A statement, showing the political complexion of the Germans in different parts of Illinois.

Cook Co. - Fully 3/4 Republican.
Kane, Du Page & McHenry - Majority do.
Stephenson - " Democratic.
St Clair - " Strongly.
LaSalle - " " "
Woodford & Tazewell (very large settlements) almost unanimously Democratic.

Grundy - largely do.
Pierson - " Republican.
M. Stan - Democratic.
Rock Island - overwhelm.
Adams - Respectable Majority do.
Tazewell - Large majority do.

Sangamon - Small Republican majority.
Macoupin - About equally divided.

Madison - Largely Democratic.

St Clair - About equally divided.
Monroe & Randolph - Largely Democratic.
Clinton - German Prepo.

Palaski & Alexander - Chicago.

1 Democratic paper (both very weak) - 1 Republican (strong).

1 Democratic (well-supported) - (Turn over)
Mendota
1 - Democratic (new paper)

Pera
1 - Republican (new)

Springfield
1 Democratic (poorly supported)

Quincy
1 Democratic (considerably edited)

Alton
1 Republican (weak)

Belleville
1 Democratic (very strong)

Waterloo
1 Republican (strong)

Cairo
1 Democratic (very lame)

1 (shifting)

1 Democratic (new)
New Haven, August 1858.

My dear Sir:

I have recently read one of your admirable speeches delivered during the present contest which is going on in Illinois, and my impulse directs me to drop you a line assuring you of the interest I feel for your triumphant success in that struggle. I am at a loss to understand, upon any principles of fair dealing, a political honesty, the cause which some professing democrats in the country are now pursuing toward you, but I am confident that this brief sword shall cut through their host and lead me to the approval of the great man of the party. That you will come out from the burning flames unscathed I will not presume myself to doubt.

Bound together by the ties of political fellowship and personal friendship in the memorable struggle for the rights of the Kansas settlements, I see nothing in your present course which detracts from the confidence I then placed in you as a democratic statesman. Renewing to you the assurance of my confidence and warm regards, I remain

Sincerely, your friend and servant,

D . m. W. Sargent.


Chicago.
Carlisle, Aug 2 1858.

S. A. Douglass

The "Macoupin County Agricultural & Mechanic Society" will hold their annual Fair Commencing on the first Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in October next, and are very desirous to have our address from you.

May I have the pleasure of saying to them you will be in brave, and thereby afford them, and the citizens generally in the State of Macoupin, the satisfaction of telling you by the hands, and as attending to you such a welcome, as they are capable.

Hoping your engagements may not prevent your coming, if that as an early answer as convenience may be received.

I remain

Very truly your

Thos. J. Davis, Sec'y
Aug 2 1846

Davis

Carlinville
Ill.
A report

to the Honorable J. A. Douglas, U.S. T.
on the German Press and German politics
in the State of Illinois.

I am connected with the German press
in the United States since 1848. I was one
of the editors of the New York Saturday
paper until 82 and then I went to St. Louis to
take charge of the editorial column of the
American Weekly. That paper went out
of the Democratic party on occasion of the
Nebraska bill and so I went out of the paper
and the Democratic Press, a Democratic paper. But
under the auspices of Senator Atchison it
was not possible to hold up against the
terrible current and so we went down
the paper and myself. As soon as the
campaign of '76 commenced I was on
my post with a paper in Belleville the
home of his excellency Hoerner and others and
I had the gratification after a hard and
protracted battle to lay my head among
the honored countrymen, Gustavus Hoerner Esq. downtown

Aug. 1853.
The political shelf. After the election was over I had nothing further to do in such a place and I went to Chicago to take charge of the editorial columns of the Illinois Statesman a most prominent and influential paper of the great standing. But I believed I could do something good in Chicago and so I came here in December last and took charge of the A. B. Gedgikning (Evening Gazette) your Forsell and Walker for the National Democrat and Gersdorff and Schade debarred my hopes and could do nothing for me. But now you know these two worthless fellows and the Germans not only in the city but on the whole state and indeed in the whole Union. Now they too. There is only one voice of contempt and condemnation against that abominable band. Now, honored Sir, this is only an introduction for your benefit. Two-thirds of the Republicans in Illinois are Republicans, but they are warring and malcontent since your arrival and Mr. Lincoln's speeches and the disclosures of his past. He is evidently almost too much for them, and it will not take a superhuman labor to bring them over to your side. But the means are the

prey and the stump and I tell you frankly there are the only means. How how is it with prey? The National Democrat may have money but it has surely no confidence and no respect, and furthermore, he has no talent and no knowledge to say the truth, it is the most confounded pinched paper in the whole state. And that will you do as good. The Western Illinois [weekly] was good and good printing which has stood even firm to you is poor and poor and without support it will not hold out. In Illinois is the Preacher, a pure and good soul in like the counties. A weekly, in Springfield the honest change of your angel and good friend Dr. Koch and in Alton the Repository of Dr. Colona or Harmonia is the Democrat. They are all Douglas papers, the rest in Belleville Purl and Cairo have departed this life in Trapp is a good independent paper the Foreign which may largely be turned into a sale. Stump and the campaign papers.

