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THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

President Harrison does not, as might well have been expected, please either of those very red and liberal prints, the *Globe* and *Esquire*. The first thinks it is a foolish affair, whilst the latter conceives it to be entirely too *Whig*-ish in its style and principles. Doctors may well differ upon a subject like this; but it is easy to perceive that the critics in question are but carrying out their "foregone conclusions."

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tive measure."

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The President, it is true, (and this greatly

graves the Enquirer,) has not even named *statesmen*. Neither has he talked of *Mohammedans*, nor *Mormons*; nor others of the thou-

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This is enough for us, as we are sure it will

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been perverted by the scoundrels along on

the subject of Abolition which has marked the late

canvass. And we are rejoiced that neither po-

itical nor moral fanatics can find any thing in

it upon which to feed their morbid and unab-

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The General very properly renews his pledge

to serve but our friends—thus proposing to effect

by a single example more than could be gained

in a thousand rhetorical flourishes.

The closing reference to the course which he

means to observe in the management of our for-

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which well becomes the veteran "defender of

our country's rights in the field." And his ac-

knowledgment of "a profound reverence for the

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good Being who has blessed us with the gifts of

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THE INAUGURATION.

On President Harrison took place on Thursday last the 4th of March, in the presence of an immense multitude of citizens from all parts of the Union. The scene was one of the most imposing and interesting ever witnessed upon such a scale.—Source, and the *Charleston Whig*.

On the 5th instant, when the sun shone, with the sound of a roar, the dense crowd, which had gathered around the capitol, was dispersed, and the procession moved towards the capitol, and finally entered the open space on the east front.

The President then went to the Senate Chamber, to be present at the swearing in of the new members of that body, &c. Shortly afterwards he returned, and with his escort, numerous officers, foreign ministers, senators, etc., presented himself once more to view on the eastern portico. Here the *Inaugural Address* was read.—The General spoke in a loud clear voice, and was distinctly heard. Many were surprised at the strength of his lungs. At the close of the address, the oath was administered by the Chief Justice. The procession then formed, and marched to the White House, and as many as possible entered and paid their personal respects to the President.

The view from the porch was grand beyond the power of description. The military, with their soul-stirring music—the numerous clubs with their banners waving, and the deep multitude of spectators, excited emotions in the mind similar to those experienced on the eve of a great battle. The *Charleston Whig* described the scene as follows:

"A. H. H. Grayson, Esq., has received the nomination of the Loco Foco Convention of his Congressional District, as a candidate for re-election.

The Whig Editorial Dinner took place in Washington on the 5th instant. Thirty-seven gentlemen sat down. Mr. Seaton of the National Intelligence presided at the head of the table—Col. Stone of the New York CommercialAdvertiser occupied the foot of the table. "The feast of reason and the feast of soul" followed. Ample speech, sentiment, and song, midnight came, and morning too, before a sufficient repast could be made, and in the end, the final parting was as painful as the first meeting had been pleasant.

It is said that John C. Montgomery, Esq., will be appointed Postmaster of Philadelphia, and J. W. Tyson, Esq., Collector, or of that port.

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THE END OF THE SESSION.

The 5th Congress of the United States expired, by the limitation of the Constitution, on the night of the 2d instant. In general terms, it may be stated, that all the annual appropriation bills were passed. So that the care of Government will continue in motion along its accustomed course. And this completes nearly all the legislation of Congress at the present session for the common defense and general welfare. Not more than one in twenty of the bills reported by committee, as this session have been acted upon; and very few of those which had over from the preceding to the late session have been enacted into law. Very few of the mass of private bills, chiefly for the payment of just claims to the Government, have passed.

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lation of Congress, he takes decided ground;

and he is equally conclusive against that mag-

nificent humbug, "an exclusive metallic cur-

rency," so often sounded to rouse the poor a-

gainst the rich.

The President, it is true, (and this greatly

graves the Enquirer,) has not even named *statesmen*.

Neither has he talked of *Mohammedans*, nor *Mormons*; nor others of the thou-

sands that have foolish mankind for gen-

erals. But he has that which is vastly more

rational, and far more becoming the dignity of

an American President—he has referred in his

terms to "the necessity of keeping the respon-

sible departments of the government, as well as

all the other authorities of the country, within

their appropriate orbits;" and strongly denies

to the citizens of one State the right to "interfere

with the reserved powers of any State but that

of which he is, for the time being, a citizen."—

The attempt, therefore, of the citizens of "one

State to control the domestic institutions of another," is rebuked, as calculated "only to result

in feelings of distrust and jealousy, the certain

ultimate destruction of our free institutions."

This is enough for us, as we are sure it will

be for every citizen whose feelings have not

been perverted by the scoundrels along on

the subject of Abolition which has marked the late

canvass. And we are rejoiced that neither po-

ITICAL nor moral fanatics can find any thing in

it upon which to feed their morbid and unab-

leaved appetites.

The General very properly renews his pledge

to serve but our friends—thus proposing to effect

by a single example more than could be gained

in a thousand rhetorical flourishes.

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