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Washington, March 4.—The follow ing is the president's inaugural address: FELLOW-CITIZENS:-We stand to-day fot an eminerice which overlooks a hundred years of national life - a century crowdest with perils, but crowned with the triumphs of liberty and law. Before continuing the onward march let us pause on this height for a moment to strengthen dur faith and renew our hope by a glance at the pathway along which our people have traveled. It is no v three days more than a hundred years since the adoption of the first written codstitution of the United States-the articles of confederation and perpetual union. The new republic was then beset with danger on every hand.

OUR GOVERNMENT.

It had not cor quered a place in the family of nations. The decisive battle of the war for independence, whose centennial anniversary will soon be gratefully celebrated at Yorktown, had not yet been fought. The colonists were struggling not only against the armies of a great nation, but against the settled not then believe that the supreme antherity of government could be safely entrusted to the guardianhsip of the people themselves. We cannot overestimate the fervent love of liberty, intelligent courage and saving common ense with which our tathers made the great experiment of self-government. When they formd, after a short trial, that the confederacy of the States was too weak to meet the necessities of a vigorous and expanding republic, they boldly set it aside, and established a National Union founded directly upon he will of the people, endowed with the powers of self-preservation, and with ample authority for the accomplishfits great objects. Under this constiution the boundaries of freedom have been enlarged, the foundations of order and peace have been strengthened; and the growth of our people in all the better lements of national life has indicated the wirdom of the founders, and given new hopes to their descendants.

Under this constitution our people

long ago made themselves safe against danger from without and secured for their mariners and flag equality of rights on all the seas. Under this constitution twenty-five States have been added to he Union, with constitutions and laws framed and enforced by their own citi- possible if the mass of the uneducated zens to secure the manifold blessings of coal self-government. The jurisdiction of this constitution now covers an area fifty times greater than that of the original thirteen States and a population twenty times greater than that of 1780. from the blood and fire of that conflict purified and made stronger for all the beneficent purposes of a good government. And now at the close of this first century of our growth, with the inspirations of its history in their hearts, dition of the nation and passed judgment upon the conduct and opinions of polits ical parties and have registered their will concerning the future administration of the government. To interpret and execute that will in accordance with the constitution is the paramount duty of the Executive.

Even from this brief review it is manifest that the nation is resolutely facing to the front, resolved to employ its best energies in developing its best energies in developing the great possibilities of over has been gained to liberty and good government during a century, our peot those bitter controversies concerning things which have been irrevocably settled, and a further discussion of which stir up strife and delay our onward march. The supremacy of the nation and its laws should no longer be a subject of debate. That discussion which for half a century has threatened the existence of the Union was closed at last in the high court of war. By a decree from which there is no appeal that constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof are and shall continue to be the supreme law of the land, binding alike upon the States and the people. This the States wor interfere with any of their necessary rights of local self government bility for the existence of slavery did but it does fix and establish the permanent supremacy of the Union. The will of the nation speaking with the voice of battle, and through the amended constitution has fulfilled the great promise of extension of suffrage, and is under spe-SCOTT & DONNELL 1776 by proclaiming liberty throughouse

NEMHO SUFFRACIE.

The elevation of the negro race from slavery to the full rights of citizenship is the most important political charge we have seen since the adoption of the con. stitution of 1787. No thoughtful man ean fail to appreciate its beneficent effect upon our institutions and people. It has freed us from the perpetual dans ger of war and dissolution. It has added immensely to the moral and industrial forces of our people. It has liberated the master as well as the slave from the relation which wrongod and enfecbled both. It has surrendered to their own guardianship the manhood of more than 5,000,000 of people, #rid has opened to each one of them a career of freedom and usefulness. It has given new inspiration to the power of self help in both races by making labor more lionorab's to one and more necessary to the other. The influence of this force will grow greater and bear richef fruit with the coming years. No doubt the great change has caused serious disturbance to our South-

ern communities. This is to be deplored opinions of mankind; for the world did though it was perhaps unavoidable. But those who resisted the change should remember that there was no middle ground for the negro race between slavery and equal citizen-ship. There can be no permanent disfranchised peacautry in the United States. Freedom can never yield its fullness of blessings so long as the law or its administration places the smallest obstacle in the pathway of any virtuous citizen.

