MARCH AND APRIL

Are the Most Disagreeable Months of the Year in the North.

In the South they are the pleasantest and most agreeable. The trees and shrubs put forth their buds of flowers; early vegetables and fruits are ready for eating, and in fact all nature seems to have awakened from its winter sleep. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company reaches the garden spots of the South, and will on the first and third Tuesdays of March and April, sell round-trip tickets to all principal points in Tennessee, Alabama, and West Florida, at about half-rates. Write for advertising matter and particulars of excursions to C. P. Almore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Jackson Smith, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O.

It is said that lumbering operations in the upper peninsula will close in a month earlier than usual owing to the open winter.

Tours in the Rocky Mountains.

The "Scenic Line of the World," the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, offers a delightful trip to Colorado, Utah and Mexico the choicest resorts, and to the transcontinental traveler the grandest scenery. Send for the "Cripple Creek, the greatest gold camp on earth. Double daily train service with Pullman sleepers and Tourist cars between Denver and San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Write K. K. Hoopes, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colorado, for illustrated descriptive pamphlets.

Fire destroyed $5,000 worth of staves and heading at the mill of Dimmick & Fox at East Tawas, but the mill was saved.

On to the Kootenai.

The call of 1897 is "On to the Kootenai" the wonderfully rich mining country of Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, where so many millions of gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, etc., have been discovered during the last year or two and new towns and industries established. The town of Rossland grew from 301 to 6,000 in twenty months. Maps and descriptive matter of the entire territory sent free by F. I. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, Minn.

The House railroad investigating committee has sent out hundreds of circulars asking for needed information.

Throat Disease Cured With Grapes and Horehound.

The noted old quaker discendant of Hollingshead has discovered that the combination of grapes with the Horehound Herb and the Best of Rock candy made into a cordial will cure sore throats and coughs, and is excellent for the catarrh and all irritation of the bronchial tubes, tonsils and throat; and for singers and public speakers. Druggists say it is their best seller, and it is doing great good. Hoarhound Apothecary, 401 Exchange Building, Edmund Jordan.

Apples were originally brought from the east by the Romans. The crab apple is indigenous to Great Britain.

Wine for Weakly Persons.

Weakly persons use Speer's Port Grape Wine and the Unfermented Grape Juice because it gives them strength and tone to the system. It is superior to all other wines.

You will never fall into the devil's mire as long as you pave your way with Bible promises.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

The parti-colored, wide-spreading silk umbrella lamp shade is being cut out of date. It has been entirely superseded by the spherical globe of glass or decorated china.

The madonna style of coiffure, that is, parted and drawn down on each side, is quite passe. To be in style you must dress your hair in a pompadour, with a few soft, wavy locks on each side held by sidecombs.

The smart girl of some time ago that to wear a corsage bouquet to the theater or a dance is in bad taste. If any flowers are taken they are tied with a bow and long ends of sixteen satin ribbon into a loose bunch.

Cure All spring humors, scrofula taints, boils, pimples, eruptions, dizziness and all thoroughly purifying and enriching the blood with

Hood's Sarsaparilla The best — One True Blood Purifier. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. In fact — Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, no drastic or harsh cathartic.

$200.00 Reward in Gold! Well Worth Trying For.

