

KEITH NEVILLE FIRST NATIVE SON TO BE GOVERNOR

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RECEPTION IS A SIMPLE AFFAIR

Legislature Adjourns Until Tuesday
When Real Work Will Be Begun.

NEW STATE OFFICERS.

Governor—Keith Neville, North Platte.

Lieutenant Governor—Edgar Howard, Columbus.

Secretary of State—Charles Pool, Hyannis.

Attorney General—Willis E. Reed, Madison.

Auditor—William Smith, Seward.

Railway Commissioner—Victor Wilson of Stromsburg.

Land Commissioner—Grant Shumway, Scottsbluff.

Treasurer—George Hall, Franklin.

State Superintendent—W. H. Clemmons, Fremont.

Regents—P. L. Hall, Lincoln; Harry Landis, Seward.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—Democracy's triumph in the state became complete today when eleven state officers of that faith were inducted into office.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice A. M. Morrissey of the state supreme court.

The proceeding was simple and short. Members of the legislature in joint session looked on, and so did thousands of friends and relatives who had thronged here from all over the state to witness the ceremonials.

A reception was held tonight at which incoming and outgoing state officers and their wives were in line, and at which the legislative members and their wives and the public generally was very welcome. It was a very simple affair with good, old-fashioned handshaking prevailing and with light refreshments and some good music on the program.

At its conclusion the legislature which got under headway on Tuesday took an adjournment until Tuesday afternoon. At that time both houses will reconvene to take up the real work of the session.

Messages of the outgoing and incoming governors were both read and were listened to closely by all officials and all people present. Governor Morehead, who concluded four years of honorable service, was roundly cheered when he took his place to read. No less hearty were the cheers which greeted Governor Neville when he arose to make his maiden effort before the assembly.

Scattered among the hundreds that looked on were Mrs. Morehead and Mrs. Neville and relatives who had come with them to see the scepter of state government pass from the old to the new executives. A number of young men from North Platte were here also to see their comrade, Keith Neville, take charge. And Frank Woodard, wealthy Richardson county land owner and the man who obtained the first job John Morehead ever held in this state, was here to see his old friend step down and out. Mr. Woodard was here four years ago to see Governor Morehead take charge. He has been his lifelong friend and although a republican in politics has been one of the governor's stanchest boosters through all the years.

Governor Morehead, in his valedictory message, urged the continuance of the policy of business economy, establishment of good roads, and use of convict labor on them. He complimented the printing commission and suggested certain regulation; pointed to the necessity for a better capitol building, and urged a shorter ballot. He again urged the selection of the chief justice from the state at large and the associate justices by districts, criticized the primary law, discussed the schools and advocated the teaching of the life and works of Lincoln in the public schools. Conservation of water power, discussion of veto power and new legislation were other features.

Sessions of the legislature were brief today. Both houses met in the morning. The senate listened to defense made by the four Douglas county senators who were assailed in a statement made on the opening day by Senator Ed Howells, also of that county.

The house also accepted the resignation of Lee Metcalfe, first assistant chief clerk, who was yesterday made secretary to Governor Neville, and decided not to act at once upon the se-

lection of Walter Weise of Hebron as his successor.

The senate drew particular attention because of its airing of Omaha affairs. The four senators whom Ed Howell had charged with high crimes and misdemeanors administered a verbal castigation to their colleague, Senator Howell.

As soon as the formalities of the opening of the third day's session were disposed of, Senator John F. Moriarty, the Douglas county delegation leader, arose to a point of personal privilege.

"If those charges are true," he declared, at the climax of his remarks, "drive us out of the senate in disgrace—all four of us except Howell. Call in the attorney general and start proceedings right away. We are in the contempt of the senate and the people of the state of Nebraska."

The senator said he had hoped that the remarks of Howell, made in heat, would be retracted by him after sober consideration. Since they were not, he said he felt it his duty to the senate and the people to rebuke them.

"Before the ink was dry with which I signed an oath before God that I owed my election to no illegal influences—before that ink was dry—I with my colleagues, was charged with contemptible relations with corporations, with perjury, with disgrace. I cannot let it stand."

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"I owe my election to no corporation or influence. I know no officers of public service corporations. I was never in the Budweiser saloon in my life. Further than that, I made no political speeches, attended no meetings, handed out no cards nor paid for any political advertising."

"I happen to know the president of the Willow Springs brewery, an honorable man. He's a friend of yours, Howell," he said, pointing to his recalcitrant colleague, "and you have sustained business relations with him."

Senator John M. Tanner, against whom Moriarty pointed out the charges were made in his very hour of affliction, just after the death of his wife, was more bitter in his refutation.

"It is intimated that we are buccaneers and ship settlers," he said. "The charge happens to be made by one who has been ringmaster of these buccaneers for twenty-five years—ringmaster of 'the gang' he talks about as controlling this delegation."

"Wait until the end of the present session," he declared. "Then compare this man's record with the others he makes charges against."

