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## GOVERNMENT IN NEW HANDS

### President Taft Takes Oath of Office in Senate Chamber Because of Blinding Snow Storm Raging Without.

Washington, Special.—With all the homage that assembled thousands, representative of every State, almost every hamlet, of the nation could pay, the accompaniment of martial music, the rhythmic tramp of soldiers' feet, the checked enthusiasm privileged only to a free people of a great republic, William Howard Taft, of Ohio, Thursday became the twenty-seventh President of the United States.

And not without its influence upon the day and the epoch-making event was the exit of Theodore Roosevelt heralded by countless admirers for seven years past as the most picturesque, the most virile, and one of the greatest figures ever upon the stage of American public life.

lited, unflinchingly uttered the oath of office.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

After his inaugural address hundreds pressed about to grasp his hand, until at last he slipped away to the President's room in the Senate, where he rested a few minutes before beginning the return to the White House.

**Roosevelt Withdraws.**

The retiring President loath to divide the honor with his successor, quietly began the journey to the Union Station, where he took a special train for Oyster Bay.

The new President and Mrs. Taft were alone in the first carriage, and the drive from the Capitol to the

**Panoramic Decorations.**

The inspiring melody of national airs, of folk songs, of blood-stirring



marches, floats over a kaleidoscopic panorama of red, white and blue; fluttering flags, wind-sweeping bunting, every form and manner of decoration that could be devised in honor of the nation's chief pays its silent tribute to the day.

By dusk the pageant passing in constant review before the Court of Honor had its end; the light of glory yielded the scepter to the illumination of geons and brilliant lamps; the hiss of the Capitol of the brilliant crack and of sky every form of pyrotechnic boom was heard; the rattle of carriages, the shouted command of officers, the beginning of the inaugural ball, came in for their own.

The escort from the White House to the Capitol consisted of members of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans, and the Army and Navy Union.

The Vice President entered the Senate chamber just before noon, and in a speech filled with emotion expressed his regret at parting with that body. The scene was an affecting one.

**Vice President Sherman.**

Vice President Fairbanks, in his most impressive manner, then administered the oath to his successor. This impressive feature over, Mr. Fairbanks handed the gavel to Vice President Sherman, the retiring Vice President taking a seat near Speaker Cannon. Mr. Sherman then began his short inaugural address.

At its conclusion he administered the oath of the new Senators, some of them re-elected, and then formally adjourned the Senate. Gradually the procession began to move to the Senate Chamber where President-elect Taft was inducted into office.

**Takes the Oath.**

In all the day replete with history-making events the one great supreme moment was that when the shouting thousands ceased their acclaim, a solemn hush fell over the multitude, and the President-elect with hand up-

## SEVERE STORM ON HISTORIC 4TH OF MARCH

A fearful storm struck the nation again on the historic 4th of March. A Washington special says: Much suffering was caused among the vast inauguration crowd here by the wintry winds, the slush under foot and freezing temperature. Two persons were reported dead as a result of exposure and many other persons are seriously ill.

All the hospitals report that they have treated numerous cases of ex-

haustion among persons who stood for many hours in the slush and snow viewing the inaugural parade.

News from New York says: As a result of a blizzard which swept down unannounced Wednesday night, the middle Atlantic seaboard from New York to Norfolk found itself buried in an avalanche of snow and swept by destructive winds. For a time conditions seemed to threaten a repetition of the blizzard of 1899.

## THE NEW CABINET

Statesmen Who Will Be Taft's Counsellors.

Of great interest to the country at this time is the Cabinet which is to be President Taft's official family for the present administration. The following sketches of the men chosen by the incoming president, are taken from a recent article in the Philadelphia Record.

**Secretary of State.**

Philander Chase Knox was born at Brownsville, Pa., in 1835. He graduated at Mt. Union College, Ohio, in 1872; was admitted to the bar in 1875. From 1876 to 1877 he was assistant United States district attorney. In 1891 he was appointed Attorney General of the United States by President McKinley and retained the post under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt until 1904, when he was appointed by Governor Pennypacker to succeed the late M. S. Quay as United States senator from Pennsylvania. He has been in the Senate ever since.

