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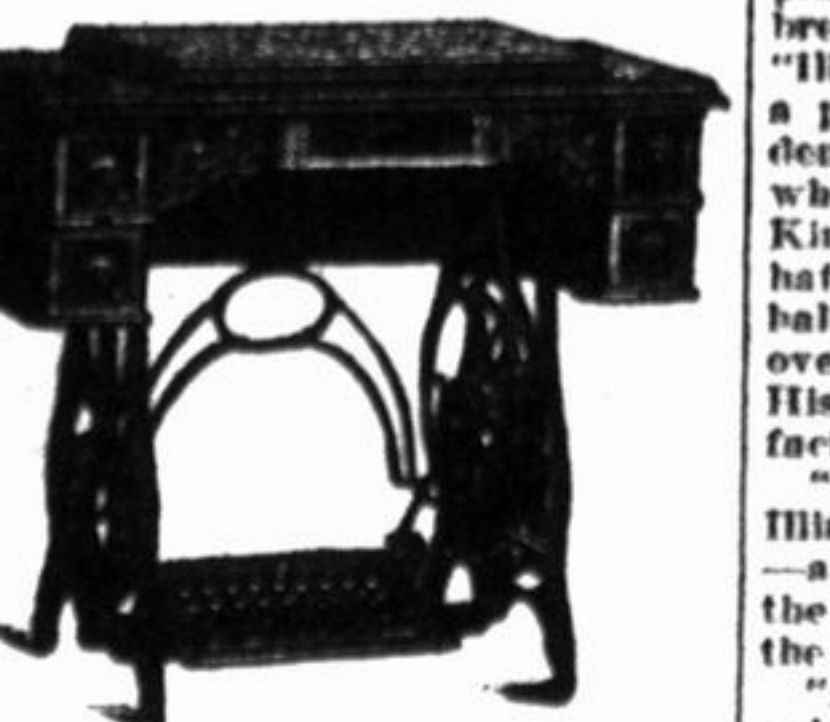
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She Played a Conspicuous Part at the Second Inaugural of President McKinley, AND ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION

Governor Yates Greeted with Hounds of Applause and Accorded Special Honors.

Every Illinoisan, regardless of political affiliations, will read with feelings of pardonable state pride of the reception accorded her state executive and the honors showered upon him by the hosts of American citizens, who gathered at the National capital to witness the second inauguration of President McKinley. It was a Twentieth Century assembly which recognized in Young Dick Yates a Twentieth Century citizen and statesman. Illinois was conspicuous in Washington not only by the presence of her young executive and his brilliant staff, but by a notable gathering of representative citizens, filled with patriotic love of our great country, in general, and their own great state of Illinois in particular.

The tidal wave of cheers which followed our gallant young governor, extending mile upon mile, arose, however, not alone from Illinoisans, but from representatives of nearly every state in the Union; clearly evidencing the fact that in Young Dick Yates they recognized a national character, respected and admired, not only because of his father's deserved place in the nation's history, but because of his own inherent worth. Illinois has reason to be proud of her statesmen of the Nineteenth Century and in the manliness and sterling worth of her Twentieth Century executive.

Much space was devoted to Governor Yates and his staff, in the reports of the inaugural, in the metropolitan papers. A few, only, of these comments are here reproduced.

The Chicago Times-Herald says: "Governor Yates scored one of the successes of the day. He made a particularly fine appearance on his bay horse, which he handled admirably. Long before he reached the President's reviewing stand he had been compelled to acknowledge the popular salvo with which Washington is getting familiar. His demeanor was nevertheless so unassuming that even those who did not recognize him joined in the cheering.

"At the reviewing stand the governor's approach was made known some time before he could be recognized by the enthusiasm his exceptionally elegant staff created. No more magnificent column was in the state ranks than Governor Yates and his splendid uniformed colonels. All were mounted on prancing, dancing steeds and all rode perfectly.

"The two color bearers came first. They dipped their standards to the executive party and were saluted in return. Then Governor Yates, very erect and graceful, followed. The dipping banner had floated out to the breeze and had shown the one word, 'Illinois,' when the governor reached a place directly in front of the presidential party. In a twinkling he had wheeled his horse's head toward McKinley and Roosevelt, deftly lifted his hat from his head and swung it in a half-circle in salute. Then he bowed over his horse and smiled heartily. His smile, his attitude, his unexpected facing about, said in so many words: 'I am the governor of the State of Illinois—the third state in the Union—and I am proud to be able to salute the President and Vice-President of the United States.'

"And how readily the people caught on! A spontaneous cheer went up. 'It's young Yates, the new governor of Illinois,' was the cry. 'He's all right. And didn't he wheel his horse around out of sight?'

