

NATIONAL TOURS.

Presidential Travel Through the Country a Usage of Long Standing.

Washington Set the Fashion by Extensive Journeys in Coach and Four.

Monroe's Great Northern and Western Trip of Three Thousand Miles.

The Growth of the Country Exemplified in the Experiences of Presidents.

COMMENCING with Washington in 1789, the President himself it has been a presidential custom to make long excursions around the country. The earlier Presidents thought it their duty to make what they called "tours of inspection," by which they made themselves acquainted with the various sections of the country. Perhaps no President ever entered the White House with less acquaintance, by actual observation, of the country over which he has been chosen to administer than Mr. Cleveland. The contrast between the little our President and the extensive travels of Washington and Monroe is hardly greater than that between the conveniences of transportation now and then.

When Washington set out from Mount Vernon, in 1789, to assume the duties of President, he journeyed in his own carriage. He himself has described his outfit. He says: "My equipage and attendants consisted of a chariot and four horses, drove in hand, a light baggage wagon and two horses, four saddle-horses, beside a led one for myself and five persons—my valet de chambre, two footmen, a coachman and a postilion." Secretary Thompson and Colonel Humphrey rode with him in his coach. Tobias Lear, his faithful private secretary, preceded him in a stage. Washington desired to go as quietly as possible, but the people would not suffer this. He was met at the gateway of his own estate by a cavalcade of citizens from Alexandria, who invited him to a public dinner. All the way to New York the journey was a continued ovation. At every town and village his ponderous chariot was stopped by crowds of people who welcomed him with the most joyous acclamations. Bells rang and artillery thundered, governors came out to meet him at the boundary lines of their States, and local military organizations escorted him from town to town. At Chester a grand procession, marshaled by General St. Clair, met him and escorted him into Philadelphia. The great concourse swelled in numbers until there were many thousands riding and walking in front and behind Washington's coach as it went into the city.

From Philadelphia to Trenton there was a steady rain and the President-elect and his suite traveled with their carriage curtains down. When he finally reached Elizabethtown he found a splendid barge, built for the occasion, awaiting him. It was manned by thirteen vesper captains in white uniforms, and other barges were there to accompany him. When New York was reached there were more demonstrations of joyous welcome. The Spanish man-of-war Galveston lay in the harbor, the admiral taking no notice of the arrival of the first President of the United States. The people were enraged and the danger became possible that the Spanish would be mobbed; but as the President's barge came abreast of the Galveston her yards were manned as if by magic, every part of her rigging gleamed with the flags of all nations, and thirteen cannon in quick succession thundered forth a salute. The effect upon the people was electrical. Their indignation instantly changed to long applause. Governor Clinton and General Knox welcomed Washington at the city wharf. A carriage was ready to convey the President to his lodgings in Osgood's House in Cherry street, now a place given over to tenement-house squallor.

On the wharf a carpet was spread to the vehicle for him to walk on, and the President said he would walk to Osgood's, and he did, with a long train of citizens and military following. Windows, balconies and roofs were crowded with people. All the bells in the city rang, and for hours the artillery pealed forth salutes. No similar demonstration had ever been made for any American.

WASHINGTON'S PRESIDENTIAL TOURS. Washington made two extended tours through the country. As soon as Congress adjourned, in the first year of his presidency, he decided to visit New England. He set out early in the morning of Thursday, the 4th of October, in his own carriage drawn by four horses, accompanied by Major Jackson, his aid-de-camp, and Tobias Lear, his private secretary, with six servants. For ten miles out Chief Justice Jay, General Knox and Alexander Hamilton rode in his carriage with him.

Governor Hancock and the municipal authorities of Boston, independently of each other, arranged for the reception of the President at that city. There were political differences between the governor and the selectmen and they got into a row. At Roxbury, Washington was accompanied by Major Jackson, his aid-de-camp, and Tobias Lear, his private secretary, with six servants. For ten miles out Chief Justice Jay, General Knox and Alexander Hamilton rode in his carriage with him.

