False Splendor of Past Inaugurals

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HE Congressional mutiny against the turn-over of the Pension Office to the inaugural ball. Senator Thorb rather severely intimated, too, that his idea of an appropriate way to spend the money covering a streetcar ride to the Capitol and back. Such potent voices as Senator Nelson's were raised against them, but they put up, and of making it possible for visiting relatives to board at home that they had taken some part in the inaugural ceremonies, which, as a matter of fact, they hadn't. The ball was only a part of the inaugural duties, subjects in frequent criticism, including the custom of having the President make an inaugural address to a noisy crowd on the east front of the Capitol.

The inaugural ball, however, was specified objectivity by the story that followed Senator Nelson and Thorb and Representative Con- stitution in this instance, and the ob- ject was the expense. It was pointed out in a Congressional debate the other day that in addition to the ex- pensive expenses of changing an office building into a ballroom the joy of the people of the United States with.

"Titled ginger ale bottles give the hint to others, and the cracking of hard-boiled eggs begins."

"Boys perched in the trees of a Library grounds throw down peanut shells."

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