The senator remarked that many jokes were made matters of record in the senate journal, and this was one of them. This one has taken an unbecoming turn, and he thought it ought to be expunged only out of kind charity for Howell.

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Representative George Liggett of Seward county sprung on the lower branch of the legislature Thursday morning his proposal for a voluntary limitation of the number of bills to be introduced at this session, not exceeding five for each member. The suggestion came in the form of a resolution, which went over for one day under the rules, and was not discussed.

Expressions of opinion on the proposition indicate that the house will not agree to the restriction absolutely, although many members realize that the number of bills introduced at every session has passed all reasonable limits. Mr. Liggett recently made a canvass by mail among his fellow representatives and fifty-one of them answered favorably, but it is realized that the bill cannot be put on effectively, inasmuch as the state institution gives a member the right to offer as many measures as he sees fit to.

The esthetic soul of Mr. Gormley, representative from Kearney county, revolted at the spectacle presented by rows of heavy bridge timbers along the south and east sides of the house chamber, placed there to insure the safety of the members. Some legislators think that anything which conceals the walls of the chamber is an improvement, but not Mr. Gormley.

He offered a resolution requesting the board having charge of the capitol to cover the scaffolding over in some suitable and artistic manner, "just as though an imitation railroad bridge trestlework could be made artistic. The resolution was forthwith adopted, and the board has a job on its hands which some people would not care to tackle.

The committee on house employees, accounts and expenditures has added the following to the list of employees:

E. L. Vogt, St. Paul, bookkeeper and timekeeper; Edmund Carlson, Ceresco, and Arthur Howard, Lincoln, stenographers; Henry Clayburn, Monroe, custodian of the gallery; J. M. Fowler, Sarpy county, custodian of the cloak room; Robert Craig, Lincoln, and Ross McGasson, Lincoln, pages.

At the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies Lieutenant Governor James Pearson, who presided, chanted his own swan song and that of the people's independent party.

"I am the last of my kind," said Mr. Pearson. "My party lived for a purpose, and when it achieved that end it passed away, but if there is ever need for it again it will be found and brought into existence again."

The lieutenant governor thanked the people for electing him and assured them that he had done the best he could.

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No. 1914 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Plattsmouth, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business December 27, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$289,482.73
Overdrafts, secured none: unsecured.....	1,150.81
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	50,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds, placed to secure current postal savings.....	2,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks loaned and pledged).....	12,965.31
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank 150 per cent subscription).....	2,250.00
Value of banking house (of unnumbered).....	11,000.00
Bank house.....	4,410.00
Net amount determined other than bank house.....	7,067.88
Approved reserve (New York, Chicago and St. Louis).....	10,068.99
Net amount due from approved agents in other cities serving cities.....	56,754.31
Net amount due from bankers (other than included in 10 and 18).....	11,85
Other checks on banks in the same town as reporting bank, Outstanding checks and cash items.....	1,240.97
Individual depositors.....	456.45
Fractional currency.....	201.01
Notes of other national banks.....	4,200.00
Federal Reserve bank note.....	400.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	33,583.12
Reserve fund with U. S. Treasurer.....	2,500.00
Total.....	\$488,373.43

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Less current expenses.....	12,445.03
Interest and taxes paid.....	5,556.58
Outstanding notes outstanding subject to check.....	30,000.00
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days.....	15,631.48
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	5,420.09
Postal Savings deposits.....	2,071.29
Total demand.....	\$162,828.47
Other time deposits.....	194,958.08
Total.....	\$488,373.43

State of Nebraska, 1881, E. E. Schlatner, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: H. L. DOVEY,

GEO. K. SNAPP,

GEO. O. DOVEY, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1917.

A. L. Timp, Notary Public.

My commission expires October 16, 1917.

For Sale—Two fresh milk cows. John M. Meisinger, Mynard. Phone 3622. 1-2-3d2twly

MRS. RICHIEY ENTER-

AINS IN HONOR OF JOSEPHINE MURPHY

The beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey was the scene of one of the prettiest parties of the season, when on Saturday Mrs. Richey was the hostess at a one o'clock bridge luncheon, honoring Miss Josephine Murphy, whose marriage to Dr. W. F. Wild, of New Orleans, will take place on January 10th.

White roses, narcisses and ferns made repose the already attractive home and the color scheme of green and white also was charmingly carried out in the five course luncheon. Covers were laid for thirty-two guests at daintily decorated tables. Bridge followed the luncheon, the prize being won by Miss Ione Dovey and a guest prize being given Miss Murphy. Those fortunate enough to enjoy Mrs. Richey's hospitality voiced the one sentiment, "charming hostess." Those attending were Miss Verna Cole, Majorie Agnew, Margaret Donelan, Jeanette Patterson, Mrs. Earl Travis, Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Mrs. J. T. Begley, Mrs. H. A. Schneider, Mrs. G. O. Dovey, Mrs. L. O. Minor, Mrs. Henry McMaken and Mrs. Mary Murphy, mother of Omaha, Miss Lillian Murphy of Omaha and Miss