In the word BEAUTIFUL are nine letters. You are smart enough, with fourteen words, to perfect one, and if you do you will receive a reward. In the word BEAUTIFUL are nine letters. You are smart enough, with fourteen words, to perfect one, and if you do you will receive a reward. In the word BEAUTIFUL are nine letters. You are smart enough, with fourteen words, to perfect one, and if you do you will receive a reward. The Detroit Medical Publishing Co., proprietors of The Household, Detroit, Michigan, will pay $200 in gold to the person able to make the longest list of words from the letters in the word BEAUTIFUL, $50.00 for the second longest; $20.00 for the third; $10.00 for the fourth; $5.00 for the fifth; $2.50 for the next ten longest lists. The above rewards are given for solely testing the purpose of calling attention to our handsome ladies' magazine, THE HOUSEHOLD, which is the most attractive forty-eight page finely illustrated, latest fashion, literary, home and family paper in the world, and which is the favorite with the best families and authors; published monthly, price 25 cents per year, making it the lowest priced magazine in America. In order to enter the contest it is necessary to send us with your list of words FOURTEEN 2-cent stamps, or 28 cents in silver, which will entitle you to a half-year's subscription to THE HOUSEHOLD COMPANION. In addition to the above prizes we will give to every one sending us a list of fourteen or more words a handsome silver plated souvenir spoon. The contest will close positively on or before April 1st, 1897, so all the names of successful contestants may be published in the issue of THE HOUSEHOLD COMPANION. We refer you to any mercantile agency as to our standing.

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GAMES FREE a useful articles for only 5 cent, with every purchase of Arbuckle's Coffee. Every package contains the necessary coupons. Every premium is guaranteed. Ask your grocer for them. Arbuckle Premium Exhibit, Box 961 Parkersburg, W. Va.

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PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

Report of Auditor-General on Finances of the State Makes a Good Showing

—A Chapter of Accidents and Interesting Happenings in the State.

Michigan's Finances.

Retiring Auditor-Gen. Turner's report, just issued, for the past year, says there is now more than $3,000,000 in the delinquent tax list. Under the homestead provision of the law, a total of 210,000 acres of land has been deeded to the state and made subject to homestead. There have already been homesteaded 80,125 acres.

The receipts of the state treasurer from all sources for the last fiscal year were $5,326,059.37, and the disbursements for all purposes were $4,634,-054.73, making the cash balance $692,004.64, which, added to the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, makes the balance $917,472.43. Deducting from the total receipts the amount of refunding, $21,919.62, the net cash receipts are shown to be $5,334,139.60. The bonded indebtedness of the state amounts to $10,000 of 6 per cent interest bearing $5,000,000 loan, part-paid bonds adjustable at $10,992.83.

The state institutions in the aggregate drew from the state treasury a total of $1,628,133.52, and carried $699,669.93, a total of $2,327,794.45. Their aggregate disbursements for current expenses were $1,499,693.50, and for building, and special purposes $224,-044.85, a total of $2,213,738.35, the excess of receipts being $113,056.10.

The net receipts from direct taxes were $2,745,679.80, and the receipts from specific taxes were $996,061.72. The receipts from liquor taxes were $1,899,757.32.

THE TWO PENINSULAS.

J. H. Wallborn died at Akron, O., from injuries received in a collision on the A. T. & S. F.

George Brewer, of Ross, was arrested for giving cocaine pill to 12-year-old Joe Dodge. The boy may die.

John Martin, living six miles southwest of Utica, fell from the peak of his barn and was killed by his injuries.

Charles J. Merriman, merchant, and his son arthur, aged 20, died at their home at Grass Lake within 24 hours.

Amos Kitchen, aged 3, son of Moses Kitchen, of Wallin, fell into a bucket of boiling water and died two hours afterwards in great agony.

During a discussion about the Bible in James Parker's schoolhouse, in Saginaw county, near Saginaw, Dennis Robbins colored, fell off Parker's nose.

Joseph Lewis, of Climax, aged 60 years, was convicted on xchange of unlawful carnal knowledge of a deaf and dumb girl named Ella Weaver.

The Imus House, at Pentwater, caught fire from a defective flue and for a time the village was in danger. The house is badly damaged; loss about $1,500.

Ida Osborn, aged 14, while in an epileptic fit, fell in a ditch at Carleton and was drowned. She was a stepdaughter of John Hollinfelts, and lived two miles east.

James B. Porter, Michigan's war secretary of state, and one of the best known men in Detroit, died in that city, died of rheumatism of the heart, after an illness of but three hours' duration.

Will E. Rapsey, the colored janitor of the Grand Rapids Herald office, is after an $80,000 fortune left by an uncle who died in California a year ago. He is perfecting his proofs of relationship.

