

HE IS GOVERNOR NOW.

A. J. Montague Becomes the State's Chief Executive.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

Virginia Capitol Scene of a Notable Incident in History.

OFFICIALS-ELECT TAKE THE OATH. Messrs. Montague, Willard, and Anderson Sworn in by Judge Keith, of the Supreme Court—President Goode, of the Convention, Presided Over the Assemblage, Which Was Notable in Many Respects.

Andrew Jackson Montague became the sixty-seventh Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia shortly past noon yesterday. His inaugural address was delivered and the oath of office was taken under circumstances unparalleled in Virginia history.

The ceremonies attending the change of head of the State government took place in the presence of the Constitutional Convention, a body which is constructively the people, clothed with all the attributes of sovereignty. In addition thereto the judges of the Supreme Court were present; the heads of nearly all State departments, many members of the General Assembly, and distinguished citizens from various sections of the State, came to the capital to see the helm of government change hands.

The ceremonies attending the induction of the officials into office were very simple. They did not consume an hour. The fact that they occurred during a regular session of a Constitutional Convention made the occasion remarkable and interesting beyond former inaugurations.

The inaugural address of Mr. Montague, the short speech of Mr. Goode, presenting the Governor-elect to the convention—an epitome of the history of the Governors of Virginia since the days of the first Governor, Patrick Henry—were features which will make the inauguration of Governor Montague one to be remembered for years to come.

AN EAGER THRONG.

Before 11 o'clock the people began to gather at the Capitol. They were eager to see the new Governor inducted into office. Ten policemen were stationed at the entrances to the rotunda and the convention hall to see that none but those entitled to the floor entered within the portals of the hall. Members of the convention and of the General Assembly had a right to the floor. These were each also allowed to have a certain number of friends admitted by card, and Mr. Montague, Mr. Willard, and Mr. Anderson had the same privilege. Of course, the families of the new officials were entitled to admission. The galleries were open to the public generally. They were filled shortly after 11 o'clock. About two-fourths of those who came to the Capitol obtained admission to the hall. There was much murmuring on the part of those turned away, when they saw others being admitted.

A PERFECT DAY.

The day was ideal. Not a cloud marred the perfect blue of the sky; the breeze was as gentle as a springtime zephyr, but it had in it the chill of winter, enough of it to bring the color to the cheek and make the steps to quicken. Outside, overcoats were comfortable, but in the rotunda and the hall decidedly the reverse was true.

The appearance of the interior was considerably changed, because of the inauguration. The secretary's desk was taken from off the President's stand, and a small table placed thereon instead. Seats for the old and the new officials were placed on the stand in front of the speaker's chair; the official stenographer's table was removed from the space in front of the stand to an obscure position behind the press table. Chairs were placed in the space in front of the stand for the accommodation of members of the convention, the officials-elect and for distinguished guests.

THE EARLIEST ARRIVALS.

A few minutes after 11 o'clock two gentlemen, escorting several ladies, entered and took seats near the center of the southwest half of the hall. From that time arrivals were constant until noon, and afterwards.

The people swarmed in. Every one was required to show his card at the door. Those who did not know of the requirements were invariably turned away. At 12 o'clock the police and Sergeant-at-Arms Watkins were disposed to argue in response to the protests of the disappointed, but soon they came so fast there was no time for talk. The galleries were crowded with ladies and gentlemen by half-past 11.

SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Congressman Lamb came in early, his overcoat on his arm, smiling as though the day saw the consummation of a long-cherished wish. Governor Spotswood Hunt came in soon afterwards, tall and dignified, looking the soldier and the statesman. Mrs. Henry C. Stuart and Mrs. Eppa Hunt, Jr., wives of members of the convention, arrived early. An elderly lady, accompanied by Miss Stebbins, daughter of the member from Halifax, and took seats near to the front. Miss Lindsay, daughter of the member from Charlottesville, accompanied by an elderly lady, came in and took her father's seat near the door. Mrs. Caroline Elliot Roy, of Atlanta, escorted by Mr. R. L. Montague, were other early arrivals and they took seats well forward. Hon. J. Taylor Elyson and wife were late arrivals. Judge Garnett, member from Mathews, accompanied by Mrs. Garnett, had to press through a crowd in order to reach his seat. Mr. C. E. Bolling, superintendent of the City Water-Works, and Mrs. Bolling, had about as much trouble getting to a seat

