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Newburyport 29th May 1858.

Dear Sir

May I ask the favor at your hands to call on Messrs Gales and Seaton and get them to copy the Inclosed Advertisement of the International Union Club on Monday or Tuesday next before the adjournment of Congress for the cause of our Country and if they will not do it from Motives of Patriotism without pay, I wish you would send it to some Influential Editor in your Congressional District, who will take the Agency of the Club for his pay and put the Notice in his paper accordingly.

With Much Respect

Your Ob^t Servt Percy Balch

Before Novr next we shall have our 1,500,000 Legal Votes as agents & Members of this Club, who will go for the two Issues of this American Republ. Party.

NEWBURYPORT
MAY
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Hon Stephen A. Douglas.

United States Senator

Washington D.C.

An answer is
respectfully Requested
on Tuesday next

Benj Poole.

Newburyport

Mass.

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WARREN F. DRAPER,
PUBLISHER AND PROPRIETOR.

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Original Poetry.

THE ADULT'S PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, wilt thou hear
The prayer we raise to thee?
Oh give us hearts of flesh not stone,
Hearts that will turn to thee.

We thank thee for our happy homes,
O God of love and power!
For thou, and thou alone, great God,
Canst keep them so an hour.

We thank thee for our precious friends,
Which make our homes so dear,
Relieving life of half its load
Of care and turmoil here.

We thank thee, too, for hearts to feel
For earth's lone helpless ones—
To whom the blessed words, sweet home
Ne'er to their bosoms come.

With grateful hearts, O God of love,
For all our wants supplied,
May we with gladness succor those
Whose wants must be denied.

May we believe the precious words
To us by Jesus given,
'Tis not so blessed to receive
As to bestow for Heaven.

P. H.

North Andover, May 13, 1858.

THE PERILS OF THE BORDER.

While reading recently an account of the frightful massacre of several white families by the Black Feet Indians, we were reminded of a thrilling event which occurred in the "Wild West," a short time subsequent to the Revolution,, in which a highly accomplished young lady, the daughter of a distinguished officer of the American Army, played an important part. The story being of a most thrilling nature, and exhibiting in a striking manner, "the "Perils of the Border," we have concluded to give an extract from it as orginally published as follows;

The angle on the right bank of the Great Kanawha, formed by its junction with the Ohio, is called Point Pleasant, and is a place of historical note. Here, on the 10th of October, 1774, during what is known as Lord Dunmore's War, was fought one of the fiercest and most desperate battles that ever took place between the Virginians and their forest foes.

After the battle in question, in which the Indians were defeated with great loss, a fort was here erected by the victors, which became a post of great importance throughout the sanguinary scenes of strife which almost immediately followed, and which in this section of the country were continued many years after that establishment of peace which acknowledged the United Colonies of America as a free and independent nation.

At the landing of the fort, on the day our story opens, was fastened a flat boat, of the kind used by the early navigators of the Western rivers.

Upon the deck of this boat, at the moment we present the scene to the reader, stood five individuals, alike engaged in watching a group of persons, mostly females, who were slowly approaching the landing. Of these five, one was a stout, sleek negro, in partial livery, and evidently a house or body servant; three were boatmen and borderers, as indicated by their rough bronzed visages and coarse attire; but the fifth was a young man, some two-and twenty years of age, of a fine commanding person, and a clear, open, intelligent, countenance; and in the lofty carriage of his head—in the gleam of his large, bright, hazel eye—there was something which denoted one of superior mind; but as we shall have occasion in the course of our narrative to fully set forth who and what Eugene Fairfax was, we will leave him for the present, and turn to the approaching group, whom he seemed to be regarding with lively interest.

Of this group, composed of a middle-aged man and four females, with a black female servant following some five or six paces in the rear, there was one whom the most casual eye would have singled out and rested on with pleasure. The lady in question was apparently about twenty years of age, of a slender and graceful figure, and of that peculiar cast of feature, which besides being beautiful in lineament, rarely fails to affect the beholder like a charm.

Her travelling costume—a fine brown habit, high in the neck, buttoned closely over the bosom, and coming down to her small pretty feet, without trailing on the ground—was both neat and becoming, and with her riding-cap, and its waving ostrich plume set gaily above her flowing curls, her appearance contrasted forcibly with the rough unpolished looks of those of her sex beside her, with their linsey bed-gowns, scarlet flannel petticoats, and bleached linen caps.

