

COLONIES ARE UNITED

NEW GOVERNMENT OF UNITED SOUTH AFRICA WAS FORMALLY PROCLAIMED TODAY — INAUGURATION CEREMONIES.

(Herald Special.)
Cape Town, May 31.—The union of the four South African colonies—Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope, Natal and Orange River State—became an accomplished fact today, when the new government of United South Africa was formally proclaimed, with Viscount Gladstone as the first governor general. The inauguration of the new government was made the occasion for a general holiday. Hundreds of visitors came to Cape Town to witness the inauguration ceremonies and the city presented a festive appearance. The governor general took the oath of office in the presence of an immense crowd which thronged the vicinity of the legislative palace. The governor general was surrounded by the dignitaries of state and the official representatives of the four colonies which have now come under the administration of a single central government. The inauguration of the union government marks the dawn of a new era in the history of South Africa. It is regarded as a striking example of the essential vigor and soundness of the British political system that within the decade that saw the outbreak of the Boer war the four provinces of South Africa should, of their free motion, unite to form one state, with a single parliament, under the general supervision of the imperial government. This is what is achieved by the constitution which became effective today. The constitution provides for substantial unification. The new government is to be strongly centralized, following the Canadian rather than the American or Australian plan in reserving all powers not specially delegated to the provinces. Practically all the interests and affairs of the provinces are placed in the hands of the central parliament, the purely local and administrative business of each province only being in the hands of a provincial council. The administrative offices of the new government are to be at Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, while the supreme court and other high courts will be established in Bloemfontein, the chief city of the Orange River State. The sessions of parliament are to be held in Cape Town, which is to be the seat of the legislative government. The parliament is to consist of two houses, the senate and the house of assembly. The senate is to consist of thirty-two elected and eight nominated senators, four of which latter are to be appointed in virtue of thorough acquaintance with the wants and wishes of the colored races of South Africa. The appointment of the eight nominated senators is to rest with the governor general in council, and they are to hold office for ten years. The elected senators are to be chosen by the provincial councils, each province being entitled to eight representatives. The house of assembly is to consist of 121 members chosen directly by the voters and assigned to the various provinces in the following manner: Cape of Good Hope, 51; Natal, 17; Orange River Colony, 17; Transvaal, 36. Members of both houses must be British subjects of European descent and have resided in the union for five years. The principal of proportional representation, with the single transferable vote, is adopted for all elections provided for under the constitution. No voter is to be disqualified solely on the ground of race or color. The governor general has selected General Louis Botha, premier of the Transvaal, to form the first ministry cabinet of United South Africa. The first elections will probably not be held for several months. In the meantime the cabinet will have to refashion to a considerable extent the whole administrative system heretofore divided among four governments. The cabinet will also have numerous appointments to make, patronage to dispense, and precedents to lay down of supreme importance to the future character and welfare of the new dominion. General Botha is regarded as a man highly qualified for the important position to which he has been chosen. His career is one of the most remarkable examples in recent history. Ten years ago he was an ordinary member of the Transvaal Volkstaat. A few months later his courage and energy brought him to the supreme command of the Transvaal forces. For over two years he sustained against the British a struggle whose hopelessness he realized from the beginning. When the inevitable end came near it was his influence with his people that turned the scale in favor of a formal surrender which preserved the political cohesion and moral self-respect of the Boers and incidentally insured his own supremacy as their political leader.

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Mechanical Engineers in Session.
(Herald Special.)
Atlantic City, N. J., May 31.—Several hundred members of the Mechanical Engineers' Society of America, among them famous engineers from many parts of the country, assembled at the Marlborough-Blenheim today for their semi-annual meeting. The day was given over to an informal reunion. Tomorrow the society will begin its business sessions, when the layman who chances to wander into the convention hall will have an opportunity to learn all about such interesting subjects as "Shockless Jarring Molding Machines" and "Regenerator Cycles for Gas Engine Generators, Using Sub-Adiabatic Expansion."

Horatio Seymour Centenary.
(Herald Special.)
Utica, N. Y., May 31.—The local historical society held exercises today in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Horatio Seymour, the famous democratic leader who served as governor of New York and was his party's nominee for president against General Grant in 1868. Mr. Seymour was born in the neighborhood town of Pompey Hill, May 31, 1810, and died Feb. 12, 1886.

Army Medical Graduates.
(Herald Special.)
Washington, D. C., May 31.—Secretary of War Dickinson distributed the diplomas at the graduating exercises

of the Army Medical School in the D. A. R. hall this afternoon. Addresses to the graduating class were delivered by Surgeon General Torney of the army and Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of this city.

At the Naval Academy.
(Herald Special.)

Annapolis, Md., May 31.—The official reception of the board of visitors, followed by a dress parade of the cadets, today ushered in the exercises and festivities attending the closing week at the Naval Academy. The social festivities will continue until Friday, when the regular graduation exercises will be held. The following day the five hundred midshipmen will embark for a summer training cruise in European waters.

Goodman and Driscoll.
(Herald Special.)

New York, May 31.—The feature of the Fairmont Athletic Club show tonight will be the bout between Jack Goodman, the New York lightweight, and Jem Driscoll, the lightweight champion of England. The two fighters are regarded as evenly matched and the contest promises to be one of the fastest of the season.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair, denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average bald-headed man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others that he neglects himself. A germ

TODAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered From Over the World For the Benefit of Herald Readers.

(Herald Special.)

New York, May 31.—A notable array of horses was announced for the Brooklyn Handicap today, the opening event of the spring meeting of the Brooklyn Jockey Club at Gravesend. The early indications pointed to an enormous crowd of spectators. Today's race is the twenty-fifth renewal of the famous event. The distance is one mile and a quarter, and the value of the race to this year's winner will be about \$8,000.

Interest in the Epsom Derby.
(Herald Special.)

London, May 31.—Though the country mourning will deprive this year's Derby of its social prestige, the Epsom event to be run at Epsom Downs tomorrow promises to be of much interest and importance as ever to the regular followers of the turf. The early betting on the race is unusually heavy. Lord Rosebery's New Gow and Lemberg continue the favorites, at odds of 3 to 1.

Golden Jubilee of Augustana College.
(Herald Special.)

Canton, S. D., May 31.—Educators and ministers of the United Lutheran church throughout the Northwest gathered here today to take part in the golden jubilee celebration of Augustana College, which is one of the leading educational institutions of that denomination. The college, which is the oldest of the higher in-

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