Mr. Russell A. Bargamin, who did so much to make Mr. Montague Governor, came in somewhat late, accompanied by his beautiful bride. There was suppressed applause from the press table when Mr. Ben P. Owen, Jr., private secretary to the Governor, appeared, escorting Mr. A. Ritchie, who is to occupy the same relation towards Governor Montague. A few minutes later Mr. W. J. Shelburne, of Montgomery county, accompanied by his daughter, entered. Close behind came Rev. Dr. J. M. Pilcher, of Petersburg, followed by Mr. A. E. Dickinson, D. D., editor of the Religious Herald. Mr. D. C. Richardson, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Mrs. Richardson, tried to get seats, but had to stand away back by the west rail. Judge Ingram, of Manchester, his usually genial countenance more smiling than usual, came in just before noon, followed by Judge John Randolph Tucker, of Bedford County. Colonel A. S. Buford, dignified and urbane, came close after Judge Tucker, and was followed by Dr. J. Allison Hodges and wife, who found seats close to the door. Judge Leo D. Yarrell, of Greenville, came in quite late, dressed as usual, in Prince Albert and silk hat, and carrying his favorite cane, had a seat near the entrance.

SOME LATER ARRIVALS.

Shortly past noon Mrs. Anderson, accompanied by two daughters and two of their friends, came in and were given seats near the stand. Judge George W. Morris, of Charlottesville, was a late arrival. A few minutes before noon President Goode entered. There was a murmur of applause as the audience recognized the portly figure, and the usual friendly smile on his face, and the usual time before he could reach a seat near the stand, so many were the hands outstretched to greet him. Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, was one of the latest arrivals. Ex-Governor Cameron came in just about the same time—the only man in the audience who had ever played the part Mr. Montague was to take in a minute or two.

The latest of all in arriving was Mrs. Montague herself, who did not enter until after Mr. Goode had called the convention to order. She was escorted by her kinsmen, Mr. Fairfax Montague and Judge E. E. Montague, and accompanied by several lady friends, and by her little girls, Matilda Gay and Jeannette, and the little boy—"Papa's Man"—Latane. The party were given front seats. There was no room for Latane, and one of the gentlemen at a press table held him on his lap, where he could see papa during the ceremonies. At times he was bored, and could not suppress a yawn.

FALL OF THE GAVEL.

At exactly noon Mr. Goode ascended to the President's chair and let fall his gavel. The hush was instantaneous and complete. "The convention will come to order," said Mr. Goode. "Whereas he did not know that only about twenty members were on the floor. The Sergeant-at-Arms will notify the joint committee of the convention and General Assembly that the convention is now in session."

THE OATH ADMINISTERED.