Charles L. McClellan, head of the commercial department of Albion college, died at Albion. Prof. McClellan, had been very low with appendicitis, but it was thought that death was caused by an internal abscess.

J. Thayer, son of C. H. Thayer, of Kent, Ill., a homesteader living eight miles east of Nashville, was instantly killed by the discharge of a shotgun, which was carried by A. Levigne while they were hunting in the woods.

The large double funeral of J. W. Merrill and Miss Ella Hall, killed at a Marcellus railroad crossing, was held in the M. P. church at Wakelee. The services were conducted by Masonic orders and nearly 1,000 people attended.

Hiadie, the 2-year-old son of Charles Kitchen, of Goodells, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid that was standing on a shelf and before he was discovered had swallowed it. He was given a dose of lard, and efforts by the best medical authorities were made to save the child's life.

Charles B. McCloy, charged with embezzling about $8,000 from the old Second National bank, of Saginaw, in 1893 has been returned for trial. During his absence he had wandered to Australia and later returned to San Francisco, where he surrendered himself to the sent himself to pay the penalty of his crime. He has been released on $6,000 bail.

A sensation was created at Battle Creek when it was learned that Mrs. C. C. Arnold, who died while under the charge of having murdered his son, had left all his property to the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Arnold was possessed of wealth in such immoral ways, as selling whisky, renting houses of bad repute, and keeping a pawn shop for the receiving of stolen goods.

A committee of the striking freight handlers at Ludington met the railroad officials and stated their grievances. The railroad officers offered to hire 30 men out of 300 at $1.30 per day, work or play, all others needed must take 15 cents per hour or other going wages. The 30 men named by the railroad are leaders and expert freight handlers. A meeting of 500 indignantly refused the proposition and voted to continue the strike.

Wm. Vogel, a prominent horseman of Cassopolis, died in Boston as the result of a fall from a wagon. He went to Boston with a carload of horses.

Col. Oscar B. Jarvis, of Hillsdale, Mich., to be pension agent at Detroit was the first nomination sent to the Senate, by President McKinley and it was at once confirmed. In executive session Senator Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, offered a resolution to refer back to the committee the treaty of arbitration and it was agreed to. Opponents of the treaty say that there will be a great deal of discussion before the bill can pass, no matter if the committee again attends it as before.

Sixty men in the polishing shop of Derby Cycle Co. at Jackson have struck.

MICHIGAN'S LEGISLATORS.

The bill making constitutional amendments a part of each party platform met with strong opposition in the Senate, after being agreed to in committee of the whole, and it was finally tabled. The Senate passed a bill repealing the present plank road company laws and placing the toll road companies in charge of the township highway commissioner, who shall have authority to open toll gates to the public if the companies do not keep their roads in proper repair. The Senate committee on public health reported favorably a bill which provides for a medical registration board, to be nonsectarian, to consist of six members, four to constitute a quorum. Two of the present members of the board to be appointed from any one school of medicine. In the committee of the whole the Senate agreed to the joint resolution favorably providing that the electors must be citizens of the United States, be able to read the constitution of Michigan and write their own name or mark, voting will not disfranchise anyone who could vote on Jan. 1, 1897. Bills passed by the Senate: (H. B. 133) Providing for duplicate bonds of county treasurers' collection return; (H. B. 159) for a bounty of $15 for the killing of wolves, $3 for wildcats, and $5 for lynx; (H. B. 81) requiring county treasurers to publish their annual statements and fixing the fees therefor; (H. B. 122) making it unlawful for prosecuting attorneys to assist in defense of any person charged with crime; (H. B. 359) regulating the duties of county and township auditors; (H. B. 350) permitting Allegan to bond for water power. In the House the committee of the whole agreed to the bill for the Soldiers' home. It provides that before local municipal bills are considered by the legislature they must be brought to the attention of the people concerned by publishing the common council of such cities to pass upon the proposed legislation. Notice of the public hearings upon any bills for municipal legislation must be given. The following bills were get proposed legislation before the legislature even if the council and mayor refuse to consider it in the above way, by so certifying. Any expense to be borne by cities affected. Out motion of Rep. Sawyer, Ann Arbor, was exempted from the provisions of the bill. The committee of the whole reported to bills appropriating $22,000 for the state Agricultural college, permitting municipal corporations to be garnisheed the same as individuals, and Rep. Moon's bill to reduce the salary of supreme court judges from $7,500 to $5,000 a year, was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary. A concurrent resolution was introduced providing for a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate, to proceed at once to the seat of the disorders in Upper Norway, to investigate the same, and to effect a settlement if possible, before the miners become state charges, it being alleged that the cause of the existing against starvation wages and the foreign corporations who control the mines pay no attention to their appeals. The bills passed in the House included: (H. B. 570) Preventing the killing of deer in Monroe county for five years; (S. B. 81) making the division of townships into two election precincts where they contain a school-house stationary with township boards.

