

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GEN. GRANT.

(Special to the Evening Mercury.)

WASHINGTON, March 4th. Gen. Grant delivered his Inaugural Address at noon to-day from the balcony of the Capitol, before an immense assemblage of people.

CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Your suffrage having elevated me to the office of President of the United States, I have, in conformity with the Constitution of our country, taken the oath of office prescribed therein. I have taken the oath without mental reservation, and with the determination to do to the best of my ability all that requires of me. The responsibilities of the position I feel, but accept them without fear. The office has come to me unsought. I commence its duties untrammelled. I bring to it a conscientious desire and determination to fill it to the best of my ability, and to the satisfaction of the people.

On all leading questions agitating the public mind, I will always express my views to Congress, and urge them according to my judgment, and when I think it advisable, will exercise the constitutional privilege of interposing a veto to defeat measures which I oppose. But all laws will be faithfully executed, whether they meet my approval or not.

I shall on all subjects, have a policy to recommend—none to enforce against the will of the people. Laws are to govern all alike, those opposed to, as well as those who favour them. I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.

The country having just emerged from a great rebellion, many questions will come before it for settlement in the next four years, which preceding administrations have never had to deal with. In meeting these it is desirable that they should be approached calmly, without prejudice, hate or sectional pride, remembering that the greatest good to the greatest number is the object to be attained. This requires security of person, property, and for religious and political opinion in every part of our common country without regard to local prejudice. All laws to secure these ends will receive my best efforts for their enforcement.

A great debt has been contracted in securing to us and our posterity the Union. The payment of this, principal and interest, as well as the return to a specie basis as soon as it can be accomplished, without material detriment to the debtor class, or to the country at large, must be provided for. To protect the national honour every dollar of Government indebtedness should be paid in gold, unless otherwise specially stipulated in the contract. Let it be understood that no repudiation of one farthing of our public debt will be trusted in public places, and it will go far towards strengthening a credit which ought to be the best in the world; and will ultimately enable us to replace the debt with bonds bearing less interest than we now pay. To this should be added a faithful collection of the revenue, a strict accountability to the treasury for every dollar collected, and the greatest practicable retrenchment in expenditure in every department of Government.

When we compare the paying capacity of the country now—with ten States still in poverty from the effects of war, but soon to emerge, I trust, into greater prosperity than ever before—with its paying capacity twenty-five years ago, and calculate what it probably will be twenty-five years hence, who can doubt the feasibility of paying every dollar thereof with more ease than we now pay for useless luxuries. Why, it looks as though Providence had bestowed upon us in a strong box the precious metals, locked up in the sterile mountains of the far west, which we are now forging the key to unlock at the very contingency that is now upon us. Ultimately it may be necessary to increase the facilities to reach these riches, and it may be necessary, also, that the general Government should give its aid to secure this access, but that should only be when a dollar of obligation is to be paid, and not before. Whilst the question of specie payment is in abeyance the prudent business man is careful about contracting debts payable in the distant future. The nation should follow the same rule. A prostrate commerce is to be rebuilt, and all industry encouraged. The young men of the country, those who from their age must be its rulers twenty-five years hence, have a similar interest in maintaining the national honor. A moment's reflection as to what will be our commanding influence among the nations of the earth in their day, if they are only true to themselves, should inspire them with national pride. All divisions, geographical, political and religious, can join in this common sentiment. How the public debt is to be paid, or specie payment resumed, is not so important as that a plan should be adopted and acquiesced in. A united determination to do its worth more than divided council is the method of doing. Legislation this subject may not be necessary, or even advisable, but it will be well if the Civil Law is more fully restored in all parts of the country, and trade established. It will be my endeavor to execute all laws in good faith, to collect all revenues assessed, and to have them properly accounted for and economically disbursed. I will, to the best of my ability, assist those only who will carry out this design.

In regard to foreign policy, I would deal with nations as equitable law requires individuals to deal with one another; and I would protect the law-abiding citizen, whether of native or of foreign birth, wherever his rights are jeopardized, or the flag of our country floats. I would respect the rights of all nations, demanding equal respect for our own—if others depart from this rule in their dealing with us, we may be compelled to follow their precedents. The proper treatment of the original occupants of the land, the Indians, is one deserving of careful study. I will favor any course towards them which tends to their civilization, Christianizing, and ultimate citizenship.

The question of suffrage is one which is likely to excite the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any States. It seems to me very desirable that this question should be settled now, and I entertain the hope, and express the desire, that it may be by the ratification of the fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution.

In conclusion, I ask forbearance one towards another throughout the land, and a determined effort on the part of every citizen to do his share towards cementing a happy union; and I ask the prayers of Almighty God in behalf of this consummation.

The following is Vice-President Colfax's address to the Senate—

SENATORS—In entering upon the duties of this Chamber, to the performance of which I have been called by the people of the United States, I realize fully the delicacy as well as the responsibilities of the position. Presiding over a body whose members in so large degree are my seniors in age, and not chosen by the body itself, I shall certainly need the assistance of your support and your generous forbearance and confidence; but pledging to you all a faithful and inflexible impartiality in the administration of your rules, and earnestly desiring to co-operate with you in making the deliberations of the Senate worthy not only of its historic renown, but also of the States whose commissions you hold.

I am now ready to take the oath of office required by law.

President Johnson's Valediction.

