1642

, 1857

Connersville Indiana Decr. 22nd

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

You will please send the undersigned a few copies of your late Speech in the Senate, and and as many Democratic Documents as you may please to send and they will be thankfully received

By your friends

William P. Iles
Samuel Minor

Address. Connersville Indiana

W. P. Iles
of Saml Minor
Connellsville Ind
Decr 22/57.

a few copies of yr Speech
& Democ Doct

Sent

1643

Edward A Jewett
Harvard University
Cambridge Mass.
Dec 22/57

Wants autographs.

Sent Jany 17 1858

Harvard University Cambridge Ms.
Dec. 22d 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Respected Sir.
As I am obtaining a valuable collection of Autographs, I would ask the favor of yours to add to this collection.
Your Obedient Servt.
Edward A. Jewett.

New Philadelphia Decem. 22nd /57

To the Hon.

S. A. Douglas Dear Sir

Although personally a perfect Stanger to you I take the liberty hereby of Expressing my warmest Feelings and gratitude. for the noble Stand you Have taken In the present Crisis Endeavering to Carry out the true principels of the doctrin of Popular Sovrenty. haveing read the Speech Lately made by you. In the Senate of the United States I must Say that the posisions taken There are unanswerable. and are made So Clear And plain that every unbiaused mind must come To the Same Conclusion. And as true as the Sun Shines in the firmament on a bright noon day, Is the Only doctrin that will satisfy an Overwhelming Majority of the free men of our Glorious Republic Have the goodness if Conveniant to Send me Several Copies of your Speach in Pamplet form and I will make good use of them

Your Truely John Judy

John Lady

New Philadelphia

Dec 22/57

Wants several copies

of your speech

1645

St Augustine
December 22 1857

Dear Sir
will you
please send some
public Documents to me
at this Office for Distribution
upon a most obliging request
to the Hon. S. A. Douglas
Wm Kirk P. Post Master
at St Augustine
J Clinois

Wm Kerr
PM
St Augustine
Ills
Dec 22/57
Wants Docs for distribution
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Washington
Dec 22
S. Phillips
Chief Clerk
Office of Patents
Hon. J. Collins

John M. Krum (?)

St Louis

Dec 22/57.

Approves.

1676

St. Louis
Dec. 22. 1857

Dear Sir

Allow me - one of your Earliest acquaintances in the west & fast friend - to Express the very great gratification your recent Speech in the Senate has afforded me

That your personal & political friends should feel gratified with your Eloquent effort is not strange

But what to me is particularly gratifying is the fact that the positions you assumed & the unanswerable arguments you brought to their support Command the admiration of your political opponents.

In this Community - with

all parties - there is but one sentiment - the universal expression is - "Douglass is right" -

And this, if it is not now, soon will be the popular sentiment of the democracy of the whole Country -

Pardon the liberty I have taken - I beg to be remembered to Mr. Douglass &

Remain Mt Yours

Johnell Jones

Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate

1647

Pleasant Gap Dec 22nd - 1857

Hon. Stephen A Douglas -

Dear Sir

You will much oblige one of your admirers by sending me some two or three hundred Copeys of your late Speech made in the U. States Senate. It is the object of the Democracy to back your views as far as I can learn in the Centrical part of Pa - by giving the above your early attention you will much oblige Many Democrats -

Believe me your admirer & well Wisher

J Larimer

Direct Pleasant Gap Centre Co Pa

Pleasant Gap, Pa
~~Near~~ Centre Co., Pa.
Dec. 22d 1857
~~J. S. Sumner~~
Want 2, or 300.
copies of your
speech on the
Kansas question

40

1648

Perry, Pike County Illinois Dec 22/57

Senator Douglass

Sir

Please Send me the Reports Of the Patent office, the report of the agricultural Department, I am Verry anxious to obtain, the report of the Mechanical Department I would be glad to have, But if I get the agricultural Report I Shall Not complain, I am a democrat Never Voted for any other party in my Life I Have Been in Illinois 21 years — voted for you Every time you have Been Before the people during that time.

My Grandfather was a Soldier of the Revolution I Never Expect to disgrace him, if you forget to Send the reports I May Bore you Several times during this Session.

Yours Respectfully

John F Lining

J. J. Lemon

Perry Ills

Dec 22/57.

hunts against Post

Post Office &c

Sent

1649

Dec 22nd 1857.

