

The Young Men's Republican Union, organized in 1856 as the Young Men's Fremont and Dayton Central Union, have leased the old head quarters.

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of Washington and Jefferson as his guide; who will administer the government with economy and with even handed justice; and will defend our still glorious Union from the insidious assaults of pretended friends and the open attacks of its avowed enemies ; who will employ the power of the Navy and the authority of the judiciary for the suppression of an unholy and piratical traffic ; and who will if need be, exert the whole force of the government in securing to every citizen life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To all who approve of these purposes, we extend a most cordial and earnest invitation to co-operate with us in the great work we have to do. New-York, April 2M, 1860.