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FOR PRESIDENT,
MILLARD FILLMORE,
OF NEW YORK.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
AND. J. DONELSON,
OF TENNESSEE.
TOIL AND TROUBLE.

The Democracy have been sweltering at Cincinnati the last week, in the labor of making a President for the people. Violence seems to become what contagious, several of the Missouri contending leaders have come to the rescue of the Democracy, and to give it a new lease of life.

General Meigs, the veteran Democratic editor of the Ohio Statesman, has given up his pen and attempted to govern the party, since the first day.

On the second, John Wren, Esq., of Georgia, was appointed permanent President, and gave a stereotyped harangue as to the violence of the opposition to the immediate Democracy. A Vice Presidential candidate, Mr. Donelson, was also present with a sense of the imminence of his political status.

Here we may remark that we have never read, an account of a public meeting, with its forty or fifty Vice Presidents—more nominal adherents without being impressed with a sense of the indifference, and noting how easily men of all degrees are tickled with mere empty titles and honors. But enough of this.

The struggle seems to have been between the friends of Pierce, Buchanan and Douglas, and the impression prevails that the two weakest will first sacrifice to kill off the strongest, and that he will be killed off by a combination of the friends of all the aspirants. The Northern Democracy insist that they can only carry the North with Buchanan, and if this were so, with energy, few may prevail over him, because the idea of letting the spoils out of the hands of the party, is worse than the prospect of death itself. With all their preliminary quarrels there never was a party so easily moulded into submission as the Democrats. They decent largely about "principles," and yet they never principles, & set that cannot be construed in different ways to suit every possible locality.

But let us await the result. The Abolitionist and Floridaists join open platform, but the usual method has been the name of the candidate, and then, whilst the crowds are engaged in the wild surges, the jinglers put forth the paper idol for all true believers to worship.

THE SUMMER AFFAIR.

We are glad to see that the courageous attack of Mr. Brooks, Representative from South Carolina, upon Senator Sumner of Massachusetts, is meeting the favor of the press generally, the unanimous condemnation that (we may deserve).

Our readers are 'the best of all' in their estimate of this unfortunate affair. In a recent speech of Sumner he took occasion to go out of the legitimate lines of parliamentary debate and make a personal invective attack upon Senator Butler of South Carolina, and also ledging most harsh invective upon the Slave he represented—This was highly aggravated by the fact of Mr. Butler's absence at the time of the speech. So bitter and violent was the language used on this occasion, that Mr. Cass rose to his seat and characterized it as the most unfeeling, abusive, and掀翻 speech in its character, that he ever heard on that floor.

It is not to be wondered at, that Mr. Brooks, being a nephew of Senator Butler, is consistent with other Senators and Representatives should feel highly incensed with procedure. But that he should so far for the dignity of the position the parties occupied, not to say the very decrees of life, as to enter the Senate chamber and savagely attack a Senator engaged in the duties of his office, in so rapid and summary a manner as to prevent self-defense, is assuredly deserving of the exemption of every good man. Thus extremitas in the South, we regret to learn, are getting up resolutions of approval for Mr. Brooks, in the shape of gold headed lance, goblets, &c. And for what, forests? For defeating the rights of the South?

God forbid that the South should ever be far gone as to heed such defenders of her cause! Had he thought for one moment, he would have known that the interest of the South was to be much better advanced by allying, instead of fracturing the flames of fanaticism and discord, now hideously glaring in the West and North.

It has been said, with how much truth we are not prepared to assert, that Mr. Brooks sought this encounter for the purpose of noisy! We would as lief have the world-wide reputation of Yankee Sullivan or Tom Hock of black-bye's and bloody-nose memory, as such an infatuation by the trumpet of fame. Truly our Representatives must have an intolerable itching to be known among men, if they can descend to such depths as this to consummate their hopes.

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