Meigscreek. Morgan. Co. Ohio

Mr Douglas Sir.

you will be surprised to receive a letter from me. as I am probably intirly unknown to you. - but it seemed to me I could not rest untill I thanked you for your defence of the rights of man - the Nebraska Kansas acti and the people of Kansas. I hear thank God that you are in the Senate of the United States. Thank god you are now upon the watch tour of Liberty. and I thank you, for being a faithful sentnal. Fear not the fire eaters, let them be found where they may. the north has sufficeant cold watter to cool their hissing Taungs. - My god, how my heart grew faint and sick. after reading the presidents Mesage!! To hear him say that (the question has been fairly and explicitly referred to the people!!!,

Jno H Seitzer
Meigs Creek
Ohio
Dec 22/57.
Approves your Course
& thanks God that you can
stand up to it -

Sent

I said to myself, fare well Democracy.
if such are the redemptions of the
pledges to the people, on the organic
act. of Kansas & Nebraska!—
I said where are the rights of the
people. to goveren themselves!!
But what still added to my confusion
was. that there was a few that was
willing to vindicate and say the
Constitution made at Lecompton was
Just!! (but thank god they are but a few)
In sending my thank to you. I also
send the thanks of tenthousand, ten times
told over. and as I. pass through
my neighborhood. I hear those that
were wavering. and others that declare
we were, sold to a southern-
aristocracy! are now shouting
Hurra. for little. Dug!!— Hurra for
the little giant!— and so say I.
Hurrah for the little giant!!
Slay them as sampson did the
philistians of Old.

one thing more I. would aske of you.
that is. vindicate the measure giving
land to actual settlers. and I pledge
you my word. you. will be called
no more the little giant.— but the
Big Giant!!— and your name &
person, will be blessed. by hundreds
of thousands. at this time, know nothing
of you. — you will pleas excuse
my bad writing and spelling. which
I have no doubt you will do. when
I tell you. my stand is my Atlas
in my laps. with my legs crossed
my wife too is making fun—
saying I am shooting crossleged
at little Slug.— So farewell
for this time. I hope I shall
live to shake you by the hand
some day.— yours truly

James. H. Sutgen.

Pomeroy Ohio Dec 22d 1857.

Hon S A Douglas.

Sir. As a resident of Kansas, now on my way east, I beg leave to speak a word in behalf of the people of that territory, and to hold up your hands in the struggle you maintain in their behalf. I refer you to Hon- V. B. Horton (in whose town I am stopping.) To Mr Craigin of N. H., and to Mr Collamer of the Senate, in whose town and court, he presiding, (I think) I was admitted to the Bar.

I was in Kansas through the summer of '56, and part of '57. The narrations of the participators in, and the spectators of, events in Kansas concur to sustain Ex Secretary Gihon's History, Mrs Robinson's Diary, and Mr- G. W. Brown's History now going through the press, Mr Philips's I have not seen but is of the same tenor, judging by by extracts. The transactions reported by the Congressional Committee, are just as familiar and notorious in Kansas as are the political doings

your precinct, to yourself. The facts are historically fixed. The colorings, by the writers, may require modification. Thus much of the past. As to the present. Mr Buchanan is in a net of perplexities, only because John Calhoun weaves it faster than Mr B. can rend it. If Calhoun and his clerks had been removed at Shannons departure from office, Mr Geary would have been governor (and a good one) to-day. The Kansas drama would have closed this day a year ~~a year~~ ago. From the first this man's head has appeared conspicuous creating and controlling the storm. Since the withdrawal of Atchison, Buford, and outsiders generally, from the scene, Calhoun's Office has been the focus of evil to Kansas and the Cabinet. He seems to act in two ways. First through the Ultraists in the south. 2dly, by foul agencies at Washington. Indeed, it is impossible to account for the getting of the last administration towards us, except its ear was poisoned by a continuous stream of malicious lies, from this same source. Now I beg you to adopt the hypothesis that the administration for want of an excision of this rotten branch, is ever at war with itself and see if a solution of all troubles about Kansas does not follow. It's right hand is underneath Calhoun, its left sets down a governor there to be struck down by the scourge held in the other. Are there no means by which this hateful sore, ever festering and sending its inflamation throughout our political system, can be dissected out and buried or burned? Is it denied that Calhoun's chief Clerk, MacLain, has earned the post and title of Adjutant General, by services in the the invading armies? Is there any need that witnesses should be called to repeat MacLain's boasting over his exploits in the forays into Kansas, while the Office was at Wyandotte? Are these the services to be paid for, out of our common treasury? Shall the Land & Survey's Office be turned into fiery furnaces of fury, faction, and civil war, and no questions asked? Will there never be another executive term with a ~~fiber~~ or sinew of Andrew Jackson's? What next is Mr Buchanan to do? His material for governors is

used up. He and his predecessor have gone through the whole range from bottom (Shannon) to top. Suppose he try his hand in the territory. There are numbers there eminently qualified, and who will not need to go to school six months, before they know how to act. Let the underminers of governors be driven out first; otherwise the appointment will be an insult. What special harm will ensue, should the appointee have some sympathies in common with the main body of the citizens of Kansas? Very probably, the Kansas troubles would get an effectual coup de main by the selection of Charles Robinson.

