## PROCTOR KNOTT'S SPEECH FANNED VITAL SPARK

DULUTH IN 1876

FROM AN ORIGINAL DRAWING BY DAVID ERICKSON MADE DURING THE PERIOD OF DEPRESSION FOLLOWING THE PANIC OF 1873.

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## HOW PROCTOR KNOTT CAST THE HOROSCOPE OF DULUTH

The Gentleman From Kentucky Bankrupted His Imagination To Paint the Ultimate of the Ridiculous, Yet Failed to Approximate the Actuality.

In the closing days of the session of congress of 1871 a bill was ding before the house which provided a land grant for the Bayfield it. Croix railroad J. Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, was friendly to promoters of the bill but could not refrain from indulging the sarn evoked by some previous reference to Duluth. His talked the to death and made the name of Duluth famous throughout the native in a speech which is still ummatched for sustained and brilliant of the same of the second. In the light of late of the Congressional Record. In the light of late of the congressional Record. In the light of late of the congressional Record. In the light of late of the congressional Record. In the sprophetic, It so the process of the sprophetic in the still ummatched for some fill the sprophetic in the solid late of the match. The should be preserved a classic, and remain in perpetual evidence of the fact that truth is unser than fection.

The editor has taken the liberty of interpolating in Mr. Knott's che-which is subjoined—some facts and figures, which, while they interfere somewhat with sparkle of the speaker's wit, nevertheless pointed compliment to the accuracy of his prophetic periods.

THE BILL FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE ST. CROIX LAND GRANT BEING UNDER CONSIDERATION, MR. KNOTT ADDRESSED THE HOUSE AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Speaker: If I could be