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PRESIDENT TAFT'S BRILLIANT INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

An Immense Crowd Witnessed the Inauguration. Synopsis of the New President's Able Inauguration Address

Washington, March 4.—William H. Taft of Ohio, and James S. Sherman, of New York, were inaugurated at noon today as president and vice president of the United States. The ceremonies of inauguration were accomplished with all due formality and finality, but under the most unusual of conditions, owing to the terrific blizzard which swept over the national capital, paralyzing street car traffic, destroying communication with the outside world, and bringing dismay to the thousands of assembled visitors, who had gathered in anticipation of the usual spectacular demonstration.

The main change made was in modifying the original program so that the inaugural address, usually delivered from the east portico of the capitol, was pronounced by President Taft in the senate chamber. Mr. Taft was sworn in as president at 12:55.

Half an hour before Mr. Taft repeated the solemn oath of office, James Schoolcraft Sherman of New York, was sworn in as Vice-President, succeeding Charles Warren Fairbanks of Indiana, who had presided over the senate chamber, in which the ceremony took place, for one term of four years.

The swearing in of the new president took place a half hour after noon in the senate chamber.

Immediately following the ceremony, President Taft proceeded to the White House to review the colossal military and civic parade, while ex-president Roosevelt went to the Union Station, where he took the train for his old home at Oyster Bay, to prepare for his African hunting trip.

OATH TAKING CEREMONY.

In taking the oath of office, Mr. Taft repeated these words slowly and distinctly after Chief Justice Fuller:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

A second later the crowd saw Mr. Taft press his lips to the Holy Book.

When the throng in the Senate had finished shouting, which it did not do until its multitudinous throat was good and raw and weary from the exercise, President Taft stepped to the front of the stand and began the delivery of his inaugural address.

FEATURES OF WM. TAFT'S SHEECH

Will enforce the Roosevelt reforms.

Extra session of Congress to be called to consider tariff revision.

Continue to increase the efficiency of the army and navy.

Respect for demands upon foreign countries cannot be secured without a fighting force to back them up.

States and municipalities should not be allowed to deal with aliens with respect to international treaties.

Promise to establish a postal savings bank should be fulfilled at once.

Sacred duty of elevating the negro should be performed, but appointments will not be made that would have a tendency to incite race feeling.

Power of the courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes is not to be disturbed, but abuses of the practice are to be remedied.

BALL IS CULMINATING FEATURE.

President and Mrs. Taft were the centers of interest at the culminating feature of the day—the inaugural ball in the Pension Building. The scene in the cavernous building, which had been transformed into a canopied court of ivory and white, was another of the brilliant pictures quadrennially painted here by the gathering of a vast and brilliant assemblage from every section of the country. With all the color and movement of a military spectacle, with the softening influence of delicately tinted gowns and the interest of a personnel seldom equalled at a social function, the inaugural ball holds a place unique in the history making of the day.

Music was furnished by the Marine band and the Ministers' orchestra, the former varying its promenade selections of "Hail to the Chief" with the "Star Spangled Banner."

Dancing was indulged in as the hours progressed, but this was impossible earlier in the evening because of the dense crowd, conservatively estimated at 10,000.

At 10 o'clock the Presidential and Vice-Presidential parties went to supper.

While the ball was in progress indoors, a display of fireworks on the monument lot in the rear of the White House marked the end of the outdoor celebration. For hours the thinly clouded heavens were alight with rockets, with sun clusters that challenged the brilliancy of day, with fiery "cobras" and all the fantastic creations of modern pyrotechnic skill.

"BLIND PIG" COSTLY IN DRY ASTORIA

Astoria, Or., March 3.—William Nyberg, who in addition to paying a fine of $150 has been serving a term of ten days in the county jail on conviction of running a "blind pig" in the east end of this city, was arraigned in Circuit Court last night on eight more indictments charging him with a similar offense.

He pleaded guilty and was fined $500 on each indictment or a total of $4000.

TWO BIG FIRMS CONSOLIDATE

Wynne Hardware Co. and Spray & Co. is Now Spray-Wynne Co.

A big mercantile deal was consummated in this city this week resulting in the organization and incorporation of probably the largest and strongest business firm in south Lane county; a deal which united the large business interests of the Wynne Hardware Co. and J. F. Spray & Co. commission and farm implement merchants. The new firm will be styled the "Spray-Wynne Co." incorporated, capital stock $25,000, officers not having as yet been elected.

