

RECORD-BREAKING CROWD SEES WILLIAM H. TAFT SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Succeeds Roosevelt as Incumbent of Nation's Highest Office---Oath Administered at the Capital---Congressman Sherman Becomes Vice-President---Ceremonies of Inauguration.

WASHINGTON ISOLATED.

Special to The News.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 3 p. m.—Washington has been isolated for hours today. Severe storms being almost unprecedented. Thousands are detained at Baltimore and many more at other points. Taft first insisted on carrying out the original program, but finally consented to speak in Senate chamber, remarking, "I always knew it would be a cold day when I was made President."

Indications are for clear weather before evening. The temperature is freezing.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A severe sleet and snow storm struck Washington this morning and is raging yet. The ceremonies took place at noon in the Senate Chamber. At one o'clock the storm was still raging. The streets are full of slush and snow; but the parade program is being carried out.

The wires are down in all directions and the inaugural trains are detained at points in the vicinity of the capital.

Taft swore before the great crowd today to "preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States," and by so doing became the twenty-seventh President of the United States.

Immediately after the administration of the oath to Mr. Taft by Chief Justice Fuller, the new President delivered his inaugural address, which will be found on another page of today's paper.

He spoke for nearly an hour, and then turning to his escort, signified his readiness to leave the scene of the inauguration for the White House, his official residence during the coming four years.

A way was cleared for the new president and, entering his carriage and escorted by his cavalry guard, he was driven down Pennsylvania avenue to the executive mansion. From the curbs to the house fronts and on



VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN.

the face of the buildings nothing could be seen of the avenue for the mile that lies between the Capitol and the White House but a mass of jammed humanity. The new president's progress was marked by a continuous wave of cheering.

At the White House President Taft and his escort partook of luncheon before proceeding to the grand stand, at the court of honor, to review the

inaugural parade. With the passing of the marching thousands before the new president, the display of fireworks in the rear of the White House and the inaugural ball this evening inaugural day will close.

Beginning of the Ceremonies.

As far as President Taft and his predecessor, Mr. Roosevelt, were concerned, the day began with breakfast at the White House, where Mr. and Mrs. Taft have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt. By 10 o'clock all was made ready for the procession from the White House to the Capitol. Accompanied by President Roosevelt and escorted by a veteran guard commanded by General O. O. Howard, Mr. Taft was driven up gayly bedecked Pennsylvania avenue, which was already crowded. On their arrival at the Capitol Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt proceeded at once to the senate chamber to witness the inauguration of Vice President Sherman.

Before the entry of the president-elect, who preceded the retiring president into the senate chamber, the room was filled to overflowing with government dignitaries assembled to witness the administration of the oath of office to Mr. Sherman. Crowded within its doors were the members of the senate, both new and old; the members of the house of representatives, the justices of the United States supreme court, the members of the diplomatic corps, the heads of the executive departments, high officers of the army and navy and others.

Sherman Sworn In.

