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McKINLEY TAKES THE OATH.

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The Inaugural Address—The Financial System Needs Revision and the Country Must Have Relief.

Washington, Special. William McKinley, of Ohio, was Thursday installed as President of the United States for the term of four years, continuing until March 4th, 1901, and Grover Cleveland, for the second time, passed from the exercise of the high office of President and re-entered private life. In his capacity as ex-President he has but one living contemporary, his immediate predecessor, Benjamin Harrison. All the others, who within the last thirty years, by election or succession, have presided over the destinies of the great American Republic—Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur, have joined the silent majority. Incidental to the actual assuming of the office of President, and slightly preceding it in point of time, Garrett A. Hobart, of New Jersey (a gentleman not heretofore prominent in national politics), took the office as Vice-President of the United States and was installed as ex-officio presiding officer of the Senate.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Wm. McKinley was met by the committee, and leaning on the arm of Senator Sherman walked to the side of the hall that was to bear him to the capitol. When he appeared there was great cheering.

Troop A, National Guard, of Ohio, Cleveland's Crack Cavalry, about a hundred strong mounted on black chargers opened the way through the mass of people.

The division escorting the President and President-elect to the capitol was composed of United States troops, being a District of Columbia National Guard.

The civic and military organizations were in line to the number of 50,000.

The parade under the marshaling of Gen. Horace Porter, formerly of the staff of Gen. Grant, was formed and moved without a jar. It was perhaps the most brilliant spectacle ever witnessed in Washington.

When, promptly at noon, ex-President Cleveland and President McKinley entered the chamber the whole assemblage rose to receive them as they took the seats of honor set apart for their respective reception. Vice President Stevenson, to whom the Senate accorded a unanimous vote of thanks for his courtesy and ability in the chair, returned his thanks in graceful terms.

He said he ranked as chief among the favors political fortune had bestowed upon him that of having known something of the friendship of the men with whom he had so long held official relation in this chamber. Then he entered upon a defense of the rules of the Senate.

It must not be forgotten that the rules governing this body are founded deep in human experience; that they are the results of centuries of tireless effort in legislative hall, to conserve, to render stable and secure the rights and liberties which have been achieved by conflict. By its rules the Senate wisely fixed the limits of its own power. Of those who clamor against the Senate and its methods of procedure it may truly be said: "They know not what they do." In this chamber alone are preserved, without restraint, two essentials of wise legislation and of good government—the right of amendment and debate. Great evils often result from hasty legislation—rarely from the delay which follows full discussion and deliberation. In my humble judgment the historic Senate—preserving the unrestricted rights of amendment and of debate—maintaining intact the time-honored parliamentary methods and amenities which infallibly secure action after deliberation—possesses in our scheme of government a value which cannot be measured by words.

He closed by saying: "For the able and distinguished gentleman who succeeds me as your presiding officer, I earnestly invoke the same co-operation and courtesy you have generously accorded me."

The extra session of the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Congress, called by President Cleveland to meet at 12 noon, March 4th, then commenced. The late Vice-President made way for his successor, Mr. Hobart, to whom the oath of office was administered, after which he made a brief address, in which he proceeded to swear in his turn such as were present of the thirty Senators whose terms of election or re-election began contemporaneously with that of the President. This ceremony completed, both houses of the United States, and many of the more privileged spectators adjourned to the east portico. In the presence of an immense throng, Chief Justice Fuller administered to President McKinley the brief obligation prescribed, to maintain the Constitution and enforce the laws of the United States, and President McKinley delivered his inaugural address.

The Inaugural Address.

He said in part: Fellow Citizens:—In obedience to the will of the people and in their presence, by the authority vested in me by this oath, I assume the arduous and responsible duties of President of the United States, relying in the support of my countrymen and invoking the guidance of Almighty God. Our faith teaches that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, who has so singularly favored the American people, enabling them upon willing labor and just enterprise. The country is suffering from industrial disturbances from which speedy relief must be had. Our financial system needs more revision; our money is all good now, but its value must not far

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SENATE.

Wednesday—Senate met at 10 o'clock. Abbott, of Pamlico, was elected railroad commissioner, and R. A. Cobb, of Morganton, State Librarian. Among the bills disposed of were: To amend the charter of the town of Lenoir, in Anson county. Passed second reading. To amend the charter of the city of New Bern; to provide for working the public roads in Union county by taxation. Passed. To establish and incorporate the National Protective Association (colored). Passed. For the relief of R. O. Pittman, ex-sheriff of Robeson county. Passed. To make the clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson county ex-officio clerk of the Criminal Court of that county. Passed.

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