkness fell as the last of the procession tramped by the reviewing stand.

The expected review by the president of the veterans who formed his escort to the Capitol was declared off. It was contemplated that the veterans should march through the court of honor after the general parade was over. At that hour, however, it was growing

COAL TRUST'S PLAN.

No Retailers, Fewer Employees; Cheaper Coal by \$1.00 per Ton.

J. Pierpont Morgan is planning to do with the Pennsylvania anthracite coal fields what he has just accomplished among the big steel industries of the country. The great New York financier is at work on a scheme which contemplates the following far-reaching and important results:

- First—The elimination of all small coal dealers in every city in the State and eventually throughout the country. In Philadelphia alone 576 small coal dealers will be forced out of business.
- Second—The establishment of one central coal station in each city from which all coal will be supplied.
- Third—The elimination of 10 per cent. of the number of employees in the anthracite coal mines and of the railroads carrying coal from them. No reduction in the present wage scale is planned.
- Fourth—The elimination of high salaried mining officials. One superintendent for many adjacent mines, which formerly had one each.
- Fifth—The elimination of railroad competition. The anthracite territory will be so apportioned that one road will serve a given district.
- Sixth—The elimination of many collieries. Only the best paying ones will be kept in operation.
- Seventh—The reduction of clerical forces in mining and transportation offices.
- Eighth—The total elimination of sales agents.
- Ninth—The substitution of improved mechanical devices for human labor for the purpose of cheapening the cost of production.
- Tenth—More economical methods in well-paying properties which are now carelessly managed.
- Eleventh—The promised ultimate results of all these things will be, according to present plans, a final reduction of one dollar per ton in the price of coal to the consumer. This reduction will be made gradually.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

To Pinehurst, N. C., Camden S. C., and all Florida Points.

The Florida and Metropolitan Limited and Florida and Atlanta East Mail are the finest and fastest trains operated between New York and the famous health resorts of the Carolinas and Florida.

Pinehurst, N. C. is a model New England town, nestled among the pineclad sand hills of the Old North State, and only eighteen hours from New York, via Seaboard Air Line Railway. It is one of the healthiest and most enjoyable winter resorts in America, with the finest and most palatial hotels and best eighteen hole golf links in the South. Through sleeping-cars from Washington, D. C. Passengers from north thereof can take through car by passing from New York Sleeper to Washington and Pinehurst Sleeping-Car at Washington.

Camden, S. C. is one of the nearest resorts for northern tourists where they are secure from the cold climate of Northern winters. Besides its fame as a healthful and attractive winter resort, the historic interests connected with the town and locality are most quaint and interesting.

The Health and Pleasure Resorts of Florida are too well known to need more than a passing allusion. There you find the most luxurious hotels and most attractive and popular winter resorts in America.

DEATHS.

Prominent Citizens of Centre County Called to Rest.

MRS. FRANK WRIGHT. Mrs. Wright, widow of Frank Wright, deceased, of Colyer, died Tuesday morning, of dropsy, aged sixty-two years. She had been ill for some time. Her family consisted of four children namely, Mrs. John Dasher, Red Mill; Mrs. Resner, Coalport; Miss Laura, Nittany; Hudson, Nittany; and Miss Sallie, at home. Deceased was a member of the Reformed church. Interment will take place at Tusseyville Friday morning, Rev. G. W. Kershner officiating.

GEORGE WALTERS.

George Walters, aged ninety-five years, four months and two days, died at his home at Potters Mills. The deceased for some years had his home with Samuel Bitner, from which place the funeral will take place today, Thursday, at two o'clock, interment at Sprucetown, Rev. J. M. Reareck officiating. Deceased leaves no family, never having been married.

MRS. ADAMS.

Mrs. Adams, who for several years has made her home with W. H. Lucas, at Egg Hill, died Saturday night and her remains were interred at Sprucetown Monday afternoon. Mrs. Adams was an invalid for a number of years, and was confined to her bed for the last two years. She was aged eighty-nine years and was a consistent member of the Methodist church at Sprucetown.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Rev. W. J. Wagner, Glasgow, Pa., is visiting his parents at Tusseyville.

Charles Weider, of Millin county, and Miss Mary White, of Penns Cave, were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Reareck, at the parsonage, Sunday evening, February 17.

Isn't your home local paper entitled to your printing? When you send your work away to some foreign job office you are doing just what you want your local paper to advocate that others shall not do. You want others to patronize home trade; begin it by doing so yourself.

