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THURSDAY MORNING.

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HON. W. WINTER DAVIS.

This distinguished Orator, in response to an invitation from the Fillmore and Donelson Club, addressed them and the citizens of this county generally, on Thursday last. His name, as an orator, is well known to the country at large, to need comment at length, from us. His speech was fully realized the expectations of his friends. The audience, was one of the largest, and most intelligent ever assembled within the walls of the Court house. It was an effort of a great and gifted mind, an effort that will stand in the annals of oratory, and have no equal. His style is peculiarly his own; it is compact, flowing, polished and musical; every sentence was full, graceful, and exquisitely rounded; no juggling—was beautiful rounded. Mr. D.'s style is of that sort which art cannot touch, and yet, what it is so handomely set off and adorned by art.

With the brilliancy of true oratory, Mr. D. blends the higher attributes of deep subtlety, and vast, expansive comprehension. He presents imagination of most astonishing power, enlivened with exquisite fancy and sweet discrimination. He possesses also, for they are necessary accompaniments of the rare power of adapting the exact word to express the idea in his mind.

None but a prejudiced and bigoted mind, would deny Mr. D.'s talents, and of eloquence in his highest degree; and yet we've heard *bunchy* here, say, that it was a *slimy, trashy* speech. It was above and beyond their shallow pates to understand and appreciate the effort of an intellect, as superior to theirs, as is the light of the mid-day sun, to the shades of a starless night. But who should we speak of the eloquence of Mr. D.? His fame and reputation as an Orator and Statesman, is the theme of the country, and his countrymen generally admit he has now no superior. He has been recognized by the most talented and gifted of the land, as the first man of his age in the country. And upon such high-estimate we are content to leave Mr. D.'s reputation. We are right, we are sure, when we remark, that, the major and sentiment of his speech was generally approved by a majority of those who heard him. We well know, that the larger portion of his audience, have as much at stake, as any similar number in the State. At the conclusion of Mr. D.'s speech, Mr. Borrer, the President, presented him with a beautiful bouquet in behalf of the Ladies present, a large number of whom were in attendance. It was a tribute of beauty to intellect. Mr. D., in response to Mr. D.'s remarks, was very happy and felicitous. As Mr. D. was retiring from the stand, the Hon. Wm Lucas, had been called for, and mounted the rostrum, although there was no invitation extended to him for that purpose, by the friends of Fillmore, who called the meeting—nor any proposition made for a discussion. We may take occasion, hereafter, to comment upon Mr. Lucas' speech, as we find it reported in the *Tar and Feathers*. For the present, we must content ourselves to note, without comment, some of the incidents of the day—which that paper entirely neglected to mention.

During Mr. Davis' speech he was interrupted upon two occasions by Mr. Charles B. Harding, the State's Attorney, who, also, at a subsequent stage of the meeting, called for Banks—otherwise, the three hours of Mr. D.'s speech, were passed in perfect good order. When Mr. Lucas came forward, Mr. D. stated, to the audience, that his engagements would not permit him to remain to hear Mr. L. who, of course, was at perfect liberty to reply to what he had said. Mr. Davis then left the Court house, and in a few minutes after, left town.

After Mr. Lucas had concluded his speech, Mr. Borrer, the chairman of the meeting, arose and asked the indulgence of the audience for a few minutes, to explain his position. Mr. B. said, that, with the Know-Nothing party he had no sympathy, nor had he now. And that the Whig party had no candidate in the field—no banner flying—he had no choice, other than, between the Democratic party, with whom he had no principles in common, and the Know-Nothing party, composed of men with whom he had heretofore acted, that he supported Fillmore in '48, preferred him to Scott in '52, and would support him now. That, if he, Mr. B. were now addressing a Northern audience, he would expose their errors and the evils they had done to cause this excitement; but as he stood before a Southern people he would not dwell upon these, but point out wherein they had erred—and what they had done, to cause the present excitement.

He denied that the *Constitutional* of 1850, repealed that of 1820.—that he disapproved of the conduct of the Mississippians who went to Kansas, and that he interfered with the election—that he disapproved of the many acts of the Kansas Legislature, and the tardy manner in which the Executive had interposed to prevent civil strife.

He condemned the conduct of Brooks to wards Sumner in the Senate Chamber, that those acts had excited Northern men, and that Secession, as advocated by many and by a Senator of Virginia, was not the remedy.

He accused no man of treason, he did not understand the gentleman, Mr. L. to accuse him of treason—at which Mr. L. smiled—but, he must say, there are my sentiments,—if they constitute treason, then hang me, if not, then, he had a right to proclaim them, and the charge, if brought against him, that he was a traitor, or had any sympathy with the obnoxious Abolition party, was unfair and untrue.