**Secretary of the Treasury.**

Franklin MacVeagh, a brother of Wayne MacVeagh, who was a member of the Garfield cabinet, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1862 from Yale and in 1864 from the Columbia Law School. On account of ill-health gave up the profession and went to Chicago, where he embarked in mercantile pursuits. He was Democratic candidate for the United States senate from Illinois in 1894 but was defeated. He is president of the Bureau of Charities and Municipal Art is a member of the executive committee of the National Civic Federation and is vice-president of the American Civic Association.

**Secretary of War.**

Jacob McGavock Dickinson was born at Columbus, Miss., in 1851, and graduated from the University of Nashville in 1871. He served several times by special commission of the Tennessee supreme court. From 1895 to 1897 he was assistant attorney general of the United States. In politics he has generally been a Democrat. He will be appointed as from Tennessee. He is president of the American Bar Association. He weighs 270 pounds and is 6 feet 3 inches in height. He is wealthy. He and Mr. Taft call each other "Bill" and "Jake."

**Attorney General.**

George W. Wickersham is a native of Pennsylvania, was born in Pittsburgh in 1858. He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, with the degree of L.L. B. in 1880. In Martindale's American Law Directory he is rated as "very good" in legal ability and "very high" under the classification of recommendations—these are the highest and most laudable ratings contained in the directory. Mr. Wickersham has been particularly prominent in corporation law, and in this respect resembles his two predecessors—Senator Knox and Senator-elect Root.

**Postmaster General.**

Frank Harris Hitchcock has been a government official nearly ever since he graduated from Harvard in 1891. He was born in 1867. He held various clerkships, bureau chiefships, etc., and finally became assistant postmaster general. He took charge of the campaign of George B. Cortelyou for the presidential nomination, but when this boom was squelched was invited to become manager for the Taft boom which he did.

**Secretary of the Navy.**

George Von Lengerke Meyer, now postmaster general, was born in 1858, graduated from Harvard in 1879. He is very wealthy. He was speaker of the house in Massachusetts in 1894, and was appointed ambassador to Italy in 1900. In 1905 he was transferred to Russia, and in 1907 was recalled to become a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet.

**Secretary of the Interior.**

Richard Achilles Ballinger was born in Ohio in 1853, and after graduating in 1886 from Williams College, Massachusetts, removed to Seattle, Wash. He has written a number of volumes upon the law, served one term as a superior court judge, one term as mayor of Seattle, and has since 1907 been commissioner of the general land office.

**Secretary of Agriculture.**

James Wilson is a Scotchman, and therefore the one man in the cabinet who could not succeed to the presidency. He was born in 1835, and came to the United States in 1852, settling in Connecticut, but went to Iowa, where he engaged in farming. He has been secretary of agriculture since 1897 and his appointment to the Taft cabinet will give him a record unparalleled in cabinet service.

**Secretary of Commerce and Labor.**

Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, is a native of Texas and has earned a fortune in the practice of law. His legal practice has been largely for corporations. Mr. Nagel is extremely tall and slender, thin-faced, brown hair and mustache mixed with gray. He was born in 1849. He did not receive a college education, but spent one year in the University of Berlin, where he studied Roman law, political economy, etc. After studying abroad he returned to St. Louis in 1873 and served as a member of the Missouri legislature and as president of the St. Louis city council.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

### GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Dr. W. D. Canna, collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., who was appointed by President Roosevelt six years ago, died recently at the age of 111 years.

A terrific storm crossed the mountain regions of Tennessee and North Carolina on Wednesday. It seemed lifted by the mountains and only dipped down on the eastern counties of North Carolina, where it killed several persons and did great damage to property.

A site just west of Fredericksburg, called Rowe's Heights, has been selected for a State female normal school. About forty acres brought \$65,000.

Alexandria is said to be the only county in Virginia in which cock fighting is against the law. This was brought out in connection with a supposed violation in Norfolk recently.

