

The Celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Raising of the Stars and Stripes on Independence Hall.

Mr. Lincoln Officiates.

HIS PATRIOTIC SPEECHES.

The Reading of Washington's Farewell Address by Mr. Ingersoll.

MR. LINCOLN'S DEPARTURE FOR HARRISBURG.

THE WORKINGMEN'S PARADE.

The Celebration at Harrisburg.

Oration by Hon. Robert M. Palmer.

The Anniversary of the birthday of the Father of his Country was unusually generally celebrated to-day, the most marked incident being the elevation of the new flag on the State House staff. The city was gay with bunting, and the fine weather, the crowds in the streets, the various parades and meetings combined to give everything the appearance of an old-fashioned festival day.

THE FLAG RAISING AT INDEPENDENCE HALL.

The hoisting of the new American flag, with thirty-four stars, on the staff which rises from the roof of the Hall of Independence, took place this morning. It was a scene which will hereafter take its place on that glowing record wherein is inscribed the history of the venerable Hall, and many a statesman in council, many a patriot in peril will hereafter refer to that incident, while the eye will kindle and the breast will heave with patriotic ardor, even as now we feel when the deeds of seventy-six, then enacted, are recalled by the voice of eloquence. The incidents are worthy a minute recital, and in doing so the reporter's pen rises to the dignity of the pen of the historian.

A BEAUTIFUL MORNING.

After a cold and gusty night, the temperature moderated and the wind lulled, as "morn" walked "over the eastern hills." The hours of heaven faded, the glorious Star of Morning lingered latest in the sky, reluctant, one might almost think, to swim out of sight of our fair planet. The rosy suffusion in the East stretched like a calm lagoon of light, which widened and brightened until the burst forth in the morning's dawn; had an enchanter touched the streets to silence and sleep, the scene from the hospets could not have been more serene and still. Had the earth been a celestial world, unstained by sorrow, untainted by sin, and its course of glory, the scene before us would not more delight and repose have brooded over the roofs and spires of the city.

But even at the first signs of daylight, the people began to muster on Chestnut street, in front of the Hall, and ere a horse's hoof had echoed on the flags, or a sleepy porter had swept a pavement, there was a mass of men, women and boys, who had resolved to secure good places this early.

THE PLATFORM.

Just in front of the main entrance to the State House, and but a few feet from the sacred hall of liberty, a large platform had been erected before the President's elect to stand before the people, while he raised the stately banner of the Republic. The elevation, nearly six feet, enabled a vast multitude to observe everything enacted thereon. The front and sides of the stage were draped around with an American flag, while lesser flags floated from the balconies. Rough boards were the materials composing the platform, but it was quite elegant enough for a grand speech, or a solemn and patriotic deed.

It was with difficulty that the police could keep the crowd, even at first daylight, from pressing too close the speakers, and their friends, and so, at length, as the crowd poured upon the scene from every street and avenue.

THE SCOTT LEGION.

Arrived at 6 o'clock, and proceeded up Chestnut street to the Continental, to act as an escort to Mr. Lincoln. They bore with them that glorious old banner, now fastened to the masts of the ship, and the conquering marchers from Veracruz to the city of the Montezumas. The appearance of the Legion excited great enthusiasm and cheering.

THE SCENE ON MR. LINCOLN'S ARRIVAL.

At seven o'clock the nodding plumes of the four white steeds which drew the barouche of Mr. Lincoln were seen through the mists and the mists of the evening. The carriage was instantly surrounded by thousands of people, while the crowds in Chestnut, Fifth, Sixth, Walnut, Sanson and Liberty streets seemed to have increased tenfold in a moment. Such a surging, mingling mass of well dressed people has not trod the pavement of this city since the late war. The windows and roof in the neighborhood was crowded with excited faces. A hum arose from that wide host, as Byron describes the sounds of the army before whom Corinth fell, when their confused prayers arose at the muzzin call, and "thundered like leaves from coast to coast."

Thicker and thicker pressed the mass, louder and louder grew the intense, and yet more intense grew the desire to see the President elect. Children, women, yes and even men were lifted bodily over the heads of the crowd as they fainted from fright or from pressure, and were placed in the deep window seats of the Hall. The American Hotel presented a brilliant scene, with its ladies crowding the windows, waving their kerchiefs and evidently delighting in the exciting scene, which was at this moment being photographed by Mr. Richards, the artist.

