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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SENATE.

IN THE SENATE.
TUESDAY, March 4, 1873.

Hon. HENRY WILSON, Vice-President of the United States, having taken the oath of office at the close of the last regular session of the Forty-second Congress, took the chair, and directed the Secretary to read the proclamation convening a special session of the Senate. The Secretary (Hon. GEORGE C. GORKIAN) read the proclamation, as follows:

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock on the fourth of March next, to receive and act upon communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive: Now, therefore, I, ULYSSES S. GRANT, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this, my proclamation, declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate to be convened; and do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, convene the Senate, at Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the fourth day of March next, at twelve o'clock noon on that day, of which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, in the City of Washington, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

ULYSSES S. GRANT.

By the President:
HAMILTON Fish, Secretary of State.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Secretary will read the names of the newly-elected Senators.

The list was as follows:
Hon. Bainbridge B. Wadleigh, of New Hampshire.
Hon. Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont.
Hon. Orris S. Ferry, of Connecticut.
Hon. Roscoe Conkling, of New York.
Hon. Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania.
Hon. George R. Denuis, of Maryland.
Hon. Augustus S. Merrimon, of North Carolina.
Hon. John J. Patterson, of South Carolina.
Hon. Simon R. Conover, of Florida.
Hon. George E. Spencer, of Alabama.
Hon. Stephen W. Dorsey, of Arkansas.
Hon. John B. Gordon, of Georgia.
Hon. Lewis V. Boyce, of Missouri.
Hon. Thomas C. McCawery, of Kentucky.
Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio.
Hon. Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana.
Hon. Timothy O. Howie, of Wisconsin.
Hon. William B. Allison, of Iowa.
Hon. John J. Ingalls, of Kansas.
Hon. Aaron A. Sargent, of California.
Hon. John P. Jones, of Nevada.

When the name of Mr. Conkling was called, Mr. HAMLIN said: Mr. President, owing to some inadvertence the credentials of the Senator-elect from New York have not been presented in this body. It is a matter of public notoriety that he has been elected; and, in accordance with the usage of the body, I move that the oath of office be administered to him.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The question is on the motion of the Senator from Maine.

The motion was agreed to.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect came forward and the oaths prescribed by law were administered to them, with the exception of Mr. Wadleigh, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. Jones, who were not present.

The Senators-elect having been sworn and taken their seats in the Senate, the following Senators were present:

From the State of—
Maine—Hon. Hamilton Hamlin and Hon. Lot M. Morrill.
Vermont—Hon. George F. Edmunds and Hon. Justin S. Morrill.
Massachusetts—Hon. Charles Sumner.
Connecticut—Hon. William A. Buckingham.
New Jersey—Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen.
Pennsylvania—Hon. Simon Cameron and Hon. John Scott.
Delaware—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard and Hon. Eli S. Saulsbury.
Maryland—Hon. George B. Dennis and Hon. William P. Hamilton.
Virginia—Hon. John F. Lewis.
South Carolina—Hon. John J. Patterson and Hon. Thomas J. Robertson.
Georgia—Hon. Thomas M. Norwood.
Florida—Hon. Simon B. Conover and Hon. Abijah Gilbert.
Alabama—Hon. George Goldenwhite.
Mississippi—Hon. James L. Alcorn and Hon. Adelbert Ames.
Louisiana—Hon. J. Rodman West.
Missouri—Hon. Lewis V. Boyce and Hon. Carl Schurz.
Tennessee—Hon. Henry Cooper.
Kentucky—Hon. Thomas C. McCawery and Hon. John W. Stevenson.
West Virginia—Hon. Arthur J. Bourman and Hon. Henry G. Davis.
Ohio—Hon. John Sherman and Hon. Allen G. Thurman.
Indiana—Hon. William B. Allison and Hon. George G. Wright.
Wisconsin—Hon. Charles M. Peterson and Hon. Timothy O. Howe.
California—Hon. Eugene Cassedy and Hon. Aaron A. Sargent.
Nebraska—Hon. Phineas W. Hitchcock and Hon. Thomas W. Tipton.
Nevada—Hon. William M. Stewart.

