THE ST. CLOUD DEMOCRAT
JANE G. SWISSHELM, EDITOR
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REPUBLICAN TICKET!

FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

CHARLES A. GILLMAN,
OF BENTON COUNTY.

LEANDER GORTON,
OF STEARNS COUNTY.

A. P. WHITNEY
OF MEEKER COUNTY.

MRS. SWISSHELM:

On the 20th, instant I handed a copy of the following invitation to C. C. Andrews Esq., a member of the Democratic District Committee, and another to Mr. Robers one of the Democratic Candidates for the Legislature. On last evening Mr. Andrews handed me the annexed reply: Mr. Robers has not answered at all. As the election is nigh at hand, and as it is notorious that all the managers and nine tenths of the members of the Democratic Convention, as well as its three Legislative nominees, are friends of the Lecompton administration, and as the said convention in defiance of Democratic usages adopted no platform; and as I can find no gentleman who acknowledges himself chairman of the Democratic District Committee: I hereby in this public manner renew the following invitation to the said Committee or candidates, or any of them, or to any other friends of the national administration.

STEPHEN MILLER,
Chairman Republican Dist. Committee
ST. CLOUD Sept. 1858.

ST. CLOUD Sept. 20th, 1858.

C. C. ANDREWS Esq.

DEAR SIR:—The respective political parties having made their Legislative nominations for this District; I am instructed as Chairman of the Republican District Committee, to respectfully invite the advocates and endorsers of the Democratic policy, and the Candidates of the Democratic party, to meet the speakers of the Republican party, during the pending campaign, before the people of the District, for the purpose of debating and discussing the principles at issue between the said parties.

I am fully authorized to make an equitable arrangement with your committee, or other responsible friends of the National Administration for said meetings and discussion; and will be gratified to hear from you at your earliest convienance.

Respfy. yours
STEPHEN MILLER,
Chairman Republican Dist. Committee.

ST. CLOUD, Sept. 21st 1858.

DEAR SIR;

I have received your note of yesterday informing me that you are "instructed as Chairman of the Republican District Committee, to respectfully invite the advocates and endorsers of the Democratic policy, and the Candidates of the Democratic party, to meet the speakers of the Republican party during the pending campaign before the people of the District, for the purpose of debating and discussing the principles at issue between the said parties."

In reply I would say that as a member of the Democratic District Committee I do not consider myself authorized to make an arrangement for the Democratic Candidates, or any other parties, to meet speakers of the Republican party.

I have supposed it to be customary for candidates who canvass their District to arrange meetings and other matters connected therewith to suit their mutual convenience.

I entertain no doubt that some, if not all of the Democratic Candidates, together with some of the Democratic speakers who are not Candidates, will readily accede to any fair arrangement for a public discussion of politics in different parts of the district.

Although your note does not appear to be a personal invitation to me I will state, to avoid any misunderstanding, that I expect to start in a few days, on a journey to Lake Superior, and I think it will be quite imposible for me to take any part in the political discussions of the campaign.

I may be allowed to add that I believe public discussions of politics, participated in by candidates or speakers of both parties, are conducive to a wholsome public opinion; and I am glad to see that the practice is becoming common in the Northern States.

Respectfully yours
C. C. ANDREWS.
STEPHEN MILLER Esq.
Chairman Rep. Dist. Com.

Proceedings of the Republican Convention.

At a meeting of the Republican Delegates in Convention held at the Everett School House in St. Cloud on Saturday 18th Sept 1858, to nominate members of the House of Representatives to be supported at the ensuing Election. Mr. A. P. Whitney was called to the Chair. Mr. Albert Smith of Stearns Co. and Dr. H. McMahen of Benton were chosen Secretaries.—On motion of Mr. Miller the Delegates presented their credentials to the Secretaries to be read. Accordingly the following gentlemen presented their credentials, which were read and accepted, and the members admitted to their seats in the Convention.

FOR MEEKER CO.

A. P. WHITNEY of Kingston.
OLE ALVERSON " Ness.
T. C. JEWETT " Forest City.
JOHN ROBSON " Acton.

FOR STEARNS CO.

STEPHEN MILLER of St. Cloud.
H. Z. MITCHELL " "
ALBERT SMITH " "
AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM Rockville.
JOHN O. CROMMIT of Main Prairie.
WM. B. STAPLES " St. Jo.
G. W. DAY " Winnebago.
JOHN MC DONALD " Clear Water.
R. W. FURLONG " "

FOR BENTON CO.

