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RICHARD I. MANNING INAUGURATED GOVERNOR.

Great Throng Witnesses Impressive Ceremony.

Tone of New Governor's Address Met With Hearty Approval of Thousands Who Heard Him.

Columbia, January 19.—Amid the acclamation of thousands Richard Irvine Manning was inaugurated Governor of South Carolina today at noon. The oath of office was taken by the new Governor in the hall of the House of Representatives in the presence of the joint session of the Senate and House, Supreme Court Justices, State House officials and a tremendous crowd of people, thousands of whom were unable to get even into the lobby of the Capitol. Chief Justice Eugene B Gary, of the State Supreme court, administered the oath of office to Governor Manning and immediately thereafter he delivered his inaugural address. Lieutenant Governor Andrew J Bethea took the oath of office after Governor Manning concluded his address, Chief Justice Gary administering the oath to him.

The largest crowd which has attended an inaugural in Columbia in years witnessed the induction of Governor Manning into office. All night last night and early this morning the people poured into the city on special and regular trains, and long before the hour for the inaugural the hall of the House of Representatives, where the exercises were to be held, was packed. Plans to have Governor Manning deliver his inaugural address from the steps of the Capitol had to be abandoned, owing to the disagreeable cold day. Governor Manning arose from a sick bed to take the oath of office, and friends would not hear to him risking the cold wind, however much it was regretted that it was necessary.

OPEN AIR ADDRESS.

However, owing to the inability of thousands to hear the address Governor Manning, after the exercises in the hall of the House, addressed the multitude from the Capitol steps. A mighty shout went up as he followed his escorts through solid lines of humanity from the House to the Capitol steps, and his few remarks were tumultuously cheered. Governor Manning thanked the people for their reception and asked them to help him put behind all of the factional bitterness and strife and to march onward, lifting South Carolina ever higher and upward. He touched the hearts of his auditors for they broke into thunderous applause, while cries of "Hurrah for Manning" rent the air from thousands of lusty throats.

Immediately after his short speech from the Capitol steps Governor Manning held a reception in the library of the State House and thousands filed by and shook his hands and wished him "God-speed" in his task of administering the laws of South Carolina for the next two years. He was tired but happy

when the multitude had all filed by, and his face was constantly wreathed in smiles at the good fellowship and the earnestness with which the people rejoiced at his accession to the Governorship.

It was exactly 11:55 o'clock when Speaker James A Hoyt dropped his gavel and called the House to order. As the clock on the City Hall rang out the hour of noon Sergeant-at-Arms Wilson announced that the Senate was in the lobby and the House arose while the Senators filed in and took their seats. Walking at the head of the Senators was President Pro Tem Walker, with United States Senator E D Smith on his right hand. Senator Walker ascended the Speaker's stand and took charge of the joint assembly, and Senator Smith occupied a seat with the Senators.

The House galleries were packed and jammed long before noon, and all of the available space on the floor of the House was utilized, but thousands of people continued to jam into the lobby of the State House, the space way over the Senate being crammed closely. The jam continued on the piazza of the Capitol and down the north steps almost to the foot of the Confederate monument, and each minute, as the hour of noon grew nearer, hundreds more joined the waiting throngs and tried to get in to see the ceremonies. The sergeant-at-arms and the doorkeepers had a herculean task in holding back the crowd, and several times the crowd flowed over the outer doorkeeper, only to be halted and turned back at the inner door.

MR MANNING ARRIVES.

The wife and family of the Governor-elect arrived and were given seats occupied by the Richland delegation on the floor of the House. At five minutes after 12 o'clock the sergeant-at-arms of the House announced that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor-elect, with their escorts, were at the door. President Walker called the joint assembly to their feet, and as Governor-elect Manning appeared at the door of the House on the arm of Chairman George W Dick, of the Ways and Means committee, a cheer broke out, which swept over the crowded floor and through the galleries, and was taken up and re-echoed by the thousands who filled the lobby and stood out on the north steps of the Capitol. The new Governor walked down the aisle to the Speaker's stand to continued cheering, which would ever and anon break out with renewed volume.

First came Governor-elect Manning, escorted by Representative

George W Dick, followed by Governor Charles A Smith, escorted by Senator Laney, and right behind them Lieutenant Governor-elect Andrew J Bethea, escorted by Senator R D Epps. Then Chief Justice Eugene B Gary, with Senator Sinkler; Associate Justice Hydrick, with Representative Liles; Associate Justice Watts, with Representative Robinson; Associate Justices Gage and Fraser, Circuit Judge John S Wilson, Rev Arthur R Berkeley and the State House officials, walking two and two. President Walker rapped for order and introduced Rev Arthur R Berkeley, rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, of Philadelphia, Pa, and a son-in-law of Governor Manning, who invoked the Divine blessing on the day's exercises.