The Democratic Chicago Chronicle comments thus favorably: "The governor (Yates) was given a surprising continuous ovation along the route of the parade. 'There is Governor Yates,' was the frequent exclamation. In fact, Illinois' new governor appears to advantage on horseback. The applause he received today was frequent, generous and spontaneous. It seemed as surprising to him as it was to many people in the stands, that he was so well and favorably known in Washington. At the very start of the parade at the Capitol he seemed startled by the outburst of cheers from the platform on which the president had just been inaugurated. But that was only an talking of what was to come through- out the mile and a half over which he was to pass between solid walls of people. Again and again his name was shouted from the stands, and he turned, hat in hand, with a pleased smile of acknowledgement. The jaunty appearance of his staff, too, was a subject of much favorable comment and Governor Yates was well to the front among the many state executives who formed part of the inaugural pageant."

McKinley's Second Term.
Monday in Washington occurred the second inaugural of William McKinley as president of the United States. This completes the beginning of the second term of one of the greatest of our presidents. His four years' service just closed may fairly be taken as an indication of the four years to come. The country has grown and prospered mightily under his first administration and may be expected to do no less under his second.

The questions of paramount interest just now are those touching the relations of this country with its dependencies—the colonial policy, if you please. So far this has been developed with great skill and foresight. With problems altogether new and unexpected confronting the government, the man at the head has never failed to find a solution for every phase of the question that has been presented. The agreement of congress upon the

Cuban question is one which must be pleasing to every patriotic citizen. The president is practically instructed to maintain the present government in Cuba until such time as the constitution-makers shall define clearly the relations of that island to the United States, and that in a manner which amounts to a guaranty against future controversy.

This confidence reposed in the president, by congress is no more than is reposed in him by the people. He has practically a unanimous support in carrying out the plans he has made, and there are no fears that he will fail.—Champaign County News.

The Inaugural and Its Critics.
There is a lot of humbug in the opposition's criticisms of the president's message. It was necessary for Democratic journals to find fault in it, but to do so it was also necessary to inject into it between the lines thoughts and intentions which the president does not entertain.

Standing by itself, read as it was written, it is an earnest, patriotic document, expressing faith in the same principles and political doctrines which have always commanded the approval of American statesmen from Washington's day down to our own. There is not a phrase in it which can be tortured into imperialism.

The opposition, therefore, find themselves compelled to read into it, sentiments not only foreign to the text of the document itself, but foreign to any which it is possible for a man of President McKinley's thorough Republicanism to entertain.

The criticism of the London Times is peculiarly artless. The pious British authority gravely declares that the president "seems content with cheering generalities in his address which, with the exception of a few significant phrases, contains little or nothing with which everybody is not familiar." The Times appeared to be under the impression that an inaugural is of the nature of an annual message to congress to be loaded with a mass of details about the affairs of the country. A little more intimate acquaintance with American presidential inaugurations would have made The Times' comment impossible. In beginning a second term especially there is no need that a president shall define his policy or review national conditions.

McKinley's inaugural contained, roughly speaking, about 2,478 words. Washington's first inaugural contained 1,482, and Lincoln's immortal second inaugural only about 672. It cannot be said, therefore, that McKinley erred on the side of brevity and indifference, judged by the standards set up by his illustrious predecessors.

In sentiment and definiteness the president's address is all that the people could demand in such a paper. It evades no question of vital interest to the country and violates no principle of the republic either openly or by implication. The McKinley of the president's critics and of the caricaturists has no existence except in their imagination. The McKinley who is the American president is an honest, manly, patriotic, wise and experienced public man whom the people of this country admire and trust.

The Gospel of Prevention.
The government of the state of Illinois as it is administered by the Hon. Richard Yates promises to offer to the world an example of efficient government without show, sensible administration without a flaw. The course of the governor with respect to the threatened lynching in Greene county is to be commended to the executives of every state in the Union as an example of the benefits of the gospel of prevention. The feeling of the people of Carrollton over the crime of a prisoner to be taken to that city for trial was natural, much as it is to be deplored. The duty of the governor of the state was to see to it that this man had a fair trial, without prejudice and without danger. The possibility of a mob and a lynching was insistent and the examples of mob law in Terre Haute and almost another such an occurrence in Indianapolis increased the danger. The course of some executives would have been to wait until the mob made an attempt to lynch the prisoner and then try to enforce the law. The course of Richard Yates has been to prevent anything of the sort by action in accordance with the law of the state, the institutions of Illinois have been vindicated, the people of the commonwealth have been saved from the bad name of lawlessness and the disgrace of mob rule, and the affairs of the people will go on as if there had been no danger of anything of the sort. The disgrace which has come upon Indiana within the past week has been saved Illinois by the prompt action of its governor.

The gospel of prevention can be applied to the sensible and law-abiding people of this state. The safer course is the better course in almost every instance. This certainly has been true in the Carrollton case and the example set by Governor Yates in the opening days of his administration certainly will impress upon lawless classes in this commonwealth that fear of the law which is the foundation of all good government.—Springfield News.