THE CITY COUNCILS.

had assembled at an early hour, and proceeded to the sacred chamber through a dense mass of people.

THE PRESIDENT ELECT IN THE HALL.

At 7 o'clock, Mr. Lincoln was ushered into the Hall, his manly and honest face betraying the emotion with which he stood in that consecrated room—that shrine of all that is dear to the American heart. Here he was welcomed by Theodore L. Cuyler, Esq., President of Select Council, in the following terms:

ADDRESS OF MR. CUYLER.

I have been requested by the Councils of Philadelphia, as their presiding officer, to welcome you to these venerable walls—to greet you in their name in the birth-place of our national independence, on the anniversary of the birth of the chiefest and the most illustrious of its founders, and to do so in the hour of national peril and distress, when that great work which the wisdom and the patriotism of our fathers achieved, and which is associated with this spot by imperishable memories, seems to be threatened with instant ruin. Under circumstances like these you have been called to the discharge of a trust that weighs more responsible could devolve upon any man.

heart of a great nation, and to restore to her people their accustomed peaceful trust and confidence, so that trade may flow again in its forsaken channels, and the toiling millions of our people find again the employment of which they have been deprived. A great people, whose most cherished national associations have been rudely shocked by the perils which have been brought upon us, partly by the abstractions of narrow-minded good men, and partly by the selfishness of bad men, cry out for deliverance and look to you, sir, for the wisdom and the patriotism which belong to the high office to which you have been called under the forms of the Constitution.

Within these sacred walls the charter of our National Independence was signed, and near this spot was framed the Constitution of the United States. It was the precious legacy of our fathers, made more precious by the benefits it has conferred upon us, and by the height of national glory and honor we have attained under its protection. It is worthy to be preserved by every concession short of eternal principle itself. May the spirit of those good men, who, in times past of our country's trial, wrought out our great deliverance by their wisdom, courage and patriotism, and whose faces look down upon you from these walls, and whose very spirits seem to linger about this spot, abide upon you. In the name of the City of Philadelphia, you are warmly here.

The response of Mr. Lincoln was delivered in a low tone, hardly audible. It gratifies us to be able to produce it here, so that every American may enjoy it:

RESPONSE OF MR. LINCOLN.

Mr. Cuyler: I am filled with deep emotion at finding myself standing here in the place where were collected together the wisdom, the patriotism, the devotion to principle, from which sprung the institutions under which we live. You have kindly suggested to me that in my hands is the task of restoring peace to our distracted country. I can say in return, sir, that all the political sentiments which I entertain have been formed in the presence of the men who assembled here and adopted that Declaration of Independence—I have pondered over the toils that were endured by the officers and soldiers of the army, who achieved that Independence. [Applause.] I have often inquired of myself, what great principle or idea it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of the separation of the colonies from the mother land; but something in that Declaration giving liberty, not alone to the people of this continent, but also to the future generations of the earth. [Great applause.] It was that which gave promise that in due time the weights should be lifted from the shoulders of all men, and that all should have an equal chance. [Cheers.] This is the sentiment embodied in that Declaration of Independence.

Now, in my view of the present aspect of affairs, there is no need of bloodshed and war. There is no necessity for it. I am not in favor of such a course, and I may say in advance, there will be no bloodshed, and no war, if the Government will not force its will upon us. [Prolonged applause and cries of "That's the proper sentiment!"] My friends, this is a wholly unprepared speech. I did not expect to be called upon to say a word to-day, and I am sure you will all be glad to hear something towards raising a cry. I may, therefore, have said something indiscreet [cries of "no," "no,"] but I have said nothing but what I am willing to live by, and in the pleasure of Almighty God, die by.

Mr. Lincoln concluded amid great applause. The members of Councils paid their respects to him, and the procession moved directly toward the platform.

Which need not say that the enthusiastic applause which rang through the Hall at the close of these remarks was not the least of the honors conferred upon Mr. Lincoln.

Mr. Lincoln was then conducted from the Hall to the platform, his appearance being greeted with round after round of cheers, rising and swelling like the sound of the sea.

MR. LINCOLN ON THE PLATFORM.

The President elect then stepped upon the platform, and as his tall form rose, Saul-like above the throng, the permitted cheers burst forth with intensified fervor.