H. McMAHON of Sauk Rapids.
B. R. KNOWLTON " "
J. FERRIN " "
C. W. HOUSTON " Princeton.
EDWIN W. DIMMICK "
SCHUYLER FLINT of Langola.
H. B. SMART " "
WM. B. LUTHER " "

On motion the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft Resolutions.

STEPHEN MILLER.
H. McMAHON.
T. C. JEWETT.

On motion of Mr. S. Miller a committee of three was appointed by the Chair, to nominate a District Committee, comprising two members from each County. Mr. H. Z. Mitchell, John Robson, and B. R. Knowlton were appointed such Committee

Moved and carried to adjourn for half an hour to allow the Coommittee time to draft the Resolutions. The meeting called to order, the following Resolutions were read and unanamously adopted.

Resolved, That we here assembled, as the Representatives of the Republican Party, of the twentieth Senatorial District; do present to the untrammelled voters, the following platform of principles:

First, We entirely repudiate and condemn the course of the National Administration, in regard to the admission of Kansas into the Union; as a treacherous abandonment of true Popular Sovereignty, and a base surrender of freemens rights, to the slave aristocracy of the South.

Second, We declare ourselves in favor of "free soil for free men," and reject all compromise with the South, and their bogus democratic allies; which requires us to surrender Territory now free, to the blight and usurpation of Slavery.

Third, We are in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas as a State, so soon as she shall make application to Congress, with a Republican Constitution, without regard to her population; believing as we do, that if she now applies with a Constitution excluding slavery, she has the same rights as she had under the Lecompton fraud.

Fourth, We believe that the expenditures of the National Administration, reaching as they do, nearly 100,000,000 dollars per annum, indicate a criminal extravagance on the part of the departments, and calls loudly for rebuke at the Ballot-box

Fifth, We disown and repudiate the bogus Governor, and political legislative demagouges; who first secured power by the most palpable and outrageous fraud; and then attempted, in violation of public sentiment, to elect a Lecompton Senator to succeed General Shields.

Sixth, We pledge ourselves to oppose at all hazards, and every cost; any Legislative candidate, who does not pledge himself to vote at every step, only for such candidates for the United States Senate, as is known to be in favor of the admission of Kansas as a free State.

Seventh, We heartily invite all citizens, without regard to party name, who subscribe to the above principles; to join us in our efforts to rebuke the corrupt and extravagent administrations;—National and State,—by the triumphant election of the Representative ticket which, we this day present for their suffrages.

On motion of Miller, the Convention then proceeded to nominate the candidates for the Legislature.

LEANDER GORTON,—Stearns Co.
A. P. WHITNEY,—Meeker Co.
C. A. GILLMAN,—Benton Co.
were duly nominated.

The following names comprising the District Committee, were handed in and accepted.

Names of persons comprising District Committees for District No. 20:

Benton { C. A. Gilman,—Sauk Rapids.
B. K. Knowlton.
Meeker { A. P. Whitney,—Kingston.
T. S. Jewett,—Forest City.
Stearns { Stephen Miller,—St. Cloud.
Dr. R. S. Fillmore,—" "

On motion of Mr. Houstan, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Albert Smith }
H. McMahen } Secretaries.

School Exhibition.

The EVERETT School under the charge of Miss E. Donnell gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening the 14th which was really a treat in the midst of a literary dearth. The house was filled to overflowing, and all seemed to appreciate the exercises. The pupils were assisted by some young folks of our town who were not members of the school, and altogether the exhibition was succesful and well received.

The intervals were improved by music from a melodeon played by a little girl some eight or nine years old, from the Seminary in Upper town conducted by the "Sisters." She is certainly a prodigy in music.

The performances opened with a song by the school,—"Vacation," followed by the presentation of a boquet and response by HATTIE OWEN and JENNIE MITCHELL.

Recitation by MANNIE OWEN:—"The Violet."

George Washington, recitation by SAMUEL LILLY.

Robin Redbreast, by HALSIE MITCHELL, a little three year old.

Tim the Tacket, by MARY ANN PATRICK.

The Butterfly, by LINTON NOEL

The Lost Thimble,—Dialouge by RUTH BROWN & JENNIE MITCHELL.

Paper Comparison, by VIRGINIA FREEMAN.

"Lulu,"—song by FIDIE & CELIA CORBETT, and MARY MITCHELL.

America, declamation by WILLIAM B. MITCHELL.

"Red, White, and Blue,"—song, by FIDIE and CELIA CORBETT, and MARY MITCHELL.

The Baby, by JENNIE MITCHELL.

Miss Corbett and Miss Fidgett; Dialouge by LIZZIE STEARNS and CELIA CORBETT.