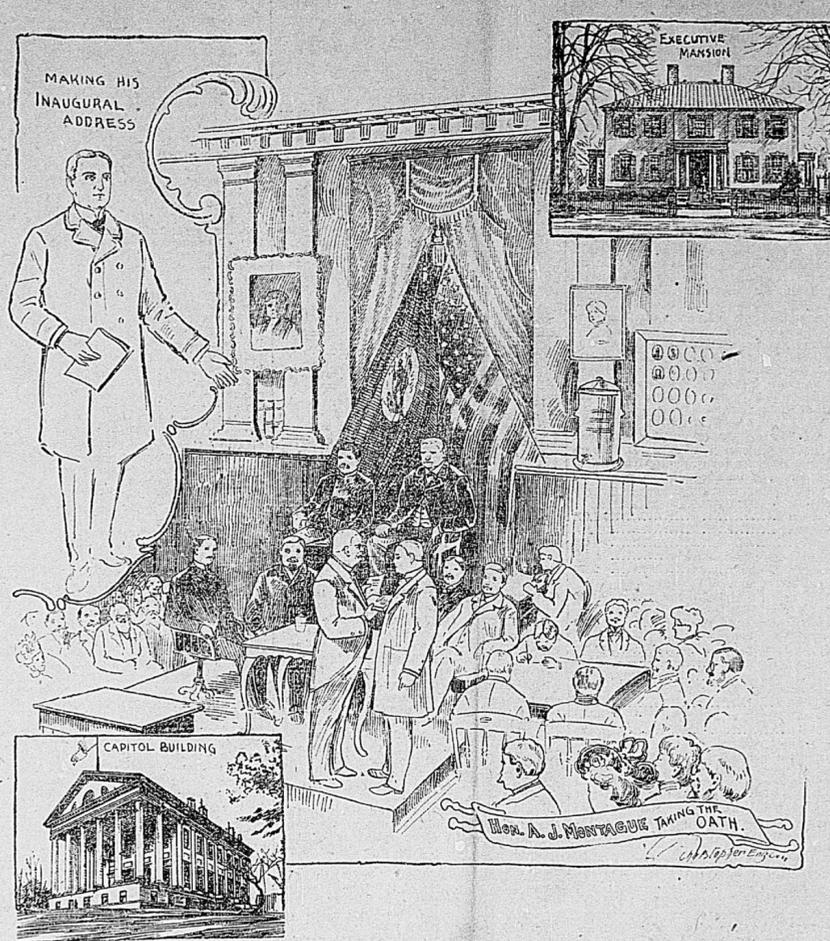
At the conclusion of the invocation, Mr. Goode made a brief speech, printed in full in the official report of the proceedings of the convention published elsewhere in to-day's Dispatch. It was a touching and as graceful as all of the public utterances of the old orator. The speech concluded with the presentation of Mr. Montague to the convention. There was great applause as Mr. Montague took his seat. He bowed his acknowledgments in a business-like way, and proceeded at once with his speech. He spoke less than twenty minutes. When the applause at the close of the speech had subsided, Judge Keith stepped up to the table and administered the constitutional oath of office. Governor Tyler arose to congratulate the new Governor, but the anti-dueling oath had not been taken. When this had been administered, and Mr. Montague went to affix his signature, it was found that there was no pen on the table. Lieutenant-Governor Echols used Mr. Montague's pen in signing their names, and the owner then presented it to Judge Keith as a souvenir of the occasion.

A BRIEF RECESSION.

Mr. Montague stated that the convention took a recess of five minutes, which was agreed to, and for fully fifteen minutes the new officials had to shake hands with hundreds of friends. At a minute or two to one o'clock the gavel fell again. Somebody moved that the convention adjourn until noon to-day, and Mr. Goode said the motion was agreed to.

SOON AFTER ADJOURNMENT.

Soon after adjournment, Governor Montague and ex-Governor Tyler took the elevator and ascended to the Executive office. They were together for some time. Mr. D. A. Ritchie, the new private



SCENES AT THE INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR MONTAGUE.

MAKING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

EXECUTIVE MANSION.

CAPITOL BUILDING.

GOV. A. J. MONTAGUE TAKING THE OATH.

WELCOME—FAREWELL!

GOVERNOR MONTAGUE AND MRS. MONTAGUE.

EX-GOVERNOR TYLER AND MRS. TYLER.

LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WILLARD.

EX-LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ECHOLS.

EX-GOVERNOR ANDERSON.

WELCOME—FAREWELL!

CANDLES STILL BURN.

GAS WORKS UNABLE TO RESUME YESTERDAY.

AFTERMATH OF THE BIG FRESHET.

Accurate Measurements Taken by an Official of the City Engineer's Office Show the Relation of the Recent Flood to Those of 1870 and 1877—Impossible to Estimate Damage Yet—Street Railway Traffic Resumed.

AS TO THE DAMAGE.

It was impossible to estimate the damage to the Trigg plant yesterday. Little or nothing has been washed away, and the loss will be in rust of exposed ironwork and loss of time. At Kingan & Co's plant it was reported that the water had done little or no damage. The engine was pumping out the cellars and a force was cleaning up. Storekeepers around the Old Market have lost considerably. Two days of loading are gone beyond recall, and several underestimated the height of the flood, and did not move their goods as

WELL AND THOROUGHLY AS THEY MIGHT HAVE DONE.