McKinley's inauguration had an enlivening influence upon the state legislature. The Senate was very frequently decorated with flags and pictures of McKinley, Alger and Pingree. The House decorated somewhat but not as extensively as the Senate. In both branches unanimously adopted resolutions of congratulation to President McKinley. Both Republicans and Silverites spoke approvingly of the resolutions. After agreeing in committee of the whole in the Senate to the bill for the repeal of the mortgage tax law, the House passed over the vote of passage when it came up on the order of third reading, but was reconsidered and went on the table. A second joint resolution which limits the narrow margin in the Senate was the joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution prescribing an educational qualification for voters, and an annual reconsideration and tabling followed. The joint resolution amending the constitution by cutting the limit for the introduction of bills from ten to 30 days was passed by the Senate unanimously. The House voted to unseat James Kerr, Silverite, from the second Saginaw district and to hold another election April 1. Reps. Sawyer and Baird are allowed $25 each for their expenses. The single first tax proposition in the House got a very black eye. It provided for the taxation of only the buildings of less value than $5,000. Among the bills reported favorably to the House was the one prohibiting Sunday ballgames. Another bill reported favorably is one to place private banks under supervision of the banking commissioner. The House passed the bill which does away with ink pads and metallic stamps in election booths, which have been found simply a nuisance to voters. The bill provides for the use of blue pencils for marking ballots.

The $7,500 appropriation bill was passed by the Senate to provide for a Michigan exhibit at the Omaha exposition, but an attempt will be made to reconsider the vote on the ground that it was illegal to introduce a bill at that late limit had expired. Other than this bill only local measures were disposed of in the Senate. Rep. Lusk's home rule measure was the first on the general order but being thought too important for action upon without due consideration it was laid upon the table and 2,000 copies ordered printed. A special bill will be set for its consideration. It provides that the people may vote on a constitutional amendment under which the people of cities and villages may amend their own charters; limits the power of the legislature act at all in such matters; the legislature to obtain the power to amend city charters as to taxation, borrowing money, contracting debts, and public credit; judgeships to remain elective. There was a test of the economic feelings of the farmers of the House when the appropriation for the state fair came up. The ways and means committee had cut the amount from $14,-000 to $12,000, of which $4,000 was to be used for the traveling library. This amount was raised to $5,000 in committee of the whole. The farmers had no object to this feature of the bill, but they objected to the regular appropriation. The amount was raised to $13,000, however, and the bill passed. The bills providing that municipal corporations may be garnisheed in circuit and justice courts were passed by the House. Speaker Gordon appointed as the committee to investigate the voting machines (with a view to recommending one of them for use in Michigan at all elections Reps. Hoffmeister and Webber. After weighing through the March slush until they tired out the Representatives passed a resolution calling upon the state auditors to keep the capitol sidewalks clean. There have been numerous complaints that the lighting of Representative hall was poor, and Speaker Gordon appointed a committee to investigate.

