

GOVERNMENT IN NEW HANDS

President Taft Takes Oath of Office in Senate Chamber Because of Blinding Snow Storm Raging Without.

Washington, Special.—With all the homage that assembled thousands, representative of every State, almost every hamlet, of the nation could pay, the accompaniment of martial music, the rhythmic tramp of soldiers' feet, the echo of saluting guns, the uncheered enthusiasm privileged only to a free people of a great republic, William Howard Taft, of Ohio, Thursday became the twenty-seventh President of the United States.

lifted, unflinchingly uttered the oath of office. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Kissed an open Bible in the hands of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, and stood erect—"President of the greatest nation on earth."

NEW LAWS ENACTED

List of Acts Enacted by General Assembly.

The following important acts of general interest were ratified by the general assembly at the session just closed: To incorporate the Edisto Power company with certain rights, privileges, immunities and liabilities. To amend section 2012, volume 1, code of laws of South Carolina, conferring power to condemn lands, streams and waterbeds, and for sewerage.

To amend section 8 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a bank examiner and to define the duties of his office." To exempt certain property belonging to Young Men's Christian associations in this State from taxation.

Special Session Called. President Taft Issues Call For Special Session of Congress For March 18th. Washington, Special.—President Taft Saturday issued a call for a special session of the Sixty-first Congress to convene March 15th.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

Gleanings from Day to Day

Dr. W. D. Crum, collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., who was appointed by President Roosevelt six years ago, has resigned the office. Sallie Brown, of Camden county, S. C., died recently at the ripe age of 111 years.

It is estimated that 2,500 persons called on President Roosevelt Thursday to give him a farewell greeting. The late Congress failed to make states out of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico. President Taft was inaugurated in a pair of pants presented by Republicans of Texas, from wool grown in the Lone Star State.



White House down Pennsylvania avenue consumed only about fifteen minutes. Immediately after a hasty luncheon the Presidential party proceeded down the curved walk at the western side of the White House grounds and took their position in the reviewing stand in the Court of Honor.

Who Made Up the Parade. The greatest event in the life of William Howard Taft, now President of the United States, was now practically over. More than 22,000 soldiers and sailors, regular and volunteer, and more than 9,000 members of civic organizations were in the great parade, a total of nearly 32,000 persons.

To amend section 378, volume 1, code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, so as to definitely fix amount of mileage to be paid to county boards of equalization. To amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and to amend the charters of others heretofore granted."

To declare the willful or wanton burning of any building which is insured a felony and to provide punishment therefor. To amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the issuance of bonds in public school districts in South Carolina."

Washington, Special.—Senator Simmons was appointed the conferee for the Senate minority on the agricultural bill and he made a good fight in the United States Senate to retain his amendments for \$100,000 to war against the boll weevil and an appropriation for tests to make paper out of fibrous plants.

Foreign Affairs. The German government has in view airships on the Zeppelin type to be armed with rapid fire guns with which to fight infantry in war. A disease resembling yellow-fever, but unlike it in that it affects only natives has broken out in Barbados Islands, and is baffling scientists to diagnose it.

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SEVERE STORM ON HISTORIC 4TH OF MARCH

A fearful storm struck the nation again on the historic 4th of March. A Washington special says: Much suffering was caused among the vast inauguration crowd here by the wintry winds, the slush under foot and freezing temperature. Two persons were reported dead as a result of exposure and many other persons are seriously ill.

haunt among persons who stood for many hours in the slush and snow viewing the inaugural parade. News from New York says: As a result of a blizzard which swept down unannounced Wednesday night, the middle Atlantic seaboard from New York to Norfolk found itself buried in an avalanche of snow and swept by destructive winds. For a time conditions seemed to threaten a repetition of the blizzard of 1893.

To amend section 1295, volume 1, code of laws of 1902, relating to the Colored Normal, Industrial, Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina, and to enlarge the powers of the board of trustees of said college. To amend section 378, volume 1, code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, so as to definitely fix amount of mileage to be paid to county boards of equalization.

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