



## TAFT BECOMES PRESIDENT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

The Pageantry that Attended the Inauguration was Stupendous. 50,000 People in the Parade, Ex-President Roosevelt Gone to Africa.

Washington, D. C. March 4.—A vast army of people tramped the streets of the National Capitol in a down-pour of rain all day Wednesday in eager expectancy of the Nation's greatest of all pageants, the presidential inauguration, which took place today. The spirit of celebration has been supreme, and everything was in complete readiness for the great quadrennial event long before the hour arrived.

Congress practically cleared its desks, both Houses working under high pressure, President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft Wednesday slept under the same roof, after a strenuous day spent in receiving callers, all the members of the cabinet resigned in accordance with custom, and the labors of the inaugural committee were completed.

Numberless hosts had gathered here from all parts of the country awaiting the coming of Thursday's spectacle when Mr. Taft will be inducted into the highest office in the gift of the people. In spite of threatening clouds which hung overhead during the day, and afternoon, and later turned into a dreahing downpour of rain, mixed with snow, the visiting thousands did not allow their ardor to be dampened or their interest in the spirit of the festive occasion to be lessened by the disagreeable weather.

The finishing touches in the decorative scheme of the magnificent court of honor were finished Wednesday, and the final rehearsal of the orchestra for the inaugural ball at the pension office building, were held, Pennsylvania avenue was cleared of vehicles, street cars and pedestrians at 9 o'clock by an order issued by the superintendent of police Thursday.

The rush of visitors from all parts of the country continued unabated Thursday morning and the city was in the usual pre-inaugural state of congestion. It was estimated that fully two hundred thousand people were here. Trains from all points were run at intervals of a few minutes in order to accommodate the crowds and railroad officials estimate that upward of 60,000 persons arrived here Wednesday by rail up to midnight. The hotels and boarding houses have been taxed to their utmost to accommodate the visitors. The time honored inaugural parade, which a greater number were unable to witness, claimed more interest than the inaugural ceremony itself. The latest estimate of the number of men who marched in the parade is placed at 50,000 not the least of which were the governors of fourteen states, each accompanied by his staff.

Having encircled the globe with the battleship fleet, 3,000 blue jackets took in the parade.

Marching clubs were here from every direction and they formed a very conspicuous feature of the parade. One of the largest of these delegations was composed of the 1,000 members of the New York County Republican Club, which had the distinction of escorting the retiring President to the station before falling in line in the inaugural parade. Mr. Roosevelt was walked to the station in true democratic style, and a modest drawing room during the trip to New York.

The program for the day provided that the President and President-elect and the vice-President and the Vice-President-elect, accompanied by the joint committee of Congress proceed from the White House to the Capitol in carriages at 10 a. m. They were followed in carriages by members of the cabinet, the secretary to

the President, and the President's aides. Arriving at the capitol at 10:30, the President and President-elect were escorted to the President's private room in the Senate and the Vice President and Vice President-elect to the Vice President's room, also in the Senate side, to await the inaugural ceremonies. Promptly at noon Vice President-elect Sherman took oath of office in the Senate chamber, and then addressed that body, whereupon the Senate was organized. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Taft by Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court of the United States at 12:40 m. on the stand in front of the Capitol. President Taft then delivered his inaugural address.

Following this ceremony President Taft, heading the inaugural parade, left the Capitol at 1:15 p. m. for the White House. Mr. Roosevelt was immediately escorted to the Union station, where he boarded a train for New York.

Between 2:30 and 5 a. m., President Taft reviewed the parade from a stand in front of the White House. The great fireworks display occurred on Washington monument lot from 7:30 to 9 a. m. The climactic feature, the inaugural ball opened at the pension office building at 9 o'clock p. m.

## LIBEL CASE DISPOSED OF

DEFENDANTS IN ALL CASES WERE FOUND GUILTY. JUDGEMENT SUSPENDED AND ALL DEFENDANTS PUT UNDER A \$500 BOND TO KEEP THE PEACE AND REFRAIN FROM SLANDER AND LIBEL.

The libel suits of T. B. Wilson vs. W. O. Saunders, W. L. Coloon vs. W. O. Saunders and W. O. Saunders vs. F. F. Cohoon and E. A. Womble were taken up and disposed of at Camden Court last Tuesday. Judge R. B. Peebles presided.

All of the cases were decided by the argument by counsel. The defendants were found guilty in each case.

The Judge suspended judgement in all cases and placed each of the defendants under a \$500 bond to keep the peace and refrain from the use of libelous matter hereafter for two years.

