

POSTAL PROGRESS.

To realize the enormous progress of the postal service of the United States one needs to consult history to learn that the present system of postal service originated in 1794, with Samuel Osgood as the first Postmaster-General. At that time there was not a daily mail. There were but 100 postoffices, and but 2000 miles of mail routes. The first year of the postal service the gross receipts were \$50,000. At that time the cheapest postage was six cents for each letter, one cent for a distance not exceeding thirty miles. The rate of postage for 100 miles distance was 12 1/2 cents per letter, and for all distances over 440 miles the rate was twenty-five cents per letter. In 1837 the gross receipts of the United States postal service had risen to \$5,000,000, while in 1890 the gross receipts aggregated \$61,000,000. In 1890 the mail routes travelled daily in this service equalled a distance forty-one times the circuit of the globe. Eight thousand letters are dropped into the mail boxes every minute in the day, and 150,000 people are employed in the service, both in the post-offices and on the post routes.

The amount of business which any particular office reports during the year is a true index of the business of that community. The New York returns \$5,000,000 per annum for the gross receipts of its one postoffice, Chicago returns upwards of \$3,000,000, Philadelphia and Boston upwards of \$2,000,000 each, St. Louis upwards of \$1,000,000, Cincinnati \$800,000, Brooklyn and San Francisco each about \$700,000 and Baltimore \$600,000. No office in the United States does so large a business in comparison with the population as Boston. Thus the gross receipts of Boston bring upwards of \$2,000,000, showed an average of \$4.50 for each member of the community. New York shows \$3.30 per head average, Chicago \$3.10, St. Louis \$2.80, Philadelphia \$2.20, San Francisco \$2, Baltimore \$1.50, Cincinnati \$1.50 and Brooklyn but seventy-cents per head of population. The Boston postoffice shows a remarkable business, so far as gross receipts and profits are concerned. Uncle Sam makes a net profit out of the Boston postoffice of nearly \$1,225,000 per annum, the gross receipts being \$2,070,214, and expenses \$847,629.

The business of these great postoffices approximates more nearly to a great express company than to anything else. It is a huge business, which requires a business administration, and those postoffices are most successfully managed which are conducted by the highest administrative ability. It is surprising, when the amount of business is taken into consideration, how few mistakes there are in proportion to the number of letters handled. It is a fact that by far the largest percentage of errors in delivery at our large postoffices are caused by carelessness in directing letters by those who address them.

WHO WILL IT BE?

According to several private communications received at Washington City from the south, Senator Gorman is receiving a good deal of valuable information in the course of his tour. He has discovered that he is very popular himself because of his masterly management of the fight against the force bill, but he has also discovered that the men at the "forks of the creek" and at the "cross roads," who pile up democratic majorities on election day, are almost solidly in favor of Cleveland for president. Of course, no one thinks Mr Gorman made the tour of the south at this time to create a presidential boom for himself; but his friend, Barnes Compton, who accompanies him, according to report has written a letter to a friend in Washington, in which he complained that the people of the south were not as appreciative of Mr Gorman as they ought to be. The meaning of this is plain. The people of the south are in favor of tariff reform and in favor of Cleveland, and while they appreciate Mr Gorman's services, as all other democrats do, they are not yet inclined to accept dictatorship or to surrender their right to think and act for themselves at the behest of a successful leader of a memorable political contest.

Ex-Gov. McCreary of Kentucky, one of the ablest members of the house, said while conversing with your correspondent on this subject, also: "The people out in my district do not think of anybody else for president but Cleveland. They believe in him. They have confidence in him. Some few of the politicians frequently talk of Hill, but you do not hear his name mentioned once to the 500 times that Cleveland's is. There is no doubt that the plain people of the country have absolute confidence in Cleveland. I will be greatly mistaken if Cleveland is not nominated by acclamation in the next national convention. Of course there is an 'if.' If the New York delegation to the convention should be against Cleveland it would be an absurdity to nominate him. No man has ever been nominated and nobody ever will in a convention where the delegation from his own state is opposed to him.

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The last engagement of the Civil War was at Palmetto Rancho, Tex., May 11, 1865, the Sixty-second United States Colored Volunteers, Second Texas Cavalry and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteers under Col. Barrett, and the confederate under Gen. Slaughter.

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