Gov. Pingree has again sent the name of Gen. Wm. Hartsuff, of Port Huron, to the Senate, this time as a member of the board of control of the Soldiers' Home, of John McGrath, of Grand Rapids, was named for a like position and both were referred to a committee. The Senate referred to the committee on state affairs the House concurrent resolution to commemorate in the legislature March 16 as the sixtieth anniversary of the admission of Michigan into the Union and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the capital at Lansing. The auditor-general reported to the House that the state prisons to date have cost the state the following amounts: Jackson, $1,454,657.65; Ionia, $1,336,909.53; Marquette, $489,057.96; board of female prisoners at Detroit, $26,100; total, $3,306,-625.14. Total, $3,794,486.12. Rep. Elchoff of Wayne who asked for this report, hopes to show by a compilation of figures that the great benefits of the present system of convict labor accrue to the contractor to the detriment of the state. The House passed resolutions upon the death of J. B. Porter, of Lansing, formerly secretary of state, and a committee was appointed by Speaker Gordon to represent the legislature at his funeral. The House passed the bill which the Senate had already passed, providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of all laws of Michigan, inclusive of 1897. This makes a continuous law from 1838 to 1897. In the House committee of the whole three important bills were agreed to, viz.: To permit fraternal beneficiary organizations to deposit a guarantee fund of not less than $25,000 in the state treasury; providing that all funds not in the limit of incorporated banks and bankers on which taxes subsequent to 1890 had been or shall be delinquent for three years, shall be deeded to the state, to be subsequently offered for sale at not less than $5 cents per acre, in accordance with the year after the deed was given to the state, to be subject to homesteaders of 40 acres or more providing that each township shall have a board of review, consisting of the supervisor, township clerk and justice of the peace, who shall meet with the exception of Secretary of State Hazen S. Pingree, the state officers and the members of the legislature.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died at her home at Stamford, Conn., on the tenth anniversary of the death of her husband. She was 85 years of age.

Eunice Bullard was born in 1812, in Sutton, Mass., the daughter of Dr. Bullard, a physician. Miss Bullard's marriage to Henry Ward Beecher was quite romantic. Mr. Beecher, though not ordained, had received a call to the pastorate of the Park Street church, Boston, in 1837, and he then pleaded until she consented to an early marriage. Miss Bullard's sisters had been married in gloomy weather. She declared that she would be married in bright sunshine. The hour was set for 3 o'clock of Aug. 3, 1837. Just before that time a violent storm arose, with thunder and lightning. The carriages followed in waiting, the guests had assembled, and Beecher was impatient. The bride was firm, however, and the ceremony took place promptly at 3 o'clock. When the sun appeared, and as the ceremony was performed a most beautiful rainbow appeared on the horizon. Of the children four are living and four are dead.

Jackson and Wailing Must Hang.

Scott Jackson and Alonzo Wailing in jail at Alexandria, Ky., awaiting their execution March 20, for the murder of Pearl Bryan, are both in the deepest despair. Both of the condemned men will remain with them until the day of execution. Gov. Bradley has issued orders for troops to be present at the hanging. Wailing has written a letter to Gov. Bradley appealing for executive clemency. Every effort possible is being made to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but it is generally believed that he will hang with Jackson.

The Queen Is Quite Ill.

Despite the statement in medical papers that Queen Victoria is in perfect health, considering her age, the state of her health is causing much anxiety, and from a very excellent source, that the sovereign is nearly powerless to walk because of sciatica, and it has become necessary to wheel her from room to room in a chair. She is to be carried up and down stairs and into her carriage and wheeled around from room to room.