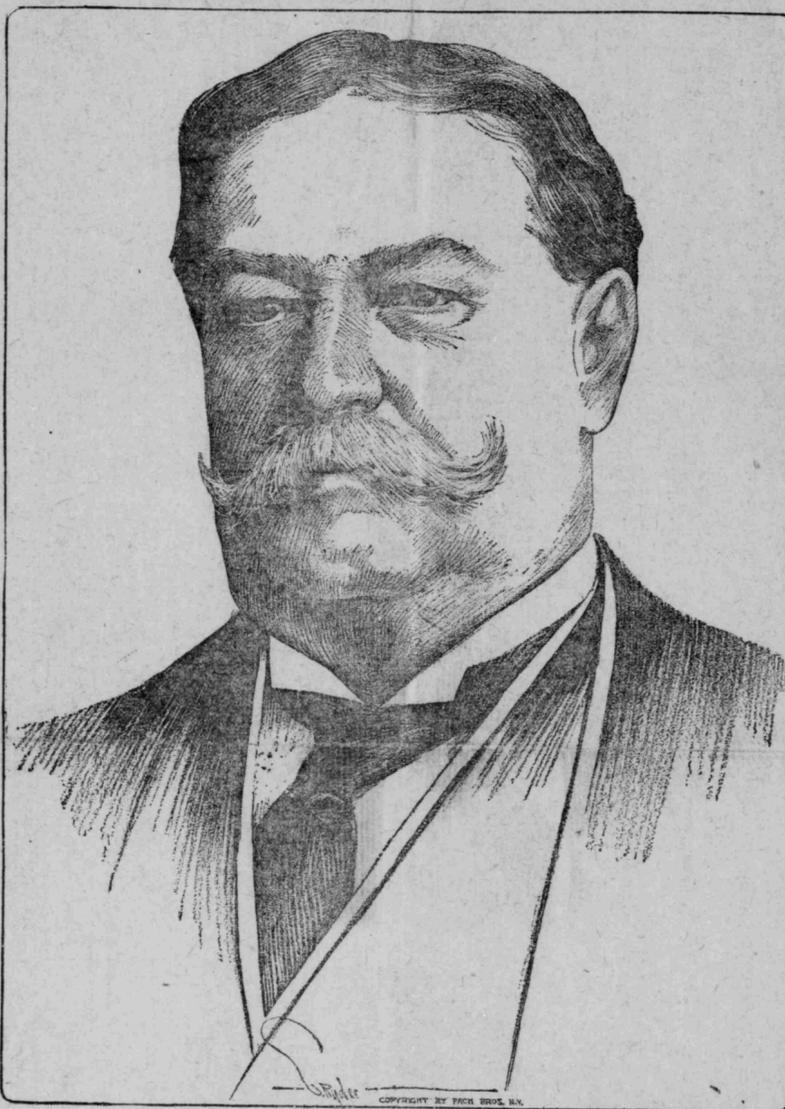
When all the witnesses to the ceremony were assembled, Vice President Fairbanks rose and called the session of the senate to order. After a brief valedictory address, in which he thanked the senators for the courtesy and respect shown to him during his term of office, Mr. Fairbanks called to his rostrum the vice president-elect, James Schoolcraft Sherman of New York and, the crowd standing, administered to him the oath and turned over to him the gavel that is the outward symbol of the authority attaching to his new office. The first official act of the new vice president as presiding officer of the senate was to call the senate to order and direct the recently elected members to come forward and take the oath. This accomplished, Vice President Sherman declared the senate adjourned for the time being.

Led by the sergeants-at-arms of the senate and house, the members of the two houses and the other officials marched through the corridors of the Capitol to the inaugural stand that had been erected at the east portico. As the retiring chief executive and his successor appeared at the main door of the Capitol and proceeded to walk to the front of the stand toward Chief Justice Fuller, who, with Bible in hand, awaited Mr. Taft, the troops massed in front of the stand and drawn up on two sides presented arms and a cheer rose from the crowd that extended as far as one could see from the stand. The crowd was very quiet as Mr. Taft repeated the words of the oath after Justice Fuller, and their voices were plainly heard.

Mr. Roosevelt did not accompany Mr. Taft back to the White House. In accordance with his previously announced plans, after the inauguration ceremonies he left the Capitol for the railroad station, where he and Mrs. Roosevelt took an early train for New York. It is his intention to devote his time to the preparations for his coming trip to the African islands.

Protection For New President.

Custom requires the president of the United States to take the oath of office and deliver the inaugural ad-



PRESIDENT TAFT.

dress in the open air, and Mr. Taft did not depart from the custom. However, in deference to the protests of those who believed that his health should not be endangered by the March air more than was absolutely necessary, the stand upon which he reviews this afternoon's parade is partly inclosed in glass, thus affording his considerable shelter. It is a wearisome task to watch marching bodies of men pass for several hours and acknowledge their salutes, but there is little doubt that President Taft will display as few signs of fatigue to-night as did his "rough riding" predecessor four years ago.

