

had been administered and the formal exit began, the Supreme Court justices going first, Mr. Cleveland, President McKinley and officials following.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 4.—The head of procession appeared at the inaugural stand at 1:55. When President Cleveland and Mr. McKinley appeared on the platform the throng broke forth into prolonged cheers. President McKinley took the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Fuller. A dazzling and inspiring scene spread out before McKinley as he appeared on the steps of the Senate wing of the Capitol to take the oath and deliver the inaugural. The sun blazed from the blue sky, an auspicious augury for his administration. Except for Cleveland's first inauguration in 1885 there

lifting up his hand as if in admonition for order begun his inaugural address. Cleveland, with his silk hat in his hands, listened attentively to every word. McKinley's clear and ringing tones carried well among the confusion and shrieks which prevailed about the stand, but could hardly be heard fifty feet from the stand.

As the shifting multitude ceased to surge towards the close of his address his words carried far into the crowd and were answered with cheer upon cheer, especially his impressive promise to do all in his power to restore prosperity.

The negroes roared their approval when he declared with uplifted arm that lynching must cease.

As he concluded the multitude again

the Latter-day Saints with their children assembled in their meeting house at 10 o'clock and filled it. There is no need of saying that the object was to celebrate the much advanced birthday of our highly esteemed and venerated President and Prophet Wilford Woodruff.

This was done as suggested in the DESERET NEWS. One of the "songs of songs" was sung: We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet. Appropriate prayer was offered, and after another suitable song, Superintendent John A. Guild made the opening remarks, briefly, pleasantly and to the point. Our Articles of Faith and the Lord's Prayer were recited in concert and rendered beautifully.

The whole of the program occupied the forenoon and afternoon.

President Woodruff's wonderful biography was presented by the following named brethren: W. B. Rae, Joseph Souleby (Bishop), A. M. Spence, W. A. Stringer (first counselor to Bishop Souleby), and James Crockett.

President Woodruff's life, from his birth to the present, was spoken of by these brethren in terms that were glowing with spirit and animation, which brought to mind a saying of our Savior: "Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." Each of the speakers presented the probity, pure morality and humility, also the firmness to and righteousness of President Woodruff, and presented his whole life as almost unexampled for emulation. What an inestimable joy it must be to have such a glorious record!

Each of the speakers prayed that our beloved Prophet would live to celebrate many more birthdays, which we believed echoed in every heart present and re-echoed in those hearts that would have been present if they could.

Like beautiful gems of varied hues sprinkled and spangled on a rich ground of pure white and gold, the above proceedings were sprinkled and spangled with appropriate recitations and beautiful songs of sweetly subduing though cheering airs, with beautiful and elevating sentiments.

Superintendent J. A. Guild said: "We have had a brilliant concert." Concluding the evening meeting, our beloved Bishop said: "Brethren and sisters, I am pleased to say that I have enjoyed myself exceedingly throughout this day, and I believe every one else who was present has done the same. We have performed a noble work for a noble cause and a noble man, Amen." J. S.

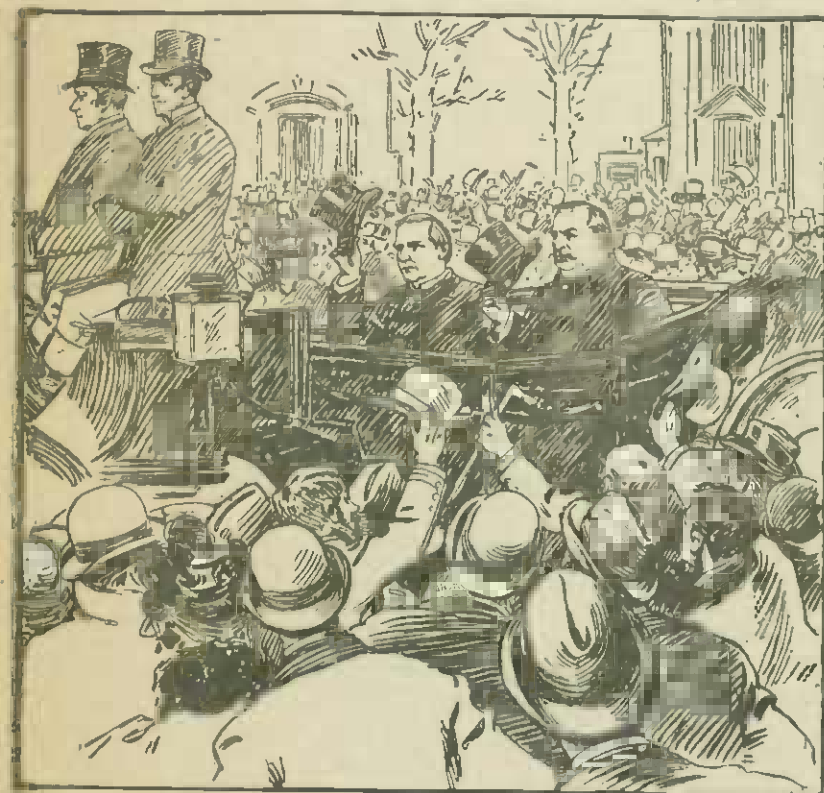
PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF'S BIRTHDAY.

The happy event that has gathered us here is the birthday of one we all hold most dear. 'Tis of Wilford Woodruff, we gratefully say. He has lived to attain his ninetieth birthday.

Around him as a shield the Almighty arm Has kept him in safety through danger and harm; And now in his age, like an oak tree he stands, A Prophet of God in this most favored land.

In integrity firm he has stood from his youth, Ever the champion of goodness and truth. Friend of Joseph the Prophet and Brigham and John, Who from this stage of life to a higher have gone.

The Gospel restored he most gladly received And many through him its great truths believed;



M'KINLEY AND CLEVELAND ON THE WAY TO THE CAPITOL.

has been so such ideal day for this momentous ceremony.

As McKinley walked down the platform the yells and shouts became deafening and as he stepped upon the raised platform, he felt compelled to acknowledge by bowing right and left. He then took his seat. The press against the stand was so terrific that women screamed with pain and several fainted.

Meantime the procession from the Senate continued.

All the time 40,000 people were straining to keep up the tremendous applause.

McKinley arose and uncovered while Justice Fuller in a flowing robe administered the oath. The new President kissed the gilt-edged Bible presented by the bishop of the African Methodist church, to seal his oath. The people continued to roar.

Holding the manuscript in one hand he turned to the multitude and

cheered and cannon in the distance roared as the signal officer on the roof of the Capitol flashed the signal across the city.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

ROCK SPRINGS,
Sweetwater County, Wyo.,
March 1, 1897.

It is with the very best of feelings and with unspeakable gratitude to our heavenly Father for the amiable and auspicious occasion which presented itself unto us yesterday, that we send you the following:

Sunday morning broke in upon us calm, clear, cool and very refreshing. The sunshine which continued all day without a cloud, seemed to partake of a deeper golden hue than usual, and with the beautiful blue above, the day was rich in beauty and rich in health.

Under these esteemed favors, the