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He is no longer ex-president-elect but once more, President Cleveland.

Now for four, four, four years more of unadulterated Democratic rule!

President Harrison said "good-bye" to his Cabinet, and the next day it snowed.

Ring out the old, ring in the new! Show us the hole the Republican party went through.

Judging from the beginning it has made, the inaugural month will be a howling success.

Adding the 9th of November to the 4th of March makes 13, an unlucky number for the G. O. P.

The historian of the future may record that "it was a cold day when the Harrison administration got left."

At the rate the faithful let themselves out at the inauguration, the other fellows are afraid they won't be able to hold themselves in long.

Massachusetts is not a bonanza to medical profession, judging from the fact that nearly one-quarter of its towns contain no resident physician.

George H. Walsh, republican speaker of the House of Representatives of North Dakota, has renounced all allegiance to the Republican party and hereafter will affiliate with the Democrats.

The last talk of the Populists in Kansas is to move the capital and put up a State House of their own. It should be in "the middle of the road," where Mrs. Lease could find it.

Some Iowa preachers preach very hot sermons. One of them recently painted hades so graphically, and scared one of the women of his congregation so badly, that she has become hopelessly crazy.

For the first time in twelve years the Democrats have control of the Senate and for the first time in thirty two years control of both the legislative and executive departments of the government.

A variation from the ordinary bridal tour is the trip of a couple now passing a portion of their honeymoon in Denison, Tex. The bride is fifty years of age and the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom accompanied her on her wedding tour. The groom has also brought along his five children. He has been married four times, the bride five times. They arrived at Denison in a wagon, and intend to make a circuit of their friends and relatives.

The matter of the tax upon purchases by merchants has for ten years past caused a great deal of feeling all over North Carolina. It was claimed that it was a double tax, and protest after protest was made, while the case got into the courts. This Legislature has made a compromise of the matter by providing for a sealed tax, which is quite light and which appears to be satisfactory to the merchants, with whose State committee the compromise has been arranged.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Grover Cleveland in assuming the high office to which he has been elected, appreciates that "a public office is a public trust" and that the affairs of this nation must be so conducted that the greatest good will revert to the greatest numbers says the Messenger. Therein consists the difference between the two parties, the one retiring having used every effort to make the rich richer, and to grind the poor. The Democratic administration is pledged to different principles and we look to see that the necessities of life are freed from taxation and the revenues of the Government derived from luxuries. Upon assuming once more the reins of Government the Democratic party finds a Bankrupt Treasury where they had left four years ago a surplus of over \$100,000,000. The Republican administration of 1889 to 1893 will be known in history for its extravagance and the taints of fraud and corruption which pervaded nearly all departments. The reign of honest government and honest principles has again begun and we have at the head an honest man who with the courage of strong convictions of right cannot be swerved from his course by fear nor favor.

Grover Cleveland will hold a unique place in American history. He is the only ex-president who was ever elected again, though several others endeavored to regain their lost station. He is the only man the Democracy has been able to elect president in thirty-six years, except Samuel J. Tilden, and it was not able to seat him.

We believe that the next four years will mark an era of prosperity in this country.

We shall have lighter taxation, more economical expenditures, honesty and capacity in public places.

If the party which takes control of the government shall be true to its time-honored principles and to its recent pledges, it will maintain and increase its hold on the confidence of the country.

It is fortunate in having as its leader a man who will surely do all that lies in his power to fulfill its pledges and enforce its principles.

THE NEW SENATE.

The present roll-call of the Senate shows 44 Democrats, 38 Republicans, 1 Populist, 1 Independent, 1 Farmers' Alliance, and 3 vacancies.

The vacancies are one each in Montana, Washington, and Wyoming. Appointments have been made by the Governors of Wyoming and Montana, respectively of Beckwith (Democrat) and Mantle (Republican), but these are subject to be changed when the Legislatures of those States meet again and elect. Should the Republicans eventually fill all of these vacancies it would give them 41. Should the Third-party senators then all vote with the Republicans (a most unlikely supposition) the Senate would still be a tie, with Vice-President Stevenson holding the controlling vote.

The composition of the House, as shown by unofficial returns, is Democrats, 217; Republicans, 128; Third party -8, and vacancies, 2. The Democrats have a majority of eighty over all.

The leather trust which is being formed proposes to buy up all the tanneries in the country and run them. It is said that it will take \$75,000,000 or \$100,000,000 to do this but they say they can raise the cash. They will then proceed to raise the price of leather. Nothing hid-bound about that.

It is said that A. C. Beckwith who has been appointed U. S. Senator from Wyoming drove an ox team over the plains thirty years ago. But he didn't think then that he would ever whip into the Senate.

President Cleveland, Vice President Stevenson, Secretary of State Gresham, Secretary of the Interior Smith, and Secretary of War Lamont are all Presbyterians.

The recent cold snap froze solid a number of shallow ponds on the farm of a Kentucky man. He has covered them with straw and proposes to cut ice out of them next summer whenever he wants it.

According to the Columbia (S. C.) Register General Wade Hampton has been indirectly offered his choice between United States Railroad Commissioner and Register of the Treasury and has accepted the latter.

New Orleans is moving to erect to a fine monument to Louisiana's greatest soldier, Gen. Beauregard. He is deserving of this grateful and patriotic recognition, for he was a true man of the South and a most accomplished soldier.

When Senator Peffer was told that during the inauguration jamboree a Washington barber would not shave a man for less than fifty cents he said that he felt reconciled to have the frost-bitten breezes whistle through his luxuriant whiskers.

The patriarch bull frog so far reported in this country, and the jumbo of the B. F. family enjoys life in Connecticut. He is said to be fourteen years old and measures eighteen inches in length, twelve inches across the back and weighs four pounds.

North Carolina had two honors Inauguration day. Senator Ransom escorted President Cleveland into the Senate chamber and thence to the platform outside; and the wife of Senator Vance sat in the executive gallery with Mrs. Cleveland and the latter's mother, and the little party seemed to be well pleased with each other.

A Georgia editor gives the following interesting view of "the meanest man" in his county: "Any man who would keep a dog that will jump a fence and break a rail and scare a mule that would throw a nigger that would break a jug of liquor in a dry county is a mighty mean man, and his chances of forgiveness are slim."

Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond thinks a cholera visitation to this country would cost us as many lives and as many dollars as a war with Great Britain. The present Congress acted wisely in appropriating \$300,000 for the purpose of keeping Asiatic cholera, typhus fever and other deadly plagues from abroad, out of this country.

From every source of information that comes to us there are indications of better times. Even in the bleak northwest, the home of the blizzard, they tell us that the people are moving forward with renewed confidence. While it may be true that farming interests are not as far advanced as usual, the belief is universal that the year will be one of unusual agricultural prosperity.

A prominent citizen of Henderson who joined Gideon's Band and turned State's evidence has been notified by an anonymous card that he may prepare himself for the penalty the oath of the order requires they should execute against him. The gentleman declines to give the card for publication, but admits its receipt and purport. This organization and its abettors are stronger in this section than six months ago. They are also more determined, and if not stopped will do damage in the future.

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