

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,

Woodstock, Ills. July 17 1893

Dear

A W Tompkins
my dear friend -

Sincerely
do I thank you for
last Saturday's Bystander
notes - so wise - so pertinent
Cannot forget last summer
calling at the office of
"Linn Coon" when a long
petition was being signed
for opening the gates of the
Fair on Sunday -

I asked for the privilege
of signing one to have
the gates closed and
was answered with a

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,

Woodstock, Ills., _____ 189

a sneering smile -

Have been at the
Gates three times but
not inside - My connections
have been so outraged
that I have lost all
interest in the Fair -
and I am not alone
with that impression -
never I could feel
different

Yours truly
A. D. Purcell