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SWEARING IN A MAYOR.

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE METHODS OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The Great Pomp and Circumstance Attending the Annual Ceremony at London—Less Fuss and Feathers This Side of the Water.

(Copyright by American Press Association.) A new lord mayor for the city of London has lately been installed, and between now and the beginning of the new year some dozens of new mayors of American municipalities will take the oath of office.



INSTALLING AN AMERICAN MAYOR. Other cities in the United States need less any sleep in preparing for that event.

It is the citizens' chief holiday in all the year, and in the "show," with its pomp of ceremonial, its leoparded chancellor and judges, its display of time honored emblems and its long procession decked out with costumes, arms, armor and floating tableaux of history and allegory, the atmosphere of the London of the Middle Ages mingles with the enlightenment of the present.

Except for some traditional, but now meaningless and useless, duties required of the former, the official functions of the lord mayor of London and the mayor of New York city are the same.



COACH OF LONDON'S LORD MAYOR

mayor of London on account of the ripe old age of his office is something the mayor of New York city and other municipal corporations in the United States must manage to struggle along without.

There is no ceremony attending the installation of an American mayor, and all bonfires and parades end the moment the election returns are in.

And that is all there is to it unless there happen to be several other officials and a professional politician or two about, when it is quite possible that a temporary recurrence of ante-election enthusiasm may suggest a resort to the usual ante-election social custom.

There is not even a stated day on which our mayors shall take the oath of office.



THE LORD MAYOR RECEIVING THE SWORDING CASES FOR HIMSELF that he requests of the mayor elect in time in which to straighten up things before turning the city over to his law.

Within the city's walls the lord mayor of London takes precedence of every subject. His place is immediately after the sovereign, and in regal and civic processions with the city he precedes the king or queen, bearing the city sword.

ancient form was observed in 1890 on the occasion of Lord Nelson's funeral and in 1844 at the opening of the Royal Exchange.

The lord mayor of London must be three times elected by the householders in his own ward as alderman, by the liverymen as sheriff, and by the aldermen as mayor.

All this time the man who is still lord mayor keeps well in the background. He only appears on the scene at their joint reception—a luncheon given at the Mansion house just prior to the final ceremony of installation.



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He follows in a private carriage, modestly, a long way behind the lord mayor, who, with his ceremonial officers, proceeds in state to the Guildhall, where the installation is to take place.

In olden times the town clerk used to kneel on a stool at the side of the table, and administered a quaint oath, of which the following was the vital part:

Right shall ye do to every one, as well to strangers as others to poor as to rich, in that that belongeth to you to do and that for diligence for riches, for griffins for be-hast, for favour for late; wrong shall ye do to no man.

The lord mayor then gives up his seat to his successor, and the chamberlain, in each case with a preface of three low bows, or "reverences," tenders the jeweled scepter, the seal and the purse.

It is on the following day, however, that the "lord mayor's show" proper takes place. Escorted by a tremendous civic and military parade, the lord mayor is presented to the judges of the queen's bench division of the high courts of justice at the Law Courts.

Master and wardens wearing the crowns presented them by King Henry VIII, cars emblematical of the markets of London; ear carrying fruits and flowers with goldsmiths Flora and Pomona; ear representing the arts; ear representing the colonies; city officials; the lord mayor; the lady mayoress; the right honorable lord mayor in his state chariot drawn by six horses and attended by his chaplain, sword-bearer and mace-bearer.

Then comes the lord mayor's dinner, which is a very tremendous affair indeed, and the lord mayor's show is ended.

What Lupus Is.

Dr. Koch's famous cure for consumption has been declared a specific for lupus also. Lupus is a non-contagious skin disease and most commonly attacks the face.

The Grand Jury System.

A St. Louis grand jury follows in the wake of the Canadian movement to abolish the grand jury system. They hold that it is not only superfluous and expensive adjunct to criminal jurisprudence, but that in most cases it actually hinders and delays the administration of justice.

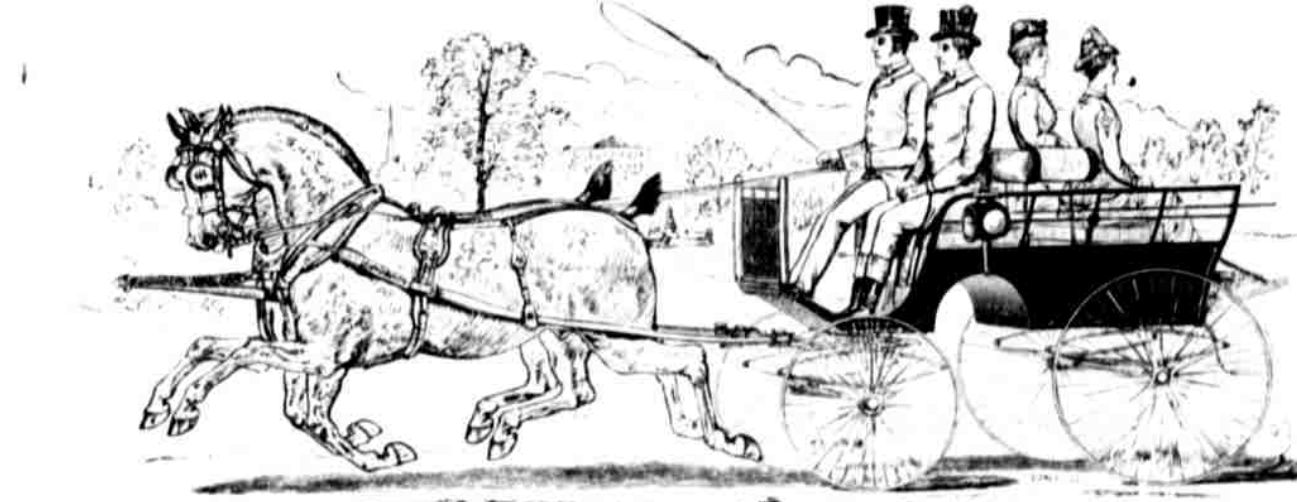
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