Men who never die, declamation by JESSIE GARLINGTON.

Jepthah's Daughter, declamation by WESLEY F. MILLER.

Jacquilina, dialougue by FIDIE CORBETT and MARY MITCHELL.

The Thracian Robber, dialouge by W. B. MITCHELL and W. F. MILLER.

The good old times, a chicken hatching story recited by JESSIE GARLINGTON.—Created merriment.

Stealing Fruit, a tableux by FIDIE CORBETT, JOHN INMAN, JAMES MITCHELL, and JESSIE GARLIINGTON.

The two fairies, recited by NETTIE SWISSHELM.

Fairy favors, dialogue by a dozen or so of real live fairies, queen and all. This was the most admired off all the pieces and deservedly so. We imagined ourselves, mortal as we are, in the midst of Fairy Land surrounded by little beauties in their loveliest smiles and ribbons, but we were brought to a state of consciousness by the disappearance of the Fairy band, and the appearance of two mortals to be launched into the state of matrimony, personated by W. B. MITCHELL as the bridegroom, JOHN MARVIN as the *fair* bride, and W. F. MILLER the Minister, who is forced to perform the ceremony very unceremoniously all for five dollars. This last act in the drama brought down the house in peals of laughter, and *report* says the first kiss was a "whopper."

The closing performance was beautiful, and the characters chosen personated admirably. Four girls representing three different nations and a Gipsy, in costume, recited together Longfellow's Psalm of Life. MARY MITCHELL Turkish Lady, FIDIE CORBETT Gipsy girl, CELIA CORBETT Scotch Highlander, and LIZZIE STEARNS American Lady.

Finale. "Good bye," song by the school.

A WELL-MANAGED RAILROAD.—The Boston (Mass.) *Journal* says: "The Boston and Lowell Railroad has been in operation twenty-three years longer than any other road (throughout its whole length) in the country; and yet not one *passenger* has ever been killed on it. This fact speaks volumes in favor of the management of the road and the intelligence and care of the employees."

THE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES AGAIN.

One week ago, we dared the nominees of the Lecompton Democracy, to say that their souls were their own, and offered them the free use of our columns for that purpose. We now repeat, and charge that they are a perfect trio of KNOW NOTHINGS, and are basely trying to creep into power on the DARK LANTERN principle. The nominated under the lash of the President's Land Officers, and pledged in the *Know Nothing* Lodge, away behind the screens, to vote for another U. S. Senator, who will stand up for Slavery in our Territories, they have not the courage to say they will or will not support Buchanan; that they will or will not support a State Government thrust into power by the vilest fraud; or that they will or will not support Senator Rice, who is procuring Government funds to make improvements for almost every other location than that of St. Cloud. Let every freeman in the District, vote for Gorton, Gillman, and Whitney, who stand upon the platform, "of free soil for free men," and dare to avow their principles to the people of the District.

He had'nt time.

The people of St. Cloud and various other important locations in Northern Minnesota, are considered good enough to *vote* for Senator Rice and the Land Offices;—but when funds are wanted for the purpose of constructing a great National road, which constitutes a portion of the grand route from Lake Superior to the Pacific. Senator Rice and the Buchananites have no time to attend to it. They have plenty of time to procure government funds to make roads from Crow Wing into impassable mud holes and marshes, along the route of which they own or are interested in town sites; but when you want funds for a road from Superior to St. Cloud or from St. Cloud to Breckinridge, which would be for the accommodation of the millions, you have got to pay for it yourselves. This same crowd of sharks are now asking you to send Burdick, Robers, and Willie to the Legislature, so that they may fasten another Senator of the same stripe upon you for six years. If the people of this District are green enough to elect such a gnag they deserve to be made build all the roads in the country. For our part we think that we have just one U. S. Senator too many of that stripe already.

POLITICAL.—A number of Pennsylvania papers are advocating the selection of Senator *Cameron*, as the Republican Candidate for the Presidency in 1860.—He is one of the best business men in the Union, a bold, uncompromising Republican, and worthy the place for which he is named. We have known him for twenty years, and for a considerable portion of the time as a political opponent; but have always known him as the foe of oppression, and the friend of the poor. If nominated he shall have our cordial support.

OUR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

If Messrs Burdick, Robbers, and Willie are elected, it is understood, that when Gen'l Lowry or the St. Cloud Land Office takes snuff, they are all to sneeze.

☞ MINNESOTA.—In our own State we observe that the parties are organising and marshalling for the conflict. A full vote and honest returns is certain to crush the Lecompton, Indian-trading Democracy to death;—so mote it be.

REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION.—This body met in St. Cloud, on the 18th inst. and after a harmonious consultation, unanimously placed in nomination for the Legislature, Messrs Leander Gorton, of Stearns Co. A. P. Whitney, of Meeker Co. and C. A. Gillman, of Benton Co. We cordially approve of the platform adopted by the Convention, and place the names of the Candidates at our mast head. We invoke all the opponents of the Lecompton fraud to be up and doing;—the District can and must be redeemed;—General Lowry and the Buchanan Land Offices to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Everett School house was crowded to repletion in the evening to hear Messrs Robson and Miller, who made stirring and effective speeches. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed and the people seperated determined to merit victory, on the second Tuesday of October.

☞ CALAFORNIA.—The Anti-Lecompton Democrats, under the lead of U. S. Senator Broderick, and the Republicans have united in Calafornia, and there is but little doubt, that the bogus Buchanan Democracy is wiped out in the Golden State.

ST. CLOUD ACADEMY.—A meeting of the citizens of St. Cloud friendly to the organization of an Academy in this place, was held at the Everett School house on Tuesday evening. Stephen Miller Esq. was called to the chair and James M. McKelvy Esq. appointed Sec. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Phillips.—The object of the meeting, and the prospects of the enterprize, were dwelt upon and explained by C. C. Andrews Esq. and Rev. W. C. Phillips; after which C. C. Andrews Esq. Rev. W. C. Phillips, and Mr. Henry Swisshelm were appointed a committee of correspondence, to ascertain the probable salary of a principal, as well as the price of tuition, boarding &c. &c.—Moved that the Editor of the St. Cloud *Democrat* be requested to publish the above proceedings. On motion adjourned to meet at the call of the above committee.

JAMES M. McKELVY,
Secy.

Complimentary.

Brother CROFFUT, of the St. Anthony *Republican*, can take our *bonnet*. He certainly piles it on rather thick,—on to those borrowers we mean. Truth, in spite of our modesty, compels us to admit that, considering all the circumstances, we publish rather an interesting paper;—and there is no mistake in the inducements refered to. The *Democrat* can be had by those "sensible individuals," and all others by sending $2 to our address. And next to the Minnesota *Republican*, published at St. Anthony, by Croffut and Clark, it is just about the best North-Western paper we know of

"Be it hereby known to a score or two of sensible individuals who call at our office twenty times a week, and wish to borrow the St. Cloud *Democrat:* That we have concluded not to lend that paper any more. We want it ourself, and then we will not longer encourage the mean habit of borrowing newspapers. Those who have been accustomed to read the paper here, can now get it for themselves, by sending $2,00 to Mrs Jane G. Swisshelm, St. Cloud."

Republican Triumphs!!

Vermont and Maine, have gone so heavily for the Republicans, that it is now very doubtful whether there are a sufficiency of bogus Democrats remaining in those states, to act as Post Masters. We thank our Eastern friends for these evidences of loyalty to freedom;—and promise to repay them in Minnesota thunder, if they will have the kindness to hold on for a few weeks.

NEW YORK—In this State the Republicans and Americans are trying hard to throw the State into the hands of President Buchanan, by quarreling about nothing.

A STRONG TEAM.—Thaddeus Stevens of Lancaster, Penna. and Thomas Corwin of Ohio, have both been placed in nomination for Congress, and will both be elected. Buchanan had better make his will.

CULTIVATED WILD PLUMS.—We have heretofore urged upon our Minnesota readers the propriety of cultivating the wild or native plum, which is found in great abundance in most parts of our State.—The difficulty, and in some cases the impossibiltty of cultivating successfully the less hardy fruits, renders such a course the more necessary.

A few days since, our friend, D. P. Lyman, presented us a basket of cultivated wild plums, which, in size and flavor, were but little inferior to the finest varieties of the cultivated fruit. A few years of care in transplanting pruning and grafting, will bring this native fruit to great perfection, and may be made one of the luxuries of our climate. Don't build a house, or break a piece of ground, however smalll without transplanting and carefully cultivating some native plum trees.

In three years time they will return more than three per cent. per month for the time and labor expended.—*Stilwater Messenger.*

A POLITICAL "JEU D'ESPRIT."—*President Buchanan to the Queen:*

WHITE HOUSE, Washington, Aug. 9.

Dear Madam:—I have to transmit to you the mournful intelligence of the death of my dearly beloved first born, christened out of regard for your people, "English Bill." His funeral obsequies were attended on the 2d instant, by a concourse of 9,000 Sovereigns in Kansas. Poor boy!—He was always *weakly*, a hereditary trait of the family.

