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FOR PRESIDENT,
Ulysses S. Grant,
of Illinois.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
Henry Wilson,
of Massachusetts.

The real issue is the cause.

Never before, in the history of the politics of this country, has there been presented a combination more illogical, or indefensible, than that which is now attempting to overthrow the Republican party and principles, and to stalk-to power under the quasi *disguise* of Mr. Greeley's white hat, long white coat, and owlish-wis spectacles. Had such a combination been proposed four years ago would it have been treated by the Democracy? To ask the question is to answer it. The amount of ridicule and disdain with which the bare proposition, as made by Vallandigham was met by the Democratic party, and which cannot be forgotten so soon, are sufficient to reveal the utter debasement, and lack of principle, which characterize the present struggle for office and the spoils. The offices and spoils at any price is the cry.

The Southern Democracy is especially earnest in this new departure; but do the people reflect upon, and understand what the departing is? Is it an endorsement of the life long principles of their candidate?—They do not hold a single principle in common with him—never have, and never will. What do they hope for then? Simply to use him as a hobby horse upon which to ride into power. He should be elected, and should prove intractable in the effort to accomplish their purposes; he would then put aside his foolish and ridiculous young-bride of easy virtue puts aside the old rake whom he has married for his money. The press and public speakers of the party do not attempt to disguise the scheme.

Some of them, indeed, parade it unblushingly—flaunt their sinister designs in the face of the public boasting of the criminal conquest it is proposed to make. In this they show their high apportionment of the virtue of the people. They virtually brand the masses, especially the Democratic masses, as *owls*—*tramps*—*scavengers*—puppets in the hands of political tricksters, whose only criterion and sole virtue consists in following where the bugle note sounds the lead and yell of the hounds is the loudest.

We have a better opinion of our people—if we did not we should cease to support their claims to self-government. They will not so grossly, so basely, so meanly trample under foot their own respect, and for the gratification of the office-seekers stultify life records and beliefs. They know that not in this foul and dishonest way can public evils to be corrected, or government reforms to be inaugurated.

This effort of the Democracy is riding into power under the guidance of Greeley's advice, and appears to them as insane, absurd, and avile, as would the attempt to crush out mormonism by the election of Brigham Young to the Presidency; or to promote Catholicism by elevating the most notorious infidel to the papal See; or to advance Protestantism by a general recognition of the Pope as the head of all the Churches. It staggers belief that any number of a great party, always parading its claims to *principles*, should become at once as infatuated with the *causes* of the Anti-slavery nation as to plunge, in after them, in order to *protect* them. Thank God! there is a considerable common sense among the people yet—as the idea of *Novum* will prove.

We would like to hear from our Republican contemporaries, the San Antonio Express, and the Illinois *Press*—the other journals of the North Congressional District, on the subject of a Congressional nomination. Let the Republians of various counties indicate their preference. We would be content with any one of a dozen good and safe candidates, and then—*Adieu Journal*.

The question is, in our opinion, somewhat premature. The calling of the District Convention to meet at Gonzales instead of at San Antonio, as should have been done; the matter ignoring the people of this District in making the call—as far as we know, not a soul, except it was a *femoratus*, well known—had nothing to do with the "Austin ring," having been consulted at all in the matter—the man of faith in the officer making the call, *Adieu*, and other tokens which might but

need not be named, struck the people of this district forcibly as another invitation to assist in completing another "put up job." The ambition of James T. Newcomb to go to Congress is notorious. The Republicans of this district will never vote for him. He may nominate himself in Gonzalez, make his little canvass, and then go back to California or Nova Scotia—wherever he thinks his money likely to last the longest; for the people of Western Texas will never send him to misrepresent them in the U. S. Congress. Whether they will have any thing to do with the *Gonzales Convention* or not depends upon whether the contest is to be again with Newcomb and his ruffians, or whether there will be an effort to organize for unity and success. We speak the sentiments of half-British of the Republicans of this district when we say, we will not support the nominees of any more packed *Conventions*.

The Austin clique has been a greater obstacle to party success than the common enemy. The mere touch of Newcomb, and the well known imbeciles who trail in his slimy and serpentine track,—their simple presence—would so contaminate any Convention, that any serious effort to elect a candidate so nominated would be a simple farce and a blunder. We have had enough of them. They are expensive, and to the party debilitating. We mean to cast a solid vote for Grant and Wilson—whether we can elect a government or not depends upon how much Newcomb, & Co., pay us.

From Washington.

Summer's great speech—His best friends regret its utter failure—His conversation with Stanton—The tariff passed—Great reduction of Internal Revenue taxes.

W. H. SUMMER AND THE PRESIDENT.

Charles Sumner's speech has created a profound sensation among all classes here, and according to letters received by members of Congress from their constituents, has commanded universal attention throughout the whole country. Though it is lengthy, it has been carefully read by all classes of politicians and orators, and has excited the interest of every young-bride of easy virtue puts aside the old rake whom she has married for his money. The press and public speakers of the party do not attempt to disguise the scheme.

All the Republican papers published in Boston have editorially panned Sumner, and express the deepest regret for the course he has taken. William Lloyd Garrison, the author of *Anti-Slavery Standard*, has left it, as he announced in a letter which he has published, addressed to his friends. And from all quarters comes a general condemnation of this extraordinary speech.

For the Greeley faction and the democ party, this speech will be the best campaign document they will get out during the contest. It is filled with malice and misrepresentations, and so much the better. Greeley's Tribune announces 90,000 copies ready for distribution at that office, and it is said the National Democratic committee are preparing to circulate the speech, in pamphlet form, by the ton.

The effect of the speech upon the Republians is to strengthen their attachment to Grant.

But it did Sumner, my wife should do me no harm if I do not marry her.

"Quoth Pantagruel, "then do not marry."

"Nevertheless," quoth Panurge, "rather than run a new bridegroom under-taking of conjugal adventure, I would rather have him as a brother."

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"Yes, but what, if she should prove to be honest and virtuous?" quoth Panurge,

"'Tis true," quoth Panurge, "my destiny did unluckily lead me to marry one who was honest but of a crooked, uncertain temper!"

"Yes, but marry," said Panurge.

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