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A peculiar political incident has just been reported from Illinois. It was one of the funniest complications that the postoffice department has ever experienced. The town had a German democrat as postmaster under Mr. Cleveland. When Harrison was elected he was succeeded by a republican postmaster, who died, and the office was then turned over to the widow. When Cleveland was elected last fall the German democrat thought that he also had been re-elected postmaster. He appeared at the postoffice with a wagon and persuaded the postmistress to allow him to remove the effects of the office to his place. He has since been running affairs, fully convinced that Cleveland's re-election restored him as postmaster. Representative Hopkins reported the fact to the postoffice department and an inspector was detailed to restore the postmistress to her rights.

The latest respecting the Panama canal scandal in Paris is to the effect that the book containing copies of the correspondence with Herz and Anton relating to votes in the senate and chamber of deputies in behalf of the Panama canal scheme, found in the office of the Panama canal company, is said to compromise a large number of senators and deputies. There are letters demanding money, together with the rates on which the payment was made. It will be the basis of additional prosecution. It establishes the fact of a blackmailer and go-between in the corruption of the legislators.

The use of nickel in armor-plates, and the probable increased demand, has stimulated the search for the metal long known to exist in the Black Hills, and a South Dakota dispatch says Wood Thurlow, of London, while in Rapid City a few weeks since, invested in numerous claims in Burnt ranch district, near there, and his property is now under development. Very rich specimens from large deposits near Harney were brought in yesterday. The assays show a large per cent. of nickel and from \$5 to \$10 gold per ton. Numerous claims have been staked along the nickel ledges.

Report comes from Washington to the effect that a number of ranchmen and other residents of Mexico on the Rio Grande border will file claims for damages through the depredations of bandits and the so called revolutionists from Texas. These bandits, while claiming to be of a political character, are nothing less than freebooters. They intimidate settlers, take horses, cattle or whatever they see fit to appropriate. These claims, it is understood, will be formally presented to the United States government for indemnity on the ground that the United States is responsible for not suppressing the outlawry which originated in its territory.

A Boston dispatch says the collector of that port has received a sweeping order from the treasury department at Washington, concerning the importation of rags. The order absolutely prohibits the importation of rags from Paris, Rouen, Havre, Marseilles, Cherbourg, Dunkirk and Lorient, in France; all ports and places in Russia, Netherlands, Belgium, Austro-Hungary (except Trieste), Hamburg, Altona and Kiewo, in Germany. All other places where cholera is known to be prevailing or may hereafter prevail will be included in the list.

A queer story is told by the Cincinnati Times-Star as the failure of a Clermont county merchant a few weeks ago. While in that city he was attracted by the watches displayed in a pawn shop window, and stepped inside to examine them. Two or three persons from his village happened to pass and saw him. They went home and gossiped about the matter. A report was spread that he was hard up, and had been pawning his watch in Cincinnati. The report injured his business, and his creditors also began to press him. In a short time he was compelled to make an assignment.

The Hillsboro Independent has a strong article criticizing some of the proposed amendments to the tax laws of the state advocated by the Portland chamber of commerce. That body seems to have two ideas which it calls reforms; one to repeal the mortgage tax law, the other to exempt notes and accounts from assessment. The correspondence referred to discusses those points.

Miners in Tennessee again threaten to release the convicts at the Coal creek mines. No one can tell just what they will do. There are about 163 men at Coal creek, and they are under strictly military discipline. The miners swear that the convicts shall be released before Gov. Buchanan's term expires. Whether they will attempt to carry their threat into execution remains to be seen.

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