THE OLD MARKET WILL BE OCCUPIED AGAIN TO-DAY AND THE OFFICERS OF THE FIRST POLICE STATION HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR QUARTERS.

STIMMED UP.

No great damage was done at the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works. The steamship companies are losers by reason of lost time and inconvenience. The city will not lose much at its gas plants. A review of the whole situation tends to the belief that apart from the Moore fire the loss will not be great. Superintendent Cohn was industriously cleaning up the streets yesterday. Street-car traffic on Main street was resumed shortly after noon yesterday, but not to Fulton. It is thought that cars will be able to operate on Lester and Rocketts streets this morning.

COLORED PEOPLE'S-DAY AT THE CHARLESTON "EX."

Negro Orator Says, "There is No Such Thing as Social Equality Anywhere in the World."

CHARLESTON, S. C., January 1.—The building and grounds of the exposition, with the exception of the race-track, were practically turned over to the colored people to-day. The attendance was very large, and the conduct of the crowd excellent. The negro building was turned over to the exposition directors by Dr. W. D. Crum, of Charleston, one of the most accomplished colored physicians in the South, with an address appropriate to the occasion. The most notable feature of the celebration was the address of the orator of the day, President T. E. Miller, of the State College, at Orangeburg. "Learn to labor and to wait," was the keynote of the address, which was opened with a glowing tribute to Abraham Lincoln and Fred Douglass. The speaker said in part: "The white man of the South is the white man of the Northeast; the white man of the South is the white man wherever the American eagle spreads its wings. "We have friends across the Mason and Dixon line. They have spent their treasure to assist in elevating us, but we

have them by the millions all around us on this side of the line.

"Let me say here that there is no such thing as social equality anywhere in the world; and that no sane white man or negro should pay attention to the clatter about social equality, for it is all both to talk about it or expects it."

NEGRO AS A FACTORY HAND.

Concerning the negro as a factory hand, he said:

"I can locate a cotton factory in Tidewater Carolina and operate it with negro hands, and make more money on the capital invested than has been or can be made with white hands in either of the counties of Anderson, Richland, Chester, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, and Union, and cotton factories have always paid in the counties named. "I have studied the conditions surrounding the factories in Upper Carolina, and know for a certainty that the conditions for making money in cotton factories with negro labor in Lower Carolina are superior to those in Upper Carolina, where white labor is employed. "I am not asking to displace the white labor of the up-country with negro labor, but I want the moneyed men of the world to know that the negroes to make money in the cotton factories with negro labor in Lower Carolina and Georgia are two to one in our favor."

TO RESUME WORK TO-DAY; NO LACK OF GAS TO-NIGHT.

Superintendent Knowles Authorizes The Statement—Workmen Pump All Night in Darkness.

Superintendent Knowles, of the gas-works, authorizes the announcement that the Lower Gas-Works will be able to resume the manufacture of gas to-day, and that the city will have an adequate supply to-night. Yesterday afternoon and all of last night at the Lower and Upper Gas-Works a force of men was working work cleaning up and getting the water out of the pipes and apparatus. Fire was made in the benches, and everything possible done to get the plant in working order. All night long the men worked in darkness, for no lights are permitted in the gas-works at night. The men were working by reliefs.

The city lost about \$500 by reason of the two nights, when candles and lamps were used in lieu of gas. About 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas is used a night. For this the city receives \$1 a thousand. The process of manufacture with materials used costs 6 cents a thousand, making a net loss to the city of 5 cents a thousand cubic feet not used, or \$50 a night.

A GHASTLY MYSTERY IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Mother and a Child Burned to a Crisp.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., January 1.—(Special)—What will probably prove, when the matter is fully probed, the most atrocious murder ever known in this country, was committed at Cooper last night. The wife of Isaac Spears and their 4-months-old baby, after having their skulls crushed, were thrown in the fireplace, where they burned to a crisp.

MYRIAD OF LIGHTS.