We thanked the audience, and was about retiring, when Mr. Lucas asked him, if he would have voted as Mr. Davis did on Thurs-

day. Mr. B. turned to the audience,

Army and the press, he would have voted for the bill, though opposed to the provision in order that the President should have an Army, to enforce the laws, and especially the Fugitive Slave law, which he would have enforced, if it took the last dollar in the treasury, and the last man in the Union. Hera Mr. B. again turned to leave the stand, when Col. Edward Lucas, Paymaster at Harper's Ferry, asked Mr. B. if he was in favor of the Fugitive, and that if he had been in Pennsylvania, would he have voted for the Fusion Ticket—Mr. B. responded, No Sir, I am not, and would not have voted for it. Mr. B. again turned to leave, when Col. Lucas caught him by the lapels of his coat and said, you are a "nigger Sir," and I arrest you. Mr. B. replied, Col. L. you say, what you say is untrue—you are too old a man for me to strike; take your hands off of me Sir.

Mr. Wm. L. was immediately interposed, and said, Sir, you are wrong—you misunderstand me. Mr. B., remarking immediately of Poets, my brother is wrong—justly ad-

The misunderstanding adjourned, and the meeting ended.

THE CONVENTION.

Before this, he reached all its readers

the result, generally known. The Democrats have a wonderfully of late, since finding the opposition in the Northern States divided—a probability of a fusion.

The Federal men were determined to go

on with their flag flying, and would not

agree to coalesce with the free soil party.

They were not so foolish as the Democrats of Massachusetts and other States, when the Abolition vote was necessary to success.

The party leaders are obliged to admit

that but for the Fillmore men of Indiana and Pennsylvania, the defeat at the Octo-

ber elections would have been overwhelming.

Gov. Willcox of Indiana confessed that

the Whig votes saved him.

In New York a statement has been put

forth through the Albany Argus, based upon

what purports to have been an actual can-

vas of the several counties. In this it is

claimed that Buchanan will receive 198,-

91 votes, Fillmore 135,26, and Fremont

192,53.

This, though giving the electoral vote to

Buchanan, would show him to be in a mi-

nority of 131,926. So it will be in various

other States, and, yet, no shall doubtless

hear the most extravagant bragging of the

Democracy that they have triumphed over

all opposition.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

This County has cast her vote for Buchan-

an. It is not for us to say aught against

such a result, other, than, that the Luke-

warmness of the Old Line Whigs, many of

whom cast their votes for Buchanan, has de-

cidedly it. If those Old Line Whigs, who

so voted can reconcile to that, consistency,

their want of faith and devotion to the pa-

rties of the Club, and to the Club, then

we will let them do it. This will no

doubt be *claim'd* as our democratic triumph.

Time alone will prove if such they can do.

Below we append the vote as far as

heard from

FOR PRESIDENT.

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MIDDLEBURY, District No. 2, 72, 116

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POETICAL.

THE ELOPEMENT.
They took me in an upper room,
And took up my key,
Because I wouldn't marry me.
Who never called me,
They did not know the female heart,
Or they had clearly seen
That looks were never made to keep
A girl of seventeen.

They had a golden eye in view,
And thought the bird secure,
Surrounded by the guards of power
And every artful force.
They never thought of counterplot,
In any one like me,
And little knew what I would do,
For love and liberty.

They wanted me to "carry right,"
Unminded of the wealth and age
To couple with wealth and age,
While out in my teens.
Nothing otherwise "engaged,"
No master could prevail,
For I prefer to please myself,
And wished but a soul.

The night was dark, the window raised—
The curtains were drawn out—

"And Charley teased me so,
A railroad station being near,
A carriage waiting by—
And such an opportunity.
What could I do but fly?

Not being fond of solitude,
It had forms no solitudo;
While I could not find a silver cord
To touch a lover's heart.

"Resolve, then, that I would not stay
To be a living open mouth,
With them they had me, I
Was going—going—gone!"

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May 15, 1856.

Health Ordinance.

WITH a view to preserve the health of the town, the Trustees will adopt the following order:

At the town Sergeant examines every person within the town once a week (until the 1st of September) before noon, in the evening, and morning at half past seven, and at half past eight, to ascertain the state of their health, and to give them a warning offensive matter on their part, a physician to the State may, accordingly, be sent to Dr. Smith, at his office, 105 Water Street.

He will be paid one dollar for every house he visits, and be entitled to a sum equal to the value of the services rendered.

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