Gunde German Mesp Meeting at Chicago Saturday Evening December 26th 1857

Ex. Altehaw Ferrath called the meeting to order.

On motion of Louis Schade, Mr. Henry Greenbaum was elected chairman of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wehle, Henry Lundt was elected secretary. The chairman having stated the object of the meeting to be, to sustain our distinguished senator, Stephen A. Douglas in his course taken in relation to the Kansas Nebraska Bill.

On motion of Louis Schade, the chairman appointed a committee to draft such resolutions and submit the same to the meeting as would best answer the purpose of the meeting. Dr. Helmuth, Altehaw Ferrath, T. Schuyz, Gerhard Ferraran, and Dr. Verru, constituted such committee.

After the committee had retired, Mr. Wehle addressed the meeting; his speech was frequently applauded.

Thereupon, Dr. Helmuth, the chairman of the Committee, reported the following resolutions which were most enthusiastically received and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the principles of self-government, from the only basis for a free democratic constitution, and without which no actual liberty, no republican form of government is conceivable, and whereas the loss of such privileges would lower us to a level with the subjects in despotism lands and whereas we find, that the principle of self government is fully contained in the Kansas Nebraska Bill, if executed in its original sense. Therefore be resolved, that we heartily approve of the course pursued.
by our distinguished senator, Stephen A. Douglas, in anticipation of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill with all its true democratic principles, and that we will support him as long as he is the defender of such principles. Moreover, that we as citizens of Illinois are justly proud to call this talented and patriotic statesman our own.

Resolved that a copy of the minutes and resolutions of this meeting be forwarded to the committee at the delegation of Illinois.

Ch. Hilmert 3
Ch. Heffes 3
C. Lehman 2
G. Kemmer 3
S. Shuey

For silence, Dr. Helmut and our ladies having addressed the meeting. Every body present joined in giving the senator these glorious cheers.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

Henry Leavenworth, 1st.
Nelson Bann, 2nd.
Gross Meeting of German Choral
26th Dec. 1878

To Sustain Judge X,
Louis Schade Jr.

[Signature]

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Doughhœsepie, N.Y. Dec. 26th

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

A citizen of Illinois.

I am spending this winter here. I should be glad to add my name to your list of those who receive your speeches. It is perhaps superfluous to add that though not quite on Republican ground I admire your bold stand on Kansas question to God speed in a successful issue with this ferreting administration.

Please direct vis a dorte to Doughhœsepie N.Y.

Res. H.H. [illegible]

[Annoe, Ill.]

Hon. S. A. Douglas
H.H. Hoff  
(Aurora Hotel)  
Breachbree  
Dec. 26/57, N.Y.  

Hunts Speeches
Boscawen, N.H., Dec. 31st, 1857

Hon. Y. A. Douglas, Sir:

Please have the kindnless to send me a copy of your late speech on Kansas, and the favor will be gratefully acknowledged by your humble and obedient servant,

G. L. Hale.
J. G. Haley
Boeawen
Dec 26/57
wants a Speech
J. F. Henry
Ed. Advertiser
Olean N.Y.
Dec. 26, 1857

Your paper is for you. I am asked by the Democrats to supply 1000 copies for distribution

Adventure Office
Olean, N.Y.
Dec. 26, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington

My dear Sir,

I am honored with a copy of your very able speech delivered in the U. S. Senate on the 27th inst. sent me and do your frank. I have already published it, taking it from the Daily Globe, but I find the copy before me. While in presence, the matter of the argument is different in phrasing. This does not make so material a difference. Would you make a request when you (which I trust may not be altogether unseasonable) to this effect. I want 1000 copies of the speech for circulation in this region. I am and have been from the beginning of this Kansas difficulty fully impressed and openly in favor of the doctrine...
popular sovereignty, as enunciated in the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and since the commencement of the present Congress, have become more and more satisfactory, it will ultimately become the settled policy, if not law, of the land.

Democrats here and all over this section of New York, and the border Counties of Pennsylvania, are free to express their opinions upon the present position of yourself and the administration. Respecting any difference between leading Democrats, they do not hesitate—those in high office as its authorship—to pronounce Senator Douglas right, and the administration wrong. In this Congressional District (Represented by Hon. R.E. Carter in the House), there are six open and sound democratic papers, not one of which—save my own—have said a word to say the President is right, or Mr. Douglas is right. Those of the existing three papers, are or have been, or mean to be candidates for appointment from the administration!

I hesitate not to say your position is impeachable, and that forty-nine of every fifty Democrats who supported Mr. Buchanan, upon the Cincinnati Platform, throughout this Congressional District, now declare that the administration have violated its pledge and let at large the principle upon which it went into form.