"Oh, Blanche," said one of the more venerable of her female companions,

"But I don't mean that, Blanche," returned the other, somewhat petulently; "and you just laugh like a gay and thoughtless girl, when you ought to be serious. Because you have come safe thus far, through a partially settled country, you think, perhaps, your own pretty face will ward off danger in the perilous wilderness—but I warn you that a fearful journey is before you! Scarcely a boat descends the Ohio, that does not encounter more or less peril from the savages that prowl along either shore; and some of them, that go down freighted with human life, are heard of no more, and none ever return to tell the tale."

"But why repeat this to me, dear aunt," returned Blanche, with a more serious air, "when you know it is my destiny, either good or bad, to attempt the voyage? My parents have sent for me to join them in their new home, and it is my duty to go to them, be the peril what it may."

"You never did know what it was to fear!" pursued the good woman, rather proudly. "No," she repeated, turning to the others, "Blanche Bertrand never did know what it was to fear, I believe!"

"Just like her father!" joined in the husband of the matron, the brother of Blanche's mother, the commander of the station, and the middle-aged gentleman mentioned as one of the party; "a true daughter of a true soldier. Her father, Colonel Phillip Bertrand, God bless him for a true heart, I never did seem to know what it was to fear—and Blanche is just like him."

By this time the parties had reached the boat; aud the young man already described—Eugene Fairfax, the secretary of Blanche's father—at once stepped forward, and in a polite and deferential manner, offered his hand to the different females, to assist them on board. The hand of Blanche was the last to touch his—and then but slightly, as she sprung quickly and lightly to the deck—but a close observer might have detected the slight flush, which mantled his noble, expressive features, as his eye for a single instant met hers. She might herself have seen it—perhaps she did—but there was no corresponding glow on her own bright, pretty face, as she inquired, in the calm, dignified tone of one having the right to put the question, and who might have also been aware of the inequality of position between herself and him she addressed;

"Eugene, is everything prepared for our departure? It will not do for our boat to spring a leak again, as it did coming down the Kanawha—for it will not be safe for us, I am told, to touch either shore between the different forts and trading-posts on our route, this side of our destination—the Falls of Ohio."

"No indeed!" rejoined her aunt, quickly; "it will be as much as your lives are worth to venture a foot from the main current of the Ohio—for news reached us only the other day, that many boats had been attacked this spring, and several lost, with all on board."

"No one feels more concerned about the safe passage of Miss Bertrand than myself," replied Eugene, in a deferential tone, "and since her arrival here, I have left nothing undone that I thought might possibly add to her security and comfort."

"That is true, to my personal knowledge," joined in the uncle of Blanche; "and I thank you, Mr. Fairfax, in behalf of my fair kinswoman. There will perhaps," he pursued, "be no great danger, so long as you keep in the current; but your watch must not be neglected for a moment, either night or day, and do not, I solemnly charge and warn you, under any circumstances, or on any pretence whatsoever, suffer yourselves to be decoyed to either shore!"

"I hope we understand our duty better, Colonel," said one of the men, respectfully.

"I doubt it not," replied the commander of the Point; "I believe you are all faithful and true men, or you would not have been selected by the agent of Colonel Bertrand, for taking down more precious freight than you ever carried before; but still the wisest and the best of men have lost their lives by giving ear to the most earnest appeals of humanity. You understand what I mean? White men, apparently in the greatest

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☞ This Agency is respectfully presented to the industrious poor of all parties; to the National Republicans of the North; to the National Americans of the South; to the National Whigs of the West; to the National Democrats of the great West; and to the conservative and union men of the whole country, by the INDEPENDENT

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The International Union Club and Independent Poor Man's Party, with an unlimited capital to the extent of $500,000,000, is now organizing throughout the country, independent of party dictation, under entire new issues of national character, extent and interest to the government and people in every direction. The subscription books to the stock of this club are now open at the Merrimack House in Newburyport, to agents and club members, and will continue open for ten years, or until a majority of all the legal voters in the northern, southern, eastern, middle and great western states are united in opposing the policy of the present administration. The entire capital of this club, or last as the stock is subscribed, will be paid in cash by the agents and club members themselves exclusively for their own use and benefit, as a compensation for their services in securing the local, state and national organization of this club and of the Independent Poor Man's Party, independent of all officers, directors and stockholders. The objects of this club are to create a powerful monied interest of $500,000,000 among the great mass of the people, by which to counteract the corrupt influences of government patronage in all future congressional, state and presidential elections; by which to concentrate the balance of political power between the free and slave states, now held by foreigners, in the control of American citizens; and by which to turn the current of political strife now existing between the north and the south into new channels of trade, commerce and international union between the east and west, before an independent republic is formed on the Pacific shore.