Prof. W. A. Brown, of Farmers Mills, will move his family to Huntingdon, where he is musical director at the Reformatory. That institution has in its employment besides Prof. Brown, three of Potter township's young men in the persons of Hiram Grove, Clayton Stover and Calvin Spieher.

Lemont.

A stable on the property of I. J. Dreese was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon.

A valuable horse belonging to Rev. Heper died with pneumonia Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Linn Batorf and daughter Helen are confined to the house with measles.

Mrs. Ed. Armstrong is able to be up again, after a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Golla Osman, who has been working in Phillipsburg for some time, came home last Thursday.

The primary schools was closed last week on account of sickness in the teacher's family.

Henry Eiters is not improving very rapidly, having been confined to the house all winter.

Prof. Krise, of Centre Hall, will take charge of the primary school during Mr. Batorf's absence. The Prof. is not a stranger in this place, he having taught the same school a few years ago under similar circumstances.

Oscar Osman, of Altoona, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Osman, of this place.

Lemont Lodge No. 717, I. O. O. F., held their annual banquet Tuesday evening at the house of Bro. William Grove. There was a large number of members of the Lodge and invited guests present and they had, as Old Fellows always do on such an occasion, a very enjoyable time.

Oak Hall.

Adam Hookman, of Tusseyville, and Ezra Tressler, of Linden Hall, transacted business in town Saturday.

Dr. Wm. Fry, of Ferguson township, was the guest of B. F. Homan Saturday night.

Oscar Rishel, of Walnut Grove, was in town last week.

H. P. Roper, of Harrisburg, and J. T. Buckwater, of Lancaster, were the guests of Ira C. Korman last Wednesday.

R. G. Palmer and J. H. Williams, of this place, attended the sale of Charles Snyder Saturday.

Wm. Everhart and John Homan, of the Branch, transacted business in town Tuesday.

Daniel Meyer and daughter, of Boalsburg, passed through town Wednesday on their way from Bellefonte.

BRIEF LOCALS.

A. C. Confer moved from Spring Mills to Beech.

Charles S. Bitner has changed quarters from Altoona to Rockwood, Ohio.

Mrs. T. O. Morris and son Harold, of Clearfield, are visiting friends and relatives in Rebersburg.

Misses Mabel Keller and Anna Bartholomew attended the home talent play given Saturday evening at Spring Mills.

Hon. L. Rhone, three miles west of Old Fort, will offer for sale ninety-five head of live stock at his sale on Friday, March 29.

Judge Lynch at Wilkesbarre, Thursday decided that a saw mill owner has no right to allow sawdust to run into a stream.

Charles Weiser, who is wheelman W. W. Boob's right hand man, Saturday afternoon went to Millheim for "pleasure."

J. F. Garthoff, E.-q., of Coburn, who is at present teaching the Egg Hill public school, made a business trip to Centre Hall Saturday.

Drs. Hayes and Klump of Bellefonte, performed an operation for appendicitis on Mrs. Thomas Rishel, of that place. The patient is recovering.

Jerome Spiglemeyer, postmaster and merchant at Millheim, will erect a building on Penn street in that place, and fit up the same for a postoffice.

Every car and locomotive that was fit for use was pressed into service by the Pennsylvania railroad in handling the travel on account of the inauguration.

W. Gross Mingle, of Bellefonte, and D. R. Wilson, of Howard, were in Philadelphia several days last week in the interest of the Howard Creamery Company.

Samuel Durst and family and Frank Moyer and family, of near Centre Hall, Friday night entertained a solid load of young people from this place and surrounding country.

F. S. Ocker of this place, the beginning of this week moved his family to Bellefonte, where, as previously stated in the Reporter, he has secured a clerkship in the general store of John Meese.

It is estimated it will take a year to complete the work in Lewistown Narrows necessary to make room for two additional tracks. The side of the mountain will be cut away a distance of six miles.

D. W. Strunk, of Julian, passed through town Saturday evening. Mr. Strunk is engaged in the lumber business at present, having just moved a saw mill on quite a large tract of timber land near Julian.

L. C. Irvin and wife are at present in Bellefonte, where Mr. Irvin will take charge of the Irvin hardware store during the absence of his brother who recently went south with his wife for the latter's health.

Dr. David Stiver, who came east from Chicago on account of the death of his mother, returned home Monday.

Dr. Stiver left Potter township fifteen years ago, graduated in dentistry and is at present enjoying a good business in his western home.

John S. Auman, miller and coal dealer, at the station, was compelled to take his bed on account of illness last Thursday. His aged mother, Mrs. Auman, was buried Saturday, but Mr. Auman was unable to attend the funeral.