At a special meeting of the Philosophical Institute, presided over by Daniel D. Thompson, Mr. Monroe was initiated as a honorary member. On the next day the President went to West Point on a steamboat. His visit to the Narrows was made in a steamboat called Fulton the first. He arrived at New Haven at four o'clock on Friday evening, the 20th. The slow means of communication in those days is illustrated by the fact that the following Monday when he was in New Haven he visited the gun factory of Eli Whitney. He then went on through the various towns of New England, and on the 21st of June arrived at Newport, being the first President of the United States

to visit the State. In Providence he stopped at the Chappington Hotel. He reached Boston on horseback at noon on July 10, and on the 17th he was in New Hampshire. While in Boston the President visited Bunker Hill, dined with John Adams and left the city on the 8th for Salem, where he was met by a number of admirers of all kinds, for which he made an allowance of eight days' delay. On the 6th of July he was again in Philadelphia. He undertook no more extended journeys during his administration.

JOURNEYS OF EARLY PRESIDENTS. John Adams made no journeys about the country more than was necessary to go back and forth from Quincy to the capital. He was the first President to make his home in Washington. On the journey from Baltimore to Washington his driver lost the way, and there they wandered for two hours through the woods until they met a colored man, who, on Mrs. Adams' persuasion, piloted them back into the road. The journey was all the way through a dense forest, over roads rendered sticky and slow by fall rains.

Jefferson had, while Secretary of State, made an extended tour up the Hudson and Lake George with James Madison. They sailed up the Hudson in a sloop, then took horses, riding sixty miles through the primeval wilderness, taking the taste of Saratoga water on the way. They crossed the Champlain, and a view of the White Mountains, spent Sunday in Bennington, the laws of the State not permitting them to travel on that day. Crossing to Brattleboro, they floated down the Connecticut and returned to New York on Friday.