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES.

The persons entitled to admission on the floor of the Senate Chamber having been admitted to the places reserved for them, the President, Hon. ULYSSES S. GRANT, entered the Senate Chamber, accompanied by Mr. CRAGIN, Mr. LOGAN, and Mr. BAYARD, members of the Committee of Arrangements, and was conducted to a seat in front of the Secretary's desk, and the members of the committee were seated on his right and left.
The VICE-PRESIDENT. The order of proceedings will now be continued, for the purpose of proceeding to the front of the visitors-to-day, according to the programme prepared by the Committee of Arrangements.

Those assembled in the Senate Chamber proceeded to the platform on the central portico of the Capitol in the following order:

The Marshal of the Supreme Court.
The President and ex-Vice-Presidents.
The Supreme Court of the United States.
The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.
The Committee of Arrangements.
The President of the United States, the PRESIDENT-ELECT.
The Vice-PRESIDENT and the Secretary of the Senate.
The members of the Senate.
The Diplomatic Corps.
Members of the Cabinet and the Solicitor-General.
Representatives of the House of Representatives, and members-elect of the Forty-third Congress.
Governors of States.
Officers of the Army and Navy.

Persons admitted to the floor of the Senate Chamber and to the reserved seats at the left of the diplomatic gallery.

The PRESIDENT-ELECT delivered the following speech:

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: Under Providence I have been called a second time to the Executive chair of this country. It has been my lot, in the past, to maintain all the laws, and, so far as lay in my power, to act for the best interests of the whole people. My best efforts will be to redeem, in some direction in the future, the trust, by my four years' experience in the office.

When my first term of the office of Chief Executive began, the country was fresh from the effects of a great internal revolution, and three of the former States of the Union had not been restored to their Federal relations. It seemed to me wise that no new questions should be raised so long as the condition of affairs existed. Therefore the past four years, so far as I could control events, have been consumed in the effort to restore harmony, public credit, commerce, and all the arts of peace and progress.

It is my firm conviction that the civilized world is tending toward republicanism, or government by the people through their chosen representatives, and that our own great republic is destined to be the guiding star to all others.

Under our republic we support an army less than that of any European power of any standing, and a navy less than that of either of at least five of them. There could be no extension of territory on the continent which would call for an increase of this force, but rather might such extension enable us to diminish it.

The theory of government changes with general progress. Now that the telegraph is made available for communicating thought, to the elevation of labor; and by a humane

restoration of our currency to a fixed value as compared with the precious metals, the standard of values, gold, and silver, and if possible to a par with it; to the construction of cheap routes of transit throughout the land, to the end that the products of all may find a market and leave a living remuneration to the producer; to the reestablishment of our commerce and share in the carrying trade of the ocean; to the encouragement of such manufacturing industries as can be economically pursued in this country, to the end that the exports of home products and industries may pay for our imports;

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The Chair will first administer the oath to the
Senator from New Hampshire, and then the objection will be considered.

The oaths prescribed by law were administered to Mr. WADLEIGH, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mrs. Anthony. Now I renew my motion that when the Senate adjourns to-morrow, Mr. BOREMAN. It seems to me that we might as well meet to-mor-
row. We do not expect to do much for a day or two, but we can get
some thing done, and in the meantime, facilitate our business to-mor-
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Mr. CONKLING. Now, unless some Senator has another motion to
make, I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. BOREMAN. I shall vote against the motion, but I shall not press
any opposition in debate. The question is with the Senate.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The question is on the motion of the Senator
from Rhode Island, that when the Senate adjourns to-day it be to
meet on Thursday next.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. CONKLING. Now, unless some Senator has another motion to
make, I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and at twelve o'clock and fifty-two minutes p. m., the Senate adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, March 6, 1873.

Prayer by Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D.

Hon. William G. Brownlow, from the State of Tennessee, appeared in his seat to-day.

SWEARING IN OF SENATORS.

Mr. BAYARD. Do I understand the Senator from Alabama pro-
poses to be sworn in at this time?

Mr. BAYARD. I object to the Senator from Alabama pro-
poses to be sworn in at this time.

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