

of the Cabinet, they favour Dr. Ferguson. When the post-
folio for Postmaster General was to be filled, he again was
supposed to be the successful candidate, but Sir John upon
the wish & demand of Mr. Lacon the rich lumber man
appointed postmaster. It appears (so the Dr. says) that Mr. Lacon
has contributed or rather taken \$10,000 = stock in the con-
servative exponent - The Empire, and furthermore Staff
had done all sorts of work & engineering in parliament for
Mr. Lacon, so the latter paid his debt of gratitude &
the more one seems to know other people the more learns
that discontent reigns where to the casual observer it be last
found. - No, no riches bring not happiness. -

Sunday 17
fine

Busy writing at my "paper" for the D.S. meeting. -
In evening W. Peace, A.C. Webb drove to J. Clayton &
spent several hours chatting. Returning to the hotel we
met Mr. Sedgwick Dep. Secy. of Justice with whom we
discussed the trial of Dalton, and other subjects till
after midnight. Sedgwick appears to know more about
astronomy than the general run of lawyers. -

Monday 18
fine pleasant
after snow

Attended Board meeting & began the examination of the
papers. - After 4-30 P.M. we adjourned to the Boeys
for refreshments. - In evening met at the Russell W. Beatty
W. Crawford, C.A. Biggs, Jas. Mc Latchie & W. Peace all D.S. -
But I left them in order to finish my "paper". -

Tuesday 19
pleasant

Attended Board meeting. As I am considered the authority
on the Board on "Descriptions" I examined those papers &
found that the 8 candidates failed therein. W. A. King
counter signed the marks given by me. In presence, however,
Webb, King & I adjourned after our day's labor as usual
to the Boeys. Gallic & Soda was in favor. -
- This morning the session of the annual meeting of the
D.S. association opened. I heard in the evening that the
President E. Kainboth has made some objectionable remarks
reflecting indirectly on the Government & directly on our Dep.