An explosion of tyramite effectually checked a disarming fire in Gold Hill, N. C., last Saturday, the damage to the extent of \$5,070.

It was authoritatively announced very recently that the cotton mill at Bamberg, S. C., will be promptly rebuilt.

Twenty feet of the Mill Springs railroad bridge, near Old Fort, N. C., was burned Sunday morning, and notwithstanding it spans a deep gorge, it was ready for use again within six hours.

Broadus Morehead was killed and Coley Fisher and Charles Stamey were cut in a fight at Rutherfordton, N. C., on Monday.

Robert Amory, of Virginia, was fatally shot by a fellow lawyer, Amory, on Tuesday and died that night. It was the result of ill feeling.

It is estimated that 50,000 people went to Norfolk to see the big fleet. There were more than attended the Jamestown Exposition during the same length of time.

A furniture exposition began Mar. 1st to last, till the 13th, at High Point, N. C., the great furniture center of the South.

A fire destroyed the Greensboro Hardware Co. Company's plant last week, entailing a loss of \$40,000, with \$21,000 of insurance.

John Y. Carrington, M. G. Jeanes and J. Stubbs Young have been arrested and bailed in connection with the Seminoles trouble.

"Lucky" Baldwin, who died at the Santa Anita Ranch, California, is said to have left an estate worth \$28,000,000 net.

In Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday a primary was held for school inspectors in which women are allowed to vote. A number of them got men to hold their babies while in the booth.

Forty-five men were threatened with destruction at Port Blanchford, Pa., on Wednesday, by a mine explosion, followed by fire. Luckily they found a round-about way of reaching an exit. Several were seriously injured.

### Foreign Affairs.

The German government has in view airships on the Zeppelin type to be armed with rapid fire guns with which to fight in war.

A disease resembling yellow-fever, but unlike it in that it affects only natives has broken out in Barbados Islands, and is baffling scientists to diagnose it.

The telewriter has been introduced in London by which messages can be recorded when your friend of the other end of the line is out.

### Washington Notes.

Rear-Admiral Schroeder has been designated to commander-in-chief of the Navy to succeed Admiral Sperry, who has resigned it.

Mr. Taft and family went into the White House Tuesday as guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt held his last cabinet meeting on Tuesday. It was more of leave taking and good wishing than a business meeting.

A severe blizzard caused the inauguration to take place in the Senate Chamber and came near dispensing with the pageant.

Taft, in a current magazine article, says Roosevelt will have a place in history with Washington and Lincoln.

For a while during inauguration day the Associated Press wire to Atlanta was the only line out of the Capital City that was not put out of commission by the storm.

## WITH N. C. LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

The Senate spent nearly two more hours Monday discussing the Ormond solicitor's salary bill that had passed second reading Saturday and come over on objection to final reading, and then voted it through the final reading, 20 to 17, only to have the bill "knocked out" in the afternoon by the House judiciary committee by an almost unanimous unfavorable report without minority report to give it standing on the House calendar, so that it goes to the House graveyard or "do not pass" bills. Its pigeonhole will be alongside of that in which the original House bill on solicitors' salaries reposes that was defeated in the House two weeks ago.

The Senate passed the Nimoeks bill, to authorize counties to levy special tax of 2 cents on property and 6 cents on poll for supplementary pensions on second reading.

Another very important measure to pass the Senate was the Pharr resolution to direct the Corporation Commission to levy such freight rates per ton per mile in North Carolina from Carolina ports inland as will counteract discriminatory long haul rates from ports of other States to the same inland towns.

A joint resolution was introduced by Elliott and put through its immediate passage that no bills be introduced after Wednesday. This was sent to the House for concurrence.

The House devoted nearly the whole day to discussing a bill from the Senate to better enforce the game laws in Beaufort and Currituck counties by relieving these counties of relation with the Audubon Society, the counties to collect their own fees for hunting, half to benefit the school fund. Finally the bill passed with fifty-odd counties added, the Audubon Society coming in for severe criticism as autocratic and ineffective.