On Wednesday, President Johnson issued a lengthy address to the people of the United States, wherein he invoked for his immediate successor the forbearance and co-operation of the American people in all his efforts to administer the Government within the pale of the Federal Constitution; and expresses his earnest desire to see the Constitution of the Republic again recognized and obeyed as the supreme law of the land, and the whole people prosperous and happy under its wise provisions. After referring to several matters in detail, in which he seeks to justify his own course, he bitterly assails Congress, and every prominent act done by that body, and concludes as follows:—Calmly reviewing my administration of the Government, I feel that, with a sense of accountability to God, having conscientiously endeavored to discharge my whole duty, I have nothing to regret. Events have proved the correctness of the policy set forth in my first and subsequent Messages. The evils which have followed the rejection of forbearance, magnanimity and Constitutional rule, are known and deplored by the nation. It is a matter of and gratification in retiring from the most exalted position in the gift of a free people, to feel and to know, that in a long, arduous and eventful public life, my action has never been influenced by a desire for gain, and that I can in all sincerity inquire, whom have I defrauded, whom have I oppressed, or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes therewith? No responsibility for wars that have been waged, or blood that have been shed rests upon me. My thoughts have been those of peace, and my effort has ever been to allay contention among my countrymen. Forgetting the past, let us return to the first principles of the Government, and unfurling the banner of our country, inscribe upon it in ineffaceable characters, "The Constitution and the Union one and inseparable."

DEATH OF LAMARTINE.—Among the most recent events announced by the Atlantic cable is the death, which took place on Saturday last, of the venerable poet and historian, Alphonse de Lamartine, in the 73rd year of his age. He was truly a pure and noble character; his genius was of the loftiest order, and his patriotism none of his own countrymen ever doubted.

ACCIDENT IN ERIN.—As Mr. Donald McKinnon, son of Widow McKinnon, Erin, was chopping last Thursday the tree fell on his leg, and badly fractured it a little above the ankle. Dr. Burnham was sent for, who set it, and he is improving as fast as might be expected.

The Easter Fat Cattle Show will be held in this town on Wednesday, the 17th inst., under the auspices of the South Riding Agricultural Society.

Mr. Cuthbert has for sale at his store copies of the Rev. J. K. Smith's "Treatise on the Duty and Privilege of Prayer." Mr. Smith, it will be remembered, is the minister who was examined on certain charges at the Presbytery meeting last week.

We have received from the author, Rev. A. Sutherland, a copy of a pamphlet entitled "A Plea for Total Abstinence." It is very well written.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE.

GUELPH, March 4, 1869. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: John Wilson, Toronto; Thomas Dexter, Toronto; A. T. Robertson, Toronto; Robert Nichol, Belmont; Wm Lind, Hamilton; Wm Smith, Detroit; Robert McLean, Galt; Henderson, Paris; R. G. Watson, Montreal; W. M. Hale, Toronto; J. McLennean, Drayton; Jas. Crawley, Holland; Simon Graham, Owen Sound; H. J. Meddough, Durham; A. Horst, Owen Sound; Robert Deynor, Bowdoin; C. Cronkrite, New York; William McKenzie, Ninto; Mrs. Clarke, Harrison; B. F. Bend, Clifton; Miss Brown, Kenilworth; Miss Perkle, Kenilworth; W. McCraig, Port Huron; John T. Wade, Arthur.

BIRTHS.

SPRINGFIELD, Al. G. G. on the 26th ult., the wife of Mr. Edward Campaigne of a son.

DIED.

MULLEN In Minto, on the 24th ult., Mary, daughter of Mr. Gilbert McLean, aged 3 years. Cause—In Puerperia, on the 2nd inst., after a protracted illness of many years. Mrs. Hugh Cookburn, in the 68th year of his age.

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THE SUBSCRIBER in returning thanks for the liberal patronage he has received during the past five years in the Carriage and Waggon Making business, begs to inform his customers and the public that he has removed to the premises of Mr. JAS. ARMSTRONG, in

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He respectfully solicits a call from all old customers and the public in general.

ROBERT PARKER. Guelph, March 4, 1869.

NEW BOOKS

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HER MAJESTY'S TOWER, By William Hepworth Dixon.

CHINA AND THE CHINESE, By Rev John E. Nevins.

"CAST UP BY THE SEA," by Sir Samuel W. Baker.

Poetical Works of Chas. G. Halpine, (Miles O'Reilly)

TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES IN THE TERRITORY ALASKA, by Frederick Wymper.

Wild Life under the Equator Narrated for young people, by Paul du Chailu.

Westminster Review for January, 1869.

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE Opposite the Market, mar 10. da

EDUCATIONAL

MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church,

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 30. doly

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CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her School will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869. Guelph, 24th December. d

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AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL. Guelph, 23rd February. dol

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing between Alexander Thomson, Samuel Shaw and George Minton, Junior, under the style and firm of Shaw & Merton, who heretofore were partners in the business of the Guelph CLOTH HALL, and are hereby authorized to collect all debts due to A. Thomson & Co.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, SAMUEL SHAW, GEORGE MINTON, JR. Withdrew. CHARLES CRUICKSHANK, law Guelph, February 24, 1869. law

THE Subscribers in returning thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of A. Thomson & Co., would beg to state that they intend carrying on the business as heretofore, at the Guelph CLOTH HALL, and shall be happy to have a call from their old friends.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, SAMUEL SHAW, GEORGE MINTON, JR. Guelph, Feb. 24, 1869. daw

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We the undersigned have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical Profession.

JOHN HOWITT, M. D. T. A. KEATING, M. D., M. R. C. S. Guelph, Feb. 25. w1 d2 w

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JAMES HOUGH. Guelph, 25th February, 1869. ds

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