The emancipated race has already made remarkable progress. With unquestioning devotion to the Union with patience and gentleness not born of fear of peace. they have followed the light as God gave them to see light. They are rapidly laying national foundations of self-support, widening the circle of intelligence; and beginning to enjoy b'essings that gather around the homes of the industrious. So far as my authority can lawfully extend, they shall enjoy the full and equal protection of the constitution and laws.

A fell and free enjoyment of equal suffrage is still in question, and a frank etatement of the issue may aid the solution. It is alleged that in many communities negro citizens are practically de nied the treedom of the ballot. In so far as the truth of this allegation is admitted it is answered in many places that honest local self-government is ims negroes are allowed to vote.

THE EVIL.

These are grave allegations. So far as the latter is true, it is the only palliation that can be oftered for opposing the freedom of the ballot; Bad local gov-The supreme trial of the constitution ernment is certainly a great evil which came at last under the tremenduous ought to be prevented, but to violate the pressure of civil war. We ourselves freedom and sanctity of suffrage is more are witnesses that the Union emerged than an evil-it is a crime, which, if persisted in, will destroy the government itself. Suicide is not a remedy. If in other lands it be high treason to compass the death of the King, it should be counted no less a crime here to strangle our sovereign power and stiffe our voice. our people have lately reviewed the con- It has been said that unsettled questions have not pity for the repose of nations. It should be said with the utmost emphasis that this question of suffrage never gives repose or safety to the States or to the nation, until each within its own jurisdiction makes and keeps the ballot free and pure by the strong sanction of of the law. But the danger which arises from ignorance in the voter cannot be denied. It covers a field far wider than that of negro suffrage and the present condition of that race. It is a danger that larks and hides la the sources and fountains of power in every State. We the future. Sacredly preserving what have no standard with which to measure the disaster that may be brought upon us by Ignorance and vice in citizens are determined to leave behind them all when joined to corruption and fraud in suffrage. The voters of the Union, who will make and sumake constitutions, and tipon whose wills hangs the destiny of our government, can transmit their supreme authority to no successors save the commy generation of voters, who are the sole heirs of the sovereign power. If that generation comes to its inheritance blinded by ignorance and corrupted by vice, the fall of the republic will be certain and remediless. The cent our has already sounded the starm in appalling figures which marks how dans gerous the high tide of Bliteracy has riser among our voters and their childecree does not disturb the autonomy of dren. To the South this question is one of supreme importance, but the responsi-

> nct rest upon the South slone. THE REMEDY.

The nation itself is responsible for the cial obligations to aid in moving the it opening to capital and later new and Almighty God-

PRESEDENT CARPERS. Des ENAUGU- the land to all of the inhabitants there- literacy which it has added to the voting profitable fields of employment. Their population for the North and South alike. There is but one remedy. All the cons stitutional power of the nation and of the States and all the volunteer forces of the people should be summoned to meet this danger by the saving influence of universal education. It is the high privilege and the secred duty of those now living to educate their suc essors and fit them by intelligence and virtue, for the inheritance which awaits them. In this beneficient work sections and races should be forgotten and partisunship should be unknown. Let our people find a new meaning in the divine oracle which declares that "a little child shall lead them," for our little chikiren will soon control the destinies of the repub-

> RECONCILIATION. My countrymen, we do not now differ in our judgment concerning the controversies of past generations, and 58 years bence our children will not be drvided in their opinions concerning their controversies. They will strely bless their fathers' God that the Union was preserved, that slavery was overthrown and that both races were made equal before the law. We may hasten or we may retard, but we caugot prevent flual reconciliation. Is it tiet possible for us now to make a truce with time by anticpating and accepting its inevitable verdiet? Enterprises of the highest importance to our moral and material well being invite us, and offer ample scope for the employment of our best powers. Let all our people, leaving behind them the battle fields of dead issues, move forward, and in the strength of liberty and restored union win grander victories

