

McKINLEY IS SEATED. Ohio's New Governor Takes the Oath With Pomp and Ceremony SUCH AS IS SELDOM SEEN.

An Inaugural Address Covering a Number of Vital Topics.

CANALS AND ROADS TOUCHED UP. A Fair Redistricting of the State Strongly Recommended.

FINE DISPLAY OF STATE MILITARY

COLUMBUS, Jan. 11.—William McKinley, Jr., was inaugurated Governor of Ohio today, with an eclat and imposing pageantry and numbers unexampled in the State's history.

Notwithstanding the severity of the winter weather the city was crowded with people from all parts of Ohio and large delegations from neighboring States.

Hours before the gubernatorial chair passed from the occupancy of one great political chieftain to his successful antagonist the streets were crowded and general business largely suspended.

At noon, after a happy introductory speech by Governor Campbell, Chief Justice Marshall J. Williams, of the Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to Major McKinley, who thereupon assumed the functions of the Governorship.

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other States in the Union. I invite the attention of the Legislature to it with the object that some plan be devised, which, with the concurrence of the people, will lead to the improvement of our public highways, so that they will be serviceable in winter as well as summer.

"Many of our country roads are almost impassible during several months of the year. They should be good the year round for the safety and convenience of travel and transportation. The consideration of this subject by the Legislature would lead to a discussion among the farmers of the State, which would furnish valuable suggestions to the Legislature."

"The question does not involve appropriations alone, but the modernization of public waterways. Not only experts, but the people themselves, should be called in to see that the canals are to be continued, there must be some well-matured plan for their improvement in the interest of cheap and better transportation."

"Through the whole country there is at this time unusual attention being paid to the general subject of waterways. An increased activity in the building and improvement of canals is noticeable in some of the most progressive nations of the world—particularly where commercial competition is the keenest. Of this France and Germany afford conspicuous examples. In England there are several vast ship canal schemes under way and in projection."

"This need of interest in canals is true also as to a number of our sister States. Some States that have abandoned their canals now regret that action, and several are endeavoring to recover the franchise which had been disposed of to private interests who are now endeavoring to recover it, by enlarging and extending their canals, to secure a large portion of the grain-carrying trade of this continent."

"In this connection attention is called to a demand for the improvement of waterways, viz: the Muskingum river, navigation on which will be resumed in the coming spring. It should ever be kept in mind that the canal system of Ohio represents franchises and rights of way and privileges of enormous value. The aggregate length of the canals of Ohio is 697 miles. The original cost of construction was \$14,340,572.50. There are also 29,600 acres of public property which feeds the canals—all public property."

"The canal system of Ohio is a rich heritage to the State, which has been largely squandered. It is time to call a halt to the policy of disposing of the people's property without adequate compensation. It is for the people to say what they will do with their own, but they should have full information before they forever dispose themselves of two such valuable franchises as those appertaining to the Miami and Erie Canal and the Ohio Canal."

"This is a matter of general interest to every section of the State, and is not limited to the territory through which the canals pass. Before the people or the Legislature can act upon this important question with intelligence and with due regard to the interests of the State, it is manifest that they should be in possession of more information than is now at hand."

"It is therefore recommended that, in addition to making the usual appropriation for the canals, the Legislature create a body, with engineering, legal and business qualifications, to make a complete report as to the canals of Ohio—giving their origin, the rights of the State as to title, their cost, the cost of their maintenance, their present value as franchises for railroad or other purposes, as nearly as can be estimated, and particularly as to the possibility and advisability of improving them and increasing their value to the people. Already there is in existence a body, which, it is suggested, could with propriety be entrusted with this important work—the Canal Commission."

"The new ballot law," says the Governor, "is a step in the right direction, and should not be touched except when it can be improved. It is to be made a better one, and its purpose by amendments which experience has already suggested. At the recent State election thousands of electors voted for the candidates for Governor, and their respective parties, and in the absence of a ticket, believing that they were voting the entire party ticket. This occurred as to all the party tickets. The true intent of the elector was therefore not registered by the judges, and a great number of votes were lost."

"On the subject of redistricting the State Governor McKinley says: 'You will be required under the new census to redistrict the State for Representatives in Congress. This will afford you an opportunity to arrange the districts in the most equitable manner. Make the districts so fair in their relation to the political divisions of our people that they will stand until a new census shall be taken. Make them so impartial that no party will be able to complain. Do this until a new census and a new Congressional apportionment will make a change imperative. You must have observed from the returns of the late election that the party which carried the State by a plurality of more than 21,000 and which received a plurality in 51 counties out of 88 in Ohio, carried but 7 Congressional districts of the 21—the minority party controlling the majority of the Congressional districts and the majority party only one-third. It will be your duty to re-franchise the citizens of Ohio who were disfranchised by the last legislative 'gerrymander, and to restore to the people their rightful voice in the national House of Representatives. Free suffrage is of little service to the citizen if its force can be defeated by legislative machinations in the form of a 'gerrymander. The districts should be made so as to give the party majority in the State a majority of Representatives, and so arranged that the party majority shall change the representative majority shall also change.'

"Upon the conclusion of Governor McKinley's inaugural he and his staff and party proceeded to the grand stand to review the parade. Mrs. McKinley and her lady friends witnessed it from Henry T. Chittenden's residence.

The procession was divided into three divisions, under the command of ex-Adjutant General H. A. Axline. The whole brigade of the first division was preceded by Lieutenant Axline, with 65 pieces, followed by the Lincoln Club of that city, 227 in number, followed by 11 Republican clubs and four bands and the Bucyrus Guards. The second brigade was preceded by Bellstedt's Cincinnati band of 60 pieces, followed by the Blaine Club of that city, 190 in number, followed by 14 Republican clubs and three bands.

The Lincoln and Blaine Clubs, of Cincinnati; Garfield Club, of Dayton, and Lincoln Club, of this city, from their large numbers, imposing appearances and elegant uniforms were the recipients of tumultuous cheers all along the line. The second division was preceded by the G. A. R. Band, of Canton, Governor McKinley's home, and

the Cleveland Grays, which acted as the Governor's escort of honor. It was followed by a long array of organizations of Knights of Pythias, Cong. Lady's Club, of Toledo, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Patriotic Sons of America, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Republican clubs, a large number of societies and organizations, city, county and State officials.

Nine Thousand Men in Line. The Third division consisted of the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Regiments of Infantry, the Ninth Battalion and First Regiment of Artillery. It was 10 o'clock before the procession moved, and the streets were densely packed all along the line, which embraced the very heart of the city. The parade had over 9,000 men in line. Ex-President B. Hayes was present at the inauguration.

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