Andrew Crotzer will move to Bellefonte, Millin county, this month, where he has been engaged in the coach shop of Messrs. Isaac and John Horton. The Hortons are extensive coach builders and are increasing their force of workmen this spring.

Wm. Neff, of near Tusseyville, was among the callers at this office last week, and loaded up with additional reading matter for the coming year. Mr. Neff is one of those farmers who spends all his spare time in keeping himself booked on the topics of the day.

Bessie, six-year-old daughter of C. H. Klose of Adamsburg, made a narrow escape from death by burning on Friday of last week. While in the public school building her clothes caught fire from the hot stove. She ran out of the building when the teachers extinguished the flames with snow. She was severely but not dangerously burned.

Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, who seizes every opportunity to improve in his profession, that of veterinary surgeon, Monday went to Philadelphia, where the State Veterinary Association is holding its annual meeting. Dr. Fry has an extensive practice and is called to all parts of the county where a surgeon of his class is needed. While in Philadelphia he will stop at the Bingham House, corner of Market and Eleventh Street, which is one of the most popular Philadelphia hotels.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. D. A. Boozer who has been ill for the past week is improving.

Wm. Bressler and family moved from Scalp Level to Centre Hall, his former home.

Mrs. Joseph Lutz went to Buffalo Run and Bellefonte for a stay of two or more weeks.

Miss Grace Smith was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Stuart, at State College, several days last week.

Edward A. Selfridge, San Francisco, Cal., and Evelyn G. Merriman, Bellefonte, were married Wednesday.

Reuben Gramley, of Rebersburg, who had a severe attack of cramp of the stomach last week is better again.

Hicks' blizzard "of no mean proportions" struck this section on schedule time. Wednesday mercury dropped to zero.

Mrs. Jasper Brungart, of Rebersburg, was called to Union county last week to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Slear.

H. G. Krape, employed by John Bros., piano dealers in Harrisburg, is spending a few weeks at his home in Rebersburg.

Miss Edith Lutz has been appointed a substitute telephone operator at the Commercial telephone exchange in this place, vice Miss Emma McCoy resigned.

David Snyder, who has been conducting a black-smith shop at Linden Hall for some years, will quit the trade and go to farming on the Keller farm about two miles east of that place.

A two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Stover, of Rebersburg, died on Tuesday and was buried Saturday at Wolf's Chapel, below Aaronsburg. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. B. Harman.

Messrs. Claude Haines and George Krumrine and Misses Alma Gramley and Hettie Smull, of Rebersburg, composed a jolly party who took in the "District School" entertainment at Spring Mills Saturday evening.

The grand jury has returned true bills against the Lycoming County Fair on three counts, as follows: Setting up gambling devices, permitting and allowing gambling, knowingly leasing premises for gambling purposes.

Wm. Felding, of Philadelphia returned home recently on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. John Felding of near Linden Hall. Young Felding is thinking of staying at home and giving city life and mother handling goodby.

Miss Blanche Boal, who for the past three years has been assistant postmistress at Centre Hall under her father Capt. G. M. Boal, retired from that position last week. Miss Mabel Boal, the former assistant's sister, will temporarily fill the place.

W. E. Miller was in Centre Hall on business the other day. Mr. Miller is a coach builder and is building up a good trade for his establishment at Lemont. He is an energetic young man and should be supported with a share of the public patronage.

Mrs. John Showers, of near Centre Hall, will move to Pleasant Gap in the Spring into the toll gate house and collect the toll for that section of the Bellefonte pike. Mr. Weaver will move into the Mulfinger house and will continue to work on the pike.

Clayton Detwiler the obliging young operator in the railroad office at Linden Hall, has gone to take charge of an office at New Derry, Westmoreland county. He was trained under Philip Bradford, who has the business connected with railroad offices down to perfection.

Edward Sellers, of this place, administrator, advertises sale of personal property of the late Edward A. Meyer, at Centre Hill, for April 2. That makes three sales in this valley for April, the others being the personal property of John Cummings, deceased, and that of D. C. Young, deceased.

Homer Treanor, of Egg Hill, who has been confined to a bed of sickness, suffering with pneumonia for the last three weeks, is not improving as rapidly as his many friends hoped he might. But under the skillful treatment of Dr. Alexander, of Potters Mills, his friends hope for his speedy recovery.

These in attendance as delegates, at the annual convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, which is in session Wednesday and Thursday of this week are, Mrs. Schuyler, wife of Dr. W. H. Schuyler, Mrs. John S. Dauberman, and Miss Blanche Boal, from this place, and Mrs. Van Valzah, and Mrs. Wm. Goodhart, of Spring Mills.

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