

and defended it when ever assailed or violated. In 1856, he was again a candidate for the Presidential nomination, before the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati. The highest vote he received was on the sixteenth ballot, which stood at—For Mr. Buchanan, 108; for Mr. Douglas, 127; for Mr. Cass, 45.

In the Congressional session of 1857, he denounced and opposed with energy and ability, the Lecompton Constitution, upon the distinct ground that it was not the act and deed of the people of Kansas, and did not embody their will. Before the adjournment of that session of Congress, he returned home to indicate his action before the people of Illinois in one of the most exciting and well-contested political canvasses ever known in the United States. He succeeded in carrying the election of a sufficient number of State Senators and Representatives to secure his return to the United States Senate for six years from March 4, 1859, by 54 votes for him, to 46 for Abraham Lincoln, his able and distinguished opponent.

In 1860 Mr. Douglas was presented by the Northern Democracy as their favorite candidate for the Presidency. His claims however, for that post, were also urged by many influential men in the South. At the Charleston convention, in May, 1860, he was elected as the fifth and last ballot, Mr. Douglas received one hundred and fifty-one votes out of two hundred and fifty-two cast. At the adjourned convention at Baltimore, he received one hundred and eighty-nine votes out of one hundred and ninety-four, and was declared the Democratic nominee. The opponents of Mr. Douglas, who had secured from the Charleston convention, nominated Mr. John C. Breckinridge. At the ensuing election in 1860, Mr. Douglas received 1,365,976 votes, and Mr. Breckinridge 847,933, the entire popular vote being 3,662,270. Of the votes in the electoral college, Mr. Douglas received three from New Jersey, and nine from Missouri.

Mr. Douglas has been remarkably successful in promoting the local interests of his own State during his Congressional career. To him more than to any other individual, is Illinois indebted for the magnificent grant of lands which secured the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad, and contributed so much to restore the credit and develop the resources of the State. He was a warm supporter and advocate of a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, having been a member of the various Committees of Congress on that subject, and being the author of several bills reported by those Committees. Mr. Douglas's views in regard to our foreign relations have seldom been in accordance with the policy of the Administration. He opposed the treaty with England, limiting the Oregon Territory to the 49th parallel, contending that England had no rights on that coast, and that the United States should never acquiesce in her claim. He opposed the treaty of peace with Mexico, on the ground that the boundaries were not equal, and recommended by his correspondence in the United States to the Indians could never be executed. The United States have since paid Mexico \$10,000,000 to change the boundaries and relinquish the stipulations in regard to the Indians. He opposed the ratification of the Clayton and Bulwer treaty and endeavored to prevent its ratification upon the ground, among other things, that it pledged the faith of the United States in all time to come never to annex, colonize or exercise dominion over any portion of Central America. He declared that he did not desire to annex that country at that time, but maintained that the Isthmus routes must be kept open so that the Americans could possessions on the Pacific, that the time would come when the United States would be compelled to occupy Central America, and that he would never pledge the faith of the Republic not to do in the future in respect to this continent what its interests and safety might require. He declared himself in favor of the acquisition of Cuba, whether the island can be obtained consistently with the laws of nations and the honor of the United States. Mr. Douglas was married April 7, 1847 to Miss Martha D. Martin, daughter of Col. Robert Martin, of Rockingham county, N. C., by whom he had three children, two of whom are living. She died Jan. 10, 1858. He was again married, November 20, 1858, to Miss Adele Cutts, daughter of James Madison Cutts, of Washington, D. C., Second Controller of the Treasury.

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