The idea is amusing at least. Pardon me I will not trifle. I wish to testify, and only this, that the little faction of Calhoun and the satanic Constitution, is only worthy of every patriot's ineffable contempt. It's leader and the rank and file are coarse, profane, intemperate, and unprincipled as all their acts prove. It is a burning shame to America, that ~~such~~ a few characters, from so low a social stratum, should have the power to raise such a commotion, and, by their crimes, force their names into her history. Yours with respect

Abel Merrill

late of Plainfield N.H. now of Topeka K.T.

1650

Shullsville Ind. Dec. 22nd 1857

Honored sir:-

Please excuse me for being so bold as to ask a favor of an entire stranger. Just at this time, your best friends, in this part of the country, find it difficult to obtain a single copy of your Speech of the 9th inst., and we are very desirous of reading that Document. There has been but about three copies of it in this community, to my knowledge, and those appeared in opposition papers. I am a subscriber for the "Cincinnati Daily Enquirer", and yet have failed to obtain that Speech, except by borrowing a paper, which I had to return. Yesterday, there appeared in my "Daily", an article from its "Washington Correspondent," which said that it was rumored about the Capitol, that "Judge Douglas would have to look after his Laurels." Well, this accounts for the non-appearance of the Speech, in question, in that paper.

It does appear to me, that our Democratic papers should, at least, give a fair hearing. There are but two prominent men in my acquaintance, who have acted with the Democracy that now take the side of the Administration on the Kansas question, though they all applaud the other parts of his Message. The two I speak of, may as well be named. John L. Robinson, of Rush, and Martin M. Ray, of this place, are the gentlemen referred to, and I feel free to say that they have stood, and now stand Check by Jole with Jesse D. Bright, in the passage of the celebrated Bank Fraud, three years since, and the slaughter of Joseph A. Wright, last winter. They are scarcely to be numbered with the honest Democracy of Indiana.

If you have them, please send me a few copies of the Speech, and I will make good use of them, if you deem me capable. Like the Story of the Leaven and Bread, I have tried to spread the right spirit, and still more might be done, just now, with a few copies of your late Speech. Of course, some things herein would not do to be published, so you will oblige by considering this letter confidential.

I remain your
humble
Servant.
James Millison

James Millison

Shelbyville

Dec 22/59. Ind

Wants Speeches

Territory of Minnesota
Minneapolis Dec 22 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

It affords me pleasure to drop you a line, after reading your Speech to night, delivered in the Senate on the 9th inst. on the Kansas question or Constitution, your views are such as we all in the North advocate, as Democrats we have advocated them in all our speeches in Nomination and action during the last Election in our own Territory, our opponents slandered us by reporting us as against the will of the people acting in Kansas, but we were bound hand and foot to the South or Slave power, your Speech is moving like a young

earthquake the whole Republican party in the North have and they are now saying that our Northern Democrats have taken the wind entirely from the Republican sails and if our position now is positioned as there will be neither left of the Republican party but what will go over to the Abolitionist party and the conservatives will go with us. I trust they may see clear we are right and join our ranks with a full heart. Our County is now Republican by a vote but we hope for better things hereafter." Some of us were talking last fall on the Democratic ticket but we pick our tickets and stay again

Mr Rice starts to morrow for Washington, may his shadow never be less that man is found in the hearts of the people here.

I am truly sorry I was not at home when you & Mrs called at my House last Summer. It would have given me pleasure to have met you, on account of my Father's acquaintance with you at Liberty Hill, while you were on the Bench. Keep of the Dr", Stand by our noble troop, Rice, Shields, Bricker, Felps & Cavenaugh and give us a light as your Ever have done, and you may be assured you will come with some

Yours your true friend
Edward Murphy

Ed. Murphy

Minneapolis

Dec 22/57. M T

Approve your course

Mr. Rice starts tomorrow

for Washington – is sorry

he was not at home when he

you called

1652

Clarion, Clarion Co. Pa. Dec 22/57

Dr. Sir!

Though personally a stranger I have noticed your recent action on the Kansas question with great pleasure & satisfaction, so much so that I take the liberty of addressing you.

