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OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

EXCHANGE OF GOVERNORS

Pattison Retires Gracefully and Hastings Is Now at the Helm.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Thousands of Fellow-Citizens Throng Capital in Honor of the Occasion. Detailed Story of a Day Replete with Interest.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, Jan. 15.—Daniel H. Hastings was today inaugurated governor of Pennsylvania with modest dignity. The inauguration ceremonies were impressive and interesting and were attended by the law-making and judicial branches of the state government and by people of prominence from every part of the state. Men and women, Republicans and Democrats, seemed to

come from every section of the commonwealth to honor their chief executive, and they honored him as no other governor was ever before honored. Party lines that were warped and twisted out of shape when Governor Hastings was elected in November were completely hidden today by a deed of patriotism that has been swelling and toasting like contending waves over this place for the past forty-eight hours, and the whole people were absorbed in the important work. Business was suspended. Emblems floated in generous folds from every house. A half hundred bands, each demanding special attention, filled the air with music, and the most grand arrangements seemed to be enhanced by the commanding tones. The weather was fair. The unkept streets were abounding with slush, but people who are not accustomed to Scranton's clean streets were entirely content to wade through the mire in honor of the occasion, and the new administration. The military, civic and political parades following immediately after the inauguration was a magnificent demonstration. The glitter and pomp of the citizen soldiery, the rivalry of the several local fire companies and the dignity of the political organization from the east and west combined harmoniously in the successful display and formed the most attractive parade ever seen here.

The Fifth, First and Eighth regiments, in command of General Gobin, represented the state militia. The State College cadets from Bellefonte, who acted as a personal escort for Governor Hastings, were probably the most attractive feature of the parade, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and several other towns sent political clubs.

All the political and military organizations are getting out of town tonight, and when the morning dawns the place will have resumed its accustomed quietness.

The Ceremonies in Detail.

At 11:30 sharp the chief marshal and staff, Brigadier General J. P. S. Gobin, and staff with the division marshals; State College cadets, Lieutenant E. W. Caskey, United States army, commanding, and the governor's troop escorted from the executive mansion to the capital the governor, governor-elect, lieutenant-governor, lieutenant-governor-elect, justices of the supreme court, joint committee of the senate and house, heads of departments, and others invited guests. The inaugural ceremonies took place on the designated platform in the west portion of the capitol at noon, and were very brief.

After a patriotic selection by a band Rev. William A. Houck of Hazelton, formerly pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, of which Governor Hastings is a member, offered prayer. Chief Clerk Smiley, of the senate, read the certificate of Governor Hastings' election, and Chief Justice Sterrett, of the supreme court, administered the oath of office. This was followed by Judge J. W. Simonson, of the Dauphin county courts. The new lieutenant governor made a brief address and the party then resumed their carriages and entered the great parade, leaving the procession at the reviewing stand opposite the executive mansion. When the carriages left the mansion Private Secretary Perier, who had the care of the ladies of the party, ordered their carriages and escorted Mr. Hastings, Miss Pattison, the wife of one of the members of the new cabinet, and others to the senate chamber, where the witnessed the inaugural ceremony. After the inaugural ceremony Mr. Governor Pattison and his wife and Miss Pattison were driven to the station and left on the train for Philadelphia.

The Evening Exercises.

The fireworks display tonight was an unique feature of the celebration and was watched by a throng that completely packed Market square, and perched themselves upon roofs. A merry throng filled the arcades of the City Hall, and took part in the grand inaugural ball. The array was truly brilliant and the dance cards were very large.

The leading feature of the evening, however, was the public reception tendered by Governor and Mrs. Hastings at the executive mansion. A lavish

display of flowers and plants filled the reception rooms, and everywhere about the mansion was visible the skill and taste of the florist. The receiving line was formed in the rear of the south parlor in front of an alcove filled with potted plants banked to the ceiling and illuminated with electric lights over the arch. Private Secretary Belcher stood on the right of the line and intrusted the introductions to Governor Hastings. In this were Governor Hastings, Mrs. Hastings, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Lyon, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Roscoe, Mrs. H. Clay McCormick, Adjutant General Stewart, Insurance Commissioner Lambert, Mrs. Lewis E. Belcher. The orchestra of the First Regiment band of Philadelphia, furnished music during the reception. In the long line of persons who congratulated Governor Hastings were men of almost every walk of life, representing all branches of the state government, officers and members of the National Guard, in bright and attractive uniforms, and every day citizens who felt honor in doing homage to the new chief magistrate of the commonwealth. For over two hours the crowd pressed forward to shake the governor's hand, and it was nearly midnight when the last guest passed through the doors of the big brown stone mansion. The only regret felt upon the occasion was because of the illness of Attorney General McCormick, which prevented him from leaving the house today. When he reached here yesterday he was taken with chill and has since been confined to his room.

Cabinet Members Qualify.

This afternoon the members of the new cabinet were sworn in and filed their bonds, with the exception of Attorney General McCormick. Wilson M. Gearhart of Danville, who enters the state department as clerk tomorrow, will eventually be made chief clerk of that department. Chairman B. F. Gilkeson will be superintendent of banking, and ex-State Treasurer Morrison actuary in the insurance department. John P. Elkin, of Indiana, will be made deputy attorney general tomorrow, and there is talk of Linn Hartman, of Philadelphia, or George Hatchinson, of Huntington, for deputy secretary of the commonwealth. To fill the unexpired term of General Stewart as secretary of internal affairs, Major Isaac B. Brown, of Carroll, Indiana, and Major Everett Warren, of Scranton, is said to be slated for Judge advocate general. Other appointments likely soon to be made are: William E. Harris, Bellefonte, executive clerk in the executive department; Colonel E. D. Morell, Philadelphia, inspector general; T. G. Hudson, Pittsburgh, chief of artillery; W. S. Brown, Washington, general inspector of rifle practice, in place of Herman Osthaus, of Scranton.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

An Impressive Exposition of Sound Policy by the New Governor.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 15.—The inaugural address of the new governor was an exceptionally strong and statesmanlike effort, and it was listened to with profound attention. He said:

Gentlemen of the senate and house of representatives and fellow citizens:

Your constitution requires that the chief executive of the state shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. Having been entrusted by the people of Pennsylvania with the administration of that office for the past four years, I have in your presence taken upon myself the prescribed oath of office.

Providence impels me to believe that the new relation which has existed to all the people of the commonwealth, and which has been manifested in the performance of my duties, will be studiously redressed by the Supreme Ruler for strength and guidance.

A constituent of the unimpeachable vote of confidence given by the electors I should be guilty of insincerity if I did not now express my appreciation of the unusual and remarkable trust which should be reposed in me.

The people of the state, and of the country, are now happily emerging from a period of political and industrial discontent which has wrought infinite misery and distress among all branches of industry and employment. Two political parties have been contending for the control of the state, and have been equally successful in their efforts to divide the people.

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Protection a Fixed Policy.

The recent election disclosed on the part of the electors a gratifying and unusual interest for the intelligent discussion and determination of the welfare of the state, and a purpose to exclude from the campaign that element of personal abuse which has heretofore been prominent.

The high standard set and maintained by the distinguished leader of the party in the state has demonstrated not only the feasibility but also the wisdom of making elections record the public will free from all influences.

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