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## THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

### Speech Of Representative Pou as Published in the Congressional Record.

Mr. MORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Pou).

Mr. Pou. Mr. Speaker, I concur with the gentleman from Massachusetts that the inauguration of the President of the United States should be conducted in a manner which comports with the dignity of this country as a world power. The inauguration of a President of the United States is no ordinary event. I do not believe that the ceremonies should be conducted in a niggardly manner. The District of Columbia Committee was confronted with this proposition. Whether the ceremonies should be conducted in the Library building, or the Pension Office, or the Capitol. So far as I am concerned, I would not consider the Library for one moment.

Mr. PRINCE. Will the gentleman allow me a question?

Mr. Pou. Certainly.

Mr. PRINCE. Did the committee take into consideration at all Convention Hall, in this city, with a view to making an appropriation to have that used for the ball?

Mr. Pou. I think not.

Mr. PRINCE. Would not that be large enough to hold the ball?

Mr. Pou. I am not informed as to that.

Mr. PRINCE. Would not it be a place where none of the public service would be in the slightest degree interfered with, either by the disturbance in the Capitol, by the removal of files from the Pension Office, or by defacing the Library?

Mr. Pou. I do not think that building was considered by the District Committee and therefore cannot answer the inquiry of the gentleman.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Did the gentleman consider the Census building in that connection?

Mr. Pou. I think not. Only these three buildings were considered by the committee. Every other building seemed to have been eliminated by the inaugural committee. As for the Library, I believe the decorations are too delicate and too expensive to be exposed to the slightest degree to damage or defacement. Then the question was narrowed down whether the ceremonies should be held in the Pension Office or in the Capitol.

Mr. DINSMORE. On what ground does the gentleman say that the Library was not to be thought of? On the ground that it would destroy it?

Mr. Pou. No.

Mr. DINSMORE. I think it would be utterly ruined. It would be permanently disfigured and injured, and I think the same thing is true of the Capitol.

Mr. Pou. I am informed by gentlemen that so high an authority as General Wilson declared that the Library would be an ideal place and that there was practically no danger to the building. Gentlemen who appeared before the committee assured us there was no danger of injury to the Library building, but the committee thought there might be some slight danger, and therefore it was eliminated from consideration.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it would hardly diminish the attendance if dancing should be barred, and if dancing is not allowed will any gentleman say that it is improper for the President to hold an inaugural reception in this building? The idea strikes me as being proper. There is small danger of fire, the expense would be moderate, and there is no danger of injury to the building. But the District Committee is not wedded to the use of any particular building. The gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL] has merely reported in favor of the building against which we believe the fewest objections can be urged.

The Pension building was favorably considered, but the committee was confronted with the statements of the Secretary, quoted by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, that there was danger of fire and that in case of fire there would be irreparable injury. We were informed that there had actually been two or three slight fires at the last inauguration and, therefore, it was not thought wise to report in favor of the use of the Pension Office.

Mr. THAYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman, if there is any danger of fire at the Pension building, would there not be far more danger here in the Capitol building?

Mr. Pou. Of course there is danger of fire anywhere. Some risk has to be run anywhere, but the destruction of papers and documents in the Pension Office would cause incalculable damage. Furthermore, it was argued that there would be considerable expense in the use of the Pension Office. The committee seemed desirous of reporting in favor of the building exposed to the smallest danger and which could be used at moderate expense. By elimination it was agreed to recommend the Capitol building.

Now, so far as I am concerned, I can see no impropriety in conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President of the United States in the Capitol building. I do not think a dance should be permitted in this building, but I am informed that but few, comparatively speaking, ever indulge in dancing, but it is more a gathering of the people with a view of commingling with each other and a desire to have an opportunity of meeting the President of the United States. If dancing is objected to, I suppose that could be eliminated; but, so far as I am concerned, I see no possible impropriety in holding the ceremonies to inaugurate the President of the United States under the dome of this building. Under all the circumstances, it seems to me that it would be the part of wisdom to adopt the recommendation of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL] and grant the use of the Capitol as the proper place to hold these ceremonies.

