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#### COMMUNICATIONS.

ATHENS, August 3, 1837.

The Citizens of this place and vicinity, today gave a public dinner to the Delegation from this County, as a demonstration of approbation of their course in the Legislature. We have to regret that it was not in the power of Mr. Fletcher or Col. Dawson to attend. Mr. J. D. Allen acted as Marshal of the day, assisted by Messrs. Hurt and Grosh as Deputy Marshals. Wm. P. Brown, Esq. presided at the table as President. The Springfield band kindly volunteered their services on the occasion. At one o'clock about one hundred and fifty gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner, prepared by Mr. Anderson. After the cloth was removed, the following toasts were disposed of.

#### REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The United States. "Our country and whole country."
2. The State of Illinois. Possessed of a fertile soil and salubrious climate, surrounded by navigable rivers and lakes, we look forward to the brilliant destiny that awaits her, with a confidence undisturbed by the present disastrous condition of our beloved country.
3. The County of Sangamon. One of the brightest stars in the galaxy which constitute our State. Let her be now and forever one and inseparable.
4. The recent session of our State Legislature. Its members have performed their duty promptly. Well done good and faithful servants.

X 5. The Internal Improvement system. As we have embarked in it, let it be energetically prosecuted. Its results will be felt in the rapid accumulation of wealth and population, and their inseparable concomitants, the advancement of education and the developement of the great natural wealth of the State.

+ 6. ILLinois State rights and State men. May all parties unite in advancing the former and sustaining the latter.

~~7~~ + 7. The United States Bank and State Bank of Illinois. Their 'rags' are good in Athens.

8. John T. Stuart.. The voters of the 3d Congressional district appreciate his talents and worth, and will by a triumphant majority next August elect him to represent them in the Congress of the United States.

#### VOLUNTEERS.

+ By J. K. Hurt. The 'long nine of old Sangamon.' In the language of Gen. Ewing, 'nine intellectual and physical giants.'-- By a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether, they located the seat of government at Springfield.

By S. B. Esty. Our political institutions, founded on the natural and immutable laws of man, they have the guarantee of a permanent existence in the patriotism and intelligence of a free people.

By G. Elkin. A Capitol gained, and not a foot of territory lost.

By W. B. Brown. The long nine of Sangamon. Deservedly popular and influential as members of our Legislature, fearless, talented and upright, they nobly maintained the interests of their constituents, raised the character of our county, and reflected honor upon our State. May they, like Crocket, 'go ahead.'

By John B. Taylor. Illinois, a free State, governed by a judicious legislation, inhabited by an enlightened and free people. Their motto is 'Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures.'

By H. C. Rogers. Our delegation of the last General Assembly. Their valuable services merit of their constituents the highest praise. May they be remembered should they offer their services again to the citizens of Sangamon.

Messrs. Herndon and Fletcher, the people's choice. They will glory in sustaining them, while they continue to serve them faithfully.

By J. D. Allen. Illinois--Her course is onward. She has reared the standard of her rights, and proudly assumes that pre-eminence to which her natural resources and the virtue and intelligence of her people so justly entitle her.

By W. S. Stone. Principles not men. May the honest supporters of the former always prevail over the slavish advocates of the latter.

By R. L. Wilson. The citizens of Athens. Hospitable, patriotic and intelligent. May it continue the second town in numerical strength in the Key Stone county.

E. D. Baker.--The people's choice. They will glory in sustaining him while he serves them faithfully.

X A. Lincoln.--He has fulfilled the expectations of his friends and disappointed the hopes of his enemies.

By I. G. Hunter. Maj. E. D. Baker--He received a dish thoroughly minced from Mr. Lincoln and baked it until it was thoroughly done! done! Thanks to Major Baker.

By J. D. Allen. N. W. Edwards--A good scion of a noble stock.

A. G. Herndon--Much better than we expected. Must go again.

X A. Lincoln--One of nature's ~~noble~~ *nobleman*.

Robert L. Wilson--A true representative of Sangamon County, and an honest man.

Col. John Dawson--A true friend of democratic principles, and a faithful servant of the people.

Hon. Dan Stone--The citizens of Sangamon will not forget their absent friend.

By H. C. Rogers. Our Systems of Internal Improvement and Education. Both eminently calculated to elevate the character, promote the happiness and wealth of the citizens of our State. We wish them the greatest possible success.

Col. Wm. F. Elkin--His merits silence his enemies.

X By A. Lincoln. Sangamon county will ever be true to her best interests and never more so than in reciprocating the good feelings of the citizens of Athens and neighborhood.

By A. G. Herndon. Athens: May she continue to increase in population until she ranks with the first towns of the State.

The Springfield Band. Our thanks are due them for their attendance on the present occasion. They merit the greatest praise and commendation.

By Thomas C. Elkin. Education--The pillar which upholds the temple of liberty. Immortality to those who have reared it in Illinois.

Numerous other volunteers were presented, but copies of them were not obtained. The company separated in good time, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasures of the day.