Agents and members of this club, by paying $1 for one share of the club stock, will secure the right of appointing new agents and club members, and of selling stock for the club on commission; and for each new member by them appointed, and for each share of club stock sold on commission at $1 each by any agent or club member, they will receive a cash commission of 50 per cent., or half a dollar for each share sold, whether it be 100 or 5000 annually, for ten years; and every purchaser will share the same right of appointing other club members, paying them $1 each for their own use and benefit, or 50 cents for each share sold on commission, whether it is 100 or 500, or 5000.

This club presents unrivalled advantages to general agents for making money under a purchase of stock at the wholesale price and sale to sub-agents. Every one general agent will be appointed in any city or town. ☞ No stock will be sold by the club at the wholesale price except to general agents. The general agents are warranted to receive an immediate return for their money, and certain cash profit of 900 per cent. the first year on every dollar invested at the wholesale price and sold to sub-agents, [by them appointed,] taking only one share each, at the low price of $1 per share.

The surplus capital of this club, derived from the general agents, will be appropriated in defraying the expenses attending the national organization of the International Union Club and in publishing the American Republican Party Manual, a great international, historical, commercial, financial, banking, manufacturing, railroad, statistical and political work, designed as the national platform of this party, and as a political standard of the American people in all future congressional, state and presidential elections, based on the Constitution of the United States and the republican principles of government established by the Declaration of Independence.

☞ In large cities, the general agency of this club will be given to the applicant taking the largest number of shares at the wholesale price, within ten days after the receipt of the club instructions, whether it is 10 shares or 100. The general agency in small towns will be given to the *first applicant* enclosing one dollar for the club instructions.

Applications for the general agency of this club [by enclosing one dollar] can be addressed to BENJAMIN BALCH, Merrimac House, Newburyport, Mass. Agents and members will secure their appointment and right to sell stock on commission, without any further capital, liability or expense whatever.

The new issues of the American Republican Party are worthy our country, the progress of the age, and the intelligence and patriotism of the American people. Free from all constitutional objections, all foreign influences, all religious intolerance, all secret political action, all sectional strife, and every element of disunion, they are preeminently designed in preserving peace, in averting war, in perpetuating the Atlantic and Pacific states under one national government, and in concentrating the trade and commerce of the world on this continent before an independent Republic is established on the Pacific shores; by the construction of a line of telegraph, national highway and central railroad to the Pacific, and lines of ocean mail steamships on the Pacific and Indian Oceans and China Seas.

☞ They are:—

1. A new commercial tariff of specific duties and home valuation on foreign manufactures, by which to increase our national revenue and to protect American industry.
2. A more general system of private banking, under one free and national law of the United States, by which to secure a sound, permanent and uniform national currency, based on specie, state and United States government stocks.
3. A central railroad to the Pacific, and the charter by Congress of the Atlantic and Pacific National Union Railroad Company, with $150,000,000 capital, in shares of $100 each, based on the credit of our country and on this general banking law, under which the entire cost of the work and stock of the company will gradually be converted into an equal amount of new banking capital, and into an unrivalled investment for the American people, in every respect equal to a six per cent. United States government stock, which will command 5 to 15 per cent. above par as the basis of banking capital.
4. A registry law in each state, by which to regulate elections for all government offices.
5. A permanent and uniform national bankrupt law throughout the Union.

The American Republican Party, under its new organization, will be national in its extent and national in character, republican in principle, patriotic in issues, democratic in measures, comprehensive in interests, constitutional in laws, liberal in legislation, profound in wisdom, gigantic in power, irresistible in progress, sound in policy, and independent in action.

The International Union Club will act independent of all parties. It will control the permanent balance of political power in Congress between the free and slave states, and between sectional parties in all future congressional, state and presidential elections. It will number over 1,500,000 legal voters in its ranks, as agents and club members, before the next November election.