Fresh Country Eggs 18c. dozen for FRIDAY and SATURDAY. EAGLE GROCERY. Phone 145.

## REBEKAS GIVE BANQUET

The Rebekah Branch of the Odd Fellows served a delightful banquet to the Pasquotank Canton last Tuesday night in the Armory Hall.

Short addresses were delivered on the occasion by P. H. Williams, C. D. Gallop, W. H. Zoeller and W. H. Weatherly.

This social event was greatly enjoyed by those who participated in it.

Our trade is constantly increasing, on Gardner's famous "Uno" bread, also his pound and fruit cakes. EAGLE GROCERY, Agency. Phone 145.

## VINDICATES MR. MEEKINS

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE GIVES THE STATE A CLEAN BILL OF CONDUCT. THE REPORT ON FISH COMMISSIONER.

The select committee appointed by the Legislature to examine into the criticism of the auditing committee made their report last Friday. Their report gave the State a clean bill of health. The report was signed by the entire committee which consisted of both republican and Democratic members. The report is so voluminous that we cannot report it in its entirety. We print below their report on the Fish Commissioner which of course will be of special interest to this section.

This completely vindicates Commissioner Meekins which will be highly gratifying to his many friends.

This is the report: "In respect to that part of the report of the Auditing Committee, which states that Mr. Meekins, the Fish Commissioner of North Carolina bought all his food supplies from the firm of which he was a member; rented his own boat to the State, and rented an office for himself, we find the following facts:

The Fish Commission was created by Public Laws of 1907, Chapter 977, to be supported by license fees, taxes, fines or other imposts upon the fisheries or fines imposed for violation of the fishing laws, which act did not go into effect until the first day of June 1907.

This act provided for the appointment of a State Fish Commissioner to execute the law under supervision and control of the Geological and Economic Survey Board, to purchase or rent such boats, nets and other equipment as may be necessary to enable him to carry out the duties of his office.

The act required that all funds of the commission be paid into the State Treasury and that they could only be drawn out upon the order of the Geological and Survey Board.

Said act provided for a survey and marking in a prominent manner those areas of the waters of the State in which the use of all or any fishing appliances are prohibited by law, and provided for many things, the accomplishment of which would require the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. It was necessary for this survey to be made before January, 1908 in order, that the law might be enforced during the fishing season which runs from January to May. But there was no fund in the State Treasury available for this purpose, the total receipts for the office for the first six months being only \$93.00. It was therefore impossible to do this preliminary work so necessary to a proper enforcement of the act, unless some one would advance funds for the purpose.

His Excellency, Robt. B. Glenn, appointed Theo. S. Meekins Fish Commissioner, who entered upon the discharge of his duties with zeal and enthusiasm and rented a boat equipped for the purpose of the Commission at \$100.00 per month. When it became necessary to purchase supplies for said boat and its men, said Meekins did so at Aron, Edenton, Hatteras and other places, and the commission having no funds to pay for the same, had them charged to Evans and Meekins a firm of which said Meekins was a member at Mantoloking, N. C., who paid for them and carried the accounts without charging the State any profit whatever until the Commission had collected funds to pay them. The Fish Commissioner also purchased supplies from said firm of Evans and Meekins, but much of it was before the receipt of the Commission of \$93.00 and but for

## ALDERMEN ENACT MONTHLY BUDGET

GAS COMPANY HAS NOT "COME ACROSS WITH BOND YET. HEALTH OFFICER TO CONTINUE TO VACCINATE SCHOOL CHILDREN. STREET COMMISSIONER WEEKS ASKS INVESTIGATION.

The Board of Aldermen met last Monday night in regular session in the City Hall.

Aldermen Grice, Parker, Nash, Rayman and Anderson were present.

Mayor C. E. Thompson called the Board to order, and instructed the clerk to read the members of previous meetings. Then mayor Thompson retired and Alderman Grice was called to preside.

Mr. W. H. Jennette appeared before the Board and petitioned that Water Street be curbed from Fearing street to Tiber Creek bridge. He stated that Jennette Bros. will within the next sixty days begin the erection of their brick store and warehouse on the Water front Water street. Mr. Jennette stated that it was desirable to pave the side walk before the construction work began.

After some discussion the motion to curb that part of the street and construct a sidewalk was carried, and the clerk was instructed to order the curbing.