In affliction yours,
JAMES BUCHANAN.

PITSBURGH, Sept. 11.

A young woman named Miss Henry was murdered to-day at eleven o'clock, by Thos. Stethson. She refused to speak with him while intoxicated, when he drew a pistol and shot her. He has as yet not been arrested.

They mean to raise tall students in a town out in Wisconsin. An exchange paper says: "Its Board of Education has resolved to erect a building large enough to accomodate five hunred students three stories high."

NOTICE OF CO PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day purchased the entire stock and interest of Messrs Dunwell & Hartshorn in the Grocery and Lumber business in St. Cloud, and associated themselves under the name and style of P. Lamb & Co. for the purpose of carrying on the said business, and hope by strict attention to the want of their customers to receive a liberal share of Patronage.

P. LAMB.
W. F. BEAUROVE.
St. Cloud Sept. 20 1858.

M. THOMPSON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
No. 21 4½ STREET,
Washington City, D. C.—will attend, with promptness and fidelity, to all business entrusted to him in the courts of law and equity within the District of Columbia, and before the Court of Claims, and the Supreme Court of the United States, and to the prosecution of claims before the various departments of General Government and before Congress. He will give particular attention to Claims before the General Land Office, arising under the swamp land and graduation laws; pre-emption acts of September 4, 1841; August 26, 1842; March, 3, 1843; May 8, 1846; the municipal act of May 23, 1844; mail contractors' act of March 4, 1855; and under all other laws.

LAND OFFICE at St. Cloud Minn.
Aug. 27th, 1858.

To Isaac Rower.

You are hereby notified that I shall on the 24th day of September next offer at the Land office in St. Cloud my proof to the right of pre-emption to the N. E. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ of section 32 the N. ½ of the N. W. ¼ of Section 28 township 123 N. Range No. 28 W, to a portion of which said tract of land you are the adverse claimant, at which time and place you are notified to be present with your proof.

HEINRICH BRAUCH.

NOTICE.

Post Office is located at Woodstock. David Wood is appointed Postmaster. Those living on Sauk River will find it much more convenient to get their mail at Woodstock.

KIND AND GENEROUS.

The *National Anti-Slavery Standard*, New York, an ably conducted organ of the disunion Anti-Slavery Society, is one of the presses with which we have been often and long at war, on account of our different sentiments about the best *means* of abolishing slavery, and it was with no common pleasure we recieved a copy of the *Standard* of the 24th ult., containing in an elaborate article on "The Anti-Slavery Press" the following kind and generous language of us.

We deny this American practice of going through the forms of keeping a bad bargain to uphold the very thing you are trying to pull down, to be either right or politic.

But we do all deserved honor to those who, in the natural course of their progress, are unconsciously working their way through obstacles to the vantage ground, as we have done; and in our estimate of the political presses of the country, *soi distant* anti-slavery, under the Constitution—fluctuating feebly back and forth under less demonstrative names, according to the state of voters' minds—we give the meed of efficiency only to those that count their gains by the amount of division they effect, rather than by the degree of union they compass.

Such has always been the press of Mrs. Swisshelm wherever at work, in Minnesota as in Pennsylvania. She has the good, great gift of being a terror to evil doers, for her feeling is—"God defend the right—let truth win, no matter what I lose." Of course she made a profound impression at the North-West; and her press was lately broken to peices by the lovers of peace and quietness. But what did it signify? her object was affected. The Democratic party was broken in peices upon the anti-slavery question—and the index of the House of Representatives of Minnesota shows us the exact amount of effect produced by the thirty-second State, as she goes through the form of coming into the Union where *no Union is*, but only the despotism of slavery, devouring everything of anti-slavery promise that comes within the sphere of its temptations.

Our hopes and hearts are with every such true effort as Mrs. Swisshelm puts forth—and we rejoice to announce that her *Visiter* is again in the field. We respectfully solicit an exchange, and commend the *Visiter* to Eastern subscriptions confident that, by the knowledge it will give of the great growing West, and the love of the sacred cause of *Human Right* which it will awaken, great good will be effected.

Our highest earthly ambition is to deserve such praise; and, however we fail of accomplishing our object, that object always is to bring confusion to the enemies of human freedom and succour to the slave. We can not hope that our efforts have done anything to turn about the halt which the Democracy of Minnesota have made in their onward march against Liberty. That credit all belongs to Mr. Buchanan's over zeal to crush the right of self-government.

"Away, then, with all pretended appeals for the will of the majority, with which the country is now ring on the subject of Kansas."—*Washington Union*

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