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THE ELECTIONS.

It is hardly worth while to attempt to disguise our disappointment at the result of the elections in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The victory in Mississippi reveals this disappointment somewhat, but the fact is that for some cause or other the Northern masses are unwilling to forget the passions and prejudices of the past. We see the South now almost entirely Democratic, and the North almost unanimously Republican. It may be that the Democratic ticket has carried New York, but by such a meagre majority, that like the Republican triumph in Ohio, it amounts to nothing.

It is probable that the result of these Fall elections may work well for the country, for if the Republicans succeed now inspire them with great confidence as their defeat in the fall of 1867 made them very cautious, it will result in the triumph of the Democratic party in the elections next year. The nomination of Grant for a third term or of some equally objectionable candidate would surely end in the election of some patriot for President who would restore good government and prosperity to our country.

THE CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER

The papers are beginning to figure closely upon the chances of various gentlemen in connection with the Speakership of the House of Representatives which will be organized on the 1st Monday in December, or the next fair day thereafter, as the contesters have it. At present the choices lie between Michael C. Kerr of Indiana, and Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania. It will be a very hotly contested fight and a very interesting one, for various reasons. The other prominent candidates are Samuel S. Cox, ("Sunset") and Fernando Wood of New York, and Milton Saylor of Ohio. If neither Kerr, or Randall is elected after a few ballots, the choice will be very apt to lie between Saylor and J. Proctor Knott of Kentucky. Wood and Cox will be abandoned very soon if they do not develop more strength than they seem to have, and neither will be taken as a compromise candidate. There has been some talk of Gilbert C. Walker of Virginia, but that will not be verified, especially if the programme published in regard to it is attempted to be carried out.

A personal description of these various gentlemen may be interesting and we give it. Michael C. Kerr is a tall, raw-boned, rather awkward and stiff looking man with brown hair, combed smoothly, hazel-grey eyes, a billious complexion, and beard. He has a strong, manly, and pleasant voice—a good lawyer—a man of hard sense and correct habits, but not a first-class parliamentarian. He would be an honest speaker, but would lose his temper sometimes after saying something which disagreed with him. Samuel J. Randall is a well-aimed, rather short, slightly stooped shouldered man, with black hair, dark brown eyes, and smoothly-shaved face. He is called handsome, but has a habit of distorting his face by "screwing-up" his eyes and nose, on account of defective sight. His voice is pleasant, but in no wise remarkable. He is a man of great nerve, shrewdness, and experience in politics, and is universally esteemed "the best fellow in the world." He is more familiar with the rules than any Democrat in the House, and is great at "filibustering" as a resort to dilatory expedients to prevent legislation, is called. He is very popular on both sides of the House, and would make a more acceptable speaker, personally, than any of his competitors.

Samuel S. Cox is a little wiry fellow who resembles Rev. Dr. Deems a good deal, except that he wears a dark beard, sprinkled a little with grey. He is an irrepressible individual full of fun, but as sensitive as a violin school girl. He is well read, bright, quick and eloquent. Ferdinand Wood is a tall, thin grey-haired man, with a distinguished air, caused principally by his white moustache and gold eye-glasses. He has ability, large experience in politics, and great wealth. Milton Saylor is a rather large, and rather clumsy man, florid, with light brown, close cut beard and large grey eyes, and is a bon vivant. He is scholarly and sensible, has travelled much, and speaks German fluently. J. Proctor Knott is a short, florid, light-haired man of genius. He is a fine lawyer—a hard student, a wit and humorist, and has fine artistic taste and talent. A pencil sketch which he made between Butler and Garret Davis, was an object of amusement and surprise to every one who saw it. His celebrated "Duluth" speech was the most elaborate piece of burlesque in our political history, and has caused him to be esteemed only as a wag, but he is much more than that.

Such are the personal features and characters of these candidates for the position which is extended the highest next to the presidency in this country. Which one will be elected, or whether either will be, is "one of those things which no fellow can find out," until after the election.

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