

to any mention of them *Uh!* Say they are well or sick it is immaterial—*uh!*—is the answer. And it is evident they wish to avoid the *mention of them*. At the same time the wives and relatives of the prisoners are greatly attended to. The wife of Red Bird does not come near. I learn she is *rich*, as Red Bird was the best hunter in his nation, and great attention is paid to her by the nation. The chiefs who have visited me profess their friendship; but somewhat anxiously enquire when they may expect their Great Father will *settle the line and mark it* between their country and the whites at the mines. They say, “we have left our country to keep our young men from having anything to do with the people at the mines until we hear from our Great Father. This is our promise to Gen'l Atkinson, and we will keep it.” They add, “Gen'l A. promised us that next summer persons should come from our G. F. to council with us about this matter and we will wait and see them.”

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An *old mail* has arrived from Fever River from whence our messenger who was to have gone to Rock Island returned. He met the P. M. there, who sent him back with the *old mail*, directing his young man here to send him 9 or 10 trains to draw up his m'd'z. Now when all things suit the P. M.'s convenience to bring up his m'd'z., we shall be favoured with a mail. I hardly know how to speak patiently of such conduct!

It is with sentiments of sympathetic sorrow, that I notice the death of my friend, Mr. Cook.¹ He was a *clean poli-*

¹ Daniel Pope Cook, then member of congress from Illinois. Born in Scott county, Kentucky, in 1793. Went to Ste. Genevieve, Mo., in 1811, and clerked in a store. In 1815, he entered upon the practice of law at Kaskaskia, Illinois. In 1817, he was sent to London as bearer of dispatches to the U. S. Minister, John Quincy Adams, and returned home with him. The following year he was appointed judge of the western circuit of Illinois and “became very popular in that office.” In the fall of the same year he was elected attorney-general of the state. Two years later he was elected to congress, after a second masterly contest with John McLean, who had beaten him for the office in 1818. He was among the most notable of the western congressmen. He died at his father's home in Kentucky, Oct. 16, 1827, aged but 36 years. Gov. Reynolds (*Pioneer Hist. of Ill.*,