

History Hidden in the Paper World of EPHEMERA

Election year politics have been in the news every day for many months. All candidates want to be sure the voters know who they are and what they plan to do if elected. The candidates try their best to convince the public to vote for them on Election Day.

To help the voters remember who is running for office and what they stand for, some candidates prepare a "handbill," a slip of paper printed with important information about the candidate's life and beliefs. When the candidates and their supporters visit shops, factories, church suppers, or county fairs, they pass out the handbills as reminders to the voters.

Handbills are not a new idea, of course. Here are some Election Day handbills of the past that have been preserved at the Vermont Historical Society. Perhaps you have collected your own this year.

National Republican Ticket.



GARFIELD AND ARTHUR.

For Electors of President and Vice President.
WILLIAM Y. W. RIPLEY,
WILLIAM W. LYNDE,
JAMES K. BATCHELDER,
SUMNER S. THOMPSON,
DAVID H. BEATTIE.



For President,
Grover Cleveland,
 OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President,
Allen G. Thurman,
 OF OHIO.

Presidential Electors.
WALDO BRIGHAM,
 OF HYDE PARK.

EDMUND DESCHENES,
 OF ST. ALBANS.

CHARLES J. ALGER,
 OF BURLINGTON.

W. C. CALHOUN,
 OF NEWPORT.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM.



For President,
SAMUEL J. TILDEN,
 OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President,
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,
 OF INDIANA.

For Presidential Electors,
LUCIUS ROBINSON,
HENRY L. RODIMAN,
GEORGE L. WATERMAN,
AMOS ALDRICH,
STEPHEN L. GOODELL.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.



Grant and Colfax.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.
GEORGE W. GRANDEY,
BORACE FAIRBANKS,
GEORGE A. MERRILL,
RANSLURE W. CLARKE,
GEORGE WILKINS.

**GRAND
 DEMOCRATIC RALLY!**

TWO GRAND MEETINGS
 will be given
AT MONTPELIER,
 under the auspices of the
TILDEN AND HENDRICKS CLUB,
 On Thursday Evening, August 24th,
 and Monday Evening, August 28, 1876.

THURSDAY EVENING
 Addresses will be delivered by
Hon. HENRY O. KENT,
 of New Hampshire.
A. N. MERCHANT, Esq.,
 of Burlington.

ON MONDAY EVENING
 Address by
Hon. E. J. PHELPS,
 of Burlington, from whom the people may expect a rare
 treat as he is one of the most accomplished and cul-
 tivated speakers in the State.

Music will be furnished by
THE MONTPELIER CORNET BAND,
 and Singing by the
TILDEN AND HENDRICKS GLEE CLUB!

The speaking will be in Village Hall.
 All are cordially invited to listen to a candid exposition of the
 issues of the day. Reserved seats for Ladies.
 Per order Executive Committee.