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**The New Cabinet.**

President Taft's cabinet is as follows:

- Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania to be Secretary of State.
- Franklin McVeagh of Illinois to be Secretary of the Treasury.
- Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee to be Secretary of War.
- George W. Wickersham of New York to be Attorney General.
- Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts to be Postmaster General.
- George V. L. Meyer of Massachusetts to be Secretary of the Navy.
- Richard A. Ballinger of Washington to be Secretary of the Interior.
- James Wilson of Iowa to be Secretary of Agriculture.
- Charles Nagel of Missouri to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Most of the gentlemen who will sit around Mr. Taft's counsel board are lawyers. The Secretary of State, who is now spoken of as the head of the cabinet, is the most distinguished one of them. He goes from the Senate, to which body he was appointed in 1904 to succeed Quay and afterward elected. He was Attorney General in Mr. McKinley's cabinet.

Secretary McVeagh, is a native of Pennsylvania, though a citizen of Illinois. He is a merchant and banker, having abandoned law, of Chicago, and outside of his business career has made a reputation for work in behalf of civic progress and reform.

Secretary Dickinson is the much talked of Southern member of the cabinet. A native of Mississippi, a resident of Tennessee and Chicago, he is a so-called Democrat who voted for Taft. He has done distinguished public service, including a term as Assistant Attorney General of the United States under Cleveland.

Mr. Wickersham, Attorney General, is a well known corporation lawyer of New York.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is the youngest member of the cabinet, being 42 years of age. He is a professional office holder and was chairman of the Republican national committee in the last campaign.

Mr. Meyer, going from the post office department, where he has served two years, to the head of the Navy Department, is not a lawyer. His principal public service has been as ambassador.

Mr. Ballinger, lawyer, is a new discovery. Four States already claim him, and if he turns out well enough, his post mortem fame may reach the Homeric degree.

Mr. Nagel is another new man so far as the public is concerned, and though a native of Texas, is accredited to Missouri, the State of his residence. He is a teacher of law and political science.

Uncle Jim Wilson, like the poor, we have always with us. He began as Secretary of Agriculture with Mr. McKinley, and if he continues in the office till next November, will have made the largest record of any man who ever served in the cabinet. He emigrated to this country from his native Scotland, with his parents, when 17 years of age, settled in Iowa, and has since combined the occupations of farming and politics.

The last days are always the busiest. Especially is this true of the legislature, where important work can seldom be got under way till half the session is out. So it always falls that at the closing time the body works night and day to get through by the time the sixty days expire. Though the time for which members can receive pay expired last Saturday, the legislature worked yesterday and last night and was still unable to get through. The session was expected to close some time today.

Senator Tillman, in making some remarks about Secretary Meyer, who, as Postmaster General, stooped to the peanut attitude of trying to injure Tillman by proving that he had franked a typewriter which belonged to the government, when he should have paid postage on it, said that Meyer "accused me of being a liar when I was not" and "I accused Meyer of being a liar when he was," which wasn't bad even for Ben.

In the illness of Mr. Cyrus B. Watson of Winston and Mr. J. P. Caldwell of Charlotte, the people of the State have a large interest. The first is a sufferer with Bright's disease and his condition is critical. The latter was stricken with partial paralysis on Sunday, and is said to be getting better. There are not two more striking figures in the State, and the hope is universal that they may at once be restored to their wonted health.

Messrs. R. W. Lemmond and Ney McNeely, who have served as representatives in the legislature just closing, need not fear to meet their constituents. They have acted becomingly, kept their promises, and have done nothing to incur the penalty of political death which it was wont to be said always followed a man who served a term in the legislature from Union county.

Mr. Roosevelt, who had a "bully time as president," will not drop into the twilight of obscurity as ex-officials usually do. Neither will he feel the depression that Mr. Cleveland expressed when he said that after relinquishing the vast business of the Nation, a man felt that any of the private things of life that he took up seemed petty. Mr. Roosevelt will spend two years in letting himself down, one year hunting in Africa at the further end of a well working telegraph line, and another year in doing Europe and receiving the homage of the crowned heads.

**An Enjoyable Time at Sandy Ridge.**

Sandy Ridge graded school, in Buffalo, taught by Mr. Grover Bacon, closed last Saturday. Mr. Bacon is an excellent teacher and he has made wonderful progress among his students. In the forenoon there was a "spelling bee" between the students, which was a fine one, indeed. It was well fought on both sides. In the afternoon a match game of ball was played between Sandy Ridge and Carmel teams, which was well attended. At first it seemed uncertain as to which was going to win. The seventh inning showed Sandy Ridge one score ahead, but when nine innings were played the score proved Carmel to be three ahead. Both sides did well and the teams are an honor to their schools.