OATH ADMINISTERED.

President Walker announced that the Governor-elect was present and ready to qualify. In an impressive manner Chief Justice Gary administered the oath of office to the new Governor, the Governor's repeating of the oath being in a clear and calm voice, audible in all parts of the crowded chamber. At its conclusion another great cheer went up, and it was several minutes before the Governor could begin his inaugural address, so great was the applause and cheers.

By this time the crowd had pushed half-way up the main aisle, so eager were the efforts of those jammed in the lobby to see. Sergeant-at-Arms J Fred Schumpert, of the Senate, held the crowd in check, while the Governor began his speech. Twice the speech was interrupted by efforts of those in the rear to push into the hall, and finally President Walker ordered the inside door closed, which checked the disorder, and Governor Manning proceeded with his remarks.

MET WITH APPROVAL.

The tone of the inaugural and the keynote of constructive legislation, which the new Governor struck, met with the warm approval of the people, who listened closely to every word and outburst after outburst of applause would force Governor Manning to suspend for several minutes. Especially did his recommendation for compulsory education with local option feature, increase of child labor age limit to 14 years, Working Men's Compensation Act, land registration, tax commission, meet with hearty responses. When Governor Manning paid a tribute to

the last Democratic State Convention and the good work they did in ordering a personal enrollment of the voters tremendous cheers burst out. His recommendation for liberal support of the National Guard, which he said must be made effective and efficient, drew more cheers. His declaration that he intended to enforce the laws started what was little less than an ovation and his appeal to the people and the Legislators to help him in his task of getting away from factionalism and bitterness drew further applause.

THE SILVER LINING.

Just as Governor Manning was concluding his inaugural address the sun broke through the clouds and lit up the hall of the House and shone with vigor on the man who will hold the reigns of Government for the next two years in South Carolina, adding nature's smile to the rejoicing of a people at the installation of Richard I Manning in the office of Chief Magistrate and making an auspicious beginning for his administration.

Another ovation was given Governor Manning when he concluded. Chief Justice Gary then administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Governor Bethea and he took charge of the joint Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor thanked the people for their warm-hearted reception, cheers having greeted his induction into office. He pledged himself anew to the service of the people and was given a rousing cheer.

Governor Manning was escorted to the Capitol steps, where, after a brief speech to the assembled thousands, he went to the library and shook hands with several thousand. The joint Assembly was then dissolved, the Senate returning to its chamber.

Governor Manning took charge of the Chief Executive's office and was greeted by scores of friends, who pressed in to shake his hand and to offer congratulations. Telegrams of congratulations arrived from friends in various parts of the State and the new Governor was kept busy responding to the congratulatory messages.

Governor Manning and family will be at a local hotel for a few days, until they can arrange to move into the Mansion.—News and Courier.

The next legal holiday will be Washington's birthday, February, 22.

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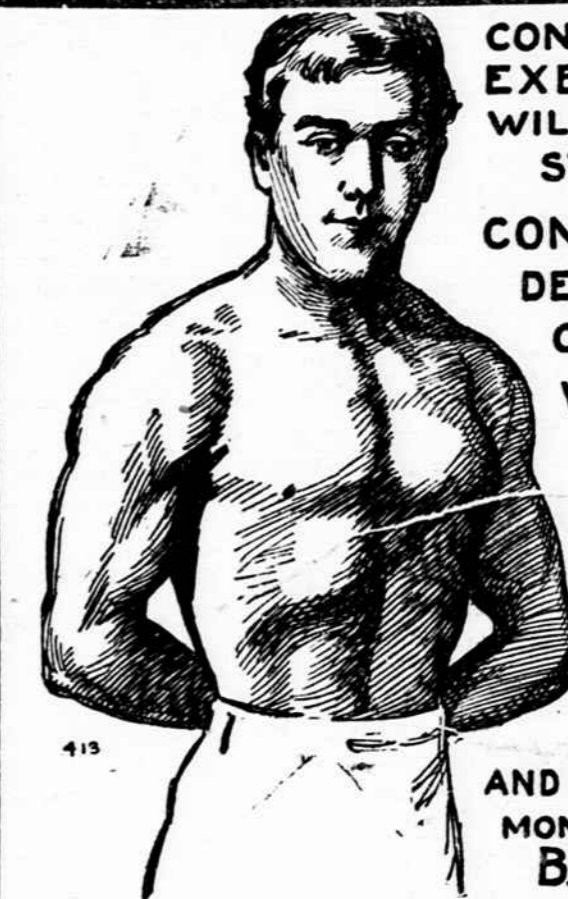
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