The active members of the Wynne Hardware Co. are Harry Wynne, C. C. Hazleton and John Veatch, while the members of Spray & Co. consists of J. F. Spray and son. The former firm has for many years been conducting a general hardware and farm implement business in this city and has built up a large business and stock, from a very small beginning. Spray & Co. built a new brick building last summer on Main street 100 x 120 feet and incorporated a company to buy and sell feed, fruit, farm produce, wholesale merchandise, wire fencing, farm implements, in fact it was organized for the purpose of conducting a general wholesale and retail commission business. This firm has enjoyed a large and prosperous business from the very day it opened its doors to the public, which business is constantly increasing. It will therefore be seen that the consolidation of these two firms unites strong business and commercial interests and is sure to develope into a large and very important business enterprise in this city and community.

The stock of the Wynne Hardware Co. will be moved into the Spray building near the depot just as soon as the building can be partitioned off and fitted up to receive it, which will be on or before May 1st.

This big mercantile and commission business will be of vast importance and benefit to Cottage Grove and south Lane county and the Leader bespeaks for its enterprising members a full share of public patronage, and wishes the new firm prosperity and success. It is stated that the new firm may find it necessary to add another story to its big brick before the close of the present season in order to accommodate its immense and constantly increasing stock.

RUMOR OF ANOTHER S. P. THROUGH TRAIN

Reports are widely current that the much talked of new train service will be inaugurated about the 15th of this month; that the additional train will be known as the "Pacific Coast Flyer," with first-class equipment limited to Pullman, dining and observation coaches, including a mail service; that it will make the run between Seattle and San Francisco, instead of the Bay City to Portland; and furthermore that the time between these two great terminals will be reduced fully four hours.

Senator I. H. Bingham is a candidate for the nomination for mayor of Eugene.

THE CITY COUNCIL HOLDS AN INTERESTING MEETING

Mass Meeting Called For Wednesday Evening, March 10th For the Purpose of Nominating a Municipal Ticket for April Election

The city council met in regular monthly session Tuesday evening. A petition for the improvement of D street, west Cottage Grove was read and granted.

A petition for a street light on First street was referred to the light committee. A petition from property owners on Railroad street pertaining to lights and new sidewalks was referred to street commissioner.

A motion prevailed that the special water committee be empowered to secure additional water supply and water rights.

Ordinance 213 providing for the purchase of additional fire apparatus was passed.

Ordinance 214 providing for the management of the city park was read and passed.

The motion that the proposition of John Stoneburg to rent his building just north of his candy store at $10 per year to the west side hose company, was unanimously carried, this location being more central and convenient.

Upon the application of F. D. Wheeler and others to take dirt from a certain street in Wynne's addition to use in filling up a low lot, was referred to street committee with power to act.

The street committee was instructed to order property owners on Honey street to build sidewalk at once, which sidewalk was formerly ordered.

Upon motion Mayor Job was given custody of the shovel used in breaking the first sod in the construction of the O. & S. E. railroad from Cottage Grove to the Bohemia mines at which ceremony Governor Geer officiated a few years ago.

Upon motion a mass meeting was called to meet at the Masonic hall on Wednesday evening March 10th for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various municipal offices to be voted on at the annual election Monday April 5th.

Upon motion the same election judges and clerks were selected to serve at the forthcoming election that served at the last annual city election.

BILLS ALLOWED.

G. B. Pitcher, salary	$ 60 25
J. E. Young, salary	9 13
A. G. Long, fire apparatus	455 25
Herbert Eakin, freight	13 50
Griffin, Veatch Co., supplies	1 30
Cottage Grove Light Co. 2 mo.	441 35
F. H. Snodgrass, salary	60 00
Brown Lumber Co	5 50
W. T. Kayser	1 75
Wynne Hardware Co.	5 45

Adjourned to March 17.

THE LANE COUNTY COURT INVESTS $10,000 OF COUNTY FUNDS IN STREET PAVING IN EUGENE

Among the bills allowed and ordered paid out of the county funds at the recent term of county court appeared the following:

City of Eugene, street assessment	$500 00
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Total	$9,510 05

No great difficulty should be experienced by any municipality, whether enterprising or not, in grading and paving its streets, if it has a county fund to draw on, with which to foot the bill, as Eugene has, which will be observed by referring to the foregoing report.

