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"The people—my trust," were among the last utterances of the dying President.

Business in all the departments of the Government was suspended on Tuesday until after the funeral.

Official letters closing up the affairs of the late President were written upon paper edged in deepest black.

President Arthur went to his hotel and will not occupy the White House until Mrs. Garfield and family have vacated it.

President Arthur, after making final arrangements for permanent removal to Washington, returned to Long Branch and accompanied the funeral cortege to Washington.

Dr. Bliss has become nervous and overwrought under the constant strain which has rested on him for nearly three months and says he has been unable to sleep.

The residences of the foreign ministers without exception are draped in respect to the memory of the assassinated President, the display of black at the British Legation being particularly heavy.

When the President's mother was informed of his death, the poor old lady gave a little scream and covered her face with her hands. When she took away her hands tears were streaming down her pale cheeks, but upon her face shone that heroic resignation so perceptible when she first heard that the President had been shot. She said, "Ah, my poor, dear James! God's will be done." Then she left the family and retired to her room to be alone with her grief.

## PRESIDENT ARTHUR AT LONG BRANCH.

### Paying Respect to His Dead Predecessor.

On his arrival at Long Branch, President Arthur was driven to the cottage of Attorney-General McVeagh. In the first carriage the front seat was occupied by Secretary Windom and Attorney-General McVeagh, and the rear seat by President Arthur and Secretary Blaine. The second carriage contained Gen. Boynton, President Arthur's son and Secretary James. Secretaries Lincoln, Kirkwood and Hunt occupied the third carriage. The other carriages contained friends of the party. The party were not driven near the Franklyn cottage but down the main road to the gate of the McVeagh cottage inclosure.

At 3.35 o'clock President Arthur left his cottage and passed across the lawn leaning on the arm of Attorney-General McVeagh, to the Franklyn cottage. They had hardly disappeared when Gen. Grant passed across the Elberon Hotel porch and followed them. He had apparently intended to meet them. The past President, the present President and the dead President were in the cottage together.

The President showed keenly and unmistakably his feelings on the subject of the death of his predecessor. His eyes moistened quickly and his usually firm voice showed tremor.

THE WEED ON HIS HAT showed something possibly of what

he felt for Mrs. Garfield, for it is only a few months since he lost his wife. His mourning attire gave rise to frequent comment. When the President and Attorney General started for the Franklyn cottage to view the remains of the dead President and personally express sympathy to Mrs. Garfield, the President met the first salute from one of the guards on duty and took off his hat instead of giving the military salute. His tall form quite overshadowed that of McVeagh. He was dressed neatly and plainly in black. His face was paler than usual, and there was a noticeable absence, except for a moment of intervals, of the old and familiar flush.

His side whiskers, once worn heavy and bushy, of mingled black and white, were trimmed quite close to his cheeks, and were wonderfully white for one of his years. He is one year older than Gen. Garfield. The crowd about the hotels had lessened, and only a small group occupied the porch. Neither the President nor his companions noticed that they had missed Gen. Grant, and passed on into the cottage before the General caught up with them. It was noticed as a contrast that while Gen. Arthur's bearing was straight and military, and he received the salute from the soldiers due to his station, the great soldier who followed him stooped greatly, and the sentries paid no heed to him. Gen. Grant's face was solemn and sad. What occurred when the ex-President and President looked upon their dead friend, and when they met and tried to sympathize with Mrs. Garfield is not known. At the angle of recently worn paths across the grass, one from Franklyn Cottage to Elberon, and the other to McVeagh cottage, the men paused an instant and shook hands, but did not speak. Gen. Grant hurried toward Elberon, his head bent down so that the wide brim of his hat sheltered his eyes. President Arthur, without apparent thought, drew out his handkerchief and wiped his eyes as he passed on in the other direction. After Gen. Grant had reached the Elberon he changed his mind and turned back at an angle toward the President and his company, and seeing Blaine at the cottage next below but quite close to that occupied by McVeagh, advanced to meet him. The two men who have fought each other to the defeat of both through national conventions, shook hands heartily. They walked together to the President's cottage, and were watched with interest, and even minor details will cling long in the memories of those who witnessed it. The stay in the cottage was short, and a few minutes before 4 o'clock the crowd which had been growing as the interest spread, ran to the hotel in time to see an open barouche pass with Gen. Grant and President Arthur on the back seat and Col. Fred. Grant and Arthur's son facing them, on their return to New York.

## PRESIDENT ARTHUR.

### TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE.

General Arthur was sworn in at a quarter past two o'clock Tuesday morning at his house. Two Judges of the New York Supreme Court had been sent for—J. B. Brady and Charles Donohue. Judge Brady arrived with Messrs. Rollins and Root at ten minutes before two, but the ceremony was, out of courtesy, deferred until Judge Donohue's arrival, at a little after two o'clock with ex-Commissioner French. On Judge Donohue's arrival, General Arthur rose from his seat in the library and advanced to the front parlor.

It is a large room with large French windows, with oil paintings by old masters hung from the ceiling. Dispatches, books and writing material were scattered all over the large table that stands in the centre. Gen. Arthur stood behind the table, facing the window. He had regained his composure. His eye was clear and manner dignified. The gas in the library was burning dimly, and his fine, tall form stood out grandly from the dark background. Old allegorical pictures loomed out from the darkness; pictures of conquests, and of triumphs, of defeats and despair, and above

all was a white marble bust of Henry Clay.

Judge Brady stood on the other side of the table facing Gen. Arthur. Grouped around the two men were Judge Donohue, Elihu Root, Commissioner French, Daniel J. Rollins and Gen. Arthur's son. Judge Brady slowly advanced a step and raised his right hand. Gen. Arthur did likewise. A moment of impressive silence followed. Gen. Arthur's features were almost fixed. Then Judge Brady administered the oath.

## Lodge Directory.

St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., meets at Masonic Hall second Wednesday night in each month.

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Eureka Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., meets at Odd Fellows Hall every Monday night.

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Section No. 170, Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month, after the close of Athenia Lodge.

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Trent Council, No. 411, Royal Arcanum, meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the first and third Friday nights of each month.

Cosmopolitan Council, American Legion of Honor, meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the first and third Thursday nights of each month.

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