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CARPET BAGGAGE IN FRANCE.

When the Corps Legislatif adjourned sine die, on the 27th of April, "there were shouts of Vive l'Emperor!" from the government members, and counter-cries of "Vive la Liberte!" from the opposition seats; but in the contest at the polls it's government cry will be, "the Emperor or Liberty! one and inseparable, now and forever!" The estimable people who do not like Louis Napoleon, the well-intentioned, call all this patronage in motion. "The admirably effective machinery by which the Legislative Chamber is packed," and they are fond of showing that an election in France is nothing more or less than a farce, whereas the people are made to go through the motions of expressing a free choice, but are constrained simply to record certain elects which have been issued from the ducan of the Minister of the Interior at Paris. This may all be quite true; but is Louis Napoleon in this a sinner above all others? Is it in France alone that the sense of stifling public opinion and converting minorities into majorities is understood and practised; and is it not possible that the main difference between the election of a government deputy in France and a carpet bag Congressman in South Carolina is that the job in the one case is executed with that neatness, skill and grace characteristic of the French, and that the work in the other case is done in that blundering, awkward, and unnecessarily offensive manner which seems to be inseparable from all the deeds of the party claiming to possess all the decency, morality, education, and patriotism of the country?—that is all the difference. It is essential to Louis Napoleon that the Legislative Chamber should be filled with men subservient to himself; it is essential to the Republican party in the United States that they should retain a two-thirds majority in Congress; and neither the French Emperor nor our Republican masters are at all squeamish as to the means which they employ to secure their ends. The emperor conducts his ballot-box stuffing, gerrymandering, intimidating, and bribery skilfully, and really gives a good government in return for the majorities which he thus procures; our despots blunder at their work and give in the worst government in Christendom. Louis Napoleon is fighting for what is dearer to him than life—the perpetuity of his dynasty and the preservation of France from revolution and anarchy; our usurpers are fighting a battle that they may continue to hold the pure strings of the nation and grow rich on its spoils of office. But the Emperor resorts to no means that are too foul for these men to use; and while he throws over his most ugly deeds the robe of propriety, they display theirs in all their naked deformity.—*Ex. Y. World.*

WASHINGTON AND BELMONT.

Grant, the soldier, commenced his career in a certain fashion, which has been very exactly imitated by Grant, the President.

The very first attempt of the former was at Belmont, and resulted in what was, for us, a failure—a success. The first effort of the latter, in his battle at Washington, has been anything but a victory. In the case of Belmont, as well as that of Washington, the initiative of the campaign was a general discouraging to the friends of the former.

We observe, in both campaigns, a good deal of the same sort of strategy. At Belmont, General Grant had the hardihood to attack, with green volunteers, a superior rebel force, under the very guns of the most powerful rebel work in existence. At Washington, Mr. Grant attempted the herculean labor of attacking no less a position than that defended by radical office-holders, who, as every strategy known in war is impossible of all offensive and defensive works. At Belmont, the beginning of the attack seemed like a victory.

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