

2015 Kalorama Avenue,

Washington, D.C., Feb. 13th, 1906.

To the Honorable Postmaster

General,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As the owner of property, tax-payer and much interested in the welfare of the village of Mayville, Chautauqua County, N.Y., I desire to make complaint against the now postmaster there, Mr E. C. Fisk, as a common gambler, and as such a corruptor of the youths of that vicinity.

I have spent some five weeks in this village since my return to America, stopping a few doors from the postoffice and often went in myself for my mail. I have never had a glimpse of Mr Fisk there or on the streets, but the postoffice does not suffer thereby, its duties being most faithfully performed in every respect by the Clerk, Mr J. M. Flagler, former postmaster under Harrison.

As an instance that Mr Fisk is a corruptor of the youths of that village, I would mention the case of a prominent resident there, who had sent his son to make a collection for him of some \$600. This sum was paid the young man, but before he had opportunity to hand the money to his father, Mr Fisk got hold of him, inveigled him into gambling and won the whole amount. The father was so incensed that he brought suit against Mr Fisk, but on publicity being given to the matter, it was immediately hushed up. Mr Fisk is the owner and proprietor of the village paper of Mayville, which is also the county seat of Chautauqua County, and while he gives as little attention to its management as he does to the postoffice, he might make it unpleasant for the politicians should they expose him to the Department. Under the lead and example of former Congressman and now disgraced Justice, Warren B. Hooker, the politicians of this county are pretty much all in the same boat.

If it is--as I am led to believe--the purpose of this Administration to have as far as possible, clean men in office, I felt it a duty to expose this most scandalously unworthy member of its official family. I know every decent person in the community--and I can assure you that this class is largely in the majority--would greatly rejoice were Mr Fisk dismissed the service and Mr Flagler appointed in his stead.

I am Sir.

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P.S. I wish to add that I make this complaint against Mr Fisk of my own motion, at the instance of no one, being actuated thereto solely by interest in the well-being of the pretty little village at the head of Chautauqua Lake, which is so unworthily represented by Mr Fisk. Though the government is amply protected doubtless, from loss by his bondsmen, it would not seem wise for it to furnish him with funds for carrying on his nefarious practices.

Respectfully, etc,

E. K. T.