My dear Sir, the people are with you—the democratic party are with you—and so long as you maintain your present position the efforts of ten thousand preachers in the fag and many of the administration cannot effect you for ill, but will assuredly do you great good.

Be pleased to accept my best wishes for your health and success in this your trial. And be assured of my determination to stand by your democracy now and to the end, and believe me,
H.B. Hind
Chicago
Dec. 26, 57
Hon. S.A. Douglas
Washington
Dear Sir:

I thank you for a copy of your speech on the Secsomto Constitution which I have had the pleasure of receiving from you.

As you are probably aware, I have been and am now the chairman of the National Kansas Committee. If I have any information in regard to Kansas affairs which would be of advantage to you in your efforts for the right, you can avail yourself of them at any time. I have a pretty full record of any thing that has transpired in
Addition to the affairs of Kansas
and am now in a way to
Know what happens in that territory

Yours truly

A. B. Reed
Dear sir:

I would be very glad if you would kindly send me some public documents, such as are for distribution during the present sessions of Congress, and valuable for political purposes. I wish to obtain a copy of all your public speeches during the sitting of the present national legislature.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Signature]
Columbus Dec 26th 1854

To Mr. S. A. Douglas

Send us more of your speakers to this office for distribution. They are called for constantly.

Yours truly,

Thos. Allen

P.S.
Columbus,
Dec. 26/57,
Wm. Wood in Cheeks
for distribution.
Lyra Montgomery
Brownsburg
St. John's Co. Ind.
Dec. 28, 1857.

Gratulations
want speeches
for distribution

Brownsburg 1st Dec. 18

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Will you please forward to us a few copies
of your speech on the Ordinance
Message - the Lecompton Constitution
in pamphlet form? We are anxious
to spread it before the people of
this vicinity as it embraces the
true principles of the Nebraska
Bill and accords with the views
advocated by the Democratic
party in the State in the comp. aim of 1856 due to

Lyra Montgomery
Brownsburg
St. John's Co.
Indiana
Rainsville, Warren Co., Inda Dec 26th, 57
J.M. Moyer,
Hand's speech of 9 the Dec. Affirming your course.

Mr. Douglas sir,

You would confer a favor on me if you would
send me your speech made on the 9th in
defense of the Nebraska bill, and any other
document that may be of interest. I am
satisfied that the views you take in respect to
the Nebraska bill will be ultimately sustained
by all parties. I was a warm friend of Mr.
Buchanan, but I now believe he would take
the ground he does.
in respect

to the Kansas difficulty
to give peace to Kansas
and the North and
South. The Kansas
difficulty must be
fairly summed up to the
people and I firmly
believe that the course
you are taking is one
that all eventualities will
unite on.

J. B. Mayor

Warrick County
Indiana
Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 26th, 1857

Dear Sir,

May God speed you in your noble position, advocating truth and principle, and may the friends of Kansas Nebraska be never inconsistent with its true meaning.

Your friends here will be innumerable.

Send me some copies of your late speech for distribution.

Yours Respectfully

John F. Oliver
Democratic City Solicitor

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City
John R. Oliver
303 Col. Allis
Steubenville O

Send me your
wants from Speechy
to substitute
"Hasten, Ky. Decr. 24th...st
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Hon. T.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me your speech on the Kansas question and any other documents of public interest.

Very Resp. your Ind.

S. B. Owens"
Washington
Dec 26 1837

Dear Sir,

The within letter was enclosed and addressed from Indianapolis Ind. to the "President of the Senate," and in compliance with his request, I herewith enclose the same to you.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. S. R. Douglas
President.
Augusta, Maine Dec 26th 1857.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate.

Sir,

Your will greatly oblige me if you will send me a copy of your speech delivered on the 9th instant—also a copy of the President's message to, and a copy of Thoro W. J. Walker's letter, and if convenient a copy of his Natchez Address delivered in January 1853.

Having no personal friends in either house from our State is my excuse for troubling you.