THE CURRENCY. The prosperity which now prevails is

without a parallel in our history. Fruit-

ful seasons have done much to secure it, but they have not done all. The preservation of the public credit and the resumption of the specie payments, se successe fully attained by the administration of my predecessors, have enabled out peos ple to sccure the blessings which the seasons brought. By the experience of commercial nations in all ages it has been found that gold and silver afford the only safe foundation for a monetary system: Some confusion line recently been created by variations in the relative value of the two metals, but I com fidently believe that arrangements can be made between the leading commercial nations which will secure the general use of both metals. Congress should provide that the compulsory coinage of silver now required by law may not disturb our monetary system by driving either metal out of circulation. If possible such an adjustment should be made that the purchasing power of every coined dollar will be exactly equal to its the world. The chief duty of the ration. al government in connection with the currency of the cottnery is to coin monev and declare its vaide. Grave doubte have been entertained whether Congress is authorized by the constitution to make any form of paper money a legal tender. The present issue of the United States has been sustained by the necessities of war, but such paper should depend for its value and currency upon its convenvenience in tice, and its prompt redemption in coin at the will of the holder, and not upon its compulsory circulation. These notes are not money, but promises to pay money. If the holders demand it the promise should be kept. The refunding of the national debt at a lower rate of interest should be accomplished without compelling the withdrawal of national bank notes, and thus disturbing the business of the country. I venture to refer to the position I have occupied on financial questions during a lorg setvice in Congress and to say that time and experience have strengthened the ophra fons I have so offen expressed on the subject. The finances of the government shall suffer no detriment which it may be possible for administration to prevent.

AGRICULTURE.

The interests of Agriculture deserve more attention from the government than they have yet received. The farms of the United States afford homes and employment for more than one half of part of all our exports. As the government lights our coasts for the protection of mariners and the benefit of commerce, so it should be given to the tillers of the soil the best lights of practical science and experience.

MANUFACTURES,

Our manntactures are rapidly making

steady and healthy growth should still be maintained. Our facilities for transportation should be promoted by the continued improvement of our harbors and great interior water ways and by the increase of our tonnage on the ocean,

ispunus projects.

The development of the world's, commerce has led to an urgent demand for shortening the great sea voyage around Cape Horn by constructing ship canals or tha two continents.

Various plans to this end have been suggested, and will weed consideration, but none of them have been sufficiently matured to warrant the United States in extending pecuniary aid. The subject, however, is one which will immediately engage the attention of the government with a view to a thorough protection of our commercial interests. We will arge no narrow policy, nor seek peculiar nor exclusive ffivileges in any commercial route, but in the lauguage of my prede cessor, "I believe it to be right and the ducy of the United States to assert and maintain such supervision and authority over any inter-oceanic canal across the isthmus that connects North and South America as will protect our ustional interests."

THE MORNON QUESTION. " The constitution guarantees absolute religious freedom: Congress is prohibited from making any law respecting an establishment of religion or probibiting the tree exercise thereof. Territories of the United States are subjected to the direct legislative authority of Congress and hence the general government is responsible for any violation of the constitution in any of them. It is therefore a repreach to the government that in the most populous of the Territories the constitutional guarantee is not enjoyed by the people, and the authority of Congress is set at naught. The Mormon Church not only offends the moral sense of mankind by sanctioning polygamy, but prevents the administration of justice through the ordinary instrumentalities of

law. In my judgement, it is the duty of Congress, while respecting to the nitermost the conscientious convictions and religious scruples of every chizen, to prohibit within its jurisdiction all criminal practices, especially of that class which destroys family relations and endangers social order. Norcan any eccle-siastical organization be safely permitted to usurp in the smallest degree the func. tions and powers of the National govern-

CIVIL SERVICE

can never be placed on a satisfactory basis until it is regulated by law for the good of service itself, for the protection of those who are intrusted with the appointing power against the waste of time and the obstruct on to public bustness caned by inordinate pressure for place and for protection of incumbents against inffigue and wrong. I shall at the proper time, ask Congress to fix the tenure of the minor offices of the several executive departments, and prescribe the grounds upon which removals shall be made during the terms for which the juumbentshave been appointed.

CONCLUE ION.

