

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

ST. THOMAS.

A GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY.
Very few people have ever heard of the island of St. Thomas; Ocean or 'er its reefs and bars, Hill or 'er its rocks and groves, Grove or 'er its forests and groves above the sea, and so on. "Isles of Eden," where no ill is, Land of plenty, where no want is, On the sea that it encumbered.

Then said William Henry Seward As he said his eye to heaven: "I come to this island of St. Thomas."

Said the Mountain ranger, "Thank you, sir, for your kind words, Your scars and sores porting, In our very hills boring, All our secret problems trying, And all our difficulties solving, Dug up all our thunders! D— it! Other hand, I must if we will!"

Said the coral reef, "I'm glad, Said the sea, "to see your white teeth gushing, Over its coral reef lips flashing; Shut with stand my shining portal, Gave my tide and ebb, And my secret nath made clear, Published over the hemisphere of the world, Shall it? Blow me if I do!"

So the mountains shook and thundered, And the sea looked and wondered At the sea came on them leaping: Made things lively at St. Thomas.

Till one morning, when Bill Seward Was born, he had a forceful sound, Made by his own two pounds, With detective at my back, And his secret nath made clear, Published over the hemisphere of the world, Shall it? Blow me if I do!"

Said the black-bearded Hurricane Brooding o'er the Spanish main: Shall a man's forces, sound, Make him a forceful sound, With detective at my back, And his secret nath made clear, Published over the hemisphere of the world, Shall it? Blow me if I do!"

The WASHBURN AND DONNELLY WAR.

WILKINSBURG, May 29, 1868.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE.—Sir:—As the dispute between Congressmen Washburne and Connally has assumed a national interest, some facts, not generally known, may not be out of place in your columns.

When Minnesota was a Territory it was under the exclusive control of the Buchanan Democracy. In her first election, as a State Senator, the Republican candidate for Governor, Ramsey, the editor of the *Minneapolis Journal*, received 1,000 more votes than all the others combined. There was not an inch of dry land in the State, and the Republicans had no place to live. At the second, the Republicans rallied, and the two parties came together in the fiercest political encounter I ever saw. The Democratic brought out their strongest men as candidates, and had all the aid the party in power could give. For Lieutenant Governor they nominated General S. B. Lowrie, a Southern gentleman of great wealth, and such personal popularity that he had been generally regarded as the political dictator of the Territory from its organization. An Indian trader and interpreter, a man contractor and President of the Claim Club, who drove out of the country whenever they would, he would never condescend to represent the Territory as Delegate at Washington, but sent some subordinate while he controlled matters at home. To oppose him the Republicans nominated Mr. Donnelly, an Irish lawyer who had distinguished himself by his eloquence appeals to his constituency in favor of human freedom. It was a most hotly contested election. Schurz, Colfax and Grover stumped the State; but none did better service than Donnelly, who is a most logical and cunning reasoner, in addition to the usual qualities of a capital stump speaker. The Republicans now triumphed; and the Democrats were so completely beaten that there can be no good year for a Democratic majority in the North, since the last time in this century. Donnelly ran ahead of his ticket although these very charges which Mr. Washburne now makes were then made, and reiterated in every Democratic paper, in handbills, and circulars, and public speeches, and scattered broadcast all over the State. I was perfectly familiar with them, and considered them as well founded as those before the people rendered them.

When the Republicans took charge of the Government the State finances were in a deplorable condition. The people re-elected every State officer by increased majorities at the end of their first term; there certainly had been, and continued to be, a vast improvement in the State credit.

When Mr. Lincoln was first elected, there was much talk of the State, leading Republicans calculated, in case of his election, that the patronage of the general government would be given to those who labored for that consummation. There were several contestants for the Surveyor Generalship; but the people, in the northern district, expected it to be given to Stephen Miller, who has since been Brigadier General and Governor of the State. He had been delegate to the Chicago Convention, and chairman of the Electoral Committee, and canvassed the State, is an effective public speaker, had contributed liberally in money to defray expenses, was thought to have a claim second to none, to the best appointment the party could give. Col. Aldrich, the Congressional reputation commanded by Mr. Washburne, acknowledged that claim. I myself saw his written pledges to support the appointment for Mr. Miller. There were two other prominent aspirants, whose names I have forgotten, but whose claims are strong.

When the appointment was announced there was much such a sensation as when Mr. Pierce was nominated for President. The question then was "Who is Frank Pierce?" Now it was, "Who is Washburne?" "Washburne! Washburne!"

Miller could cogitate, "Where did he come from?"

In explanation of his broken pledges, Colonel Aldrich states that the Washburnes, in Congress had demanded this position for the Washburne who was not in Congress; and that it was impossible to ignore their influence. As their interference in Minnesota affairs was thus clearly indicated it is, perhaps, not unfair to infer that to the Republicans of that state were indebted to the same distribution of Government patronage that Mr. Lincoln, well known, did not organize the party. Nothing but the most excited patriot could have induced the people to continue to uphold a party which conformed its favors on its drones, or most active enemies; as, for instance, appointing the two Breckinridge, Land Officers of St. Cloud, Minn., to Paymasterships, over a dozen Republican applicants.

The General Washburne who is to succeed Mr. Donnelly is a man of great energy, and was in Minnesota making money out of the Government sinecure during all the time of the war; for, there was no emigration to the State in those years. She had about as much use for a Surveyor General as a cart for a third wheel.

That Mr. Washburne should so forget the dignity of his position as to repeat, in writing, and republish, his old Democratic speech, in which he repeated his party's slogan, is strange, but is quite in keeping with a plot to outwit a true, working Republican, and give his place to a man who has neither ability nor inclination to do anything for his party or country, but sign away for money.

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—The people of Hartford like to encourage American talent; they should all be good protectionists for both took in \$300, more than did Ristori.

—Walter Brown, unable to find any single man who has confidence enough in him to row with him, has issued a challenge to the world at large.

—The Yale *Courant* wishes each student who graduated under the late President Day to contribute one dollar to erect a suitable monument to him on the college grounds.

—New buildings are going up all over the city, and it is not an unpleasing sight; and when we think that sometime before next winter Fifth street may probably be paved, we are pleased with the evidences of municipal improvement.

—A funny maid in Boston has been the Chinese embassy, having been unfortunate in finding a man to have his tail fastened to her ship of State by the older barbershop. She is now sent to supplement one of her working members.

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