

POLITICAL.

Great Mass Meeting of the National American Excelsior Club.

Had Academy Hall been opened within a reasonable time after that at which the Excelsior Club was to have assembled, and had the keeper of the hall consented to turn on the gas within a reasonable time after the unseasonable delay in opening, there might, possibly, have been a large and enthusiastic gathering of the friends of BUCHANAN and BRECKINRIDGE at No. 663 Broadway last evening. But as the keeper would not open the door until he had told everybody that there was an unsettled account in his favor standing over from last year, and appealed to them whether or not, in view of the experience he had had, he was not right in requiring the hall rent in advance; and as he insisted upon it, even after he had received an inducement to open the hall, that the gas was a separate item, and must also be paid for in advance, there was not a very large gathering of the Democracy. But there was a very good crowd in attendance, that was not kept in silence, even though the doors were closed and no gas-light could be seen. The members gathered in the passage-way and played "Hail Columbia" patiently and perseveringly. They played it once *Fortissimo*; then they did it *For*te; then *Piano*; and finally *Pianissimo*. The last seemed a "dying strain," but it was not; for before the bass drum had received the final subdued whack, a gentleman entered the passage with a hurried step—the bandman, separating to the right and left, made way for him—he sought the keeper of the Hall found him—the keeper smiled—and "Hail Columbia" was done again and "louder than before." The Hall was opened and as the gas was not lighted, the band made another effort at "Hail Columbia." Then came Recorder SMITH, who was soon distinguished even in the dark, in consequence of his having on a very light pair of pantaloons, vest ditto, and a white hat. Then the band played "Hail Columbia"—and they played it very loud: so loud in fact that it disturbed the gas-cocks, and soon afterwards every burner gave out the essence of a Democratic speech. As an inevitable consequence, the atmosphere became very unpleasant; and, in order to purify it, the keeper rolled up some paper and burned it. For a few minutes it was doubtful which smelt the worst—the escaping gas or the burning paper; but as, through the medium of the latter, the hall was lighted, the audience did not complain, and the band played "Hail Columbia." When the band had played "Hail Columbia," the President of the Excelsior Club came forward and nominated JAMES M. SMITH, Jr., City Recorder, Chairman of the meeting. The nomination was responded to with loud applause, and the band played "Hail Columbia." When the band had played "Hail Columbia," the Chairman arose and spoke, with good effect, upon the necessity for union and harmony in the ranks of the Democracy.

When he had concluded, the band played "Hail Columbia," and RICHARD BUSTEED, Esq., arose and spoke. With a modesty which should always attend true merit, he said it would not only be out of place, but impertinent in him to estimate the amount of his political influence—a remark which drew marks of approval from the audience. He told them he was an Irishman, and that he did not desire an office—a remark which likewise pleased his hearers, and caused the band to play "Hail Columbia."

Some one now proposed, by way of variety, "three cheers for Recorder SMITH, our next Mayor." The call was responded to heartily, and the band played "Hail Columbia."

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Esq., was now called for, but he had departed, and the band played "Hail Columbia." When "Hail Columbia" had been performed, there were loud and continued calls for WM. J. ROSE, Esq., who came forward, amid a round of applause, and clothed his ideas of the duties of Democrats in language which, for correctness and elegance, is seldom equaled on Democratic boards. When he had concluded the meeting adjourned, and the band struck up "Hail Columbia."

Ninth Ward Summer Meeting.

A meeting of citizens of the Ninth Ward was held last evening at the Bleecker Buildings to protest against the attack on free speech in the outrage committed on Senator SUMNER. DANIEL FRENCH, Esq., was called to the Chair, and HENRY SMITH and FRANCIS BLISS were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. AUG. DOW stated the object of the meeting and submitted a series of resolutions, which were received with loud applause.

Messrs. S. COBB, EHLE and GRAHAM were the speakers.

A number of Ninth Ward Know-Nothings were present, and manifested an intention to break up the meeting by shouting, hissing and whistling; but it was soon stopped by the rest of the audience. One classic K. N. cried out, "D—n freedom of speech." The sentiment was received with shouts of applause by his accomplices.

The resolutions were adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

YOUNG MEN'S COMMITTEE.

The Young Men's Democratic General Committee met at Tammany last evening, SOLOMON B. NOBLE, President, in the Chair, and transacted a large amount of business. They adopted the following resolution unanimously:

Resolved, That this Committee fully and heartily endorse each and every part of the platform adopted by the National Democratic Convention held at Cincinnati on the 2d, 3d, 4th 5th and 6th days of June inst., recognizing in it as we do the true principles upon which the Democratic Party has ever acted, boldly stated and set forth in broad terms, and we hereby pledge ourselves to maintain those principles to the best of our abilities.

A Committee was appointed to confer with the Young Men's Hard General Committee with a view to bring about an affiliation of both Committees.

Arrangements for the meeting in the Park to-night were made, and a good deal of other less important business transacted.