Dr. O. M. McMullan appeared before the Board petitioned that the tax on the Graded School bonds be remitted. Dr. McMullan stated that when he purchased the School bonds he paid a good price with the understanding that they were exempted from taxes, that the school bonds exempted from taxes were a profitable investment but school bond taxed were very unprofitable investments. He stated that a number of the bonds had been bought and had not been listed for taxation in the city. He thought it was a hardship to force him to pay taxes on his bonds.

City Attorney Spence was present and stated the law compelled the city clerk to enter these bonds for taxes and that there was no means of relieving Dr. McMullan of the tax. Dr. McMullan explained how the school bonds were school property and therefore exempted by the Constitution.

City Attorney Spence could not see it in that light and said that he could not advise the Aldermen to remit the taxes as it would render the City clerk liable.

The entire Board seemed to be in sympathy with Dr. McMullan and expressed a desire to relieve him of the objectionable tax, if possible.

Chairman Grice finally conceived the plan to pass a motion that the tax on the bond be remitted as it was intended in legislative act which created the bond issue and exempted the bonds from taxation. This motion was carried.

Street Commissioner Weeks appeared before the Board and stated that certain statements had been published concerning him, and that these statements were untrue. He paid his respects to these reports in no uncertain tones, and demanded that the Board make an investigation of his official conduct.

The statement that he denounced as false was "That he had been greased to haul dirt in the lots of leave the matter of investigation." Mr. Weeks said that he had on his own hook started an investigation.

The Aldermen on motion, decided that the Board take an investigation over until the next regular meeting of the board.

Attorney T. J. Markham of the new car line to Weightsville, N. C., ap-

## FINAL DAYS OF THE LEGISLATURE

No Bills Introduced in Senate After Last Wednesday

TO INCREASE PENSION DISCRIMINATION IN FREIGHTS TO BE REGULATED. SOLICITOR'S SALARY BILL COMES UP. ANTI AUDUBON SOCIETY STARTED IN THE SENATE.

The Senate Tuesday without a dissenting vote passed the Pharr joint resolution providing for a correction of the freight rate discriminations against the North Carolina towns and cities, an evil that is not excused in any part of the State, and that has been denounced as the greatest curse to North Carolina commerce.

The preamble of this resolution recites that there is and has been serious discrimination against the people of North Carolina by the railroads in the matter of freight rates, and that efforts to adjust these rates hereby securing relief to the people, have not resulted in a correction of this discrimination. The Corporation Commission is instructed and directed by the resolution to put into effect by June 1st such rates per ton per mile from the points of this State as will not be in excess of such rates per ton per mile charged by the railroads from through business from and through other points or to take such other steps as may be lawful in order to prevent that discrimination. The resolution also authorizes and instructs the Attorney General to take such legal steps and institute such actions and proceedings on behalf of the State and against offending corporations as he shall deem proper and advisable to prevent such discrimination.

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"Hello, Central. Give me EAGLE GROCERY 145." "Is that EAGLE GROCERY?" "Yes, Madam." "Please send me one pound of your Clover Hill Butter 35c, because I heard that you have such nice butter." "THANKS."

Mercantile Bank, No. 4 N. Poindexter Street, now open for business, will be conducted upon conservative principles, along progressive lines, with people or banks or corporations having business with this city or section. Robt. S. Fearing, Cashier. G. M. Scott, President.

## SIXTH ANNIVERSARY SALE

On next Thursday Rucker and Sheely will start their Sixth Great Anniversary Sale, which will last four days.

Read their large announcement on the last page. The sales force will be doubled to take care of the great crowds which always attend these noted sales.

## EXTRA SEPECIAL SALE.

The Hub will have an extra special sale Saturday and Monday. Prices have been cut deep to close out Winter stock for Spring arrivals. Interior improvements are being made.

The Model Tailoring Co. located in room 14, Robinson building are now ready for business. They have a splendid line of fabrics and are waiting for that Spring order.

## FINE SEED POTATOES

The Jennett Bros. Company of this city have just received a shipment of finest seed Irish potatoes on the market. If you want a real good article, these which will yield the best returns and a prompt shipment, send them your orders.

Florida Russet Oranges, sweetest that grows; also California Oranges and large Bananas. EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.

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## Bach From Around the World.

Clyde Senate, of the Battleship fleet that has just returned from a cruise around the world, spent Thursday in the city the guest of the family of Captain Covert.

## AGED COUPLE WED.

Register of Deeds J. C. Spence, Wednesday married Mr. T. G. Tuttle, age 58 years and Mrs. Mary E. Lowe age 63 years.

They were married in the register of deed office. The contracting parties are both residents of Okico. They returned to their home in Okico after the marriage ceremony.