The state legislature of Oregon has by adjourned without succeeding in electing a U. S. senator. Gov. Lord has appointed ex-Senator H. W. Corbett, a prominent gold advocate, to the position.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York	$3 25@4 60	$4 00@4 30	$3 50@4 50	$4 25@4 85	
Buffalo	2 25@4 10	3 90@4 05	3 40@4 40	4 65@4 75	
Chicago					
Best grades	4 15@4 75	3 90@4 05	3 50@4 00		
Fair to good	3 50@4 10	3 75@3 90	3 25@3 50		
Detroit					
Best grades	4 25@4 60	3 75@4 00	3 50@3 90	4 25@4 75	
Fair to good	3 00@3 90	3 60@3 70	2 75@3 50	3 75@4 25	
Buffalo					
Best grades	4 25@4 75	4 25@4 30	3 75@4 00	3 90@4 00	
Fair to good	3 90@4 20	4 15@4 20	3 50@3 75	3 75@3 90	
Cincinnati					
Best grades	4 30@4 60	4 25@4 30	3 75@4 00	3 75@4 00	
Fair to good	3 90@4 25	4 00@4 10	3 50@3 75	3 50@3 75	
Cleveland					
Best grades	4 00@4 25	4 25@4 30	3 80@4 00	3 75@4 00	
Fair to good	3 50@3 90	4 00@4 10	3 50@3 75	3 50@3 75	
Pittsburg					
Best grades	4 25@4 60	4 00@4 10	3 75@4 00	3 75@4 00	
Fair to good	3 90@4 20	3 90@4 00	3 50@3 75	3 50@3 75	

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white	Rye
New York	97@97½	37@37½	32 @32½	
Chicago	89@89½	33 @33½	29 @29½	
Detroit	93@93½	35@35½	30@30½	
Toledo	90 @90	33 @33	27 @27½	
Cincinnati	89 @90	34 @34½	29 @29½	
Cleveland	87 @87	34 @34½	29 @29½	
Buffalo	92 @92	37 @37	31 @31	

Detroit: No. 1 Timothy seed, $3.00 per bu; Potatoes, new Bermudas, $2.25 per bu, old, 25@30c per bu; Onions, 75c per bu; Apples, $3.00@3.50 per bbl; Cabbage, $1.75@2.00 per bbl; Beans, hand-picked, $1.50@1.60 per bu; Eggs, strictly fresh, 18c per doz; Butter, fresh dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 20c.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The new administration, the certainty of an extra session of congress within a fortnight, and the promise of a revival of industry day, which shall provide adequate revenue for the needs of the government, to stimulate a better feeling in trade circles and increase the confidence in the early approach of an improvement in business. Failures throughout the country, the higher prices for wheat, Indian corn, pork and lard as well as for many other staples, and the fairly well filled with orders, and in some cases with advance orders, for the future, is expressed in an early advance of prices for tin, shoes and leather. Quotations are firm and unchanged for lumber, iron and steel, the former being dull, the rails and Bessemer pig iron, but there have been decreases for coal, sugar and petroleum.

Four Killed in a Snowstorm.

A heavy snowslide started from the mountain peak west of the Morgan mine on the Park City branch, and one of the Daly mine bunkhouses, which was shivered into atoms. Nine men were sleeping in the house at the time. Four were killed. Five of the men were rescued alive with great difficulty.

A survey of the flooded districts of southern Ohio and Indiana and northern Kentucky shows that the damage in the region of 100-miles of Cincinnati will exceed $2,000,000.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY

INAUGURATED WITH GREAT ECLAT AT WASHINGTON.

The Grandest Ceremonies the Country Has Ever Witnessed—Superb Weather and Everything Favorable—Now Master of the White House.