Finally, acting always within the authority and limitations of the constitution, invading neither the rights of the States nor the reserved rights of the people, it will be the purpose of my administration to maintain the authority of the nation, and in all places within its furisdiction to inforce obsdience to all laws of the Union, in the interest of the people; to demand rigid economy in all the expendituers of the government, and to require bonest and faithful service of all the executive officers, femombering that the offices were created not for the benefit of the moumbents or their supporters, but for the service of the government.

And now, fellow citizene, I am about to assume the great trust which you bave committed to my hands. I appeal to you for the earnest and thoughtful supour people, and turnish much the largest port which makes this government in fact, as it is in law, the government of istration; and, above all, upon our efforts "who have paid from five to ten drache us industrially independent and are ly invoke the support and blessings of derstand one word that she says."-

A present, it is said, should be rare, new and stitable; telther so priceless as to be worth nothing in itself, nor yet so costly as to bring at obligation on the receiver. We know of no such cautions sissties between friends, The givet, littleed, nittst have a right to bestow but let this be the case, and a atrew from such a hand shall be worth a sceptre from another. A keepsake in particular railways across the isthmus which thites as it implies something very intimate and cordial, is above these ceremonions nicettes. We may see what people think of the real value of keepsakes by the . humble once which they do not besitate to bestow in willer Petrarch, it in true, when he bequeathed a winter garment to his friend Boccacio to study in, apologized for "leaving so poor a memorial to so great a man;" but this was only to show the other's merits; he know that the very grace of the apology supplied all the riches it lamented the loss of and Baccacio, when he sat enveloped in his warm gowtt, would feel "wrapped up. in his friend." Something that has been about a friend's person completes the value of a keepsake. Thus people bes queath their very hearts to their friends or even to places they have been attached ed to, and this is what gives a lock of hair a value above all other keepaakes: itis a part of the individual's self. Franklin made no apology when he left Washington his "fine crab tree walking stick," with a gold head curiously wrought in the form of the cap of libsee lots of sid bestelds. Will she

PAT'S EQUIVOCAL BUNNERS

A certain literacy gentleman, wishing to be undisturbed one day, instructed his Irish servant to admit no one, and, if any one should inquire for him, to give him an "equivocal answer." Night came and the gentleman proceeded to interrogate Pat as to his callers.

"Did sty one call?" one Tree H . sorrees "Yis, sir, wan gentlemate." bluode as of "What did he say?" more od uso nove halw "He axed was ger honor in." at of

"Well, what did you tell him?" "Sure, I gave him a quivikle answer

"How was that?" "I asked him was his grandmother a nonkey?" ் ப்பட்டி சாழக்கம் சரவி 63 செக்க

Breathes there a man with soul so dead; Who never to himself hath said, I'll puy before I go to bed, That bill I owe the printer?—Ex.

Yes, there are some we know full well; Who never such a tale could tell, But these we fear will go to—well, The place where there's no printer.-Grip: A FEW THOUGHTS IN CHURCH.

This sermon is a bore. "How much longer is he going to "I'm hungry for dinner."

"That man isn't at all bad-looking."
"I wonder if Emma is engaged."
"Well, it old Mrs. F. isn't westing a turban, too." "I do wonder how much that bonnet

COSE 11 goods where "It sounds as if he was going to close up the sermon." "I've a great mind to have it trimmed

with scarlet. "I must order a new pair of shoes to-morrow, and the material for that wrap-per, and visit Muse. I's to try on that new dress."

"That's H. Thomas we saw in Newport last summer,"
"How that girl days lace!"
"Amen! My! isn't it nice to get

ont!" The belt making deep light for

The man who easily and quickly forgets a good turn is just the man to avoid doing one if he possibly can,

The diminutive chains of habit are seldom heavy enough to he felt will they are too strong to be broken.

Many people may not believe in Mother Shipton's prophecy, about the world ending this year, yet it will be well enough to pay newspaper subscriptions and square up matters just the swme. Winston Leader.

"What are you langiring at?" saked the people. I shall greatly rely upon Sophocies of Eschylus, as they stood at the wisdom and patriotism of Congress the side of the stage and looked over and of those who may above with me the the vast andience. "At all those Atheresponsibilities and duties of the admin- nan donkeys," answered Acceptance to promote the welfare of these great for the privilege of histering to this people and their government, I reverent- Persian actress when they don's un-