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The Inauguration.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE. WASHINGTON, March 2.—The city is being every day more and more overrun with people from all points of the continent attracted here by the approaching inauguration which will be the most magnificent and imposing demonstration ever yet witnessed in Washington. All who believe in the divine right of the people to govern themselves will see, in the inauguration of President Garfield, something far more grand and imposing than all the pomp and pageantry with which it has been deemed proper to signalize this event. Infinitely more impressive than processions, decorations and illuminations is the simple fact that under our form of government James A. Garfield, like a number of his most illustrious predecessors in the Presidency, has made his way from humble poverty to the highest position on earth. To be one in a line of hereditary monarchs, to be heir to a throne by the accident of birth, is no honor to the Prince who thus secures a crown, and affords no encouragement, gives no grand lesson to his countrymen. Hundreds of the small, meanest men, whose narrow, bestial lives have disgraced and degraded the race, have descended from the loins of royal ancestry and have mounted thrones to curse their unhappy subjects. We have no crown but the choice of a free people, no coronation but a simple oath of fidelity to the people—no place so high that the humblest child of toil and poverty may not reach it. But the presidency of this republic, legitimately attained, is the pinnacle of political greatness. Look at the emperors and kings of Europe; the Alexanders, the Williams, the Francis Josephs, the Humberts, the Alfonsons! There is not one of them who would ever have been heard of outside his native village had he been born in the lower walks of life. There is not one of them who, with all the advantages of education and the best society, has developed into more than the average man. It may be doubted if Europe has had an hereditary monarch for centuries who would compare with the average member of one of our state legislatures. The inauguration of Garfield is a renewed assurance to every family in the United States that the highest station is open to the humblest. There are a million boys in this country to-day, each of whose chances to reach the Presidency are quite as good as were those of the widow Garfield's boy forty years ago. And the friends of the republican institutions of the Old World, sick of the empty show of royalty and nobility, wearied with the baubles whose cost eats up the ceaseless toil of millions, can point to this Capital, to our peaceful transfer of power, to the cheerful acquiescence of the defeated party in the declared will of the people, and the spectacle to which they direct the attention of Europe will be an unanswerable argument in favor of a government of the people, by the people, for the people. The representatives of monarchical governments who will view the spectacle will see nothing startling in our array of armed men, but if they are capable of correct interpretation they will understand that another century of progress in our republic will be fatal to monarchy in Europe. For, in the light of our example, such a delusion as hereditary rule and the divine right of kings cannot endure. We are now near neighbors to the people of western Europe. The intervening ocean presents but a slight impediment to the free interchange of thought. There are a million families whom the ocean divides. Thus the ties of affection and of

interest connect the two continents, and give intensity of force to the example we are setting before the world. Every year of success in our grand experiment is a menace to every throne in Europe. Every Jackson, Lincoln or Garfield who climbs to the Chief Magistracy makes more apparent and intolerable the heresy of monarchical rule. We had the pleasure to-day of looking at a proof copy of the programme for the inaugural ball. It is very handsome, being novel in design, finely executed, and more elaborate in detail than any programme for a previous similar occasion. The entire design is the work of Mr. Robert S. Widdecombe, chief of the foreign mail division of the sixth auditor's office, postoffice department, and chairman of the programme committee. The programme consists of sixteen pages, each four and one-half by six inches, including the cover. The latter has a tint of delicate gray. Its front page contains the words "Inauguration Ball" in a fancy block-letter at the top. Underneath this is a representation of the rising sun with red rays against a golden sky, each ray bearing a miniature white star. Then comes an eagle with outstretched wings perched on arrows and a red, white and blue shield. Below this are the pictures of Garfield and Arthur, both being good likenesses. These rest upon draped American flags and are enshrined with laurel leaves, all the colors being finely brought out. Beneath, in the lower left-hand corner, is a picture of the capitol, and in the opposite corner is shown the White house. Below all, at the bottom of the page, are the words, "March 4th, 1881." The fourth page of the cover is as pretty as one could imagine. In the centre is the representation of a card on which is a splendid picture of the new museum building. This card is apparently tied at one end with red and blue ribbons, prettily bowed and with long, graceful streamers. In the upper left hand corner of the page is a cluster of rose buds and roses, lilies of the valley, daisies, smilax, ferns and other flowers and vines. The effect is heightened by the shadow which each casts and which gives the whole a striking perspective. This page has been praised by all who have seen it. Nor is the beauty of the programme exhausted on the outside. Each inside page is bordered with a design appropriate and pleasing. On each side is an upright bundle of dark blue spears, bound with yellow bands, surmounted with a battle-axe. In the centre of the spears is a shield of national colors, while a wreath of green laurel encircles the lower part of them. At the top of the page is a colored centrepiece, from which golden cords are festooned to the battle-axes on each side. At the bottom of the page are two American flags, draped on their staffs and tied in the centre. The whole effect is very fine. The first page contains the names of the several committees printed in brown ink. Writing from Washington on the 1st inst. Mr. Ireland refers to the late reported success of Edison in his experiments with the electric light as possibly a truth, but whether or not, success is certain to be sure. Among the staunch men of Wall street who have taken a very deep interest in Edison, Mr. Ireland says Mr. Henry Villard is numbered, and he and his company will surely give Oregon all the benefits that are to be obtained from the system. Mr. Villard has also deeply interested himself in the Electric Railroad invention of Edison, described by us, coupled with a graphic illustration on Mr. Ireland's return from the east, last summer. It is announced in Washington that Mr. Villard intends to construct a road and run cars over it upon this plan in eastern Washington. The announcement is also made there that the Central and Southern Pacific Railway manage-