My opinion cannot of course control your action, but I only reflect the sentiments of the whole northern conservative community of all parties when I say you are right on that question and sir let me say to you that the same public opinion now demands a change in our revenue laws so as to give specific duties, or a home valuation. Advocate that & you will be the next President mark it! I care not what party you are classed with. You can sweep the entire North

I have ~~not~~ observed the course of political sons for ~~[illegible]~~ years, and I feel that by advocating such a change in the Tariff & adhering to your position on the Kansas question you are bound to win. Bigler to the contrary notwithstanding. Pardon my presumption of familiarity but remember what I have here stated,

Yours Ob Servt &c

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Amos Myers

Amos Myers
Claim
Pa
Decd 22/57.
Appeal up Course

Deny

1653

Ravenna Ohio Dec 22d 1857

Hon Sir

As I was the first man in Portag Co to publickly ~~to~~ declare in favor of the so called Kansas Nbraska bill. Permit one moment & I will here say that great excitement at present prevails relative to Buchanan, Douglas. et al on Kansas affairs & I think 9 out of 10 & perhaps 19 of 20 of all political parties here are highly in favor of the present (so called) Douglas move in congress We feel confident the rights of a free people will not be disregarded so long as your Honor ~~stand~~ stands at the helm

Yours Truly
S L Norton

to
His Hon
S. A. Douglas, M. C

J. D. Norton

Ravenna
Dec 22/57. Ohio

says 9 out of 10 of the
people there are for you

Sent

fully received by me, as well as my fellow-workers in the good cause.

Will you be kind enough also to forward me some of the public documents during the present session, as I think it quite likely, under the present circumstances, that I shall remain here during the winter; fulfilling, as far as I can, the duties I owe to the cause of Democracy as the cause of <u>righteousness</u> and <u>truth</u>.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain, as ever, Yours for the cause of Democracy and right;—

B. Winslow Packard

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

1654

B Winslow Packard
North Bridgewater
Mass: Decr 22/57.
Wants Speeches.

N. Bridgewater Mass.
Dec. 22d 1857.

Sir -

Will you please forward me some of the printed copies of your speech on the Kansas question? I think I could use several copies to advantage here, in advancing the cause of the true National Democracy, as the bulwark of State rights and as the conservative principle of the Federal Union.

Democratic documents, of the national stamp, are quite scarce here, but the Post Office is flooded with "bogus" Democratic, and "black republican" trash, therefore, any thing you may see fit to forward me will be grate-

1655

Middleport O.
Dec. 22nd 1857

Hon. S A Douglas
Dr Sir

Your great Speech made in the U. S. States Senate has not, as yet, been published in our Democratic Papers. I have only read a part of it as published in the opposition papers. please send me one or more copies of it by mail. I mean your Speech on the Lecompton Constitution; Send also a copy of the Bill which you have introduced for the settlement of the affairs of Kansas & your Speech upon it when introduced; The Democracy of Meigs County so far as I know and have heard their sentiments expressed are highly pleased with the course you have taken. we say to you (go a head you are right) but where is our young and talented Senator, Pugh; where will he found; working I trust shoulder to shoulder with yourself

Respectfully & truly Yours D. Pangbourn

Direct to Middleport Meigs County O.

D. Pangburn

Middlebury O

Dec 22/57

Wants your speech

the new enabling bill

Your speech on it

Senator Douglas and Kansas Affairs.

BOSTON, Dec. 17, 1857.

Editor Ledger:—I regret to hear any insinuations derogatory to the character and position of that noble statesman, that faithful patriot, Stephen A. Douglas.

Let me ask who knows so well the meaning, and who can so truly explain the Nebraska and Kansas bill at the one who *alone originated* and who, against *timid friends* and in the face of the most powerful opposition, so successfully carried that measure.

Some of those who are now so *wisely* pretending to say what are the principles of the Kansas bill, when that master mind was elucidating and sustaining it, *could not* and *did not comprehend* its meaning, and not until it was *certain* that he would sustain himself and preserve the party, did they lend any aid.

In Stephen A. Douglas the Democracy of the country have a true and gallant champion and leader, with the head and intellect to devise and originate, the ability to execute, and the courage to defend. If we are true to ourselves and our principles we shall stand by him. P.

1656

Boston December 22. 1857

Hon S A Douglass

I find an effort has been made from your first speech, by the Post Small Administration in the circulation of the Union article, and by insinuations of Bigler and others to prejudice you with the democracy by asserting you had or intended to break down the administration and build up a new party — I am glad that you met Bigler on this point while yet I send me some 20 copies of your first speech and as many of your last with your frank with as many addresses as I wish to place them in the hands of some friends who will stand by you — George Canning Hill Editor of Boston Ledger is taking strong ground for you — My Post Office address is Charlestown Mass —

Yours Truly
Solomon Parsons

Solomon Parsons
Charlestown, Mass:
Decr 22./57.

Wants some 20
Speeches - franked.