The agency of this club will not interfere with any other regular business, professional or official duties, and is warranted to pay every club member a certain profit in cash of from 500 per cent. on every dollar invested in the club stock the first year, or 50 per cent. cash commission for each new member appointed, and for each share sold annually for five years to new agents or new club members, whether the number is 100, 500, 1000 or 5000.

The aggregate wealth of the United States, at this time, is more than $12,000,000,000. A tax of *only one per cent.* on this amount will defray the entire cost of the government, national, to the people, by individual capital and corporate means, without making it a direct government work.

The construction of this work and the organization of this club will give employ for ten years to one hundred thousand men, insure a tenfold increase to the value of the government lands, and, under the operations of a new commercial tariff, an increased national revenue will be created of ten millions annually for thirty years — sufficient to defray the entire cost of the work. The business and interests of the country imperatively demand the immediate action and credit of our national government in the construction of this great constitutional work of national defence and international union, and a sure defeat awaits any administration, party or men that dare oppose it.

☞ The agents and members of this club will be bound by no secret oaths or obligations whatever, beyond a voluntary agreement and united action in support of the new issues of this club and the candidates regularly nominated by the American Republican Party in future elections.

General Agents' Commissions.

In large cities, the profits of the general agents will be worth from $10000 to $50000 per year, depending on the population and number of new members and club agents by them appointed. The commission of club members and sub-agents will be from $100 to $500 a year, or half a-dollar in cash for each share of club stock sold on commission, whether the number is 100, 1000 or 10,000 annually for ten years, without any purchase of stock on their own account beyond one share, and without any pecuniary liability or expense whatever beyond one dollar for the club instructions.

The American Republican Party and the International Union Club will oppose the short-sighted policy of the present administration, and the ruinous system of free trade urged upon our government by the Democratic Party, under which it is seeking to permanent balance of foreign indebtedness over and above our produce and exports, for the exclusive benefit of foreign manufacturers, compelling us to payment in inexhaustible drain of specie from our banks, and all the gold of California required as the basis of bank circulation.

It will favor the transport of $300,000,000 of American stocks now held abroad to the hands of American citizens, by which to save $18,000,000 of annual interest now sent out of the country in specie, by which to insure the specie redemption of this large amount of American stocks at maturity in the United States instead of Europe, and by which to create a powerful monied interest among the great mass of the people, in support of the credit of our state and national governments, independent of foreign aid or foreign banks. It will favor a general banking law of Congress, by which to sustain the value and prices of all American state and United States government stocks far above the stocks of every other nation of Europe, and by which, gradually, to convert all American state and government stocks into a permanent and uniform national currency, alike advantageous to the government and people, in every direction.

☞ The general agency of this club is any small town or city will be given to the first applicant inclosing one dollar by mail for one share of the club stock, which payment will at once secure the appointment and the right of purchasing club stock at the wholesale of ten dollars for each one hundred shares, or the right of selling stock for the club at 50 per cent. cash commission, half a dollar for each share sold, without any purchase of club stock (beyond one share) on their own account. In large cities, the general agency will be given to the applicant taking the largest number of shares at the wholesale price, whether it is 10 shares or 100.

Appropriation of the Club Stock.

The entire cash capital of this club, whether it is $5,000,000, $50,000,000 or $500,000,000, as fast as subscribed and sold by agents and club members to new club members or agents by them appointed, will be appropriated at the first one dollar paid to the club by the general agent securing his appointment, will be paid into the hands of the general agents, sub-agents and club members themselves, and by them applied exclusively *for their own use and benefit*, independent of all officers, directors or stockholders, as a compensation for their services in securing the club organization in the place of their residence; and every purchaser of one share of club stock, upon paying the general agent, sub-agent or club member who appointed him one dollar, will secure the same right of appointing other new agents or club members paying them one dollar each, and the right of selling stock for the club at 50 per cent. cash commission, without any further purchase of stock on his own account, until a majority of all the legal voters are united as club members and upon condition that all new agents and club members so appointed shall unite, under the direction of the general agent first appointed, in forming one club in the place of their residence, and in support of the new issues of the American Republican Party.

The new issues of this club defy competition from any party, and a sure defeat awaits any administration, party or men that dare oppose their adoption in all future congressional, state and presidential elections.

The American Republican Party, under its new organization, will be the great national party of our country, that will elect all future presidents, governors, legislatures, senators, members of Congress, and all other officers in the gift of the American people.