### Before the Mayor.

Two young colored boys, Arthur Bryant and Walter Stevens, were bound over to court this week by Mayor LeMay on the charge of stealing money from the cash drawer of Austin-Stephenson Co. For some time, according to their own story, they have been going into the store, in company with two or more boys of their size and buying cheese and crackers. Watching a chance, one would rob the drawer while the others were successfully engaging the attention of the clerks. After leaving the store they would divide the spoils.

Tom Bryant, a colored merchant was also arrested and bound over for selling liquor. It seems that he was in the habit of selling "Oxolo." He would take an empty "Oxolo" bottle, fill it with another liquid, supposedly whiskey, and sell the same at 40 cents per pint.

The mayor also had several before him during the holidays for fighting, &c.

### Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after every thing else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial Bottle free."

## MASS MEETING CALLED.

### The Citizens of Smithfield White School Asked to Meet in Court House next Monday Evening, January 2nd.

In view of the probability that Turlington Graded School will be deprived of a considerable part of the financial support which has heretofore sustained it, it will be necessary for the people of this school district who are interested in the continuance of the school to provide means for its support. Therefore, the undersigned, committee of white school district No. 1. of Smithfield township, respectively request all white persons living in said district to meet in the Court House on Monday night, January the 2nd., at 7:30 o'clock, to consider what course shall be taken to enable our Graded School to be continued in the future as it has been for the past two years. It is earnestly requested that all persons who are interested in the cause of education shall be present at this meeting. The value of your property is involved, as well as the prosperity of the town of Smithfield and the surrounding community. Unless means are provided to sustain this school its term will be shortened at least five months, and the Graded School features, which have been conducted so efficiently by Prof. Merritt and his corps of teachers, must be abandoned. If the Turlington Graded School is allowed to die, property value will go lower, and the cause of education will receive a greater setback than ever before in the history of this community. Therefore all persons are interested, whether they have children attending this school or not.

The Court House bell will be rung. Be on hand without fail.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD W. POUL,  
J. W. WELTONS,  
T. R. HOOPER,  
Dec. 29-04 School Com.

## ARCHER NEWS.

Mr. Chas. Davis, of Wilson, spent last week with friends here.

Mr. Wm. Stencil is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Benson.

Mr. Matt R. Wall, of King's Business College, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Wiley Batton, of Spring Hope, is the guest of Mr. J. A. Batton's family this week.

Mr. Thad Woodard, principal of Archer Academy, is spending the holidays at his home near Princeton.

There will be a Sunday School treat at White Oak next Friday for the members of White Oak Sunday School.

We are sorry to note that Mr. E. Liles, who has been teaching at Earpsboro, has had to quit his school on account of failure of his eye-sight.

Most of our young people who have been away are spending the holidays at home. We notice from Clayton, Miss Genoa Wall and Messrs. J. I. Barnes and Jno. Hinnant; Raleigh, Mr. Matt R. Wall; McCullers, Miss Eula Whitley.

The school at Barnes school house taught by Mr. W. L. Stencil observed North Carolina Day last Friday with appropriate exercises. Two prizes were awarded as a reward of merit. They were given to little Miss Erdine Barnes and Master Clyde Wall.

Dec. 26, 1904. S. L. W.

### A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. George Noel, of Richmond, Va., is visiting friends here.

Miss Julia Fuller Etheredge is at home to spend the holidays.

Miss Carrie Bryan, of Goldsboro, is with the telephone here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Driver spent Christmas with relatives at Clayton.

S. H. Renfrow and family went to Raleigh to visit relatives last Sunday.

Mr. S. M. Call, of Mocksville, N. C., visiting his son, W. H. Call, Esq.

Mr. Charles U. Harris spent the holidays in Raleigh, returning Wednesday.

