

cannot receive protection nor be granted recognition, and if there be a tribunal to which certificates are submitted it is bound to treat them as worthless.

The certificates were charged to be fraudulent, and the commission, if it counted them, gave them validity. It was its duty to hear the facts to prevent the success of fraud, even though the certificates came from a sovereignty a hundred fold greater than Louisiana or Florida. By these methods, under the forms prescribed by the law constituting the electoral commission, Rutherford B. Hayes has been declared President of the United States. His title rests upon the disfranchisement of lawful voters, false certificates, of returning officers, acting corruptly, and the decision of the commission which has refused to hear evidence of the alleged fraud. For the first time are the American people confronted with the fact of a President being fraudulently elected. His inauguration will be peaceful, and in that hour the most infamous conspiracy of all history will receive its crown. In the exciting days of the past the forbearance of the people has maintained peace. Let it not, however, from this be understood that the fraud to be consummated on March fourth will be silently acquiesced in by the country. Let no hour pass in which the usurpation is forgotten. Let agitation be unceasing, that at every opportunity the people may express their abhorrence of the outrage. Let want of confidence be voted at every election in Mr. Hayes and his administration. Both must be controlled by the conspirators who have elected the one and will organize the other, and whatever of good may come from either will always be darkened by the stain upon the title. Let the democratic party at once organize for new contests, to secure overwhelming victories, that the conspirators may never again attempt the experiment which now humiliates the republic, and has installed in its highest office a usurper.

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of Mississippi,  
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of Wisconsin.  
AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 5.—The democrats of the Senate held a meeting, today, and elected, unanimously, Senator Wallace as chairman of the Senate democratic caucus.

Among the prominent persons occupying seats on the floor of the Senate chamber during the inaugural ceremonies were Generals Rice of Massachusetts, Hartranft of Pennsylvania, Young of Ohio, ex-Governor Morgan of New York, Wm. M. Everts, Stanley Matthews, Hon. S. Shellabarger, Hon. Benjamin H. Brunster of Pennsylvania, Hon. Truman Clark of New York, General B. F. Butler, ex-Governor Dennison of Ohio, Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, Benjamin Hill, and republican members of the Ohio Legislature, who accompanied President Hayes to Washington.

The torchlight procession tonight in honor of the inauguration of President Hayes was a great success. There must have been fully five thousand in line. The Avenue was brilliantly lighted from one end to the other, while the archways held Chinese lanterns. Red lights, blue lights and calcium lights at intervals made the scene one of very great brilliancy. Rockets and Roman candles were fired at intervals along the route, and cheers greeted the display almost incessantly. The participants in the parade were mostly citizens of this district, many being colored people.

At ten to-day, President Hayes, accompanied by his son and Senator Sherman, left the residence of the Senator for the Executive Mansion, where he was met and cordially greeted by ex-President Grant, who was in waiting to escort the new President to the Capitol. There were also present the Vice-President elect and the commissioners of the District of Columbia. The party adjourned to the blue parlor and passed some time in conversation. In the meantime the grand inaugural pageant that had gathered at Washington Circle, in the west end of the city,

about a mile distant from the White House, started with their flying banners and bands of music. Lieut. Colonel Grant, in field uniform, and Colonel Amos Webster, of the militia of the district, special aids to the President in the grand parade, reported at the Executive Mansion that the procession was approaching. The carriage of ex-President Grant, in which four horses were harnessed, was standing at the door, and without any delay the President, escorted by the ex-President and Senator Morrill, of the committee of arrangements, took seats therein, and driving to one of the gateways leading to the Executive Mansion awaited the approach of the military escort. A cheer greeted them as they left the mansion.

After a very few moments the procession, with General Whipple as Grand Marshal, moved by the executive mansion, coming in the following order: Adjutant General and aides to the Grand Marshal. First Division—Brevet Major General W. H. French, commanding, band of the Second United States Artillery; Battalion of the United States Artillery, first, second and third regiments. Second division—Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Charles Heywood, commanding, band of the Battalion of United States Marines. Third division—Colonel Robert J. Fleming, commanding, band of the Washington Light Infantry Corps, band of the State Fencibles, band of the Weccacoe Legion, Washington Light Guards, Washington Artillery, First Battalion District of Columbia, Colored, Columbus Cadets.

Here the distinguished party, awaiting within the gate of the Executive Grounds, passed out amid the plaudits of the multitude, and took their places in the procession, no halt being made.