Representative Page, of the House, appeared before the committee asking for one dollar and a half instead of one dollar a day for the boys that scurry about the floor of the House and keep the microbes of the carpet in the atmosphere, also their actual transportation expenses to and from home. The committee yielded gracefully.

The House and Senate committees voted separately on the proposition for a constitutional convention, the former against it by 7 to 3, the latter in favor 3 to 2. Representative Koonce gave notice of a minority report.

The Senate Tuesday discussed the bill requiring railroads to use electric headlights which passed its second reading.

D. A. Woodward was elected jointly by the Senate and the House as a trustee of the State University in the place of George W. Connor, who declined to serve.

Some time was spent in committee of the whole considering the machinery bill. Section 3 was amended by eliminating the \$500 extra salary allowed the Corporation Commissioners for services as tax commission. Section 33 was amended so as to make banks pay taxes to the county and municipal governments as do other corporations.

A goodly number of bills of local interest were disposed of, it being a very busy day on the whole.

Two sessions for the House and two for the Senate again Wednesday made it possible for large numbers of local bills to be cleared from the calendars in the rush that is being made now by the Assembly to clear up all work by Saturday night and have the formal adjournment Monday.

A bill carrying \$1,404,900 was introduced in the House from the joint appropriations committee for general appropriations committee for general are apportioned as follows:

- Deaf and dumb school, Morganton, \$53,500.
- School for Blind, Raleigh, \$30,000.
- Raleigh Hospital, \$115,000.
- Western Hospital, \$190,000.
- Eastern Hospital, \$30,000.
- Soldiers' Home, \$12,200.
- A. & M. College, \$70,000.
- State University, \$105,000.
- State Normal, Greensboro, \$105,000.
- A. & M. colored, \$14,250.
- Appalachian Training School, \$15,000.
- Chilhowee, \$15,000.
- Colored Orphanage, \$5,000.
- East Carolina Training School, \$90,000.
- Guilford battleground, \$200.
- Stonewall Jackson Reformatory, \$30,000.
- State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis, \$225,500.
- Croatan Normal, \$12,500.
- Dangerous Insane, \$5,000.

Representative Hindsdale's bill to pay every inmate of the soldiers' home \$6 a year pocket money was passed without reference to committee.

The House was in a killing mood Thursday, the victims being the Connor mileage book bill and the Connor employer's liability act. The former, which was the counterpart of the Barringer bill that was squelched by the Senate, provided that conductors on trains should be compelled to accept mileage from the

## STORM CUTS WIDE SWATH

Several North Carolina Towns Swept by Furious Gale, Accompanied by Rain, Hail and Snow—Freight Train Blown From the Track at Dudley, on the Atlantic Coast Line.

Goldboro, N. C., Special.—With the suddenness of a cyclone and the speed of a hurricane a storm came up out of the west about 1 o'clock Wednesday and swept the city with wind, dust, rain and hail for a half hour, with almost unprecedented fury, putting the electric wires out of commission and leveling some garden fences with the ground in several sections of the town. Many smoke stacks and roofings were blown down. Two men narrowly escaped as two houses in building were demolished and a worthy negro man and his wife were crushed beneath a blown down barn.

Mr. Don Scott and his horse and buggy were blown from the road and the buggy was wrecked while he and the horse escaped.

**Storm Damage Serious.**

Washington, N. C., Special.—This city was visited Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock by a very severe wind and hail storm that swept over the lower part from the water front in an easterly direction, the wind attaining a velocity of about 65 miles and doing considerable damage. Five large smoke stacks of the Kugler Lumber Company plant were blown down causing an estimated damage of \$3,000. The Moss Planing Mill sheds and kiln were demolished; damage \$1,000. The Banner Lumber Company's sheds and stacks, \$500. Farren & Co., canning factory stack, \$100. The sleek Cassie was blown ashore high and dry on the banks of Pamlico river. At the Kugler Lumber Company, a large section of the mill roof was lifted up and carried a distance of seventy-five yards across the street.