Now, those streets represented in the above assessment report, while abutting county property, have long been dedicated to the city of Eugene as streets and are used by the said city as public city thoroughfares over which Eugene's traffic passes daily. The improvment and maintaining of these streets is solely for the accommodation of Eugene's municipal and business interests and in nowise to the benefit or in the interests of the farmers and other taxpayers of South Lane, or any other part of Lane county. Therefore, we are unable to understand why the taxpayers of Lane county should be forced to foot the bill for paving Eugene's streets in the sum of $9,510.05.

It is said that when Salem made a similar improvement on streets bordering on the state capitol grounds, the state absolutely refused to bear this expense on the grounds that it was made in the interests and for the benefit of the municipality and business interests of Salem and not the state at large. If true, the Eugene street paving matter is identical in its relations to the county at large and the taxpayers thereof, and whether or not the Salem case serves as a precedent, the act of appropriating nearly $10,000 from the Lane county fund with which to apply on a municipal improvement in the county seat town of Eugene is an injustice to the overburdened taxpayers of Lane county and we doubt if there is any provisions of the laws govering such matters which will sustain the county court in such use of county funds. At any rate there is no justice to the county taxpayers, or moral right, in assessing the taxpayers of the rural districts within the borders of Lane county to pay for a municipal improvement within the incorporate limits of Eugene.

MUST MAINTAIN AT LEAST A SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

Though the State Superintendent of public instruction did not ask much from the last legislature, a number of measures of considerable educational importance were enacted. What is considered the most important is the Hawley act, which requires that every district in the state must maintain at least 6 months' school in every 12. The county court in each county must levy a tax for school purposes that will produce an amount equal to at least $7 for each child in the county of school age—4 to 20 years. If a district's share of this amount does not amount to $300—6 month's at $50 a month for teachers' salaries—then the county court must levy in that district a sufficient tax to produce the difference between such district's apportionment of the county fund and the $300. But such special levy shall not exceed five mills. If the district's share of the county school funds and the amount raised by the special levy do not together amount to $300, then the county court must transfer from the general county fund to such district an amount that will equal the difference.

As the law now stands, the county superintendent apportions county and state funds by first giving to each district $50 and then distributing the balance according to the number of pupils in each district. The Philpott act provides that in the future the county superintendent shall first give to each district $100 and then distribute the balance.

Dr. Thompson who recently came to Creswell from Ohio has purchased the Fuller residence.

SAYS HUSBAND MADE HER CUT THE WOOD

Mrs. Laura Byrne of Cottage Grove has began suit against her husband, D. J. Byrne, for divorce and for the custody of their minor son, Harlie, aged five years.

In her complaint filed at Eugene by her attorney, J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Byrne states that they were married at Cottage Grove about December 1, 1902. She alleges that her husband has been addicted to the liquor habit since their marriage and has on frequent occassions been grossly drunk, staying away from home over night many times, leaving her alone. She states that he has made her cut the wood with which to cook their meals and that he has heaped many indignities upon her, calling her vile and indecent names and wrongfully accusing her of unchastity.—Eugene Guard.

Hartwig Fined $500

Herman Hartwig against whom three indictments were filed for selling intoxicating liquors at a point on the McKenzie river plead to the first of the indictments and was fined $500 by the court which he paid. The other cases were continued for the term.—Guard.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT LONDON SPRINGS

Levi Geer was down from London Mineral Springs today and informs the Leader that $10,000 will be expended in extensive improvements about the spring grounds and hotel this season, work on which will commence at once. During part of this time the hotel will be closed to the public, commencing at the present time and will remain closed up to about May 1. However, the bottling works will lose little time. These contemplated improvements will put the springs, hotel and grounds in first class condition and make this already popular health resort more popular than ever.

Fleet Goes to Seattle.

Washington, March 3.—The first squadron of the Pacific fleet has been ordered to proceed to Seattle for the opening of the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition June 1. Senator Piles was notified to this effect today by the secretary of the navy. The squadron, which is composed of eight armed cruisers, will remain in this port eight days and will, the secretary states, probably be ordered to return later in the summer.

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