



INAUGURAL ADDRESS. PRESIDENT MCKINLEY TO THE NATION.

A Currency Commission, Protecting by Tariffs, Reciprocity and Foreign Policy Discussed—Extra Session is Called for March 15.

The heat of the Presidential procession appeared on the inaugural stand at 12:45 o'clock, when Mr. Cleveland and Mr. McKinley appeared together.

At 1:18 o'clock President McKinley took the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Fuller and then delivered his inaugural address as follows:

Fellow Citizens: In obedience to the will of the people and in their presence, by the authority vested in me by this oath, I assume the arduous and responsible duties of President of the United States, relying on the support of Almighty God.

Our financial system needs some revision; our money is all good now, but its value must not further be depreciated. It should be put upon a sound and enduring basis.

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taxation. There can be no misunderstanding, either, about the principle upon which this tariff taxation shall be levied.

Reciprocity Strongly Urged. "In the revision of the tariff, special attention should be given to the re-enactment and extension of the reciprocity principle of the law of 1890, under which so great a stimulus was given to our foreign trade in new and advantageous markets.

Much Dependent on Congress. "Business conditions are not the most promising. It will take time to restore the prosperity of former years.

Upholding Every Right. "We may as well fill in the discharge of our full duty as citizens of the great republic, but it is consoling and encouraging to realize that the free press, free thought, free schools, free and unlimited right of religious liberty, free trade, and free and fair elections are dearer and more universally enjoyed to-day than ever before.

Against Trusts—Immigration. "The declaration of the party now restored to power has been in the past that of opposition to the combination of capital and labor in trusts, or otherwise, to control arbitrarily the condition of trade among our citizens, and it has supported in such legislation as well to prevent the execution of all schemes to oppress the people.

For Civil Service Reform. "Reforms in the civil service must go on, but the change should be real and genuine, not perfunctory, nor prompted by a zeal in behalf of any party simply because it happens to be in power.

The Foreign Folly Outlined. "It has been the policy of the United States, since the foundation of the government, to cultivate relations of peace and amity with all the nations of the world.

Of the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain, the President says: "I respectfully urge the early action of the Senate thereon, not merely as an act of policy, but as a duty to mankind.

An Extra Session Necessary. "It has been the uniform practice of each President to avoid, as far as possible, the convening of Congress in extraordinary session. It is an example which, under ordinary circumstances, is to be commended.

For Revenue and Protection. "The best way for the government to maintain its credit is to pay as it goes—not by resorting to loans, but by keeping out of debt—through an adequate income secured by a system of taxation.

economic basis than now. The people have only recently voted that this should be done, and nothing is more binding upon the agents of their will than the obligation of immediate action.

Congress to Meet March 15. "It is evident, therefore, that to postpone action in the presence of so great a necessity would be unwise on the part of the executive because unjust to the interests of the people.

A New Spirit in the Nation. "In conclusion, I congratulate the country upon the fraternal spirit of the people and the manifestation of good will everywhere so apparent. The recent election not only most fortunately demonstrated the obliteration of geographical or sectional lines, but to some extent also the prejudices which for years have distracted our councils.

Excelsior Use of the Beverage Often Causes Insanity. A report upon insanity in Ireland, which has just been issued, enumerates among the causes of mental failure, the innutritious dietary of the poorer population, tending to produce anemia and constitutional weakness.

Where "Kasselas" Was Written. Another landmark of old London is about to suffer destruction. This is the house in Stapel inn in which Dr. Johnson wrote "Kasselas," and in which some of his earlier years in London were passed.

Makes a Proofreader's Mouth Water. The following is vouchered for by a correspondent as being extracted from a list of stores wanted by the steward of a Tynes, England, steamship: "Stoars wanted: 2 doyan eggs, 1 lb 14 pud bakon, 2 tins sasinger, 2 tins snipe, 2 tins biled meet, 7 tins motin, 100 wate potaes, 6 tofes ches, sum fresh meet & vegables, 1 sunle ches, sum fresh meet & vegables, 2 sunle Karits and turmits, 2 tins serdy, 2 tins histers (oysters) to try, 2 notmegs, 2 tins samin, 2 tins frute, 1 tin marmalaid, 6 pud sult frus."