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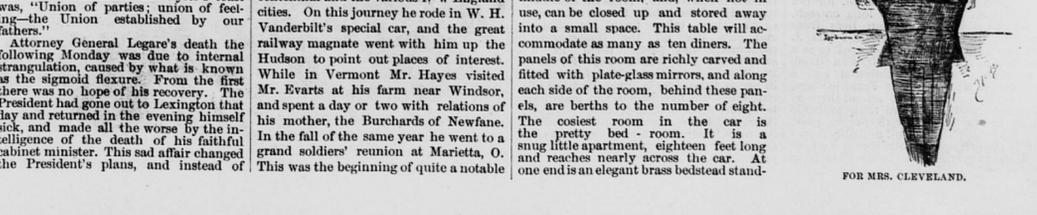
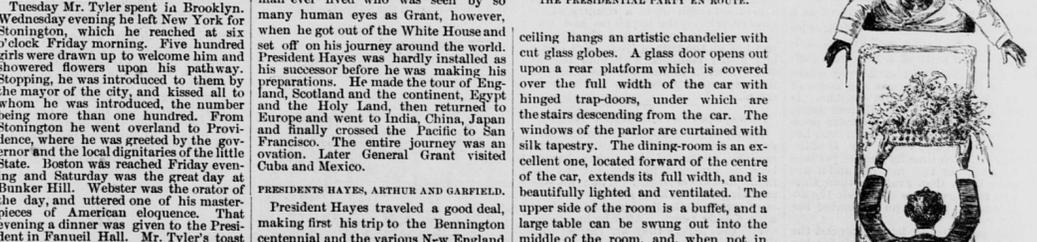
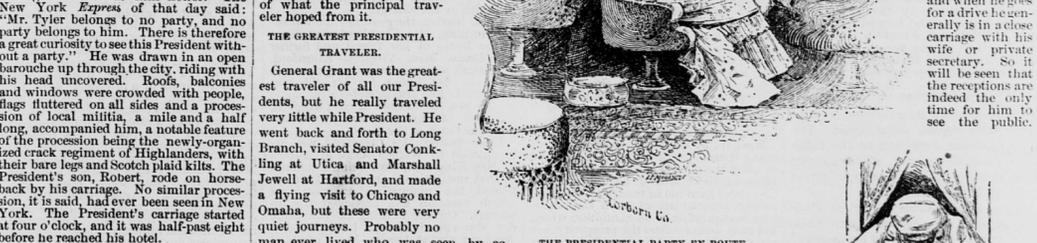
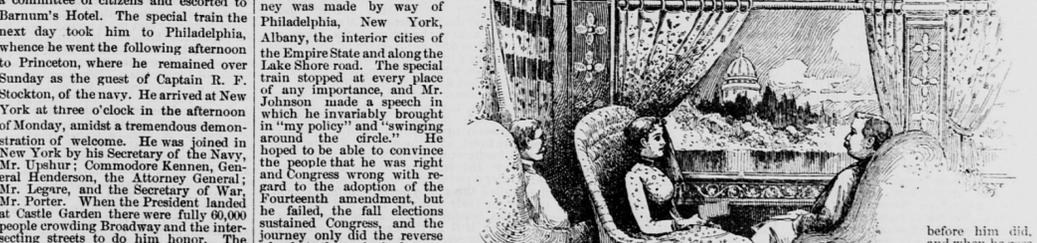
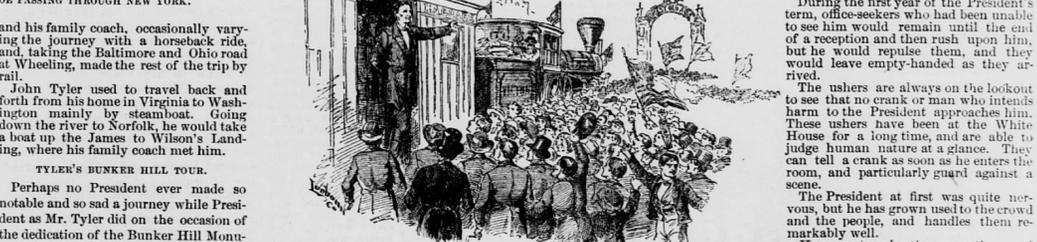
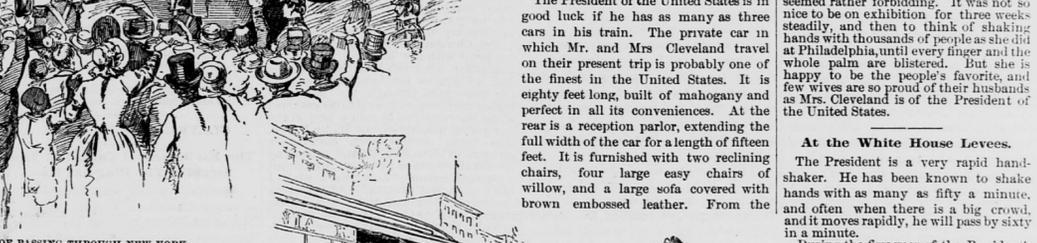
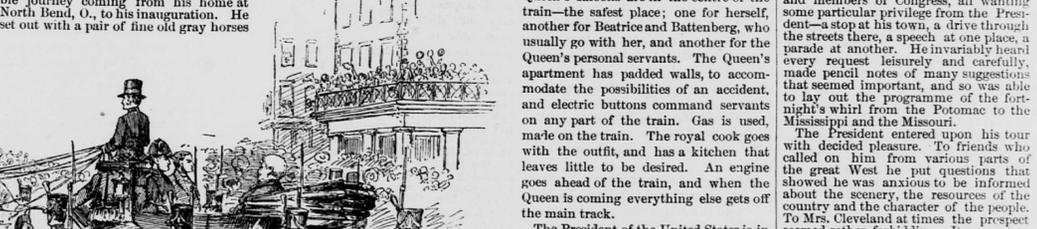
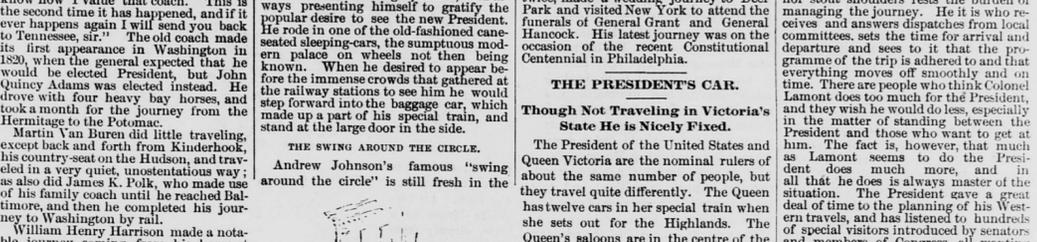
