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## PAMPHLET PRINTED IN PRESIDENT'S SECOND INAUGURAL PARADE

Occasionally there comes to light a Lincoln item that is greatly enhanced in value through association with a historical episode. It was with some degree of interest that the editor of *Lincoln Lore* observed on the caption of a recently acquired, four page, 8 x 10, pamphlet, entitled *Chronicle Junior*, this interesting citation, "Printed in the Inauguration Procession of Lincoln and Johnson."

In scanning through the contents of the bulletin for further facts supporting the statement about the place and time the pamphlet was printed, it was observed that in the listed order of exhibits in the inaugural procession there was included a notation, "The Washington Press." This discovery led the editor of *Lincoln Lore* on his next visit to Washington to search for some detailed description of the float sponsored by the press.

*The Washington Intelligencer*, for March 8, 1865, gave quite a complete description of the parade, and in the line of march the various features were described. Immediately following the notice of the position in the parade of the Mt. Pleasant Hospital Band, there appeared this description, "Wagon of Hope Dispatch Co. with a printing press under a canopy of flags drawn by six bay horses." This notice supported the statement that there was a printing press apparently in operation during the parade.

It might be of interest to copy the complete formation of the parade as printed in *Chronicle Junior*.

The Marshal-in-Chief, aides.

The Military Escort.

The President of the United States.

His Private Secretary, with the Marshal of the District of Columbia and his Deputies on right and left.

Ex-Presidents.

The Vice President and Vice President Elect.

The Cabinet.

The Corps Diplomatique.

The Judiciary.

Senators and Representatives.

Ex-Senators and Representatives.

Heads of Bureaus and Assistants.

Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution, and of the War of 1812.

The National Union College Band.

The National Union Executive Committee.

The National Executive Committee of Loyal Leagues.

State and City Authorities.

The Lincoln and Johnson Clubs, with car, etc.

State Organizations.

East Washington Lincoln and Johnson Club with Monitor, etc.

Fire Organizations.

The Washington Press.

Officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Militia.

Detachment of the United States Marine Corps.

Detachment of the 1st Brigade of Quartermaster Volunteers.

Other Military Organizations.

Giesboro's Cavalcade.

Turner Associations of Washington and Georgetown.

Odd Fellows and other Benevolent Associations.

Following the printing of the parade arrangement, the names of those marshals, appointed to represent the various states, appear, also the names of the fourteen aides and one-hundred and eleven marshals who were to serve as deputies. This corps was also augmented by thirteen United States marshals and twenty citizen aides. One of the most interesting paragraphs in *Chronicle Junior* is the description of the Regalia to be used in identifying these various groups of mounted aides and marshals. The description follows:

"The following regalia is prescribed for the occasion: The marshal-in-chief

will be designated by an orange-colored scarf with white rosettes, and blue saddle-cloth with gilt trimmings. His aides, thirteen in number, will wear cherry-colored scarfs with white rosettes, their saddle-cloths will be white, trimmed with blue. The marshal-in-chief and his aides will wear yellow gauntlets, and use blue batons two feet in length, with gilt ends two inches deep.

"The marshals will be designated by blue scarfs with white rosettes, white saddle-cloths trimmed with red, white gloves, and pink colored batons, with white ends two inches deep.

"The marshals representing States and Territories will be designated by white scarfs with blue rosettes, with saddle-cloths trimmed with red, white gloves, and white batons two feet long, with pink ends two inches deep.

"The marshal-in-chief, the aides, and the marshals will wear common black hats, black frock-coats, and black pantaloons."

One wonders where so many horses might be discovered in Washington, now, outside the mounts of the United States Army, to seat these two-hundred aides and marshals.

The front page of the *Chronicle Junior* is printed in red ink and the rest of the pamphlet in black ink. The entire first page is taken up by "An Inaugural Poem," consisting of thirteen, six line stanzas from which two stanzas are selected. The author is not named.

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Now as the President ascends  
Yon marble flight, and lowly bends  
Before the majesty of the laws,  
And vows to serve his country's cause,  
Nothing but victory for the Union  
Will gladden all that vast communion.

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Oh! History, with thy impartial pen,  
Tell us in what age of godlike men  
Hast thou been ever called to write  
A page so wondrous and so bright?  
Where is the struggle that can equal  
That of which today's the sequel?