

of the state who on all occasions have sustained me."<sup>54</sup> In the end, the regular Democrats, urged on by Dodge and Henn, kept the rebels in line. The General Assembly re-elected Jones to another six-year term to the United States Senate over his Whig rival, George G. Wright, by a vote of 59 to 31.<sup>55</sup>

Everything considered, the Democrats of Iowa had no reason to view the election results of 1852 with satisfaction. At best, the frontier voter was an uncertain and unpredictable individual who switched political allegiance rather readily, depending upon the urgency of his immediate needs. Failure to accommodate the railroad desires of Iowa's central counties contributed heavily to the Democratic defeat in the Second District's congressional race. Continued failure to gratify the growing aspirations of Iowans for public banking facilities, internal improvements, and homestead legislation, as well as the lack of success in stilling the controversy over slavery, would eventually lead to the dislodgement of the Democrats from their positions of power, prestige, and authority in the state.<sup>56</sup>

<sup>54</sup> George W. Jones to Charles Mason, May 18, 1852, Mason Papers.

<sup>55</sup> *Journal of the Senate*, Fourth General Assembly of Iowa, 1852, 79-80.

<sup>56</sup> Morton M. Rosenberg, "The Kansas-Nebraska Act in Iowa: A Case Study," *Annals of Iowa*, Third Series, 37, 1964, 455-457.

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