[Dec. 22, 1857]

Hon Stephen A Douglas Esq

Dear Sir // since the reading of your speech on the Kansas Question I can truly say to you that there is not a recenang voice a gainst your position every man is a Douglas man Even the rankest Black republican that have heretofore condemned popular sovereignty are horrawing for Douglas //

God speed your position go ahead you will receive more thanks than you received curses when the Kansas & Nebraska bill past since G. W. Peck has been Defeated I feer that we shall not receive many Democratic speeches I persume your time will be occupied in carring out your greag principle of popular sovereignty if you can place the name of this office in a position to receive a share of such speeches you would confer a grate favour on the Democrats of this section of country Dryden Dec 22th 1857

William Quaterman Esq

To Hon Stephen A Douglas

adress

Dryden Lapeer Co Michigan

Wm Quatermass
PM

Dec 22, 1857
Dryden
Mich

says everybody there is for the
BRs are for you. Has no Dem
opposition Rep. turnouts his Office
supplied with Docs

Sent

1658

Troy Dec 22 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

I am very desirous of being the owner of a Copy of your Speech in the Senate on the great question whether the people of a Territory shall form a State Constitution for themselves or not, I mean your Kansas Speech, I am a native of Vermont from Pennington, and of good Democratic Blood & believe that my friends as well as myself subscribe to the doctrines contained in your Speech

I would also add that my Father Isaac T. Robinson as well as myself would be glad to have you send us each a Copy & we assure you it shall not fail to be read attentively The extracts we have seen contain the sentiments of my grandfather Hon Jos Robinson who in the Lance Senate years ago advocated the doctrine now advocated by you, the Sovereignty of the people

Very Respty Your
Daniel Robinson

Daniel Robinson
Troy, N.Y.
Dec 22/57.

Wants Speech
for self and
H. G. Robinson.

1659-1

Shelbyville Indiana
December 22d 1857.

Hon Stephen A Douglass –

Dr Sir – While I am unwilling to presume upon a mere introductory acquaintance with you which I have the honor to enjoy, through my esteemed Friend T. Bigger – Register of the Treasury – during the pendency of your world renowned "Kansas Nebraska Bill", yet, when I see you assailed "in the house of your friends", for your fealty to the very doctrine which the great Democratic party has been proud to boast – as "National", "Republican" &c, and which doubtless placed Mr. Buchanan upon the Presidential chair – Patriotism alone, is my only apology for thus obtruding upon your time.

Please find inclosed some clipped Editorials, from one of the oldest and most influential Democratic papers of our state – with the intelligent assurance that it reflects the sentiments of 99/100 of the Democracy of Indiana. May Heaven bless you in your unswerving integrity to one of the sovereign and most sacred privileges of the citizens of our great Nation! – Victory will certainly be yours; and, in due course of time, the suffrages of a free and greatful people will tell you how much they love you.

I could give you many cheering

time, but shall not trespass further upon your patience.

With considerations of the highest respect
I am yours
E. S. Russell

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

E. F. Rupell
Shelbyville
Ind
Dec 22/57
Complimentary & send
slips from papers.

Rent

NO

THE SHELBY VOLUNTEER.

SHELBYVILLE: Indiana

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1857.

CHAS. SMITH, F. M. RANDALL, } Editors.

The Kansas Question.

There are certain symptoms, in certain quarters, bearing upon the question of the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution, which we very much regret to see, and which bode anything but good to the Democratic party. We refer to the tone of those journals which make themselves the special champions of the Lecompton Convention and its disgraceful swindle. Under the impudent and unwarrantable pretext of "sustaining the administration" and of fighting through an "administration measure," they denounce as "malcontents" and "traitors to the Democratic party," all who do not come unfalteringly up to the line of policy which they have chalked out. The folly of such a course must be apparent to every one who knows anything of public sentiment on the Kansas question, as it is now presented to the American people. Let these gentlemen who are so ready to flourish the knout over the heads of those who stand up for a strict and literal adherence to the great doctrine of popular sovereignty, consult the rank and file of the party, before they push matters to extremes. In an adventure of that character, it will be best to count well the cost, before commencing operations. We do not think the position of the Washington Union and its echoes, on this subject, is sufficiently backed up by the masses, the bone and sinew of the Democratic party, to warrant them in putting on the airs which they assume towards "brethren of the same household" whose consciences are not sufficiently elastic to enable them to swallow all their wild vagaries and monstrous heresies, at a gulp. If the spirit which seems to animate these assumed "leaders" in the Democratic ranks, is to be generally imitated, then we may as well begin to look out for "breakers." If reason, truth, justice, and and honorable regard for principle are to be met only by brow beating, denunciation and abuse, the result is too obvious to be mistaken. If the care and safekeeping of the Democratic party is to be consigned wholly to such hands, we much fear that more will be lost than gained. One contingency, and one only, can intervene to prevent the trouble which blind and infatuated politicians are "hatching." If, at the election to be held in Kansas, on the 21st inst., the Constitution, in one or the other of the forms in which it is presented by the Convention, shall receive such a vote as to show, *beyond doubt*, that it is accepted by majority of the bona fide residents of the Territory, then will Kansas be admitted into the Union, and the whole difficulty will have reached a peaceful solution. But if the vote is not such as to indicate that it is the voice of the majority clearly and fairly expressed, the whole responsibility will be thrown upon Congress of deciding whether the Democratic doctrine of popular sovereignty shall hereafter be regarded as a practical, substantial, living principle, or an ingeniously contrived clap-trap the real purpose and object of which is to enable oily politicians to gammon the people.