The taking of the oath is the only really essential part of the inauguration ceremonies, but only a comparatively small portion of the thousands visiting Washington can assemble before the Capitol within seeing distance. For the rest the inaugural parade and the inaugural ball are the great features of the occasion. For four hours this afternoon the soldiers, sailors and civilians will march down Pennsylvania avenue and past the presidential reviewing stand in front of the White House. President Taft's escort from the Capitol to the executive mansion was the famous Troop A of Cleveland, O., known in Washington and elsewhere as "the black horse troop."

Big Parade Begins March.

While President Taft and his guests had luncheon in the White House the parade waited. As soon as he made his appearance on the reviewing stand the grand marshal of the parade, General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, gave the command to march, and the procession began to move past the stand.

Leading the great parade are the regular troops, including the West Point cadets. Then come in turn the

marine corps and the jacksies of the navy, the latter including the men of the battleship fleet which circumnavigated the world. After them come the militia organizations, and the civilian bodies wind up the procession. For several days the parades have been pouring into town by thousands. Today's parade is declared to be by all odds the biggest that ever marched up Pennsylvania avenue. Every feature of it is receiving generous applause from the people who pack the sidewalks of Pennsylvania avenue and fill every window on that historic thoroughfare.

Tonight's Two Attractions.

Tonight will hold two attractions for the visiting thousands. The first will be the grand display of fireworks back of the White House; the other will be the ball. The inauguration managers have announced that the fireworks display will excel any ever seen in Washington. The crowds will see displayed in the air in lines of fire the features of the incoming and outgoing presidents, a battle between aerial warships, floral displays and other exhibitions of the pyrotechnic art.

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PUBLIC SALE OF STOCK BRINGS GOOD PRICES.

Satisfactory Figures Are Realized by Mrs. Bettie Todd.

The public sale of stock and crop of Mrs. Bettie Todd that was held at her home on the Muddy Creek pike Wednesday, was attended by a large crowd and satisfactory prices were obtained on nearly everything that was offered.

The sale was conducted by Auctioneer H. R. Watts.

SAYS BASEBALL TEAM WILL WIN PERMANENT LOT OF MEN.

Mr. Jack Pence Knows All the Players and Thinks They Are a Fine Lot of Men.

Mr. Jack Pence, of Bowling Green, who is to have charge of the new soda fountain that is to be installed in Duty's drug store, arrived this week to take up his new duties.

Mr. Pence is personally acquainted with nearly every member of the Winchester baseball team and has seen them play. He says they are all fine boys and splendid players and believes they will have no trouble in winning the pennant in the Blue Grass League this season.

LOG MEN FROM FORD.

About forty log men from Ford, passed through this city Thursday morning en route to Beattyville. They arrived in the city over the early L. and N. train and left for Beattyville on the 8:12 Lexington and Eastern.

HE KNOWS A GOOD THING.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 4.—It was reported today on apparently good authority that Prof. W. H. Scherffus has accepted the position of re-organizer of the tobacco department of the Transvall in South Africa under the British Government at a salary of \$5,000 a year, and will sail from New York for that country in April.

MANAGER HORN IS TO BE HERE

Thursday Night to Talk Over Baseball With Officials of the Club.

Mr. Newton Horn, of Nashville, Tenn., who will captain and manage the Winchester baseball team this season, will arrive in the city Thursday night. Mr. Horn's visit here at this time is for the purpose of meeting with the officials of the club and going over the list of players and perfecting all other arrangements preparatory to the opening of the season here April 27.

Mr. Horn will probably bring his men here about April 10 to begin practice. While here Mr. Horn will be located at the Borwn-Proctoria.

SECOND MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Will Be the Greatest Event of the Kind Ever Held in the South.

The second biennial May music festival, to be held in Louisville May 6, 7, and 8 at the First Regiment Armory, will give to the South the great-musical event which it has even enjoyed. A greater number of artists, of international fame has been engaged than ever before, and the scope of the festival is of larger magnitude than anything hitherto undertaken. It has been announced, nevertheless, that prices for the festival will be lower than before so that the attendance is expected to break records.