The interior of the mansion was aglow with a myriad of electric lights, and this was added the beauty of a profusion of flowers, plants, and vines, banked about the mantels, and draped from chandeliers and walls. The floral decorations reached their height of effectiveness in the East-room. Here the great crystal chandeliers were looped with smilax while the recesses of the chamber were banked with pansy blossoms, begonias, and tall ferns. In the Red and Blue parlors there was the same effective disposition of flowers and plants, the flaming red of the poinsettia being most apparent everywhere.

FATAL WATCH PARTY AT ROBBINS' S. C.

Three People Are Killed—Two, One of Whom is a Woman, Seriously Wounded.

AUGUSTA, GA., January 1.—Three people were killed and two wounded last night at Robbins, S. C., in a fight which occurred during a party given at the residence of Jesse Griffin. The participants in the fight were white people, and well known in this part of the county. The dead are: George Dunbar, Harry Dunbar, Fletcher Bennett. The wounded are Mrs. George Dunbar and Arthur Dunbar.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY IN MEXICO CITY.

Brilliant Reception Held by President Diaz—Reception Also at United State Embassy.

MEXICO CITY, January 1.—President Diaz received thousands of callers to-day, including the diplomatic corps, the Pan-American delegates, who take rank as diplomats, members of Congress, army and navy officers, etc. He is in splendid health, and was especially cordial to the Pan-Americans. In the name of the diplomatic corps, the United States Ambassador Clayton offered the President New-Year congratulations. Ambassador and Mrs. Clayton held a large New-Year's reception at the United States Embassy this evening, at which all the Pan-American delegates were present.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

President Roosevelt's First Public Reception a Success.

8,100 PERSONS PRESENTED.

The Function Lasts from 11 A. M. Until 2:45 P. M.

DECORATIONS REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

The Arrangements Perfect—The President a Gracious and Happy Host—Mrs. Roosevelt's Tact and Cordiality Recall the Charm of Mrs. Cleveland's Personality—Nothing Unusual in Reception of Miles and Dewey.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1.—President Roosevelt's first public reception was attended more largely than any New-Year's reception in a number of years. In all, 8,100 persons filed through the White House, and shook hands with the President. Mr. Roosevelt, on being apprised that the crowd in line outside the White House was unusually large, gave orders that the gates should not be closed until the last person desiring to do so had had an opportunity to pay his respects.

The reception began promptly at 11 o'clock, and it was 2:30 o'clock before the last person in line had been presented to the President, and a quarter of an hour later before the reception came to an end. The weather was delightful, being clear and crisp, so that no hardship was suffered by the throng that waited for hours before gaining admission to the White House. The reception was in every way successful, the attendance not only being large, but the decorations being really beautiful, the arrangements perfect, and the President in excellent spirits. To each person he extended a cordial "Happy New Year," and Mrs. Roosevelt was equally pleasing to each of those who filed past the line in the Blue parlor, where the receiving party stood. Miss Alice Roosevelt was conspicuous among those assisting at the reception. A party of her young girl friends, by invitation, also participated in the function.

PERSONAL.

Owing to the removal from the city of Mr. Alexander H. Meyer, the entire contents of his home, "Restabit," Henrico county, will be offered at private sale, commencing to-day. Cars leave First and Broad streets every fifteen minutes; for the fact that the contents include Real Oriental Vugs, Mahogany Library Furniture, Green Velvet Reception Hall Set, Dark Oak Dining-Room Set; Pool Room, with equipments for billiards; dens; Brass Beds, Maple and Oak Bed Room Set, Hair Mattresses, Cushions, Eric-Bras, Pictures, Table and Kitchen Ware; Stable and contents—2 Double Set Harness, 2 Single Sets, 1 Rubber-Tired Runabout, 1 Rubber-Tired Victoria, 2 Shetland Pony, 1 Rubber-Tired Doctor's Engine, 1 Leg Robes, Tugs, and Coachman's Outfit. Open for inspection 9 to 12 A. M., 3 to 5 P. M.

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The Weather.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1.—Forecast:

Virginia—Fair Thursday; increasing cloudiness and warmer weather Friday; fresh northeast wind.

North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh northeast winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY

was clear and cold. The range was as follows:

6 A. M. 32
9 A. M. 31
12 M. 31
3 P. M. 31
6 P. M. 31
12 Night 31

Mean temperature... 31.4