☞ The Washington Union insists upon it, that the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution, at any rate and at all hazards, is *"an administration measure."* "Administration measure," indeed! The President in his Message not only expresses his deep regret that the Constitution in its entire form was not submitted to a vote of the people, but he tells us that he *took it for granted* that it would be so submitted and framed his instructions to Gov. Walker accordingly.—The President does not recommend the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution, in its present shape, but does distinctly recommend that "the example set by the last Con. ress, requiring that the Constitution of Minnesota should be subject to the approval and ratification of the people of the proposed State, be followed on future occasions." In every essential point, the Message of the President more nearly coincides with the position of Mr. Douglas, than it does with that of the Union, who opens its batteries upon the Senator from Illinois for taking ground against the administration! If the doctrine of the Union is the doctrine of the President, people are compelled to go outside of the Message to learn it.

☞ Since the capture of Delhi, all hard fighting is at an end in India. The rebel forces are scattered throughout the territory, and are nothing more than bands of marauders and plunderers whose operations alone remain to be checked by the British Government.

COUNTY CONVENTION.—Have the Democracy of Shelby County taken proper measures to secure a general attendance at the County Convention on Saturday next? If not let them do so forthwith.—Every Township should be fully represented.

☞ The Constitution of Oregon has been ratified by the people, with the exception of the Slavery clause, which has been rejected by a large majority.

Secretary Stanton's Message.

Secretary Stanton, acting Governor of Kansas, in the absence of Gov. Walker, delivered his Message to the Legislature convened in extra session, at Lecompton, on the 8th inst. We find the Message published, in full, in the Chicago Times of the 16th. Mr. Stanton takes a clear but rapid review of the condition of things in Kansas from the time of Gov. Walker's appointment to the present moment, and recommends what he conceives to be the best course to remove the dissatisfaction which prevails at the final action of the Lecompton Convention, and avert the calamities which imminently threaten the public peace. He very justly attributes all the evils and dangers of the present hour to the refusal of the ultra "Free State men" to participate in the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention. Had they done their duty at that hour, all just cause of complaint would have been removed. But since the wrong had been committed, by the free State men first in refusing to vote, and by the Convention afterwards in refusing to submit their Constitution to a vote of the people, it was necessary to devise means to prevent the discord and violence which are so seriously apprehended.

For this purpose, Mr. Stanton recommends the passage of a law directing an election to be held in which the people shall be authorized to vote for the Constitution in either of the forms presented by the Convention, and also against that Constitution in both forms. As any law attempting to control the officers of the Convention and those acting under them, would be of more than doubtful validity, and might be wholly disregarded by them, he suggests that it would be best to provide for a separate proceeding under different officers, but that the election be held at the same time and at the same places as provided for in the proclamation of the President of the Convention, in order that the result may be communicated to Congress at the earliest practicable moment, as the sovereign will of the people of Kansas. Mr. Stanton contends stoutly for the legitimate exercise of the sovereignty of the people on those points in which the Convention has attempted to trammel or restrain it. In pursuing the course he has, he says he is but following to its logical conclusion the well known policy of Gov. Walker, in all of which he has most heartily concurred.

SENATOR DOUGLAS' SPEECH.—We are indebted to Senator Douglas for an early copy, in pamphlet form, of his speech in the United States Senate, on so much of the President's Message as refers to Kansas. The speech is a most lucid and powerful vindication of the great doctrine of popular sovereignty, as enunciated in the Kansas Nebraska act, and as advocated by the Democratic party. Even the opponents of Mr. Douglas, on the Kansas question, as now presented, admit that his speech in the Senate was one of the most powerful forensic efforts ever made by that gentleman on the floor of Congress. When we say that his arguments are unanswered and unanswerable, we express the opinion of nine out of every ten who shall peruse the speech. As we intend to publish it entire, the moment we get rid of the tax list, we will not attempt, at this time, to give a synopsis of it. The speech must be read as a whole, to be comprehended in its full force.