Mr. W. M. Nash went to Rocky Mount to spend the holidays with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Underhill, of Bayboro, returned home last week after a visit to Mr. J. A. Underhill, Sr.

Wingate Underhill, Esq., who is teaching in the Kinston Graded Schools, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Underhill, Sr.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie will preach at Sanders Chapel Sunday afternoon, January 1st, 1905 at 3 o'clock, and at the church here at 11 o'clock.

The Selma Improvement Co. will make advances on 1 thousand bales of cotton stored with them at \$20.00 per bale and charge 75 cents for storage and insurance till June 1st 1905.

Mrs. C. J. Owens, of Weldon, and Miss Flossie Abell, of Smithfield, were in town Monday to attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheredge. The happy couple received many valuable and pretty presents. A great many of their friends were present and enjoyed themselves hugely.

A great deal is being said about holding cotton and some commission houses are offering to make advances on cotton shipped them for storage without charge for storage or insurance. The farmers had better beware of such offers, for they are made just to get cotton from the farmers. No doubt the commission men have sold cotton futures and want to get hold of the cotton so they can deliver it. Don't ship your cotton to commission men, if you are bound to have a little money on it get it from men who will keep your cotton where you can see it if you want to.

Some of our rabbit hunters went out Monday after them. Soon the dogs had one going. The rabbit went straight to our champion rabbit hunter who is short of stature but long on breadth and thickness. Bang, went his gun but mollie hare kept on. Bang! went the gun again but mollie kept on straight for our champion who changed ends with his gun saying "Drat you, if I can't shoot you I can knock you," wielding the gun like he would a base ball bat he struck at mollie making a foul strike, but, disabling her so that he fell on the poor little rabbit, killing her.

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## Mr. Pou Defines His Position.

Editor THE SMITHFIELD HERALD: The card which you published in both the Raleigh dailies probably relieves me of the necessity of saying anything respecting the editorial in your issue of last week announcing that I favored the use of the Capitol of the United States for the Inaugural Ball, but this is a serious matter and the charge was so utterly at variance with my real views that I feel constrained to add a word defining my position:

If I favored turning the Capitol into a ball room I would not be fit to represent this or any other district in Congress, and it is a cause of keen regret to me that one who has known me as long as you have should think for one moment that I would favor such a proposition notwithstanding the report of my remarks in the Washington Post. I believe that a promiscuous, fancy fancy dress ball, to which anybody who will pay is admitted, is an abomination anywhere—and the truth is, I favored holding the Inaugural ceremonies in the Capitol because its use eliminates the ball, which is not properly a part of the Inaugural Ceremonies. It is said that the floor of the Capitol is entirely too rough for dancing, and that therefore it would be impracticable to attempt to hold the Inaugural Ball in that building. I distinctly said in my remarks on the floor of the House that I was opposed to the use of the Capitol for the Inaugural Ball.

Three buildings were under consideration—the Pension Office, the New Library, and the Capitol. The Secretary of the Interior informed the District Committee, of which I am a member, that he was violently opposed to the use of the Pension Building because of the danger of fire. If the records in that office were destroyed the damage which the Government would sustain would be simply irreparable. It is not generally known, but during the fall when President was inaugurated there were three fires in the Pension Office. Moreover, we were informed that the expense to the Government of using this building would probably reach \$60,000. Therefore, in view of the danger, and considering the expense, I thought the Pension Office should not be used.

General Wilson thinks the Congressional Library an ideal place. But that building is a thing of beauty and a perpetual joy to the American people, and, in my humble judgment, its decorations are too delicate and expensive to be exposed to the slightest danger of defacement.

Now, part of the Inaugural ceremonies are held in the Capitol. The President takes the oath of office there, and delivers his Inaugural Address from the East front. Thousands of people go to Washington principally to see the President. I could see no impropriety whatever in allowing him to hold a reception in the large area covered by the cupola of that building. There is no need to go to the expense of decorating it; and the danger of fire would be reduced to a minimum; and the expense to the government would be but a trifle.