**Blow Amendments to the General Public School Law Will Be Law Now, the House Having Passed the Bill on Final Reading.**

The Senate renigged on the \$500,000 pension appropriation passed Wednesday, though adding \$50,000 to the \$450,000 included in the bill from the appropriations committee. A motion to reconsider and then an amendment putting the fund back to \$450,000 prevailed. This is still \$50,000 more than has been appropriated heretofore.

The House Hindsdale child labor bill, which has elicited much talk of an interesting and mixed character, passed second reading with some amendment and then was forced over to another day for final reading by objection on the part of Senator Dockery.

The Senate re-assembled at 7:45 o'clock. Bills passed final reading: Relation to law of assignment for the benefit of creditors; amending certain sections of the Revised Code to prevent preference among creditors except when one has a lien on specific property; joint resolution increasing the pay of pages from \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

At 8 o'clock the Senate went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill as it came from the House. Section 1 was adopted, Section 2 was amended, making the levy \$1.25 for schools and support of the poor. House amendment making the tax \$1.32 was stricken out. Also an amendment to Section 3, these sections being adopted as the present law.

**Darkness Overshadowed Rocky Mount and Rain, Snow and Hail Fell.**

Rocky Mount, Special.—The most peculiar storm in the history of this section occurred Wednesday afternoon. Rain, hail and snow fell and dark clouds overshadowed the city at 2 o'clock. Lamps had to be lighted in many instances while places of business were forced to cease on account of darkness. Passenger trains Nos. 48 and 89 were operated into the city with headlights and all cars lighted as at night. For the hour of day with the exception of eclipses it was the darkest time ever recalled by the oldest citizens. All forms of lower animal life prepared for night and chickens went to roost.

**One Fatality in Sampson County Wind Uproofs Houses.**

Clinton, Special.—A severe wind storm swept over this section shortly after the noon hour Wednesday. A number of houses were unroofed and some blown down. A tree was blown upon Jackson's saw mill, four miles west of Clinton, and Ben Satton, a negro man was crushed to death by it. The country store of Robert Crumpler is reported blown down.

**Severe at Fayetteville.**

Fayetteville, Special.—The severest wind, thunder, rain and hail storm in recent years visited Fayetteville and this section Wednesday. As a result all the cotton mills here using the Buckhorn power have been compelled to suspend operations temporarily, though what damage was sustained at Buckhorn is not known here.

**Asheville Has Weather to Suit Everybody.**

Asheville, Special.—Asheville experienced all seasons of weather Wednesday. There was a heavy rainfall Tuesday night. During the morning, however, conditions cleared and the sun came out bright and warm. Later there was a sudden shower came up with thunder and lightning. When this passed quickly it was again warm and the sun shone only to change shortly to snow and rain and sleet. In the afternoon it was cold with alternate snow and rain.

**Hearst Scores a Victory.**

Guthrie, Okla., Special.—Scott MacReynolds, representative of William R. Hurst, won a complete victory over Governor Haskell in his suit to compel the Governor to return certain papers seized at the instance of the Governor. Judge Strang held that the writ of search and seizure issued under an affidavit signed by MacReynolds had in his possession papers which he intended to publish.

**NEW IDEA Helped Wis. Couple.**

It doesn't pay to stick too closely to old notions of things. New ideas often lead to better health, success and happiness.

A Wis. couple examined an idea new to them and stepped up several rounds on the health ladder. The husband writes:

"Several years ago we suffered from coffee drinking, were sleepless, nervous, sallow, weak, and irritable. My wife and I both loved coffee and thought it was a bracer." (delusion).

"Finally, after years of suffering, we read of Postum and the harmfulness of coffee, and believing that to grow we should give some attention to new ideas, we decided to test Postum."

"When we made it right we liked it and were relieved of ills caused by coffee. Our friends noticed the change—fresher skin, sturdier nerves, better temper, etc.

"These changes were not sudden, but relief increased as we continued to drink and enjoy Postum, and we lost the desire for coffee.

"Many of our friends did not like Postum at first, because they did not make it right. But when they boiled Postum according to directions on pkg., until it was dark and rich they liked it better than coffee and were benefited by the change." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkg.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.