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The Democratic Party in Minnesota.

Minnesota Territory, being about to take its place among the States of the Union, every Democrat should use his vote and influence, in endeavoring to give it a congenial position among those whom devotion to Democratic principles is fixed and unswerving. It is a fact, which even the Republican prints will hardly deny, that a large majority of the population of our Territory are Democrats. The very consciousness of superior strength, has, in some cases, caused the defeat of our party candidates—many Democrats neglecting to attend at the polls, because they did not deem their votes necessary to insure success. Thus it is, that the opposition have elected members of the Legislature, and local officers, in several counties where they are in a decided minority. This position is one of the main planks in the Democratic platform, and should on all occasions be avowed plainly and unhesitatingly.

The warfare waged against the Democracy during the late presidential canvass, was equally unjustifiable and unscrupulous. It was charged at the North with being engaged with slavery, to introduce that institution into the Territories; while at the South it was assailed because it was opposed to such a measure. This very fact that it was violently opposed by the extremists of both sections of the Union, is sufficient to stamp it as the only safe, conservative, national party. It is neither pro-slavery nor anti-slavery; simply because it ignores the whole question as connected with the politics of the country. It leaves to the people, with whom it properly belongs, to decide upon the proper course to be pursued. As a matter of interest in this connection, we re-publish the endorsements upon the spurious bill signed by Gov. GORMAN:

The following is presented for my signature as Speaker of the House of Representatives, as being enrolled from not the original bill of the same body from what purpose and is alleged to be a copy of my original certificate.

J. W. FURTHER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I have examined the within copy of a bill and certify that it is a correct copy of my original certificate, except the name J. W. FURTHER, the words added by him, and also that the copy of my certificate on the back thereof is a correct copy of my original certificate.

S. R. SMITH,
Secretary of the Council.

St. Paul, March 3d, 1857.

I desire to append my signature to the accompanying paper, for the following reasons:

First—it has not been transmitted to me by Council by message from the House of Representatives, in anywise whatever, nor has it been received by the Council. —*Fide Joint Resolution No. 2.*

Second: It did not come to my hands from the Secretary of the Council, who is its only authorized custodian, if it belongs to the Council, from the committee on Enrolled Bills. —*Fide Joint Resolution No. 3.*

Third: It was not submitted under the direction of the Secretary of the Council.—*Fide Resolution No. 3.*

Fourth: Such bill has been reported to the Council by the committee on Enrolled Bills, not in any wise.—*Fide Joint Resolution No. 4.*

Fifth: I have no evidence which I regard legitimate that any bill of the contents of the accompanying paper has been introduced in the House of Representatives, or that the bill has been introduced by the committee on the bill of March 3d, 1857, that the certificate endorsed upon this paper, and purporting to have been made Feb. 12, 1857, was never signed nor attested by the said Secy.

Sixth: Since the certificate of the Secretary of the Council, bearing date March 3, 1857, the paper has to my own personal knowledge, been shown to the hands of all officers of the Council, and to the hands of two members of the body not connected with the committee on Enrolled Bills.

(Signed.) JOHN H. BRISBANE,
President of the Council.

March 4th, 1857.

We may add, that this bill also bears the following endorsement:

Approved, March 7th, 1857.
WILLIS A. GORMAN.

Postal Announcements.

We learn by letter from Hon. H. M. Rice, that the House Post Office Committee, has recommended the establishment of the following mail routes in this Territory:

From Austin to Mankato.

From St. Peter, via Bancroft, Minnesota, to Bradford, Iowa.

From Red Wing to Albert Lea.

From Winona via Custerfield and Rochester, to Austin.

From Northwest to Greenwood.

From Red Wing via Maizeppa to Oronoco.

From Oronoco Tall City to Breckenridge.

From Twin Lake via Carlton's and Oneonta, Du Luth.

From Blue Earth City, Minnesota, to Algoma, Iowa.

From Taylor's Falls to Wyoming.

From St. Paul via White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Chicago City to Alameda.

From Chicago City to Cambridge.

From Mankato via St. Nicholas, to Osage, Iowa.

From Hokah via Midleton, Watertown and Portland to Lansing, Iowa.

From St. Paul via Rock Creek, Houston, Vinton and Bellevue to Des Moines, Iowa.

From Minneapolis via Excelsior to Glenwood.

From Cannon Falls via Monteville, Kinnickinnic and Spring Valley, to Franklin.

From Monteville via the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota to the State of Wisconsin.

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