It will shape the policy of our government, control the financial and revenue interests of Congress, control the destinies of our country, and govern the action of the American people from Maine to Mexico, — from the waters of the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific.

Liberty Town Samuel Foote
Kingsbridge May the 27th 1818

To
Wm Tom L'Estrange
Kensington

My dear sir,

The receipt of your letter of yesterday, which you have so kindly sent to me, came by the hands of my brother, who is at present in Devonshire, and I am very much obliged for the same.

I can never forget my dear sir, your attention long since, & my cordial acknowledgments of your partiality. Neither have I ever lost sight of you in the 'Times' & my opinion of your worth, & of your consistently adhering to what he may believe to be a true prosperity of public life & of moral honour, when political Charlatans or Bigotry sacrificing, or attempt to sacrifice his best & most public spirited & honest friends.

I am most truly yours
Samuel James Foley

Samuel Foley

Saml J. Boley.
Liberty Corner
N.J.

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R W Burton
Washington
Tazewell Co
Ills.
May 29/58

Political

Washington May 29/58

Dear Sir your favour
contay your remarks on
the Pacific R R has
been read and read by
your friends with thrilling
interest and at the great
solicitude to read it
by your friends I am
induced to write you
for at least 100 nos
of said speech.
to supply this office
The Republican papers
in this state have
been struck with
consternation with the
course adopted by the
N York Tribune and
consequently at a loss
to know how to
arrog their prejudices
successfully to your defeat

the Republicans fear that the assumed Democracy would not organize in Springfield as their salvation depends on a split among the democracy I am however not entitled to that opinion for really I cant think that such a spirit to divide cant be no other party than that which separates itself from pure Metal in the chemists crucible when refining pure Metal usually known by the name of Dross

nor can I yet believe they can be so far lost to sound purposes as to assist the success of the Abolitionists yet when we reflect that the Knownothing party effected the defeat of our candidate for governor last year fears may yet be entertained consequently we should be vigilant as thats the price of Liberty

I still fear the success of this County not harmony on a democrat of the right stripe as its so divided on local questions that they cant scarcely agree on any one man or measure long enough to effect an election must therefore can be effected by publick Documents sent among the people. and publick speaks as such men are few and far between in this county we therefore must import them

I think of nothing further of interest but remain as ever very truly yours

S A D

R W. Burton

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W. F. Cox.
Brown Co Ills

Brown Co Ills May 29th 1888

Mr L. A. Douglas

Sir we are
anxious to have some Documents
from Head Quarters we would
be very much obliged to you
for all and any kind you
may have for Distribution
as the times are some
what Exciting we are
anxious to know something
about matters as they progress
as we have Quite a Time Ex-
pecting from washington
anything that you may Send
we will take a pleasure in
Distributing to suitable persons
Except the Best wishes and
most profound respects from
B. H. Crain & W. F. Cox

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Gideon Granger
Canandaigua, N.Y.

May 29
1858
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Canandaigua
May 29th 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir — Some time since, in accordance with the desire of the officers of the County Agricultural Society, I extended to you an invitation to deliver the address before the Society, at the coming fall exhibition on the 29th day of September. As we soon have to commence our arrangements, would you inform me whether your many labors are such, as to allow you to accept the invitation?

I will add nothing to my former letter, but only reiterate my hope that you can be with your old friends, and very many new ones, at that time.

An early answer is desired.

Yours, Very truly
Gideon Granger
Cor. Secretary &c

5812

Canonsburg Pa.

May 29th 58.

Dear Sir,

I would like to get some of the best speeches delivered in the Senate on Kansas and Nicaraguan affairs. If you have delivered any speeches on these questions I would be very happy to receive a copy of them. By complying with my request, you will very much oblige —

Yours &c

Thos. B. Kline

Thos B Kline
Canonsburg
Pa

H. M. M'CARTY,

Editor Bardstown (Ky.) Gazette,

And Correspondent of the Louisville Daily Courier,

Will remain in Philadelphia a few weeks longer, in order to complete his series of Letters now being published, under the caption of

Philadelphia as seen by a Kentucky Editor.

His Gazette has an extensive Circulation, West and South, and is recommmended as an excellent Medium of Advertising. Business Enterprises noticed in detail through his editorial columns, or in his "Correspondence" with Southern Papers. Persons wishing to see him will please address a note through Blood's Dispatch.

