



A. E. STEVENSON,
First Assistant Postmaster-General

Probably a larger number of American citizens are directly interested in the doings of Mr. Stevenson, than in those of any other officer in the employ of the Federal government. Eagerness for the appointment of local postmaster is a phase of American life to be seen almost anywhere. Our subject is the man who gratifies or disappoints the eagerness of multitudes, for in his hands are the forty-five thousand appointments which Uncle Sam empowers him to make by virtue of his position as first assistant postmaster general. His office is one of an arduous character, but a glance at his face indicates his possession of the necessary capacity and force. Mr. Stevenson is a strong man, mentally and physically.

He is a Kentuckian by birth, and first saw the light of Freedom's happy land in the year 1835. When he was sixteen years of age he removed to Bloomington, Illinois, where he industriously applied himself to the study of the law. He was entrusted with local office at an early period in his professional life. In 1864 he was a candidate for presidential elector on the democratic ticket. He was elected to congress in 1874, and served one term. Last year he was a delegate to the democratic national convention, and gave steady support to James E. Macdonald, whom he hoped would be nominated for the presidency.

Big Bear's Sentence.

WINNIPEG, September 12.—A Regina dispatch says Big Bear has been given three years at Stony Mountain for treason-felony.

Minister Kelly Resigns.

WASHINGTON, September 12.—A. M. Kelly was at the department of state today. He has formally tendered his resignation as minister to Austria and the resignation has been accepted.

Death of An Eminent Lawyer.

CHICAGO, September 12.—Emery A. Storr, a well known barrister and political orator, died at Ottawa, Ill., last night, of paralysis of the heart. His death was unexpected.

The Race.

NEW YORK, September 14.—In the thirty-eight mile race over the New York Yacht club course, to-day, the Puritan defeated the Genesta by sixteen minutes and nineteen seconds; corrected time, sixteen minutes and forty-seven seconds. The wind was extremely light from the start to Sandy Hook, going out, and from there to the finish, coming in from the Hook to the lightship and back there was a good eight knot breeze. The tide was flood during the first half of the race and ebb coming home. The largest fleet of steamers ever assembled in New York harbor for a similar sight accompanied the yachts over the entire course. The scene at the finish was one of the grandest ever witnessed. Both yachts were saluted by every vessel and the guns from Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island. Owing to the cracking of the iron cap on the Genesta's mainmast the outside race is postponed until Wednesday.

Mahone as a Cowhide.

PETERSBURG, Va., September 12.—Senator Mahone distinguished himself here to-day by attempting to cowhide a Mr. Hunter, whom he accused of leading his son astray. He also attacked a Mr. Donnan with a rawhide, but the combatants were separated before blood was spilled.

Riel Resisted.

OTTAWA, September 15.—A dispatch from Regina says that Riel has been repitted pending the decision of the British privy council.

Waite in England.

LONDON, September 14.—The Times to-day says the statement will be read with interest that we have the presence of a chief justice of the United States among us. It is regrettable, though, that the time of year prevents concerted action respecting his visit being taken on the part of the different inns of the court. The legal profession, however, will extend to Chief Justice Waite that cordial reception given by the Americans to Lord Coleridge on the occasion of the latter's visit to the United States. But it is fitting that the presence among us of a judge yet more eminent in position than Lord Coleridge be known and recognized by us.

England to Have Her Share.

LONDON, September 14.—In the event of Germany persisting in claiming the Corollines, England is mindful of her rejection of the Spanish claim in 1875, and will claim an equal share with Germany.

Warlike Preparations.

BERLIN, September 14.—The German cruising squadron which has returned to Kiel, is under orders to refit for the north Atlantic under Commodore Stenha and Prince Henry of Prussia. The Admiralty has postponed the usual discharge of the naval reserves. There are also other signs of activity in the navy. Squadrons will take supplies for six months and be ready for immediate use. All ironclads on foreign stations have been ordered by telegraph to prepare for any emergency.

Appointment of Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, September 14.—The postmaster general to-day appointed about three hundred fourth-class postmasters. No appointments were made for the Pacific coast.

A Chinese Horror.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 15.—A horrible discovery was made in Chinatown to-day. Information was given the city coroner that a frightful stench was being emitted from a cellar on Pacific street. He went and forced his way in and found the floor covered with human skulls and bones partly covered with flesh in the last stage of green putrefaction. Among the decayed mass worms were crawling, while the floor was wet and slimy with liquid exuding from the remains. In an inner room the coroner found a number of Chinese engaged in boiling down the remains of other bodies, while other Chinese were engaged in scraping the boiled bones and packing them in boxes for shipment to China. It is estimated that the cellar contained over three hundred dead bodies which had been taken secretly from various cemeteries throughout the state. As an instance of Chinese ingenuity it is stated that those in charge of the operations, fearing that the stench from the boiling pots would attract attention from the outside, procured two live skunks, so that the odor of the latter might overcome that of the former. The coroner confiscated all the remains.