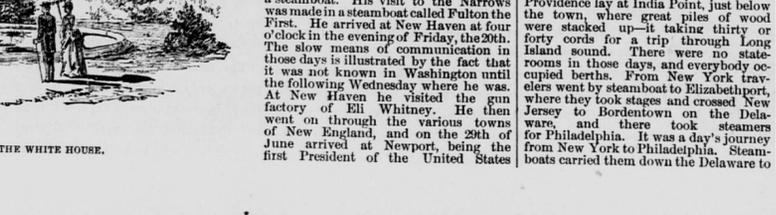
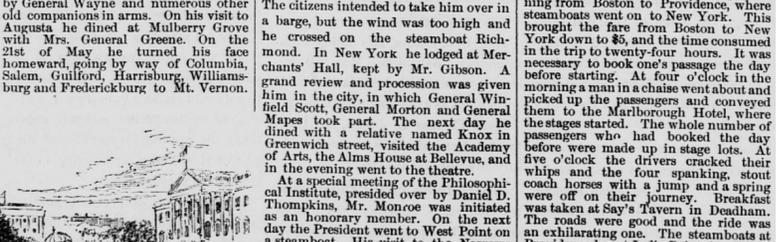
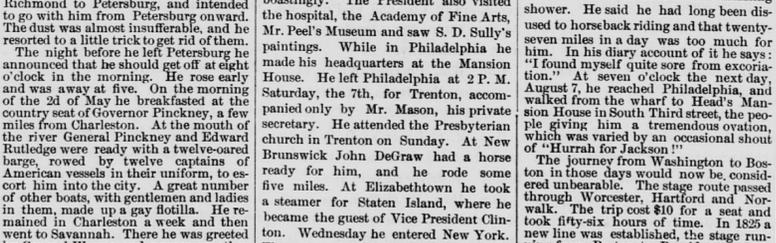
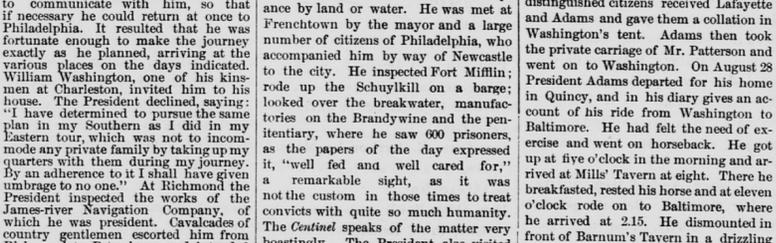
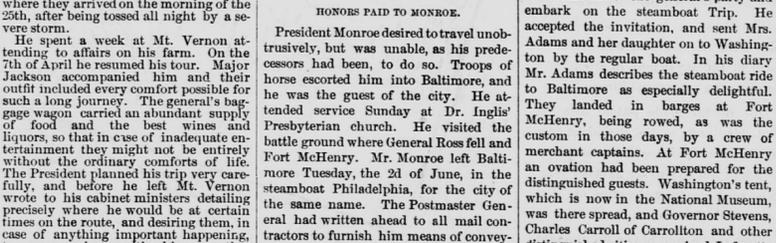
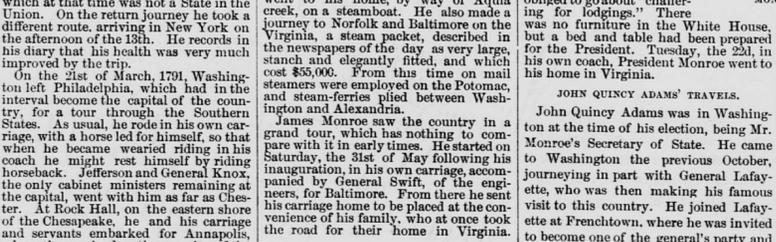
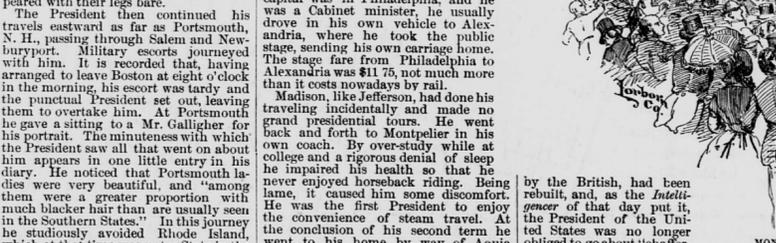
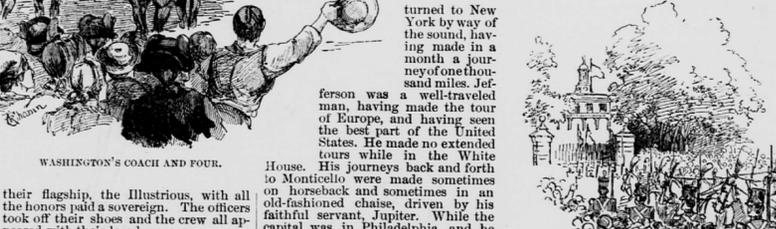
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