Inauguration Expenses.
Now that the carping critics of the calamity press are writing long editorials about the "regal splendors of the inauguration of an emperor" it is to be remarked that this same press could find nothing to criticize in the inauguration of the new state officials. The facts of the case are that the state inaugural expenses were paid by voluntary contributions, gladly made by Republicans throughout the state, and not one dollar of state funds were used. The total sum raised for this purpose was \$6,895.81. The total expenses were \$4,263.81. There was, therefore, a surplus of \$2,632.00. This amount could not well be returned to the contributors and the inaugural committee very wisely expended this sum in the purchase of a team of horses, set of harness and a landau for Mrs. Yates, and the same was presented to her as a gift from the Republicans of the state of Illinois. It was a very pretty courtesy to pay the wife of the popular governor of the state and one which she doubtless appreciates. The carriage is one of the finest in the state and with the harness cost \$2,000. The team of horses cost \$600, and the freight, etc., on carriage was \$30.

ME.
Through many, many summers
I look, as through a glass,
And see a world of showers and flowers
And laughing children pass,
And in her big blue sunbonnet
One other little lass—
A lass who watched the swallows
Skim just beyond her hand
And where the flickers fed and sped
And nests of bang birds fanned
And felt those birds were fairly folk
On wing to fairyland.

In her warm feet she carried,
Trudging o'er hills and dales,
In tiny papers laid and weighed
As if in fairy scales
The salt that catches bobolinks
When sprinkled on their tails.

A little lass and wistful,
Who gazed up the far sky,
And reached for fairy things and wings
In vain and wondered why;
Poor little lass, I wonder still,
Could she be really I?
—Harriet Prescott Spofford in Collier's.

ALLAH AND AMERICA.

A Persian Legend about the Creator's Visit to Earth.
In Persia, on a morning after the vernal rain had been particularly vigorous, I said something caustic about getting back to God's country. An Armenian who sat reposed in utter comfort in the same caravansary heard it and smiled. Being an Armenian, he hated the Persians, probably. Incidentally the Persian reciprocates.

Well, this Armenian, rubbing his hands and with his head skewed over on one side, said: "The Persians have a legend for everything. They have a legend for what you said just now. It is this:

"Allah—that is God—once said to his angel, 'I will see this world which I made.'
"And so Allah and the angel descended invisible in a cloud to the earth, and the first place at which they arrived was France—that is, in Ferenghistan. And there they saw the railroads, and the tramways, and the theaters, and the great picture galleries. And Allah looked in disappointment and said: 'Alas, no! This is not the world which I made. I made none of these things.'

"So they journeyed to Inglesistan—that is, England—and there were mighty ships in the harbors and huge mills which make all sorts of things and food in plenty. And again Allah said: 'Alas, no! This is not the world which I made.' And everywhere they traveled in the cloud Allah looked upon the land and said, 'No; this is not it.'

"At last, in despair, the angel led the way to Persia, and Allah sat himself down upon a very high mountain, and, looking far on every side, he saw neither railroads nor tramways nor theaters nor picture galleries nor ships nor mills nor schoolhouses nor plenty to eat.

"And Allah said: 'Yes, at last. This is the world which I made. Not a thing is changed. The people whom I put there have done nothing.'

"Why didn't he come to America?" I asked.

"Sir," answered the Armenian, "in Persia they had not even heard of America."—Harper's Weekly.

An Old New Jersey Schoolhouse.
The pupil of today would think his opportunities very great if he could see the school equipment of a hundred years ago. A Morris county (N. J.) school of that period is thus described in an old letter of one of its attendants: The building was constructed of logs, and instead of glass for windows, sheepskins were stretched over the apertures made by sawing off an occasional log. The windows had one merit—they prevented pupils from being interrupted in their study by what was going on outside. The time was regulated by an hourglass, and the pupils drank water from a tumbler made of a cow's horn or from a ground shell.

In spite of these differences of equipment, the schools of a century ago resembled those of today in one notable respect—they had for the most part the same great literary works that are the standards of our language now. The greatest literature is fortunately the possession of many centuries.

Not as a Rule.
He had been trying all evening to make a good impression. He had told all his humorous stories and had given one impassioned speech from "Cyrano," but was still unconscious. Thick skinned, he failed to perceive all her efforts to get rid of him. Finally there was a deep silence. Fidgeting, he grew nervous and cast about for something to say.

"Do you wear that sort of collar as a rule?" he stammered foolishly.
"No," the haughty maid replied frigidly; "as a collar."
Then he fled.—New York Times.

Her Opinion of Compliments.
"No," said Miss Cayenne, "I don't care for people who continually pay compliments."
"But it shows an amiable disposition."
"Perhaps, but the habit reminds me that some people are willing to pay only what costs them nothing and what they don't really owe."—Washington Star.

Seen at the Wrong Time.
Employer—Mr. Redink, you got off yesterday afternoon under the plea of being ill. I saw you afterward going to the races, and you didn't appear to be at all unwell.
Clerk—You ought to have seen me after the second race, sir. I was bad enough then.—Tit-Bits.

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