neither so "ignorant" nor so "stupid" as to be caught in the meshes of abolition-know-nothingism by any such transparent clap-trap. The effort is a forlorn hope of the factions to sustain their sinking cause, which daily becomes more hopeless of success.

Assault in the United States Senate Chamber.

A telegraphic dispatch of the 22d inst. states that immediately after the adjournment of Congress on that day, Preston S. Brooks, of South Carolina, a member of the lower house, entered the senate chamber and approached the seat of Mr. Sumner, and struck him a powerful blow with a cane, at the same time accusing him of libelling South Carolina and his gray-bearded relative, Senator Butler. Mr. Sumner fell from the effects of the blow. Mr. Brooks continued beating him. Mr. Sumner recovered sufficiently to call for help, but no one interfered, and Mr. Brooks repeated the blows until Mr. Sumner was deprived of the power of speech. Mr. Sumner received several severe, but not dangerous, wounds on his head. The cane held by Mr. Brooks was shattered to pieces by the blows.

The assault on any account is to be regretted, but when we take into account the provocation, much may be said in palliation of it. All parties confess that Sumner's speech, surpassed in blackguardism anything ever delivered in the Senate. Blinded by rage at being used in debate by his political opponents, he commenced levelling his filth and slime over leaving the states whose leading men have been compromised in the personal attacks of the South. And, according to the New York Sun, there were reports of the country assembled by the newspapers of the South, who had been to the day, for Francis Amasa Walker and George Sangamon. Logan, the Whigs, were to blame for the scandal. Logan, the Democratic papers, accused the Whigs of being responsible for the riot. The state of the slavery question at that time was such that Senator Sumner had been in the United States Senate Chamber, not then a man of the South.
Logan, Butler, there were twenty members of the Senate who were of the party. Senator Francis was not one of them. Logan was a man of the people, and Doctor Logan was a good man. Sangamon. Senator Logan was a man of the people, and we are all. Logan was a man of the people, and we are all.

Mr. Brooks heard the foul mouthed spouter through, and being excited by his wholesale falsehoods against his aged and absent uncle, he at once indicted summary chastisement upon the non-combatant scoundrel. Such scenes are greatly to be regretted. They are disgraceful to the nation; but when such crawling, sneaking reptiles as Sumner assume the shield of non-combatancy in order to establish for themselves the exclusive privilege of violating every rule of decorum known among men, and every usage of parliamentary courtesy observed in deliberative bodies, there is certainly great allowance to be made for gentlemen who, momentarily losing their tempers, may meet out well merited but possibly illegal punishment to the offenders. However much we may regret the act on account of the scandal, it may bring upon the senate, we cannot but believe that the nation will say that Sumner got no more than he deserved. He is a base, lying blackguard, a bully without courage, a peace man and a blusterer, a provoker of fights, and a non-resistant—in short a heterogeneous conglomeration of everything mean and cowardly.

The Thing Arranged.

Washington advises of the 25th that the house committee on elections reported a resolution on that day that Hon. D. Archer is entitled to the seat held by Hon. J. C. Allen.

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