☞ The Republican State Central Committee have met and adjourned, without calling a State Convention. The Republican party has to be remodeled, and the leaders haven't yet decided how the thing shall be "fixed up." They all agree that it won't do to go into the approaching State Campaign under the old 'programme.' Some of the more practical men of the party are for letting the whole organization drop through, under the decided impression that it is next to impossible "to make a whistle out of a pig's tail."

NEW PAPERS.—We are in receipt of the Bloomington Weekly *Advocate* and the Clay County *Democrat*, two able and efficient democratic journals just started at Bloomington and Bowling Green—the former published by Cyrus T. Nixon, and the latter by Lusk & Wilise.

With talent and experience to back them, the editors of the two papers will do all that can be reasonably exacted of them by a *reasonable* and *exacting* public.

☞ Those officious persons who have undertaken the self-imposed duty of "excommunicating" Judge Douglas and his friends from the Democratic party, may wake up some of these mornings and find themselves in the peculiar condition of the twelfth juryman who protested most vehemently against the obstinacy of his eleven colleagues.

SNYDER AND MEREDITH, of Adams' Express "come down on us" with their New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis papers, faster than we can acknowledge the receipt of them.—Come on, boys, take our hat or anything else we have that you want. We are exceedingly good natured just now, and *tolerably* good looking.

☞ Hon. Robert J. Walker has resigned the Governorship of Kansas, with a letter to the State Department explaining his reasons.

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23, 1857. NUMBER 16.

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FOUNTAIN G. ROBERTSON,

IS STILL AROUND!

ANOTHER LICK AT HIGH PRICES!

Great rejoicing among the people thereat!

Fortunes Made without Trying.

Fogydom in a Pucker.

WHEN the Poet said "There is a tide in human affairs which, taken at the ebb, leads on to fortune;" he hit our case exactly. Eight weeks ago we announced a revolution in the Dry Goods trade, and what was then experiment, is now fact!

Since the ushering in of the new era of

LOW PRICES,

Robertson's old stand, North-west corner of the public square, has been the place where "people most do congregate."

It has been fun for us to sell—fun for people to buy—fun all around.

Recent large additions to our former choice and excellent stock of "Varieties," has so increased our capacity for fun, that we bid fair to be the funniest man alive.

Fun in these "hard times" is a rarity, and can be found on a larger scale only at

ROBERTSON'S.

We have opened out one of the largest and best assortments of

DRY GOODS

of every variety,

Groceries,
Queensware,
Hats,
Caps,
Boots & Shoes,
of the very latest

FALL AND WINTER STYLES,

which we will sell at prices so low as to defy all successful competition.

When we say that, we say it in earnest, and therefore conclude there's "no more use in talking."

Every article, whether denominated necessaries or luxuries, usually kept by country dealers, may be found in "jam up" order at

FOUNT ROBERTSON'S.

Gentlemen and Ladies will please "walk in without knocking." "O.r latch string is always out."

Be sure and look for F. G. ROBERTSON'S ROOM, North-west corner of Public Square.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

of all kinds taken in exchage for goods for which the highest market price will be paid.

F. G. ROBERTSON.

n9tf

HUBBELL & BROTHER,

DEALERS IN

GROCERIES,

WOODEN WARE,

QUEENSWARE,

WILLOW-WARE,

AND

Agents for

BONES' FAMILY FLOUR.

ODD FELLOW'S HALL.

[BLAIR AND ELLIOTT'S OLD STAND]

Shelbyville, Ind. sept.9-'57-tf.

STOVE, COPPER AND TIN-WARE STORE.

O. C. PAYNE & CO.,

Have opened out the largest and best assortment of

STOVES AND TIN-WARE

Ever offered to the public in this place—all of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms.

ALSO

JOBBING AND TINNING,

done to order at the very lowest rates.

ROOFING

and other outside work attended to on short notice.

O. C. PAYNE & CO.

St. Paul, Ind., Oct. 21, '57. n7tf.

SAVE YOUR MONEY!!

JAMES THOMAS,

RETAILER IN

Domestic and Foreign Dry Goods!

Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes!

Hardware and Queensware!

NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE,

SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA,

RESPECTFULLY asks his friends and the public in general, when desiring anything in his line of trade, to give him a call. Having adopted the

"CASH SYSTEM!"

he will be enabled to sell his goods at a very small profit, thus mutually benefitting both seller and buyer. To those who wish to use their money in paying for goods, instead of paying for credit, he can offer

SUBSTANTIAL INDUCEMENTS

for giving him their trade. His business in all its departments, will be conducted in accordance with the necessities of the times, and with a due regard to safety and economy.