REFERENCES.

M'ALLISTER & BROTHER, DR. J. PANCOAST, WM. DULTY, M. M'MICHAEL.

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Philadelphia, May 29th.

Hylus:—

Sir:—

Desiring, for many reasons, to leave Kentucky and see State, I wish to know whether you know any location in your state for a democratic editor? I wish to settle in a growing town or village—in some place where a new paper is needed, or where an interest could be purchased in a paper already established.

In regard to my capacity, &c., I can refer you to any member of the Kentucky delegation, or to Mr. Hurney, of the Louisville Democrat.

Please drop me a line and oblige one who has always been your friend and advocate; and who is none

the less so on account of recent
issues in our party.

Respectfully,
H. M. M'Carty,
Of Barbstown, Ky.

A. M. McCarty
Bardstown
Ky.

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L. S. P. Moore
Marseilles
Ills.

Mr S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Your Reports and Speeches is thankfully received and Requiefer in them and if it is not over taxing your generosity to hard Pleas send me the Last report of the commissioners on Agriculture in full

Yours Truly

P O Address
L. S. P. Moore
Marseilles Lasalle Co Illinois

May 29th /58

(Agricl Dept.)

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Send this now one or two by express be lines on a very important point McCook

Judge Douglas

Peoria Ills. May 24/58

Respected Sir

Yours of April 30th accompanied by Presidents Messages and accompanying documents of 1856 & 57, just received for which I am under lasting obligations. & return you my sincere thanks

I have just read your great speech, on the Pacific R.R. Bill as that is a measure in which this portion of the country is directly interested & since we have never read a description of the different routes — if it would not be asking too much — I would take it as a great favor; if in your power, you would send me a copy of Government surveys & accompanying documents of the several proposed routes

I Remain your Tire friend

(LeRoy McLean Co Ills) Dr S. W. Noble

(Sub 3 Vol. Pac. R.R.S. July 6/58)

Dr S W Noble
LeRoy. Ills.
May 29. 1858.

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H O'Reiley
New York.

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Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Senator U. S.

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New York, May 29. 1858.

Judge Douglas —

Dear Sir — As you were the first, and have always been foremost, in advocating the proposed Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, it rejoices me particularly to find that circumstances have recently combined in Congress to favor the project so as now probably to give your bill success; and thus, by it, mark one of the greatest events in the history of the world. Every body says the bill should long ago have passed." Never was a community more unanimous — and, hoping that Congress may sustain your bill so fully, I remain,

Yours truly, Henry O'Reiley.

Will you favor me with a line — saying yea or nay — about the speedy prospects of the bill — I seek bill.

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Manchester N.H.
May 29th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir.

Grateful as I am for past favors, I desire still farther to encroach upon Your Noble generosity, and to solicite at this time a copy of Your late Speech delivered in the Senate of the United States, and also such other documents as it may suit Your convenience to send in relation the outrages lately committed in the Gulf by British Cruisers.

I trust I may never forget the disinterested kindness of Yourself and estimable lady while temporarily employed by you during the late winter in directing documents. Nor do I desire to, and I trust moreover that I may at some future time be enabled to return the favor in proving myself of some slight service

in the great-cause in which
you are enlisted.
With an ardent-desire for your
continued health and prosperity
among us, in order that you may
still vindicate for us the great-
cause of popular rights at-all times,
and in all places, holding them
up to the view of the American
People, as inviolate + inviolable
I have the honor to remain
your remembering, though
doubtless, unremembered,
friend
David Lane Perkins

David Lane Perkins
Manchester.
N.H.

5817

Illinois

Danverse Township McLean County
my Dear Sir

I wish you to send me the Patent office Report and I still want you to send me the Journal of the Senat of 1857 which shows the Vote of that Body on the Kansas question in Relation to that Repeald of the Rogues Laws so called by the Republicans in the Kansas Debates it was stated hear that The Democratic Party is always in the wrong and I differ with the Republican on these things I am one of the Officers of this Township and I think it is my duty to halve you to inform us of the Course of the Party so that we may be ready for them on all sides and also to send me word whare I can get the Best Democratic Paper in the United States and the Price

