

Beneath the large silk flag draped above the presiding officer's chair President Pro Tem Frye and Speaker Cannon will sit side by side, the former, on the right, being by statute the presiding officer of the joint session. Congress many years ago specified very clearly as to who should preside on such an occasion, and perhaps the leaders of that day foresaw that a babel such as occurred a few weeks ago in the Colorado state capitol might be witnessed in the national house on an occasion of bitter political strife. The Colorado legislature was in joint session, performing for the state the same function which congress will perform for the nation-the ratification of the executive vote-when the dispute arose as to who was the presiding officer of the joint session, and when the lieutenant governor and speaker endeavored to outpound each other with their gavels, while each contradicted the ruling of the other.

The two mahogany cases will repose upon the speaker's desk, the two keys being placed before Senator Frye. The ceremony will actually commence with the unlocking of the boxes by the president pro tem

joint session there will be revealed to the scribes craning their necks from the press gallery above the speaker's desk a number of large brown envelopes, each marked with the name of a state. They being placed before the president pro tempore. he will rise, gavel in hand, and address the assemblage thus:

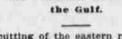
"This being the day and the hour appointed for opening the certificates and counting the votes of electors for president and vice president, the senate and house of representatives have met together pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States.

in alphabetical order, each containing an inner envelope sealed with wax. He will first break the seal on the envelope from Alabama and hand the certificate within to one of the four tellers, two of whom-one democrat and one républican-will prèviously be chosen from each house. republican teller appointed from the senate will read at length the certificate of the vote of the state of Alabama. Following precedents observed on former occasions, the tellers, having observed that the certificates are in due form, will omit reading the others in full, and taking the states in alphabetical order, will announce the votes



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