ers have determined to tap eastern Oregon and Washington by a north and south through line from the Palouse via their lines to Galveston, Texas, and will carry wheat from Colfax to Galveston for \$14 per ton, and from Galveston to Liverpool for \$2 per ton, and bring passengers from Europe to Palouse for \$50 a head. We hope they may be able to do it, but have more doubt as to the success of that scheme than we have as to the one of Mr. Edison's railway moonwards. DIED. At Knappa, March 14, 1881, of cholera infantum, Lulu M. daughter of J. W. and Emily C. Minaker, aged one year, ten months and fourteen days. NEW TO-DAY. For Sale. THE SLOOP "GRACE HUME" Inquire of A. M. Johnson, Astoria Sail Loft, or of T. J. Dillon on board said sloop. Notice. MY WIFE ANNIE SMITH HAVING left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. EDWARD SMITH. Notice. TAX PAYERS OF CLATSOP COUNTY will take notice that this is the last call for taxes due Clatsop county for the year 1880, and additional costs will be added after first of April, 1881. A. M. TWOMBLY, Sheriff and Tax Collector. Notice of Administratrix Appointment. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Lyman P. Hall, deceased, by the High Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me duly verified within six months from this date. MARY ANN HALL, Administratrix of the estate of Lyman P. Hall, deceased. Notice. JOHN BENTON, FORMERLY OF Liverpool is requested to communicate with the undersigned. JAMES LAIDLAW, British Vice Consul, Portland, Oreg. City Assessor's Notice. CITY TAX PAYERS ARE REQUESTED to fill out their blanks and hand them in as soon as possible. Also, to be particular if any indebtedness is claimed, to state on the return the amount, and give the name or names of the party or parties to whom the same is due, as the law requires. E. C. HOLDEN, City Assessor. H. CARTWRIGHT & SON, BOILER MAKERS AND SHEET IRON WORKERS. SMOKE STACKS MADE TO ORDER Vats Lined and Other Cannery Work Done. All repairs completed in the best style on short notice. Adjoining McLeans blacksmith shop, Astoria. Special Auction Sale! Stock in Trade, Tools, and Household Furniture of A. W. CONE, ESQ. Saturday, March 19, at 11 A. M. I am instructed to sell, on account of departure, at the Boat and Shoe Store of Mr. A. W. Cone, all his shoemaking tools and implements, consisting in part of 1 English Combined Arm Sewing Machine. 1 Sole Leather Roller Crimping Machine. Laths, Peg Jacks, and an Extensive lot of Small Tools. Also balance of stock of New Boots and Shoes, Shoe Leather, Trimmings, Threads, etc. 1 Fine Show Case; Lamps, Stove Fixtures, and one Salamander Fire-proof Safe. Also: One Cottage Bed-room Set complete, good as new; Lounge, Center Table, Parlor Cupboard, Bedsteads, Spring Beds, Chairs, Wash-stands, Tables, Stove, Crockery, etc. Also Mr. Cone's well known Velocipede. Terms Cash. Sale positive. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer. MAGNUS C. CROSBY, Dealer in HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, Iron Pipe and Fittings, Plumbers and Steam Fitters Goods and Tools, SHEET LEAD STRIP LEAD, SHEET IRON, TIN AND COPPER. Cannery and Fishermen's Supplies Stoves, Tin Ware and House Furnishing Goods. JOBBING IN SHEET IRON, TIN, COPPER, PLUMBING and STEAM FITTING Done with neatness and dispatch. None but first class workmen employed. A large assortment of SCALES Constantly on hand.

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