This is my position. I think I am right. When Congress convenes after the holidays the matter will be decided. I have but little idea, however, that any other building will be adopted than the Pension Office, because the Inaugural Ball is said to be a source of large revenue to those responsible for the payment of the expenses of the Inaugural ceremonies.

This communication may not be necessary, but I am unwilling that my position should be misunderstood by any one.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD W. POUL.

Dec. 29th, 1904.

## POLENTA NEWS.

The Christmas tree at Shiloh was a success in every particular.

The young people seemed to enjoy themselves as only folks can.

Mr. Henry Austin, student at Oak Ridge, is spending this week at home.

A number of visitors from other sections of the county were out to the entertainment Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Adams, of Smithfield, spent the Christmas holidays with the parents of Mrs. Adams.

Miss Mildred Young, after an extended visit to relatives in Smithfield, returned home just before Christmas.

Mr. Harry Pool, of Raleigh, was in the neighborhood during the holidays, visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Young.

Mr. F. T. Booker and wife spent a part of the holidays in Raleigh, visiting the mother and sister of Mrs. Booker.

Christmas has come and gone. The day was celebrated generally speaking, in a becoming way. Far less drunkenness and rowdyism than ever before.

Misses Emma and Zula Tomlinson, after being confined teaching in the school room for the past four months, are at home for the holiday vacation.

Messrs. D. G. Fowle and Jno. McRae, son of Judge McRae, spent a few days here last week, visiting Mrs. J. Walter Myatt, sister of Mr. Fowle. These two young gentlemen are in attendance as students at the University of North Carolina.

One of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas holidays was the entertainment given by the pupils of Polenta Academy Friday night of last week, which consisted in recitations, dialogues, monologues and tableaux, all filling their parts to perfection. The exercises opened with a song, "The Old North State," by the school, after which little Vilas Johnson welcomed the crowd to the entertainment. The recitations were all excellently rendered, yet several deserve special mention. The "One Legged Goose," by Miss Mina Johnson was of a high order; The "Black Horse and His Rider" by Miss Mary Booker, was executed perfectly. The following also deserve more than a passing notice: Seba Johnson, Samp Barbours, Edward Booker, Newitt Barber, Edgar Holt, Russell Yelvington, Eustice Yelvington, Miss Rena Johnson, Edna Booker, Ellie Booker, Lena Booker, Margie Booker, Euphenia Price, Ludolph Price, Eva Yelvington, Bettie Yelvington, Florence Barber and several others whose names I can't call to mind now, all did well. Of the dialogues, "Way Down East," was exquisitely rendered. Mr. Reubin Myatt, as Mr. Pike; Miss Rena Johnson, as the Old Woman; Miss Mina Johnson and Miss Mary Booker, as the two sisters, and Mr. S. W. Booker as Alden, the aspirant to the hand of one of the sisters, received vociferous applause. The dialogue "Dad Says So Anyhow," in which Miss Rena Johnson and Mr. Robert Price were the actors, brought down the house. Josh Waddill as the timid youth, awkwardly trying to work himself up to the point of asking Matilda Jane to marry him was amusing in the extreme. "The Train to Monro," was finely rendered, also receiving hearty applause, Miss Rena Johnson again exhibiting ability in the role of the Old Woman Nurse, master Walter Holt, the son, acted his part grandly. As railroad agent, Mr. S. W. Booker excelled himself. The tableaux were fine. The music rendered by the Barber band, viz: Messrs. Percy Barber, Lonnie Barber and W. H. Sanders and graphone by Mr. Tom Turner added materially to the success of the entertainment. Taken as a whole the entire affair, under the management of Miss Catherine Williams, the cultured teacher, reflected great credit, not only on the school, but the entire community. It is the general comment that it was the best entertainment of its kind ever gotten up in this section.

Dec. 27. T.Y.P.O.