I want one of both the truth tell the tale

I wish you to send me one of all
of the leading speeches of the Democratic
members of Congress all the time
as long as I live and you are a
member of Congress Consider these
things send me any and all of the
important questions in either House
And recollect your term Expires soon
it might be possiable that if you
would send speeches to the Countyes
that is so Closely like it might secure
your Reelection I pray and wish you
Sir to be Elected one of the United
States Senate because I consider that
you are the brave Stars of the West
and allies of the United State I
read your speech that you made in
the House on the Mexican War
I read of your speeches ever since
then untill I left the South you
may tell David Shiel that one
of his old Southern Democraticks is in
Illinois hoping to see the Democratic
Party A Head always and so you would
do well to send speeches all over these
Prairies of Illinois and Especially to these
Counties that are so Close on the question
send to me and others that they may
read for themselves if you would do
these things send me of these speeches
all the time Please do these things as
Fast as you can do so and speeally
of them and as I am Riding over
these parts I can defend the Cause the
Better I must Close my Letter
for fear that I weary your Patience
Please Comply with these things
yours With respect
John H. Swindell
to Stephen A. Douglas
Post office
Shorts Grove McLean County
Illinois
tell me how that I wish them
good luck all the days of his life
and all the Rest of the Democratic
Party of the United State that is not
these hind that will do as say any thing

Mr S. A. Douglas Sir

it is high time for you to look at there think it all over some of the Republicans say that they are with you on the Course that you have taken

now Sir please State to me and also to by some official report how far the Missouri Compromise Line Went west if farther than that State you State in one of your Speeches that you tried to Extend the Compromise Line and the North nor the South wouldent help and then as you was Chairman of the Committee of Territories you of need to put that in shape And so forth

Yours With respect and obedient

John H. Swinelee
[Swindell]

To S. A. Douglas

May the 29 1858

please in haste

(Mechanical.)

Sent.

Jno H Swindale
State Street, Ills.

Plymouth, Richland Co, Ohio:
May 29th 1858.

S. A. Douglas:
Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir:

I am now on the reserve, that part of Ohio habitually overshadowed with the "isms" of the day; conspicuously and prominently among which is the darkest of all of them, "Black Republicanism".

Notwithstanding all this, there seems to be one general opinion with the people and, that is, that Douglas is right and ought to be sustained.

In conversations in the towns with post masters through which I pass, I find that they, with few exceptions, are favorably disposed towards you, and in favor of the views you maintain.

Thank you for late speeches forwarded to me at Fort.

As the yankee said, "you couldn't spare me that Pacific Surveyor could you?"

Yours, Thos. M. Wood.

E.K.

Thos M Ward
Plymouth.
Ohio

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Wm Allen
Lecompton Kansas
May 29/58.
Ans

Lecompton Kansas - May 29/58

Dear Sir -

I have just discovered upon opening the box of books you enabled me to get - that the most valuable one of all to me is missing - Vol. 3 - of Railroad Reports - Either the Box has been opened on the way or we omitted to get it - The latter most probably - please do me the great favor - of procuring it & ~~forward~~ have sent to me here by Express - or if not here to me - care of John Halsall - St Louis - Mo -

Will you also do me the favor of sending me copies of a letter of Sec. of Interior to House on subject of Kansas Half Breeds - transmitted about 10th inst. - also of the Bill which passed House (Senate if amended there) - relative to Courts in Territories - Also of any Bill upon subject of Railroads in Kansas - particularly of Kansas Valley Road -

Things in this part of Kansas very dull - from hard times - down South however they are mending

and nobody. I am still acting on the Board - Openly nearly every body is against Lecompton - I learned however last night that a rabid Administration Office holder - said - that a secret organization was being formed to put Lecompton through - It was secret so as to embrace the Free - State men & particularly those elected to Office under it. That is the only set here in the Free State ranks who really want Lecompton. - and they are afraid to say so - the people are all right. This secret affair may be gas. - I am glad however I am so soon in the track of it. - it is being closely watched. - & when the proof of such a thing can be had - a vigorous onslaught will be made upon it. You may guess how odious Lecompton is - when the Office-holders under it - though wishing its adoption - are afraid to say so - but must resort to midnight lodges - A most terrible war is being made on Dane by his former friends. - Most shocking disclosures have come to light of a secret order of assassins &c - You will doubtless see it in the papers - It is no humbug - but veritable reality. A fair understanding exists between the Democrats & Conservative Free State men - we are effecting an organization to carry the Oct. election - Show this to the Judge. //

Yours Truly

Wm Weer