Following the carriages of the President and the President and Vice-President elect, with citizens on either side of the carriages, came the civil part of the procession in three divisions, the first under command of Colonel Timothy Lubre, embracing citizens and officials on horseback and on foot. The display was imposing. After these came the fifth division, marshalled by Arthur Shepherd. It was headed by a fine band of music, and contained the following political associations—Young Men's Republican Club of the District of Columbia, Hartranft Club of Philadelphia, National Veteran Club, Grand Army of the Republic, German Republican Club of the District of Columbia, the Pamonkey Republican Club of Maryland, republican organizations of the District of Columbia. The sixth division, marshalled by Heaton, and composed of the associations of the State of Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Michigan, and the Central Association of the States, all of which have headquarters here, filed in, and the Fire Department of the district closed the procession, which was fully forty minutes in passing the Executive Mansion. The pageant was in every respect worthy of the admiration which assuredly it received to the very full extent. The weather was raw and cloudy when the procession started, but became quite cheerful as the day advanced, and when the Capitol was reached by the procession the sun was shining brightly. The artillery regiments parading as infantry as well as light artillery and the admirable march of the marine battalion were a subject of profuse comment. The Columbus cadets had an ovation. Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, marching at the head of the Hartranft Club, was greeted with very great applause. The President's carriage of course was exceedingly conspicuous in the line, and though very distant from the front, was the first object of attraction and its occupants were hailed with continuous cheers. The colored companies were assigned a prominent place. The right of the line was held by government troops. The Columbus cadets had the next honor. The Treasury building was alive with spectators, every window being filled and three-fourths of the spectators were ladies.

Holders of cards of admission to the Capitol thronged the approaches to the Senate. Long before the doors were opened and within a few minutes after eleven, the Senate galleries were filled to the utmost capacity. Mrs. Hayes, wife of the President, occupied the seat in the private gallery, next to the diplomatic gallery; her little son

Scott sat on her left, and Mrs. Senator Sherman on her right. Miss Fannie Hayes and Mrs. Stanley Matthews occupied seats beyond Mrs. Sherman, together with other personal friends of Mrs. Hayes from Ohio. The diplomatic gallery was occupied by Lady Thornton and the other ladies of the diplomatic corps. The remaining galleries also presented a brilliant appearance; the greater number of occupants were ladies. The floor of the Senate, excepting the seats reserved for the presidential party, the Supreme Court, and the diplomatic corps, were crowded with senators and senators-elect, members of the House of Representatives, and other distinguished personages entitled to its privileges. Among the latter were General Sherman and Major General Hancock and Terry in full uniform, and attended by members of their respective staffs.

About a quarter before twelve the foreign ministers and secretaries and attaches of legations entered the Senate chamber headed by Sir Edward Thornton, "Dean" of the diplomatic corps, and took their seats—two front rows of Senators' chairs on the right. All the ministers and most of their attendants were in full diplomatic uniform, resplendent with gold and silver embroidery, and glittering with orders and decorations. Besides Sir Edward Thornton, Bartholdi, the French Minister, Count Hayas, the Australian Minister, Herr Von Schloser, the German Minister, and Baron Blanc, the Italian Minister, were especially noticeable.

When the diplomatic corps had taken the place assigned them, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, all in their robes of office, entered, preceded by the marshal of the court, and were escorted to seats arranged in the semi-circular space in front of the Senators' desks.

At precisely 12 o'clock the President appeared at the main entrance of the chamber, arm in arm with General Grant. As they proceeded down the aisle to the seats reserved for them, the senators and all other occupants of the floor rose and remained standing until they had taken their seats, and the galleries applauded by the clapping of hands and waving of handkerchiefs. Immediately following him came the members of President Grant's cabinet, Webb Hayes, Colonel Fred. Grant, and Lieut. Dunwoody, of the signal corps, one of the aides of the grand marshal of the day. Four policemen brought up the rear. Colonel Grant and Lieut. Dunwoody were in full uniform.

The presidential party having taken their seats in the space in front of the desk of the President of the Senate, the Senate was called to order by its secretary, Mr. Gorham, prayer was offered by the chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Sunderland, and the President then announced that the Senate would proceed to the centre portico of the Capitol to witness the inauguration of the President.

The procession was accordingly formed, and proceeded to the central portico of the east front of the Capitol, in the following order: Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States; Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate; committee of arrangements, President of the United States and ex-President; the Vice-President and Secretary of the Senate, members of the Senate, diplomatic corps, heads of departments, ex-members of the House of Representatives and members elect of the Forty-Fifth Congress, Governors of States and other persons admitted to the floor of the Senate chamber and to the reserved seats at the left of the diplomatic gallery. Among the latter were Assistant-Secretaries of the Executive Department, Assistant Postmaster-General, Assistant Attorney-General, and Judge-Advocate General, heads of bureaus of the war and navy departments, comptrollers, auditors and registers of the Treasury, solicitors of the several departments of the United States Treasury, and a number of the judges of the Federal courts and of the Supreme Courts of the several States.

Mrs. Hayes and her party had previously left the gallery and taken their seats on a platform erected for the occasion, which was built out from the first landing of the steps of the central portico and profusely draped, as usual, with national flags.

The President began his inaugural address at 12:45, immediately after the procession reached the platform. His appearance at the

front of the platform was greeted with shouts of applause from the people who stood closely packed both in front and behind the long lines of military that reached from one end of the Capitol grounds to the other.