As to the stump you may be pleased to know the campaign will be quite another as it was in '86. The first Scott Division in the greater fear of the German republican leaders and speakers and must be answered on the stump.
Schade's electioneering tour in '96 has finished him among the German in the country and his exploits in Leompton have settled him forever. I will take the stump on Dred Scott and the other issues on my own hook and responsibility, as soon as the affairs of the Wochenblatt are in hand, and I hope they will not stay again that the German speakers could not answer the arguments.

But now I close, and introduce to you Mr. Comelli who wants to speak with you about his paper. I am only a soldier in your cause and do my duty in this or that post, with the pen or with the living word, as you command me.

Very respectfully your obedient,

Louis Ditmar.
Aug. 2. E. P. Pincus.

Hennepin

Hennepin Aug. 2158

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Care of Col. Dren Committee

Sir,

You have many warm friends in Old Putnam

who desire to have you add up

them at their County seat on your

route from Lacon to Ottawa on the

20th. Should you conclude to

gratify us by a visit, a delegation

will meet you at Lacon and bring

you by Carriage to Hennepin,

You can leave the same evening

for Ottawa the 20th. If you decide to

wait till 12, 25 the next day which

would take you to Ottawa about 2 P.M.

21st. We trust you will endeavor to

gratify your numerous friends.
Sir,

Please answer at your earliest convenience. Should it be more convenient to meet us at some other time, please name the day.

Yours truly,

E. F. Pullifer

H. W. Gold

George Kent

Geo. W. Sands

W. E. Panott
Alton Aug 2 185

The following dispatch has just been received:

Dated: Aug 2 185

To Alton Sa Douglass

Can't you speak here on the twenty third or twenty fourth of August Mr Stone

Reply: Mr Bowen

t others
Beverley 
August 1/38

Sar S. T. Douglas,
Yours Truly,

Would you be kind enough to favor me with a copy of your speeches on the Kansas question also on the Pacific R Road Bill and very greatly oblige,

Yours Respectfully,

Mark Sutherland
Midshipman

Please addressto Beverley
M.J.
Private.

Democrat Office
Waukeek City, Aug. 2nd 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas:
Honorable Sir:

I beg your pardon for this intrusion, but nothing but the most urgent and important business could tempt me to do it. You will remember my speaking to you a few days since, at Chicago, in regard to assistance which it is imperatively necessary I should have immediately in order to enable me to keep up the Democrat. I find it will be impossible to keep going more than two weeks longer unless I receive help. If you can send me $100 now, and $150 more by the 15th of September I can go on and do strong service for you in this county, as well as in Will, Cook, and Livingston counties, having good circulation in them all. With those sums I can get along, with what other help will be given me here. Please let me know immediately what you can do, for if I can get no assistance, I must discontinue the Democrat at once.

Your Obedt Servt,

W. H. Bristol
Hon.
Stephen.
Fall River, August 3, 1858
A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse me for taking the liberty of addressing you, requesting your advice on a subject of great interest to me, and I hope not entirely forgotten by you. I presume you have long since heard of Mr. Brown's death. Many years before his decease, feeling the uncertainty of living to accomplish his desire of having his invention adopted by the government, and being unwilling that the secret of the fire should be lost, (the discovery of which had cost him so many years' labour,) he wrote a full description of the composition and manner of using it, also of the barrel in which it was to be used, and sealed it in a tin box. Sodered then covered all over with paper and written over the whole, rendering it impossible for any one to open it without being exposed. He then took an oath before a Justice of the Peace, that the said box contained what he writing on the outside purported. He then put it in my possession, charging me if he died to dispose of it the best I could. When we left Washington we stopped at Bowreil Bluffs, and remained there 8 years, after his death I could not get to come east, and that no one I was willing to trust, but I am now here with all the drawings, models, printed documents &c. Now if you will add one more favour to the many you have already granted to me, I am sure this proposal will soon be accepted.
(for which I feel the deepest gratitude) by advising me what to do. You will pardon a request on one that has no helper—alas being a woman makes it impossible for me to make the influence which would be necessary to carry it through Congress. I should be willing to do any of all my right for a certain sum to be named hereafter, to an individual or individuals, for them to use as much as they could by getting it adopted. All who have known the circumstances will say that Ellen Brown had great injustice done there. I hope it will be retributed by relieved her Widow. Please give the subject a little consideration and consecrate to answer and advise me how and when to proceed. Yours with the highest respect and confidence.