Truly your Friend

J. D. Pierce
J. Pierce
Augusta
Maine
December 26, 1857

Mr. Speaker
Res. Reprose
H. U. S.
Match and add
P. 1853

Hon. J. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington City
D.C.
Nottingham, N.H., Dec. 26th, 1837

Honor Sir:—Will you be so kind as to send me a bundle of your late Speech in the Senate, on the Lecompton Constitution. The reason of my asking this favor of you is, because, there is many democrats in this vicinity that are anxious to learn your views in regard to this matter—but cannot obtain them through any of the democratic papers of this state. There seems to be as studied silence on their part, to do you injustice, in not giving you a hearing—

If you can send me any direct to Nottingham, Center N.H., and I will assure you that they shall be placed in the hands of those, that will read them. Your course in the Senate meets the approbation of a majority of democrats in this town—who have had a chance to get your speech.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Plummer

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Washington, D.C.
To Mr. Plummer
Nottingham, Ohio
Dec. 26th, 187__
Want a few months
Pittstown, N.Y. Dec. 26, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Esteemed Sir,

Will you have the goodness to send me a copy of your recent speeches in the Senate on the Kansas question? And permit me to say that the position you maintain on that subject affords the most unqualified approval and gratification of every true friend of Kansas in this section.

Very sincerely,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Henry Race
H. Rhee
Pittstown
Dec. 26, 1959, N. J.

Your concern fully approved these grants.

Specs.
Summertown, Pierce Co. July 26, 1857

To S. A. Douglas

Sir, I beg leave to call your attention a moment on our P. O. Affair. I think it is in the hands of the Black Republicans. Summertown is but a small place & there is no Democrat in the place to take the Office to obviate their insincerity. I want you to send all public documents (that you see fit to send) to me & I will see that they are distributed to your supporters. Some of your speeches in pamphlet form have come to hand that is to the P. O. but the Democrats did not get any. I did get them. Sir those same ones that got your speeches on the Nebraska bill & said all they was fit for was to burn (Black Republicans) but they like your speech this Winter & think it will do to read & so theyabbage all.

I want you to send me the Agricultural Report of the Patent Office. John S. Roberts is my neighbor I expect you are acquainted with him but he is in Springfield this winter. As I should have you direct to him.

Old Pike will be all right Next Fall.

Yours Very cordially,

A. Cathbuck
C. Nathaniel
Sunnyside
Dec 26/57, Ill.

Call attention to a
Black Republican p.m.
Want Fred sent to this
address so that citizens
may see them!
Sir,

I am more directly interested in the matter, and I have been informed by the Secretary of State that the matter is being handled by the President. However, I am concerned about the recent developments in the Indian Territory.

May I know what the current status of the negotiations is and what steps are being taken to ensure the safety and well-being of the Native American communities?

Yours truly,

[Signature]
into the hands of the people of America, let it be
remembered that the present as it emphasizes, with the least
possible delay,
I do not wish to underrate the wisdom and
prudence of the determinations of those laws
by the Senate, but I am it my opinion
that, at that time, to endorse the doctrine of
the Constitution, as it is the determination of the
Constitution to the Convention, is a doctrine
against the Constitution itself. By the words. It was
not to legitimate the very founding of
the Constitution, but to enhance its
reputation, but to
the further thing, perfectly free to form one
legislative thing, domestic institutions to them
been any? Or appears the Constitution;
these values. The domestic institutions in the
of the maintenance is another instrument of power
to deliver to the maintenance of passing, amounting
to legislative action and the Convention of power
to deliver the power of passing, support, said
not from your instrument, in this bill as
approving or delivering the power into the hands of the people.
I beg you that they return, that nothing
without a partial killing of the principles
In the name of the people,

Edward C. }

Historic Site and National Cemetery.
Sam. de Rodey
Liberty Corn
Dec 26/34
a Lunatic
State of Michigan
AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
Lansing, Dec 26, 1857

Jas G. Runyon

Wants a copy of your speech on the Kansas question.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of your speech delivered in the United States Senate on that part of the President's message relating to the affairs of Kansas and much obliged

Wash, Dec. 26

James G. Runyon

New, Stephen A. Douglas
M.D. Senate
Washington, D.C.
Chicago, Dec. 24, 1857,

Dear Sir,

This will be handed you by Thomas LeFevre Ewing, one of our old presidents, a gentleman of the highest respectability, with extensive and influential connections in this part of the State.

Mr. Ewing calls at Washington to solicit your kind offices on behalf of Mr. Jonathan Potterfield, at Mr. Barnes, whose wife is a daughter of your old friend the late Judge Mosier of this city.

Mr. Potterfield is the only son of the late Justin Potterfield.

Mr. Ewing will explain the matter to you, and as a moment, entailing on your recall, with the town, will accomplish the object your attention. It will be a signal favor to living [illegible] as well as myself, and will not be forgotten.

Your position in the city gives satisfaction to you, and you may rely that Illinois will do justice.

Yours truly,

S. H. Douglas

C. S. Spooner
Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 21st, 1857.
S. Sawyer.

Introducing Mr. Forrest, soliciting your aid in behalf of Sime Butterfield.
Chicago
Dec. 26/57

[Handwritten note:]
F. D. Sherman.
Endorses your course on the Kansas question.