The address, although from manuscript, was delivered with great animation but although his voice was clear and strong it could not be heard at any considerable distance, owing to the hum of conversation and comment, and the pressure of the crowds which kept up a constant struggle to get nearer to the platform. Whenever the President paused or emphasized a sentence, cheers went up from the multitude.

At the conclusion of his address the oath of office was administered to the President by Chief Justice Waite, both standing with uncovered heads at the front of the platform.

At this moment a salute was fired in the adjacent park and cheers were kept up for several minutes. Meantime the President was congratulated by ex-President Grant, Chief Justice Waite, and a large number of persons near him, including many members of both houses of Congress, and all the Associate Judges of the Supreme Court, except Clifford and Field, who were not present during any portion of the ceremonies.

President Hayes and Vice-President Wheeler, escorted by Senator McCreery, then returned to the Senate wing of the Capitol, the President taking a seat in the same open barouche in which he had come to the Capitol.

The ceremonies being concluded, the procession was reformed and returned to the Executive Mansion, escorting the President, who, together with the ex-President and Senator Morrill of Vermont, occupied an open barouche that conveyed the party to the Capitol. Thousands of persons lined Pennsylvania Avenue to witness the display. The President was frequently cheered, which compliment he acknowledged by raising his hat.

The President with the Ex-President reached the Executive Mansion about half-past two, when a presidential salute was fired by the artillery stationed in the White Lot, in the vicinity of the Executive Mansion. Mrs. Grant had prepared a sumptuous lunch in the family dining room of the Executive Mansion, to which the President, the Ex-President, members of the Cabinet and several friends of President Hayes repaired. Many ladies were present. It was altogether an informal affair. The House has been placed in excellent order for President Hayes and his family. Rare flowers ornamented the different rooms, and great care had been taken by Mrs. Grant to have the Mansion in every way comfortable.

As soon as the new Chief Magistrate had reached the White House, an immense crowd congregated on the portico, thinking there would be a general reception. In this they were disappointed, though many were admitted during the afternoon and paid their respects to President Hayes. The green parlor was the scene of great animation after the party returned. It was profusely decorated with flowers, and the new President received therein the first welcome to his home.

There measures of great local importance to the Pacific Coast have been carried to the point of enactment and placed on the statute book, namely, those relating to school indemnity sections, to native grape brandy, and to desert lands. The Pacific Coast has also obtained more than its proportionate share of the total amount of

appropriations voted by Congress, for which, as heretofore, credit is mainly due to Sargent. The bill concerning townsites entries passed the Senate and became law.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

—"Brick" Pomeroy is lecturing on "Poverty." There is abundance of the article for illustrative purposes.

—The Springfield *Republican* says, "A single advertisement for a cashier brought 54 answers before night yesterday. The Northampton burglars being caged, the position has increased attractions."

—Sidney and Cheyenne are both "as mad as thunder," each because it has been named as the probable starting place for the branch railroad to the Black Hills.

—The Omaha *Bee* says, "Judge McKinney, of Brownville, is building a grasshopper guillotine, with which he proposes to create more havoc among the flying pests than was done by that instrument in France in the days of Robespierre."

—Skunks appear to be useful in more ways than one. Besides being unrivalled as perfumists, a granger tells the *Dakota City Mail* that they are most fearful destroyers of grasshoppers, or rather their eggs, and he speaks from personal observation.

—The Worcester *Press* says, "Simon doesn't like his new suit, especially the breeches." "And yet," says another paper, "they are breeches of promise."

—It is of no use, Hayes must be inaugurated, commission or no commission, for the Cincinnati *Stars* says that a couple of weeks ago Mrs. Hayes ordered a handsome dress, in which to be inaugurated as the "first lady of the republic," with instructions for the firm to "be ready to make it on short notice." That dress must be made and worn, or something will be spoiled, and things will be made warm for poor Mr. Hayes.

—J. Cal. Jones, seventy-four, and Miss McCary, sixteen, both of Owen county, Kentucky, eloped and were married in Cincinnati, Feb. 5.

—A six months old girl, born blind, was recently operated upon by Dr. Frank, of Baltimore, and full sight was given it.

—The Colorado potatoe bug has been honored with a discussion in the English House of Lords. Savants have found that the German and American specimens are identical.

—Sergeant's Inn, London, has been sold to Mr. Sergeant Cox, for \$35,000.

—Calcraft, the English ex-hangman, is preparing his memoirs, his daughter being his amanuensis. Marwood (proper name, Fisher) is his successor as Jack Ketch.

—The Omaha *Herald* appeals to Congress to give the Black Hills a government before the 4th of March.

—Mr. Turner, borough assessor of Buckingham, England, a widower with ten children, was recently accused by a young lady of seducing her, and he went out and hung himself from an apple tree in his garden, leaving in his pocket a letter, which said, "They falsely accuse me of a sin which I did not commit. I said all I could to prove my innocence, but the wretched thing persisted in her statement. My reason is going. God forgive me! If anything happens, the sin lies at her door. She surely will confess the truth. God forgive her! Madness point."

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