All Kinds of Produce

taken in exchange for goods at their cash price. JAMES THOMAS.

Shelbyville, Nov. 16th, 1857.—n11tf

OLD CORN.

A small lot of old corn for sale by n8tf. J. W. ELLIOTT & CO.

FALL STYLE of Silk Hats now on hand at the Shelbyville Hat Manufactory.

no3-tf. JOHN WILSON.

WILLIAM McELWEE,

Dealer in all kinds of

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,

ALSO

Stoves and Tin-Ware!

First door South of the Volunteer Office, SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA.

Just received and for sale cheap for cash,

Rio Coffee,	N. O. Sugar,
Y. H. Tea,	Molasses,
Sal Soda,	Starch;
No. 1 German Soap,	Star Candles,
White Fish,	Cod Fish,
Mackerel,	Tobacco,

Give me a call. Terms cash.

no4tf. WM. McELWEE.

CLEAR THE TRACK

FOR McELWEE'S!

"Two Forty"

Is the time new for all who want to get the FIRST "LICK" AT MAC'S PILE

Of Stoves and Tin-Ware,

GROCERIES AND "GIMCRACKS."

"Slow coaches" who take their chance AS IT COMES WILL FALL INTO LINE AND

Take the march for the

Three Story Brick Building,

ON HARRISON STREET,

next door South of the Volunteer Office.

THERE'S MAC'S SHINGLE,

as plain as a pike staff,

Please keep step to the Music and no dilly-bowing or over-reaching,

Mac has enough for all,

and lots more coming!

COOK, Parlor and Shop Stoves of all sizes and kinds, always on hand, at wholesale and retail. Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware, by the cord, half cord, dozen or single. Everything in that line from a tin whistle or a steam boiler.

To make the capacities of his establishment fully equal to the wants of the public, Mac has piled up on "tother side" a tremendous

LOT OF GROCERIES,

all nice and fresh from the dealers', Provisions, Wooden-Ware, Baskets, and other "fixings" which he has'nt leisure time enough to enumerate.

Mac don't give a man his "bread and dinner" already cooked; but he does the next thing to it. He fits you out with a

GOOD COOK STOVE,

and then furnishes you with all the necessary articles in the Provision line to cook on it.

Among his Cook Stoves is the

CELEBRATED "CLIMAX,"

which is one of the Stoves "spoken of." It has been used three years in this market, and has proved to be the best double-oven Stove ever sold, as hundreds of families that are now using it will most willingly testify.—Be sure and ask for the "Climax."

Particular attention is invited to his stock of choice

TEAS, SUGAR AND COFFEE.

The tea is all right with the women folks, and is a sure protection against the doldrums by day, and curtain lectures by night. The man who purchases a pound of it, gets a months happiness in the bargain.

McElwee has enlisted for life, and will make it a point to establish a

BUSINESS REPUTATION

that shall bear him safely and successfully through any emergency.

Don't forget the place. The Three Story Brick Building, one door South of the Volunteer Office. Just call there, and you'll find McElwee "up and dressed" every time.

n9tf.

WANTED!

HIGHEST price paid in cash or trade for old copper, at [n10] McELWEE'S.

COME with your butter, eggs, chickens and produce of all kinds; come with your

DOUBTFUL MONEY,

Before it becomes worthless, at the cash store of [n10] McELWEE.

SAW MILL MEN, LOOK HERE!

A No 1 Saw Gummer in store and for sale cheap for cash or good poplar lumber; enquire at n9tf McELWEE'S.

CORN SHELLERS.

JUST received good hand Corn Shellers that will shell 150 bushels per day with one man and boy. For sale low. Corn taken for pay. Enquire at McElwees, next door to the Volunteer office. n9tf

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JUST received a few well Buckets Iron bound, all oak, at no4tf McELWEE'S.

FOR SALE!—A vacant lot in north part of town, on Walker st. Terms easy—enquire at no4m3 McELWEE'S.

A full supply of Stone Ware at no4tf McELWEE'S

NEW GOODS.

The Latest Fall and Winter Styles

JUST RECEIVED BY

SLEETH & UPDEGRAFF,

RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Shelby county that they are opening at their new Store in

RAY'S NEW BUILDING,

next door to Robin's Drug Store, on the Public Square, a new stock of

Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods,

Consisting of a general assortment of Goods usually kept in Dry Goods Stores. Ready-Made Clothing all of which they will sell cheap for cash or country produce.

THE LADIES ESPECIALLY

are invited to examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere.

We also keep on hand a large and general assortment of

FRESH GROCERIES,

Which we will sell at the lowest figures.

n7tf. Oct. 21, '57.

JUST received a fine lot of Door Mats at no4tf McELWEE'S.