Those that came from the interior were boiled and prepared before shipment so that no odor is perceptible en route. Only those removed from San Francisco cemeteries had the flesh still on them when brought to the preparation cellar. It was the intention to have shipped all those on the steamer City of Peking which sails next Saturday. It is rumored that the Six Chinese companies will bring action against the coroner for the removal of the boxes and remains.

Northern Pacific Directorship.

NEW YORK, September 15.—The contest for position on the new board of directors of the Northern Pacific continues, but the parties most deeply interested are working quietly. One question at issue is as to whether or not the Oregon Railway and navigation lease shall be ratified, and directly connected with this question is one which relates to the completion of the Cascade branch. Messrs. Wright, of Philadelphia, and Morgan and Ives, of this city, it is said, are in favor of building the Cascade branch, and are working to reelect President Harris. The opposition is led by Mr. Elijah Smith, of the Oregon Navigation Company, Mr. Billings and others, and it claims the report put on the street that President Cable of the Rock Island, was to be made president of the Northern Pacific, originated from a desire of Mr. Smith and others to place him in that position. The present board of directors have already approved the lease of the Oregon Navigation by a vote of ten to three. The directors will meet to-morrow to consider and approve the report to be presented at their annual meeting to be held on the following day.

Attempted Mint Robbery.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 13.—A startling discovery has been made that two men, who recently rented the basement of a house on Mission street, this city, have been engaged in digging a tunnel to connect the cellar with the main sewer, which has a branch extending into the United States mint, near by. The caving of the street and an investigation by the street inspector first revealed the existence of the tunnel. The men who did the work have disappeared. There is little doubt that their object was to rob the mint, though the officials say this would have been impossible, even had an underground entrance been affected.

Riel's Letter.

The following letter from Louis Riel was read at a meeting of his sympathizers held at St. Boniface, Manitoba, recently: REGINA, September 7, 1885.

I have the pleasure of learning through one of my lawyers, Mr. Lemieux, of the public meeting that is taking place at St. Vital. It pleases me beyond expression to know that the generous efforts of my lawyers have been appreciated by my friends through you. Expression is given to my gratitude. Manitoba it is impossible for me not to love it; love my country and my people, friends and enemies.—The demonstration made in my province affords me great consolation. It is made by a people and in a country the dearest to me on earth. I expect great things from this meeting which must necessarily be fruitful of good results.

(Signed) LOUIS RIEL.

Share and Share Alike.

Gentleman—What are you doing nowadays, Uncle Rastus?
Uncle Rastus.—Ise workin' fo' Sam Jones, sah.

Gentleman—What at?
Uncle Rastus.—Picking blackberries up on ole Mrs. Brown's pasture lot.

Gentleman—Don't Mrs. Brown object to it?

Uncle Rastus.—She don't know it, sah.

Gentleman—What does Sam pay you for picking Mrs. Brown's berries?

Uncle Rastus.—He 'lows me half what I pick.

In an obituary notice an exchange speaks of the deceased lying in voiceless silence. Certainly a very appropriate thing on the part of the corpse, as a noisy, boisterous silence is something we never could endure, and we should regard it as entirely out of place if the remains indicated the first disposition to indulge in talkative silence. Voiceless silence is quite right, and corpses will please govern themselves accordingly.

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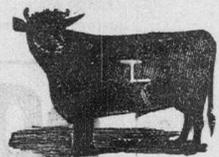
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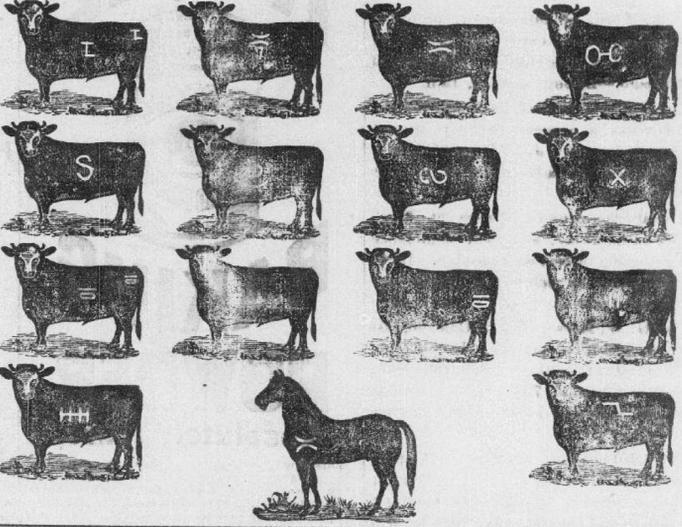
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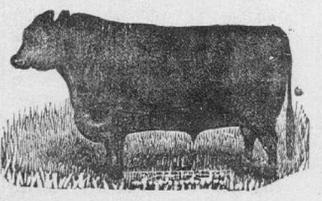
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