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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS IN THE U.S.

From the days of horse-drawn carriages to the motor cavalcades of today, Presidential inaugurations have provided some of the most colorful panoramas on the American political scene. The inauguration of Presidents and Vice Presidents now takes place on January 20th of every year following a national election. For this occasion a platform is erected over the great steps on the east front of the Capitol. The oath of office is administered by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

4-12 The inauguration address of President Ulysses S. Grant was delivered from the steps of the Capitol on March 4, 1869. (91-7710)

