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The Governor's Inaugural

One good feature in the Inaugural of Gov. Pollock is its brevity; still, if his Excellency had left out the pompous flourish with which he commences, and curtailed it of that portion devoted to matters over which he has not control, it would be briefer still; and let us add, a good deal more statesman like and creditable.

We had determined, if possible, to like the Governor's Inaugural, and say a good thing of it; but we confess we are disappointed. We expected Gov. Pollock would not be candidate Pollock, but he is! We supposed, as a matter of course, that the humbugger he preached while upon the stump, for the purpose of catching votes, would be quietly laid aside when he assumed the robes of office. In this, we say, we have been disappointed.

The Inaugural partakes of all the characteristics of the demagogic candidate. There is the same flourish about "Nebraska"—the same nonsense about "Hovers and Harbors"—the same hypocritical cant about the "Missouri Compromise"—and the same disreputable attempt to carry religious and political dogmas into the arena of politics.

True, the Governor says "the rights of conscience, and the freedom of worship, are the birth right and the boast of the American citizen;" but does not the Governor know, does not every reflecting man know, that if the intolerant doctrines of the secret cabal, of which he is the head, are carried out, this "birth-right" about which he prates, will be but a mere "boast"!

Intimately connected with this is a new doctrine promulgated by his Excellency that the Bible, heretofore considered as the "text-book" of the Clergy, ought to be "recognized" as the "text-book of the American Statesman." Before secularism became an element in political contests the Constitution, that master-piece of framers-work of the patriots of the Revolution, was considered "the text-book of the American Statesman."

New Know Nothings are Made

To those who read the Observer every week it is quite unnecessary to say, that it has no sympathy, direct or indirect, with the Know Nothing movement. It has condemned it, and still continues to condemn it, as the offspring of a corrupt and profligate band of political adventurers as ever infested a country. Nay, further, the ostensible aims and objects of Know Nothingism are wrong in theory, and would be injurious in practice. They are opposed to the principles upon which our republican institutions are founded, and hence should not be tolerated by the people.

But, as the saying is, "murder will out," besides we are not sure that silence is the best way to correct an evil. To illustrate what we are driving at, we quote from the remarks of one of the speakers at a meeting the people held in New York last week, to take into consideration the "hard fate" of the starving poor in that metropolis.

"Mr. Hoedel here proceeded to address the German portion of the audience substantially as follows:—'Before the first time I speak in an assembly like this, I have nothing further to say than to thank you for the honor which you have done me by inviting me to be your guest. I have nothing further to say than to thank you for the honor which you have done me by inviting me to be your guest. I have nothing further to say than to thank you for the honor which you have done me by inviting me to be your guest.'

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Your humble correspondent pays this poor tribute to her simply for the reason that for some unexplained but truly meritorious cause it has become the fashion to be charitable. It has by turn been the fashion to be almost every thing but that, and the new phase is decidedly the best yet adopted. Fashion's devotees are therefore busily intent upon the good work she has devised for them, and the destitute condition of the poorer classes gives ample scope to all their energies. Benevolent Associations of all kinds are constantly being formed, and funds are thus obtained to furnish food and clothing for the suffering poor. The carriages of the proud and rich are often seen wandering down narrow and dirty lanes and alleys, bearing fair occupants on missions of mercy and relief.

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