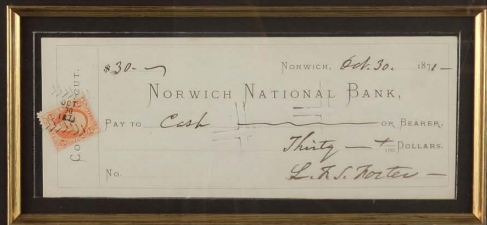


THE MAN WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT

ORIGINAL BANK CHECK
SIGNED BY
LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

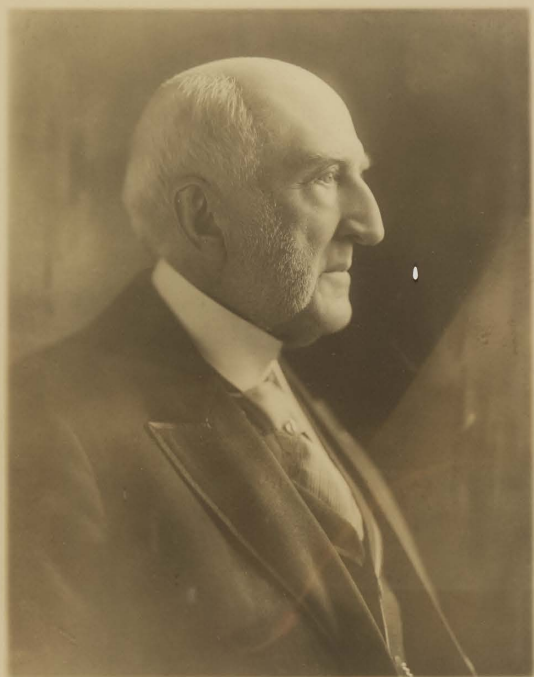
WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ASSASSINATED IN APRIL, 1865, HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS VICE-PRESIDENT, ANDREW JOHNSON. SENATOR FOSTER OF CONNECTICUT, THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF THE SENATE, BECAME THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCE JOHNSON WAS EVENTUALLY IMPEACHED AND CAME WITHIN ONE VOTE OF BEING CONVICTED, SENATOR FOSTER WAS CLOSER TO BEING PRESIDENT THAN HE MAY HAVE IMAGINED. ASIDE FROM HIS CAREER IN THE SENATE, FOSTER WAS A LAWYER AND EDITOR OF THE NORWICH REPUBLICAN FOR MANY YEARS.











To Mrs Redmond
Affectionate regards,
Chauncey M. Depew



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THE HOMESTEAD
HOT SPRINGS
VIRGINIA

July 10-1925

To Mr. & Mrs. Redmond

You are free from all that ~~is~~ care,
But according to fashion you take its cure,
You make the house with cheerfulness
And add to everybody's happiness.

In appreciation of your perfecting
The Grand steps and stairs of attention,
They feel the glowing charm
Of every nation free from ~~the~~ shame.

Friends are welcome in your heart;
Of your hospitality they are a part
You add so much to their pleasure
That you ^{have} become their rarest treasure.
Charmay, the Deben.

TWENTY-SEVEN WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET

April 27, 1927

My dear Mr. Redmond:

It was, as it always
is with you, to add to the joy of your pre-
sence a message and flowers which can come
only from you.

The orchids became more intimate and
conveyed a more affectionate message on
my ninety-third birthday than ever before.

Faithfully yours,
Charmay Deben

Mrs. Henry C. Redmond,
60 West Ave.
New York City