Ellen Brown

To please direct to Ellen Brown Fall River, Massachusetts, to the care of John P. Hodgen.
Troy, August 31, 1858

My dear Mr. Douglas,

I have read your favor (copy of speech) from time to time. They have been instructive, in the highest degree, forms of Court it is truly uncommon, for me to address to my ser.

Very truly yours, of regard for you. Yet believe there is no man who does not like what he, Count Almena, do.

When I say that you are to new and many others, here? It is simply a truth. Ed how I favor to ask, not want buy, till I want. Yes, is an honorable Court honor, you have been and is so. I might as well relate a little incident which depends on the occasion of your receiving a copy of your speech especially the Lebanon stand, a staunch of democratic faith and a strong Buchanan hand. The same as I had been, was my office when I dod it (your speech) he asked me what
I was held back and asked how I had heard of the affair. At first he had no direct connection with any of your affairs. Soon, he heard about it through his aid (which he said he took at his home with him). After he came back, the next day I noticed his eye very sparkling. I asked him how he liked it, and he said he didn't know what he had been doing, but that he had had his insole, which had to be ordered. I thought about it away to Andrews and thought of was for President Lincoln. At that he took his hand in affection from Buchanan, but I wish it might have a Douglas now! I think that I must of your old Chicago in the Vest. Common sense and good judgment is the best, and other sides of it. So, please, don't worry. You may succeed in your present undertaking.

Best wishes always,

Alice M.O.
Madison, August 3rd, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas—

Dear Sir—

Mr. L. Wishmann, the bearer of these lines and Agent of the National Democratic party of Chicago, visited me here and talked about certain affairs, passing between you and me one year ago. I moved not yet to Milwaukee, but intend to go there at once. Your battle is the most noble one ever fought not only in the true ranks of Democracy, but should like to fight right in the centre of this battle. You will have the kindness to consult the matter with Mr. Wishmann.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

August Wagner
Freemont, Ohio, Aug 4th 1858.

Dear Sir,

The convention to nominate a candidate for congress for this congressional district, will be held on the 27th instant. Our friend, Judge Hall, is opposing with a very strong opposition on the part of those who claim to be the exclusive defenders of the doctrines of popular sovereignty and the only true friends of Stephen A. Douglas. Their claim that Hall deserted you and your principles when he voted for the English conference bill, and should therefore be refused a renomination. Some, in view of the course pursued by the bolters in Illinois against you, will not vote for him if nominated. At least, they so declare this intentions. We who go for him, are and always have been your friends, and on that subject we claim that Hall is with us. Hence it looks somewhat inconsistent that he should be opposed by those who profess to be your friends. These same individuals, however, had claimed to be "original Buchanan voters"
men" until the Compton matter came up.
Hall will be renominated, but there will
be more time, money and labor spent both
for and against him than has ever been
spent both in this district for election purposes.
This will be a third candidate. The only
question is Hallow Black Republicans.
When passing through this place on the way to
enquire a sheet that shall be returned.
This was published, but those who claim
to be union true Douglas men deny
that you ever made use of such an expression.
Now, if you would give me an expression
of your sentiments on this question,
with the propriety of showing, and
if necessary publishing, the same, it
would do more towards Hall's election than
anything we could devise. It would
confirm the truth of our assertions,
that Hall is your friend, not only
politically but personally, and that
you desire his election.

Engaged as you are in so great
writing and important canvass,
(God speed you in the cause) I
am aware that your time and

patience should not be trespassed upon.
But my anxiety to secure the election
of one, than whom there is no better
Democrat or truer friend to yourself,
must be my apology.

In replying to this, you could confer
me greater favor upon

Yours devoted,

A.J. Dickinson

Chicago, Oct 3

Hon. L.A. Douglas
A J. Dickinson
Freemont
Ohio
Aug 4th

Check mark
August the 4th 1858

Will you please to send me one of your agricultural patent office reports and if you will be very much obliged Direct it to Wataga Loon. So shall
Abraham Whitney

(Sent to fame)
Abraham Hicks
Watauga, Ill.
Aug 4, 1858.
Chicago Aug 31st 1858

Sir,

I send you a copy of Mr. Douglas's speech from the "New York Times" (not knowing whether you saw it there) in your "fruits of your troubles" on the occasion of the "Fugro Celebration" at Springfield. You will observe that the "Black Douglas" has been the best construction on Mr. Lincoln's language that you yourself can.

I am not sure that you
would like to quote such authority, but some of us have thought it entitled to some consideration. Therefore I send it to you in the sentiments of high esteem,

Truly yours,

[Signature]

O.R. Bayhara