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SWEARING IN A MAYOR.

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE METH-ODS OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

tending the Annual Ceremony at London Less Fuss and Feathers This Side

(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. But not even the mayor elect of the venerable corporation of New York-whose customs more closely follow those of the ancient British metropolis than do those of any



other city in the United States need lose Lincoln Trunk Factory Since the time of Henry VIII, and before, no civic ceremony in London has compared in brilliancy of pageant, general impress lyeness and in its reception by the populace with the flord mayor's show."

It is the citizens' chief holiday in all the ceremonial, its bewigged chancellor and judges, its display of time honored em-blems and its long procession decked out with costumes, arms, armor and floating tableaux of history and allegory, the at-mosphere of the London of the Middle Ages mingles with the enlightenment of the present. No loyal citizen misses the mayor's show;" enly the penny dreadful illustrated papers are irreverent enough to crack jokes about it, now that there is no Dickens to make such jokes carry a needed lesson in humanity. At least seven centuries of custom lend to the lord mayor's show the respect shown to all things that have become mellowed by age -including Gobelin tapestry and Madeira

Except for some traditional, but now meaningless and useless, duties required of the former, the official functions of the idies - and - Children's - Hair - Cutting lord mayor of London and the mayor of New York city are the same. Both are civic chief magistrates, both carry the city's keys, and both have the keeping of OR 12 & O STS., NEW BURR BLK sud reverence due and granted the lord



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 man age to struggle along without. The only time an American mayor is glorified and made a hero of is just before his election, and then he is kept in a becomingly humble state of mind by the exceedingly uncomplimentary things said about him by the party of his opponent. When he has taken the oath as mayor he is merely the head of a business office in which the

city's accounts are kept. There is no ceremony attending the installation of an American mayor, and all bonfires and parades end the moment the election returns are in. This year Mr. lervous System, Heart and Blood of New York city. Some day, when both have nothing else in particular to do, a have nothing else in particular to do, a supreme court judge-it doesn't matter in the least which one-will call at the mayor's office, whereupon the latter will "hold up his hand and be sworn." that is all there is to it unless there hap pen to be several other officials and a pro-

> often happens that a mayor who has tried to be re-elected and failed neglects the city's business to such an extent while engaged in the more important business of gather-



THE LORD MAYOR RECEIVING THE SWORD ing votes for himself that he requests of the mayor elect time in which to straighten up things before turning the city over to his law. Thus matters are amicably arranged, and the supreme court judge is sent for to minimister. The oath to the new mayor when everybody is ready and not

Within the city's walls the lord mayor of London takes precedence of every subject. His place is immediately after the also affords to its members, when so insovereign, and in regal and cavic process sions within the city he precedes the king or to blass, the reputation of reputable City Pass enger Agent or queen, bearing the city sword. This man

ancient form was observed in 1806 on the occasion of Lord Nelson's funeral and in 1844 at the opening of the Royal Exchange Even royalty itself and the perquisites of royalty wait on the lord mayor's pleasure on some occasions. For instance, no troops may pass through the city without the lord mayor's consent being first obtained, and formerly the reigning sovereign paused at Temple Der until his lordship signified his pleasure that the king should be ad mitted. The lord mayor has in his keeping the scepter, the sword and the mace which are the royal badges of his office. He wears a gold chain and collar and jewel con ferred upon the office as a mark of favor

by the crown, and holds the civic purse. 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 abdermen as mayor Then he has to be approved by the crown. The lord chancellor names the day for

the ceremony of installation. This is usu ally the first day of the Michaelmas sit tings. This functionary receives the lord mayor elect at the house of lords and in forms him whether his election pleases the sovereign. The lord mayor elect and the aldermen who accompany him wear violet gowns, while the recorder and the sheriff are resplendent in scarlet and frills and When, at the house of lords, the lord chancellor has informed him in speech full of compliments that her majesty graciously approves his election, the criti cal moment is past and the new official breathes easier, though there is still no apparent end to the forms that remain to be gone through with. The whole civic party drinks from a "loving cup," and then the man whom all the fuss is about is escorted to the hall where he entertains the city of ficers at dinner.

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. At this hypcheon all the dignitaries wear their most googeous raiment and the coming and the going man drink each other's health. At this stage the lord mayor elect, receives a temporary set



back. He follows in a private carriage modestly, a long way behind the lord mayor, who, with his ceremonial officers. proceeds in state to the Guibiball, where the installation is to take place. Here the Led mayor is seated at a table with his successor on his left-and the mace bearer stands with the mace resting on the floor while the town clerk makes three low bows and reads, the declaration of office. which the tood mayor elect repeats after him and then signs.

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 doe to every one, as well a strangers as others to poor as to riche in the that belongeth you to doe, and that for higher he for niches, for gryfte ne for behest, for favour ne for hate; wrong shall ye doe to no main Weights and measures in the same citty ye shall doe to be kept, and due execution doe upon th defaults that thereof shall be found. And in all other things that to a mayor of the city of London belongeth to doe, well and lawfully ye shah doe, and behave you as God you beloe. This antiquated form was discontinued

in 1868 by the same act of parliament that substituted more modern forms for all civil pledges; but the spirit of the old form still pervades the ceremonial.

The lord mayor then gives up his sent to his successor, and the chamberlain, in each case with a preface of three low bows. or "reverences," tenders the jeweled scep-ter, the seal and the purse. These are given to the outgoing lord mayor, who in turn delivers them to his successor. The new lord mayor is then congratulated by all the officials, after which he signs a receipt for the city's valuables, and then rides amicably back to the Mansion house in the same carriage with his predecessor

It is on the following day, however, that "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. The procession on route to this place constitutes the lord mayor's show. Here are some details of the procession, interspersed with bands of music detachments of troops, trades guilds, etc.

Master and wardens wearing the crowns prosented them by King Henry VIII: cars emblematical of the markets of London; car carrying fruits and flowers with goddesses Flora and Pomona; car representing the arts; car representing the colonies; city officials; the laclord mayor; the lady mayoress; the right has orable the ford mayor in his state chariot draw by six horses and attended by his chaplain, sworbearer and mace bearer.

Then comes the lord mayor's dinner which is a very tremendous affa)r indeed. and the lord mayor's show is ended. CURTIS DUNHAM.

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The Grand Jury System.

A St. Louis grand jury follows in the walk of the Canadian movement to abolish the grand jury system. They hold that it s not only superfluous and expensive admuct to a ranimal jurisprodence, but that n no st cases it actually hinders and delays the administration of justice, while it simal, the apportunity to gratify malice

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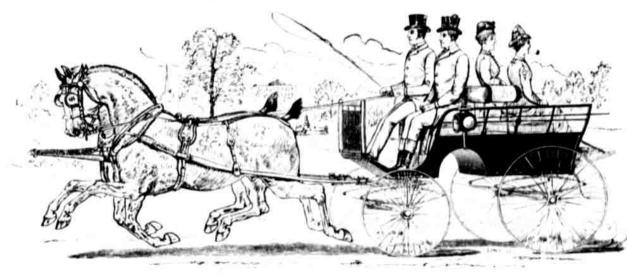
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