The attractions are impressive. Walter Damrosch has been re-engaged, and will come to Louisville with his full New York Symphony Orchestra. The artists include three grand opera stars, Fremstad, Riccardi Martin, the celebrated tenor who has been filling Caruso's roles in the Metropolitan this season, and Corinne Rider-Kelsey, the noted soprano. Besides these there will be Spalding, the talented young violinist; Germaine Schmitzer, referred to as "the feminine Paderewski"; Reed Miller, the oratorical tenor; Madame Van der Veer, contralto, and Gustave Holmquist, the wonderful bass baritone, besides two other basses, yet to be engaged.

The choral features will be a big part of the festival, for the chorus will number 350 well-trained voices, representing the best singers that Kentucky and Southern Indiana can produce drilled by George B. Gookins. Their work will include one complete grand opera "Aida," which is to be given in concert form; Sir Hubert Parry's "Pied Piper of Hamelin"; S. Coleridge-Taylor's "Death of Minnehaha," and Dr. Henry Smart's "Bride of Dunkerron." None of these has ever been heard in this section before. In addition there will be a children's chorus of 500, which will be a feature of the Saturday matinee.

CHICKEN THEEVES SPEEDILY ARRESTED

Officer Tanner Apprehends Negroes Who Broke Into New Blakemore's Place.

The chicken house of New Blakemore was broken into Tuesday night and several chickens were taken. Officer Tanner arrested Rich Curry and Neal Rome, two negroes, on the charge Thursday morning. Four of the chickens were found at Curry's eating house in Bucktown. The trials will be held Thursday night in Police Court.

MR BLACKWELL PASSES AWAY

One of Oldest Citizens of Clark County Dies At An Advanced Age.

Mr. Schuyler Blackwell, one of the oldest citizens of this county, and the father of one of the largest families in the community, died at his home in this city Wednesday morning, after an illness of long duration of consumption and the infirmities due to his advanced age.

Mr. Blackwell was 72 years of age and had been a resident of Clark county for more than 40 years. He was the father of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. The survivors are Dillard, James, Marshall, Miss Lida and Mrs. Emma Kate Crews, of this city, and Walter, Willis and Wallace, of Lexington, and Schuyler, of Bourbon county.

Until Mr. Blackwell's advanced age and declining health necessitated his retiring from business, he was one of the most prosperous and widely known farmers in the county and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church and will be conducted by Rev. Richard French. The burial will take place in the Winchester cemetery.

The pall bearers are the following: Dillard Blackwell, Marshall Blackwell, Schuyler Blackwell, Walter Blackwell, Willis Blackwell, Wallace Blackwell.

PICTURE THEATER IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Arched Metal Ceiling is Being Put in and New Lights Installed.

Work on the new moving picture theatre that is to be located in the Auditorium Skating Rink is progressing rapidly and will be ready for the opening April 1. An arched metal ceiling is being put in just above the gallery and new lights are being installed and everything is being put in first class order. The theatre when completed will be one of the prettiest and most up-to-date in Central Kentucky.

AUTOMOBILE GARAGE IS NEARLY READY

Mr. Owens Will Run the Garage in First Class Manner and Have Good Machines.

The new automobile garage that is to be located in the Matt Bean building on Lexington avenue, is rapidly nearing completion and it is thought will be ready for business by the middle of March. Mr. Owens who will run the garage has ordered several new machines and they are expected to arrive in a few days. Some of these machines will be used for rent and the remainder will be put up for sale. Nothing but the very best make of machines will be used.

CAN STOP AT LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 4.—Announcement is made today by the Central Passenger Association to the effect that Louisville has been made a ten-day stopover point. After April 1 any one purchasing a railroad ticket through Louisville will be privileged to stop here for 10 days if he so desires. Louisville now joins Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland and other cities on the favored list.