The ceremonies attending the inauguration of William McKinley as President, were perhaps the most elaborate the nation has ever witnessed. Long ere the most beautiful march days that could be wished for the citizens of this section of the nation formed out in full force and daily some strangers were added to Washington was a mass of bright decorations and the streets were filled. Pennsylvania avenue looked upon that day must have warmed the heart with a grateful glow. The route of the parade was crowded with the cheering throngs. Early morning on the time or march was draped in bunting of the national colors, and flags, streamers and bands of vantage was occupied. The Capitol building, on the eastern front of which the inauguration ceremonies were held, presented a gala appearance. All through the day the corridors were filled and resounding with the tramp of feet and the hum of voices. Many visitors registered at the Capitol, but the total number will never be known, as many registered at the hotels and others did not register at all. The inaugural platform was erected on the east front of the Capitol, and was reached by a temporary passageway from the President's room. The platform was a large one, and was handsomely draped with the national colors. Seats were provided for about 1,000 persons, and these were filled long before the hour set for the ceremonies. Directly in front of the platform was a large space reserved for the President-elect and his party, and to the right and left were seats for the members of the diplomatic corps, the justices of the supreme court, senators, representatives and other officials. Back of the platform was a space reserved for the invited guests, and this was filled to its utmost capacity. Thousands of people thronged the plaza in front of the Capitol, and the steps leading to the platform were crowded with those who were entitled to seats. Every available point of vantage was occupied, and the inaugural scene was one that everywhere seen with other appropriate patriotic emblems. At least a million throats voiced a continuous shout from the time the procession started until the Capitol was reached, and then the ovations were still more enthusiastically tendered the Hero of Canton.

Mr. McKinley arose at about his usual hour and breakfasted at 7:30 o'clock very well. After breakfast with Mrs. McKinley, Mr. McKinley spent a quarter of an hour in his library, after their departure from the breakfast table, and at 9 o'clock Senators Sherman, Hanna and Mitchell, of Wisconsin, called and announced that they had come to escort the President-elect to the capitol, he was ready. As the party entered the front hall they were greeted with cheering masses of people thronging the pollen hall and filling the passage to the carriage. The applause was deafening as the party passed down the front steps, at which point the crowd stopped and formed in line on each side of the walk, and when Mr. McKinley appeared on the threshold, his face expressing the appreciation he felt for the ovation, he was greeted with cheers. Senator Sherman, Troop A, of the Cleveland, O., cavalry troop, acted as the personal escort, about 100 men, on black chargers, opened the way through the mass of people, down Fourteenth street to Pennsylvania avenue, and then to the capitol. The route was only a step around the corner to the White House, but the procession moving slowly to give the crowd a good view of the President-elect, it was nearly 10 o'clock before it was met by the committee of congress and amid the booming of cannon, the clatter of cavalry, the clanging of artillery, the measured tramp of many columns of soldiers, the blare of innumerable bands, the march to the capitol began. In addition to the cavalry escort of the President-elect, Vice President-elect Hobart and the members of the committee of escort there were in the carriage in which Mr. McKinley rode Senator Foraker, of Ohio, and Gen. Dick Oglesby, of Illinois, two of the most prominent figures of the famous Marching Club, composed of the survivors of the famous Fifteenth army corps, and the picturesque sailor costumes of the Jackies added a fine touch of color to the already charming kaleidoscopic picture of flashing bayonets and flags.

The line of march of the first division, consisted of the superbly drilled and handsomely uniformed regiments of the District of Columbia militia. A more brilliant military spectacle than that of the pageant presented could hardly be imagined. The gorgeous uniforms, the plumed cloaks and bright blue tunics of the Knights of Pythias, the showy trappings and snow-white trousers of the National Guard, the gold-laced coats and cocked hats of the staff officers, the buff and blue of the famous Marine band, contrasting with the sombre black of the civic societies and the picturesque sailor costumes of the Jackies added a fine touch of color to the already charming kaleidoscopic picture of flashing bayonets and flags.

The head of the division of the parade, which did not fall into line until the reviewing stand in front of the White House was reached, was composed of the mounted police, who, in their showy uniforms and mounted on spirited horses, made a fine appearance. Next in order came the marshal of the day, Gen. Horace Porter, escorted by his staff and aides, all veterans of the campaigns of Grant, his chief of staff being Col. Theodore Bingham, of the engineer corps. Gen. Porter's staff, upon which the sons of President Lincoln and Gen. Chester A. Arthur and Hayes were prominent figures, came next, the marshal of the day commanding the first grand division, which embraced all the military organizations of the parade.

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