SCENES AND INCIDENTS. MR. MCKINLEY'S LEAVE TAKING OF CANTON.

Arrival at the Nation's Capital, and the Scenes and Incidents Previous to, During, and After His Inauguration—Description of Inaugural Ceremonies.

CANTON, O., March 1.—Amid the cheers and hurrahs of hundreds of his friends and fellow citizens, and stirred by the inspiring strains of bands, President-Elect William McKinley Jr. and his household boarded the special train which was to convey them to the national capital.

An Affecting Farewell. My Neighbors and Friends, and Fellow Citizens: On the eve of departure to the seat of government, soon to assume the duties of an arduous responsibility, as great as can devolve upon any man, nothing could give me greater pleasure than this farewell greeting.

Mr. McKinley, as well as the great crowd, was much affected by the parting. The cheering was renewed as the train left the station.

In another car were Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the president-elect; Miss Helen McKinley, his sister; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Morse of San Francisco, Mrs. Morse being a niece of the Major, and James McKinley a nephew.

Hundreds of people were at the stations along the route to catch a glimpse of the presidential special, and at Pittsburgh Mr. McKinley appeared and bowed his acknowledgments.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL. Mr. McKinley and Party Arrive Safely at the Seat of Government.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—One minute after eleven o'clock this morning, Mr. McKinley with his family and large party of friends, arrived safely at the capital over the Pennsylvania railroad, and were met at the station by a large crowd, which was greatly disappointed by the absence of a military escort and display.

PRESENTED WITH A BADGE. Made the Recipient of a Badge of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Major McKinley retired late last night, but was up in good season this morning and ate breakfast with his family. At 9:30 he was waited on by a delegation headed by Postmaster General Wilson which presented him with a badge of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

At 11 o'clock the president-elect drove to the white house to make the customary call. He was at once ushered to the blue room where President Cleveland and Private Secretary Thurber stood expectantly. After a few moments' chat he returned to the hotel. At 11:57 President Cleveland left the White house to pay his visit of ceremony to his successor.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES. The New Administration Ushered in Amid Scenes of Impressive Grandeur.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Amid scenes of decorative splendor, both on public buildings and private houses, in the presence of an enormous concourse of American citizens gathered from the whole nation, William McKinley was inaugurated president of the United States at twenty minutes after 1 o'clock.

The day broke bright, clear and crisp, and Washington awakened early. Between 6 and 7 o'clock the streets and avenues were alive with human activity.

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The Ebbitt House the crowds soon grew to large numbers. The regular troops, which were to form the escort to the president and president-elect from the White house to the capitol, formed the principal attraction to sight-seers at that hour.

The White house grounds were closed to all except ticket holders, and the thoroughfare over which the parade was to march was closed to passage of any kind.

Preliminary Proceedings. At the Ebbitt house the president-elect was preparing for the day. At 8 o'clock he sat down to breakfast with a better appetite than he has had at any time since his recent illness.

The proceedings began with a call of Senators Sherman and Mitchell at the Ebbitt house, who escorted Major McKinley to the White house. There they were joined by President Cleveland and the outgoing and incoming presidents then fell in and marched with great military precision down Pennsylvania avenue to the east wing of the capitol.

The procession then formed, headed by the members of the supreme court, Cleveland and McKinley following, and proceeded to the east terrace of the capitol, where, in front of the senate wing, Mr. McKinley took the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Fuller.

At the close of the ceremonies the president and ex-president snatched a hasty lunch, then entered a carriage and fell in line in the procession. It was a continuous ovation.

Decorations and Pageantry. The decorations of the city were exceedingly effective with the exception of the treasury department, the majestic outlines of which were not very pleasingly draped.

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