Stephen Benton, Esq., then addressed Mr. Lincoln and the people thus:

REMARKS OF STEPHEN BENTON, ESQ.

Mr. Lincoln: It affords me pleasure, as Chairman of the Committee on City Property, having in charge the ceremonies of the morning, to invite you, sir, to raise this new American flag, with thirty-four stars, on its azure field, the first elevated by the city government.

Our Councils thought the Birthday of Washington and the advent of a successor in his illustrious line, a fitting scene for the demonstration.

I need not speak of the edg above which this banner was raised, nor its hallowed recollections—these have already been ably and eloquently dwelt upon within the Hall, by the President of Select Council. I will only add, about eighty years ago, upon a morning like this, citizens arose the subjects of a king, and ere the sun had crossed the meridian, from this spot they were proclaimed freemen.

A common principle and a common foe united them in bearing out a successful issue. After a full flow of prosperity, triumphantly exhibiting the practicability of republican institutions, we suddenly descended to the level of the slave States.

The time and occasion bring up those noble words of the patriot orator when he alluded to this ensign: "When my eyes shall be turned to behold for the last time, the sun in Heaven, may I not see him shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of our once glorious Union?—States dis-severed, severed, severed; on a land red with blood! Let their last feeble and lingering glance, rather, behold the gorgeous ensign of the Republic, now known and honored throughout the earth, still full advanced, its arms and trophies streaming in their original luster, not a star erased or polluted, nor a single stripe obscured—bearing its motto no such miserable interrogatory as 'What is all this worth?' nor those other words of delusion and folly, 'Liberty first and Union afterwards'; but everywhere, spread all over in characters of living light, blazing on all its ample folds as they float over the sea and over the land, and in every wind under the whole heavens, that other sentiment dear to every true American heart—'Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.'"

Mr. Lincoln thus replied, amid the wild noise of cheers and the wilder gesticulations of the audience:

REPLY OF MR. LINCOLN.

In response to Mr. Benton, Mr. Lincoln said: Now, in my view of the present aspect of affairs, there is no need of bloodshed and war. There is no necessity for it. I am not in favor of such a course, and I may say in advance, there will be no bloodshed, and no war, if the Government will not force its will upon us. [Prolonged applause and cries of "That's the proper sentiment!"] My friends, this is a wholly unprepared speech. I did not expect to be called upon to say a word to-day, and I am sure you will all be glad to hear something towards raising a cry. I may, therefore, have said something indiscreet [cries of "no," "no,"] but I have said nothing but what I am willing to live by, and in the pleasure of Almighty God, die by.

say that when that flag was originally raised here, it had but thirteen stars. I wish to call your attention to the fact, that under the blessing of God, each additional star added to that flag has given additional prosperity and happiness to this country, and it has lived in its present condition; and its welfare in the future will be as in the past, in your hands. [Cheers.] Cultivating the spirit that animated our fathers, who gave renown and celebrity to this Hall, cherishing that fraternal feeling which has so long characterized us as a nation, excluding passion, ill temper and profligate action on all occasions, I think we may promise ourselves that not only the new star placed upon that flag shall be permitted to remain there to our permanent prosperity for years to come, but additional ones shall from time to time be placed there, until we shall number as was anticipated by the great historian, five hundred millions of happy and prosperous people. [Great applause.] With these few remarks, I proceed to the very agreeable duty assigned me.

It is impossible to describe the mad enthusiasm of the people at this moment, as the President elect gave utterance to these remarks. Let us only say that the prayer of the Rev. Henry Steele Clark.

Almighty God, whose Glory fills the Heaven above, we bow to Thy Sacred Majesty! We adore Thee as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; the Supreme Ruler in Heaven and on earth! We rejoice in Thy gracious reign! We praise Thee for Thy Providence over us and of all men! We approach Thee in the name of Thy Son, our Redeemer and Intercessor. Incline Thine ear to our prayer!

We give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies vouchsafed unto us hitherto. We thank Thee for the preservation of our Union, for the advancement of the interests of our common humanity, and for the success of our arms, with honors so enduring—some to this consecrated place, hallowed by so many precious memories, and cherished in the hearts of so many generations, we thank Thee for all the good and great, in cabinet and camp—in Church and State, whose names are water-words and whose examples beacons to them who will faithfully serve God and their generation! We thank Thee for the goodly heritage Thou hast given us; that the "little one" has become great! 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