Chicago Dec 6th 1857

[Handwritten note:]

From
Stephens to Douglas

House no. 9

Above view you speak, and read it again with much interest, I will say to you that gives me great pleasure to inform you that I endorse the course you have taken in opposing the wrong that has attended the Leompton Convention, I agree with you that a Democrat has a right to express his views on every subject I was of opinion that the Whig party line was a compromise and should not be accepted, but if you do not join with the balance of the party standing as I do leaving him one of your warmest supporters, and have fought hard for you, I believe I have voted for you two
on three times for the office, but I felt it my duty to write again this

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address]
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

This will give you the kind notice to send me copies of congressional documents as they may be at your disposal. I thus desire you will greatly oblige me.

Yours,

[Signature]

Dec 26 '51
West Aton
Maj
I. T. Smith  
West Aclon  
Map  
Dec. 26/57  
Pauls Conference  
Document.

Yours truly,
Stephen A. Douglas.

My dear Sir:

Permit me as a humble Democrat to express to you my sincere thanks for the decided and unequivocal position you have taken on this Nebraska Kansas question, and at the same time to inform you that you are far from being alone in this matter. Hundreds of Democrats in Ohio—opinion are now weighing over your late defence of the Kansas act and your firm determination to stand by the Cincinnati platform, and the Nebraska Kansas act and the organization of the party, and abide the consequences whatever they may be resulting from such a position. You are doubtless well aware of the fact concerning the excitement that prevailed at the south during the past summer and fall, respecting the course pursued by Mr. Walker, and the action of the Decampion convention. Different journals of the Democratic party were engaged in vitriolic controversy, and as the time for the deliberation of this state to assemble...
was fast approaching as you have no doubt been apprised of the fact. Our friend and his position in this all-devouring topic became to be seriously questioned, and elicited from him a letter defining to his mind, which was very acceptable to a large portion of the party, and particularly as regards the point of submitting the Constitution to the people. But they stood on the general principles of the party. Our friend was permitted to con

This convention met at Richmond the 1st January 1847.

will here insert that famous resolution adopted by the State Rights Republicans Democratic State convention in 1848. It is this resolution, it will speak for itself, and if gentlemen allow Mr. Hunter either should take any on the subject when the matter is shaping if they take ground against submitting the whole Constitution to the people, just call their attention to this famous resolution, and ask them if they supported that platform during the Presidential campaign of 1848 when both Mr. Hunter were the Democratic candidates. Should you pursue this course and vigorously affirmatively it will be a wise fruitfulness, and will be very apt to open their eyes.

There is that resolution. Resolved 7th that as Republicans and citizens of one of the free and equal states of this Union we do most heartily protest against the hunting and villainous schemes, adumbrated violations of the Constitution and unlawful assaults on the rights and interests of the citizens of our Confederacy, and do solemnly declare that there is no power either usurped, or unauthorized legislature, which is to
E. H. Stanton

Petersburg, Va.

Dec 22, 1863

Intervening about Kansas

Wants the Clerk to
Committee on Territories
creature, as anywhere else, save only in the
people of a Territory in the adoption of a State
constitution, preparatory to admission into
the Union as a State, to prevent the migration
of any citizens of any State, with his property,
whether he be asked or anything else, to any
dominion which may be acquired by the same
man blood and treasure of the people of
all the States!

It will therefore be plainly perceived, that
the question that is involved in this resolution,
it being the pure and entire substance
of it is, to whom does the power belong where
it is to be exercised, and in regard to this
matter, since so much turmoil
and confusion has arisen on the part
of certain factionists, for it is nothing
but a faction against Boswell. They ne
served him the greatest man in the
country during President Polk's adminis-
tration, whereas then this sudden con-
donation and denunciation of this
statesman? What treason has he com-
mitted? Pray let us know and if bis case
is such as to deserve and suffer condemna-
tion at the hands of Federal justice may
That can be maintained by Democrats to
laws and Representatives, consistent with
the principles of the party. Yes, in less than
sixty days, these Democratic statements
speak for you, and to your side, they have already canceled the weight in
their speeches, and they cannot pursue
any other honorable course than by ac
acknowledging their error in regard to the
burning question. Moreover, it is imper
premptory to any one to suppose that
you are going to sacrifice the party, simply
for this difference of opinion. Even if a
majority should agree with the President
and accept his construction of the Con
stitutional act as it is a present.
Now, you have determined to stand up
for the Constitution, you are prepared to take your
practise and you can imitate this
not be touched, and continue to battle
away for the constitutional rights and
liberties of the people, and there will be
difficulty in helping off the hands with
their own prejudices as well as
their own foibles, as much as I have the
pleasure of your acquaintance, having
attained in 1868, when you addressed the
Democrats in Pennsylvania, and attended
The buckle given to you and pinned upon the American Hotel, where I had the privilege of seeing and becoming acquainted with you, I would respectfully tender you my services as clerk to your committee on Territories, since I find in the proceedings of Wednesday that this was embraced in the list of committees who were empowered to employ clerks. I would respectfully tender you my services as such.

