



ENGRAVING FROM *Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*.  
The new President wore steel-rimmed spectacles.

ENLARGEMENT OF INAUGURAL SCENE.  
In this detail from the picture opposite  
(O-54), Lincoln's face is obscured by shadows,  
but his brand-new suit with its white shirt-front  
and V-shaped frock coat is visible.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WAS DRESSED IN BLACK, with a black tie and a black silk hat. He carried a cane. As he stepped forward to read his inaugural address, he drew the manuscript from his breast pocket, placed it on the speaker's table, and anchored it with his cane. Then he put on his spectacles and removed his hat. Without hesitation, his former opponent, Stephen A. Douglas, reached across the arm of reporter Henry Watterson and took the hat, keeping it on his lap throughout the ceremonies. In a high-pitched but resonant voice, Lincoln spoke for about half an hour, making a dramatic appeal for Southern loyalty.

The three photographers present had plenty of time to take pictures, yet only the distant views have survived. The tall figure of Lincoln is partly hidden by the shadow of the wooden canopy.