

Wonderful Popularity!
Our neighbor presumes to know a great deal concerning Gen. Thompson, his early life, education, valorous deeds in the army, efficiency as a recruiting officer, his frequent, persistent and vigorous voting against Valandigham Democrats, and to cap it all, his great personal popularity.—These ingredients, carefully prepared, compounded and manufactured by the doctor who controls the radical organ, comprises a dose of Bitters nauseating to those who are better posted as to the virtues of the ingredients of the compound than the worthy doctor himself. If there are any who contradict the claims set up for this quick nostrum by its inventor, viz: The creation of a War Record and an Impression of the Great Personal Popularity of "Jasper County" candidate for Congress, they are immediately denounced by the venerable manufacturer and vendor of the article in question, with attempting to "besmirch" his (Gen. Thompson's good name" "knowing that he would be the most formidable and successful candidate." Now, the only "besmirching" of the General's good name has been received at the hands of his champion in the Republican party, trying to create for him a false record. The Republican editor first painted the War Record of the General with a coat of his patent political "hogwash." A second coat revealed him as an ardent recruiting officer. The third coat represents him as a "truly lofty," self-sacrificing patriot cheerfully remaining at home for the sole purpose of voting against "Valandigham Democrats," and a fourth coat, last week, see the General forth as a man of wonderful popularity,—a formidable candidate. In fact, he has "besmirched" the General with his "hogwash" until his political hind is as thick and rusty as that of an old full-grown elephant. The last coat is the most fatal for the General. When the carpet-bagger (as frequently heretofore defined by Consul James, "Jasper county's" candidate for Secretary of State), springs the question of "popularity," his long ears protrude immensely and he displays a vast amount of jackassical stupidity, and a total ignorance of the General's past political history and personal formidable ability. The General has never been elected to office by the voters of his own county. In 1874 the General was a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, was beaten in the Republican counties of Benton, Jasper and Newton, was successful in Pulaski, the Democratic vote of that county having been divided between Messrs. Yeoman and Sanderson, and the General carried the Republican and Granger vote. He was not a "stalwart" then.—In fact, not much of a party man.—In Jasper county, the home of Gen. Thompson, he received 691 votes—his Democratic competitor, Mr. Yeoman, 819—leaving him in the rear 128. In Curry, the Republican candidate for Secretary of State, received 870 votes—being 179 more than the General. In Calkins received 875 votes—184 more than the General. In Marion town-ship, Gen. Thompson's own home, Curry received 230 votes—the General 165, falling below the Republican State ticket 65 votes. He was beaten in his own Republican town and town-ship.

Surely the General is being slaughtered in the house of his friends. As to his being the most formidable candidate in the field we are not positive—but viewing it from a Democratic standpoint we are in favor of Gen. Simon receiving the radical nomination. There is no man in the district against whom the opposition could more readily and harmoniously unite, and should it be the fortune of the radicals to elect their candidate, the Democracy feel with reference to it as did the old lady in the northern part of this county, who, on being informed that the departure of her husband into eternity was close at hand, and prompted to converse with him as to his future prospects, replied:— "Somebody has to go to h—l, and I and my husband might as well go as anybody." And the Democracy feel that if a Republican has to go to Congress it may as well be General Simon and any other.

Educational.

There were sixty-four applicants for license passed the examination last Saturday, the almost impassable condition of the roads to the contrary notwithstanding. At Renning on the Saturday before, thirty-five would-be teachers presented themselves to give a reason for their faith that is in them. When so many are aspiring to positions in our schools it furnishes school officers an excellent opportunity to choose from them all the fittest and the best. There is and will ever be a demand for more competent instruction and it speaks well for the teachers of Jasper county to be

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