I have addressed him on the same subject, and if efficiency will justify, I should like to act for both his and your committees, but if not, I would be made inexorable. I am inclined to be here. In case I shall not be appointed clerk to his committee, I would prefer to act for the committee of which you have the distinguished honor of being its chairman, that on Territories.

I suppose no references are needed, but I will refer to Mr. Burdick, also an acquaintance with Senator Mason and Hunter, and if he was here would also refer you to Mr. Meade, W.W. Johnson. Respectfully yours,
University of Va., Dec. 26, 1857.

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to forward me a copy of your speech on that portion of the President's message which relates to the Compton constitution.

Yours truly,

Henry R. Stoffs

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

I have the speech referred to, from a newspaper, but desire it in pamphlet form.
Bradford,
Chicagowa County,
Iowa
Dec. 26, 1857

Hon. S. D. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to furnish me with a copy of "Young Men's College Speech" recently delivered in Congress on the Kansas question.

With much respect,

J. C. Strong.
Milwaukee Dec 26th 1867

[Signature]

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

We are so unfortunate as not to have a Democratic member of Congress from this state, and we are sometimes under the necessity of troubling our neighbors.

My nomination for the S. District of

Supreme will soon come before the Senate, and us you are pretty well acquainted with our affairs in the state.

I beg to call your attention to it.

I do not know that there will be any particular opposition to my confirmation, and still there may be and if so you will greatly oblige me by making such representations and statements, as you may deem just and proper.

If by the action of Congress we can have a just and fair interpretation of the Kansas, Nebraska act, according to its true spirit, this state hereafter is democratic.

Your friend, [Signature]
State Hill, Orange Co., N.Y.
Dec. 26th, 1857.


Dear Sir,

Being unable of obtaining a full report of your speech concerning Kansas affairs, and being desirous of understanding correctly your views and those of the Administration in regard to Kansas, I would esteem it a favor if you would send me a few copies of your latest speech and any other papers which you may have at present disposed.

Yours Respectfully,

Chas. H. Van Etten Jr.
Acting Master, Orange Co.
N. Y.
This Van Etten.
State Hill
Orange Co., N.Y.
Dec. 26/37.
Wanted & Reach.
strictly private

Indianapolis Dec. 26, 1857

Dear Sir,

Although you have not requested it, I wish to let you know that the Constitution of Kansas, having been adopted, is now in full force. The Constitution was adopted by a large majority of the voters, and is now the law of the land. The new government will be held in high esteem by all true patriotic men.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
I wish they would pass some sort of Confederate resolutions at our State Convention on this 5th. The day will be asked in the same state of South Carolina would be agony. I will write you a resolution of Confederates in this order. The next day. But if Mr. Wright and real nothing of the Five hundred men. I could take Master Black, and ask the people to join the Convention, and pray Bell with their places as well as you, but for nothing. The people would throw the key of the head on the wall, and certainly to show you. Let me go on. The paper sees resolutions once, and I continued to vote against it in Congress, and in the end they backed out. They wrote to me again, if definite resolutions to pass last 8 years, a heat was next year at our elections.

I mentioned in my last that I supposed this ad was not to you knew your own way. The I was mistaken.

Ragland's course shows that. I tell us that other States have been discussing you. Coaxed moderate, consistent, and Frankly, he is not worth considering. But Wright's luck be what it may, his Cats Jaw will come to his own significance one day.

In haste! Very truly,

W. H. Wick

I would of course to also note backed on our lands and by state territory, or by State or to, of that they can be accomplished by legitimate because it is honest. We are all in the same category with you, in a small way. But some of us know the honor. In the fourth it is justified that very few can understand our obligations. They would naturally be understood differently as these speaking them from what they received and to every knowledge more in their own. Our minds live in God, although they saw the same in substance. And that
legislation which would be received with indifference even there, would have been looked upon as a trick, and would have destroyed thousands from that party, if there were a decent party to go to. As it is it will try futility to its utmost tension.
Beaver Creek, Washington, June 28th

Hon. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your speech, delivered Dec. 8th, on "The Message."

I can distribute a few of your papers to advantage.

Very Respectfully,

Calvin Wetmore