

"MY FRIENDS: I thank you for the honor, first of naming your organization for the old man. When I learned that you intended visiting me my heart was moved. I fully recognize that in honoring me, both by naming your organization for me and by your greeting this evening, that you have

Dorman W. Eaton expressed great satisfaction with the progress of the civil-service reform in an interview to-day, and said he thought that President Cleveland would extend its limits. He considered the failure of the attacks of Randall and Vance on civil-service reform as proof that the principle is deeply rooted. He said that he thought that Collector Magone would carry out President Cleveland's ideas, also, that the Democrats would nominate Mr. Cleveland in 1888. In regard to his recent controversy with Mr. Oberly in the columns of a New York newspaper, he said: "I have no personal animosity toward Mr. Oberly, and my letter was simply to correct some wrong impressions. I think Mr. Oberly will do us first rate; he was new to civil service" and his workings."—*New York telegram*.

"All" than his movement. I am speaking of the house-builder, through uncertainty as to how many hours of labor his employees would work for him, made no contracts to erect buildings for him. He was not to be sure of employment; the man who made the window-glass, the man who made the nails—in fact, every man or woman engaged in the manufacture of goods for the house-builder, could furnish a house for himself. He suffered through the attempt to put an eight-hour system May 1. The move was in the right direction, but the time and circumstances were not suitable. Before the eight-hour system was introduced, the trades unions of America must lay aside their jealousies and differences, come together, name a day on which to put the plan into effect, and adopt a policy of action by which must be gradual and such as will not inflict injury upon either employer or workman. The plan presented by Mr. Norton, of Cleveland, is a good one. The General Assembly at Cleveland is a good one. It is very particular, and if the workmen's organizations and the manufacturers' associations agree upon putting into practice such a plan, the workers will be satisfied. No working-man need strike, no need, business

The duties of my job called me away from home for the greater part of the year that has closed. It made it impossible to give proper attention to my correspondence. To read each letter addressed to me would occupy every moment of the twenty-four hours, leaving no time to answer or dictate an answer to any of them. I attended to all that I could, and the others will never be reached. If this is neglect of duty, then I am guilty; but I have no apology to offer. I did all that I could do—more could not be expected of me.

—Recently the body of an unknown man was found floating in the St. Mary's River, just west of Fort Wayne. There were no papers on the body by which it could be identified. Foul play is suspected.