

THE PRESIDENTIAL ROOMS

ELEGANT QUARTERS OF MR. CLEVELAND AT THE ARLINGTON.

FOURTEEN APARTMENTS SET ASIDE FOR THE PRESIDENT - ELECT AND HIS PARTY ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON—COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE HOTEL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—When Mr. Cleveland came to Washington in the early morning of March 3, 1885, prepared to take the oath of office as President of the United States, he went at once to the Arlington Hotel, where a suite of three rooms had been prepared for his use, in what is known as the "Pomeroy annex." Across the corridor in the "Sumner annex" another suite was placed at the disposal of Col. Lamont and his family. While the rooms were handsomely furnished and very comfortable, they had no especial features outside of their convenient location.

Mr. Cleveland will go to the Arlington again this year, probably on the morning of March 3, to remain until the White House is ready for the reception of himself and his family. When he enters the portion of the hotel set aside for the use of the Presidential party he will have reason to congratulate himself. No President elect ever had the good fortune to occupy such palatial quarters in Washington.

Since the first inauguration of Mr. Cleveland the Arlington has been enlarged and remodeled, and it now contains a number of the finest apartments in the country. Fourteen of the choicest of these, facing on Vermont Avenue and I Street, have been selected for the occupancy of the party, which will include, besides Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Col. and Mrs. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. Dor M. Dickinson, and Mr. W. C. Whitney, with a number of their relatives and intimate friends.

These fine rooms are on the second floor of the hotel. They are reached by an elevator which rises from the magnificent parlor in the new wing of the building. A few feet from the elevator landing a broad hall runs along the Vermont Avenue front, joining the passage at the extreme north end of the structure upon which the I Street apartments open. At the opening of this hallway a tasteful screen is to be placed, which will shut all the rooms on those two passages off from the other parts of the hotel. Once beyond this partition, the members of the Presidential party will be as completely isolated from the other guests as though they were in a private mansion.

In view of the desperate attempts which will undoubtedly be made to intrude upon the privacy of the President-elect, it will at once be seen that a better arrangement could not well be made. Mr. Dickinson engaged these rooms some time ago, and Manager Bennett of the Arlington suggested and will carry out the plan, which will be a source of great annoyance to the curious. There will be a guard at the only entrance to the private section at all hours while the Presidential party is in the hotel.

The rooms reserved for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland and members of their family are eight in number. The chief of these, the parlor, is the handsome room which was the chief of the suite occupied last year by Senator Brice of Ohio. It is in the corner of the wing and its six windows look out upon Vermont Avenue, McPherson Square, and I Street. Many noted people, including the Count of Paris and Patti, have used it. It will be refurnished and made to look as little as possible like a hotel room. The furniture will be of mahogany, and there will be a handsome piano, standing lamps, Oriental rugs, and numerous fine oil paintings from the Arlington's unusually rich collection.

Adjoining the parlor is a small reception room, which opens upon a spacious apartment, which will be the general dining room. This has an outlook upon I Street. It will be furnished in oak and leather. A heavy oaken table, at which can be seated twelve persons, is to stand immediately beneath the central drop-light. Immediately south of the parlor are several comfortable bedrooms, which have been assigned to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Baby Ruth and her nurse, and the maid of Mrs. Cleveland.

Col. Lamont's parlor opens from the Cleveland dining room. It has the advantage of a fine view of McPherson Square, and will be elegantly furnished. Three bedrooms which the Colonel has also engaged are just beyond. Directly across the hall from the Lamont parlor is that reserved for Mr. Dickinson, which is flanked by two charming sleeping apartments. Further down the hall are the three rooms set apart for Mr. Whitney and the five which will accommodate the family of Mr. Benedict.

The dining room will be used by all the members of the party during their stay, and a force of servants will be detailed to attend to their wants. Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is expected to be present, and other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will also accompany them. A special train will bring the party to Washington from New-York. If the plan of 1885 is followed the train will leave New-York late on the night of March 2 and be at the Pennsylvania station in this city before the town is awake. Mr. Cleveland is an early riser, and he will enjoy the rapid ride to the hotel at the time when the avenue is devoted almost exclusively to the cable cars and the market wagons. The clang of the car songs will be new to him, for the cable was a thing of the future when he last occupied the White House.

There will be many other prominent people at the Arlington at inauguration time. Two Governors—Flower of New-York and Pattison of Pennsylvania—have engaged quarters there. Each will be accompanied by his staff. Lieut. Gov. Sheehan of New-York will occupy one of the choice rooms of the hotel. Senator-elect Edward Murphy, Jr. has engaged rooms for himself, his wife, and his daughter. Mayor Gilroy and Richard Croker of New-York lodged their orders for apartments weeks ago. Others who will make the Arlington their home for a day or two at least are William R. Grace, Henry Villard, Francis Lynde Stetson, John D. Crammins, James T. Willard, and Roosevelt Roosevelt of New-York; William F. Harrity of Philadelphia, J. J. O'Donohue, Gen. Isaac S. Catlin, Hugh McLaughlin, William A. Kurey, and H. D. Polhemus of Brooklyn, and Hoke Smith of Georgia, the coming Secretary of the Interior. Lesser political lights of New-York and Brooklyn, to say nothing of politicians from every other big city in the Union, will crowd the hotel to its capacity.