In the afternoon the house was called to order by Mr. J. R. Griffin, president of the debating society, after which a fine recitation was spoken by Miss Gladys Laney. Then the following query was discussed: "Resolved, That the United States has reached the zenith of her prosperity." Affirmative: Darling Melton and Bennie Starnes, negative: Everett Melton and James Richardson. The fight was long and hard, but it went in favor of the negative. After the debate Mr. Bacon made a speech to the students and patrons of the community.

Sandy Ridge is fast coming to the front as a school. She has a fine debating society and a good ball team, and in the near future expects to be the banner school along these lines.

**Inauguration Under Difficulties.**

The first Chief Executive to take the office oath in the chamber of the Senate in seventy-six years, William Howard Taft, today became President of the United States.

Accompanied to the Capital by President Roosevelt and a guard of honor through a swirl of blinding snow, Mr. Taft returned to the White House just as the sun began to force its way through the thinning clouds of gray. A sudden blizzard sweeping in from the Northwest last night, to set away the weather bureau's optimistic promise of "fair and somewhat cooler," caused an abandonment of the outdoor ceremonies on the famous east front of the capital, much to Mr. Taft's chagrin, and threatened for a time to stop the brilliant pageant of the afternoon.

By almost superhuman efforts a passage way was cleared along the centre of Pennsylvania avenue and for nearly three hours President Taft and vice-president Sherman reviewed a passing column which was replete with martial splendor and pictures que civic display.

Following the brilliant and impressive ceremonies in the Senate, during which both President and Vice-President took the oath of office, President Roosevelt—again a private citizen—bade an affectionate adieu to his successor while all in the historic chamber looked on in silence and then hurried away through a side door to take the train for New York. As he passed out of the chamber Mr. Roosevelt was given an ovation quite the equal of that tendered to the new President.

To all with whom he spoke Mr. Roosevelt declared that he had "a bully time" as president.

President and Mrs. Taft were the centres of interest at the culminating feature of the memorable day—the inaugural ball in the Pension Building. The scene in the vast cavern of the building, which had been transformed into a canopied

court of ivory and white was another of the brilliant pictures which are quadratically painted here by the gathering of a vast and brilliant assemblage from every section of the country. With all the color and movement of a military spectacle, with the softening influence of delicately tinted gowns and the interest of a personnel seldom equaled at a social function, the inaugural ball holds a place unique in the history-making of the day.

While the ball was in progress indoors, a display of fireworks on the monument lot in the rear of the White House marked the end of the outdoor celebration. For hours the thinly clouded heavens were alight with screaming rockets with sun-clusters that challenged the brilliance of day, with fierce "cobras," aerial salutes, floating festoons and illuminated balloons.

Prior to his visit to the ball President Taft had entertained at tea in the White House the members of the Yale club; had dined with Mrs. Taft at 7 o'clock, and had stopped in at the Metropolitan Club to say a few words at the dinner of the class of '78 at Yale.

Mr. Taft's day was one of continuing cheers from his appearance on the White House portico this morning until he returned late to night, an unwilling leave-taker from the dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft were guests of the Roosevelts at the White House last night, setting a new precedent in the courtesies of the Executive Mansion as they did again today when Mrs. Taft accompanied the newly-made president and Mr. Sherman, the new vice-president, from the capitol at the head of the imposing parade to the White House. The presidential carriage, drawn by four bay horses, which had been closed against the storm as President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft made their way to the capitol, which was thrown as the return journey was begun and President Taft, quickly recognized by the crowds which stood enthusiastically innumerable of the ankle-deep snow and slush about them, was acclaimed all along the great distances of the avenue. He wore his broadest of smiles.

When they met at breakfast this morning with the world all white outside and the song of the blizzard wind ringing in their ears, Mr. Taft and President Roosevelt were as happy as two boys.

"I knew it would be a cold day when I was made President of the United States," exclaimed Mr. Taft, "and I knew there would be a blizzard clear up to the moment I went out of office," rejoined President Roosevelt.

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It was deemed too dangerous, however, to force upon the venerable members of the Supreme Court, the Senate and the diplomatic corps the jeopardy of long exposure to the fury of the elements.

Not since Andrew Jackson's first inauguration, in 1833, had a President taken the oath in the Senate. At his first inaugural Jackson had protested against an indoor ceremony when so many of his fellow-citizens were gathered outside the Capitol. So, followed by all the distinguished company which had assembled in the hall of the Senate, he proceeded to the portico of the east front and there took the oath of office and delivered his inaugural address.

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