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"NOW."

The New York Sun is pretty well bent on annexation. It wants it "anyhow and now." It is a pity that some of its energy cannot be put into the wavering Senators. There is much truth in the argument that the twentieth century will care as little about whether the Islands were obtained by treaty or joint resolution as the present generation care what the exact details of the acquisition of Texas, California or Alaska were.

However in one thing the Sun is wrong. It says in the twentieth century "the Mugwump obstructionists of national destiny will all be dead and they will have no successors." Like the poor, the Mugwump, under some pseudonym, will be always with the human race. The man who is like the ferry boat and wears himself out going from side to side, always arrogating his own superior wisdom, is one of the ills that the human race will have to endure, till the millennium comes, and the lion lies down with the lamb, and the wild-eyed, tangle-haired socialist chats in a friendly way and hobnobs with the sleek and well groomed capitalist.

But the Sun is right in urging the passage of the treaty. There is a time in the life of nations, as of men, which, taken at the flood, will lead to success. If the Islands are not annexed now there is no telling how great the cost may be to acquire them in the future. The day will come when the United States must have them at any cost, and then those who have opposed annexation will be regarded as the most unpatriotic of citizens. But then Mugwumps always are unpatriotic.

POSTOFFICE.

There is probably no department of the government that the public are more generally or more directly interested in than the postoffice. It has grown with the growth of the place. Starting with a candle box into which letters were emptied when ships brought letters round the Horn, and when everybody went down to finger the letters over, it has grown by stages till it has filled up the present structure and is now asking for more room. It has been variously managed and mismanaged in the past, but of all those who have had charge of the place, no one has been more popular or has striven to serve the public better than the present Postmaster General, J. M. Oat.

Glancing through Mr. Oat's report, one finds that the revenues of the department have been \$151,918.93, and the expenditures have been \$129,154.78, giving a gain of \$21,864.15.

During the year 1897 alone, 388,198 letters were received, and 401,877 were dispatched, and 9,786 registered letters were received, and 7,732 were received. Newspapers and printed matter amounted to 376,487 received and 113,807 sent. In the parcel post 7,624 packages were received, which paid \$6,205.10 duty, and 2,294 dispatched. This deals with the foreign mails. If one looks at the total of letters for the biennial inland and foreign service, there were 6,541,460 received and dispatched; 90,436 registered letters were handled, and 3,527,828 newspapers and pamphlets, a grand total of something a little over 10,000,000 separate articles. To those who are fond of figures there are opportunities of making a vast number of calculations, but The Star has no time for giving more than the aggregate amounts.

If we compare these figures with previous reports one sees at once how much the work of the bureau is increasing, and the Postmaster General naturally calls attention to the need of additional help. He points out that when foreign mails are received and dispatched together the whole labor force of the establishment, including the drafting of assistance from the branches not handling mails, has to be engaged, and that even then it is impossible to do the work as rapidly as it should be. He further points out that the sailing date of the Zealandia is set for this year at every fourth Tuesday, and that is the day when most of the mails are dispatched to the other islands, and lastly that there is an average of ten ocean steamers to arrive and depart monthly throughout

the year. These steamers do not arrive at regular hours, and the staff has to be on hand when they arrive and depart. Take last night, for instance, the Aorangi left at 11 p. m., the post-office was opened at 9 and the receipt of mail closed at 10, and then of course the bags had to be made up.

With such a showing the Postmaster General is justified in asking for additional help. If the mails are not handled quickly, there is an immediate kick from the public. There is probably never a day when a foreign mail comes in that you will not hear half a dozen people on the sidewalk commenting, in terms of more or less vigorous Anglo-Saxon—chiefly more—upon the slow delivery of the mails, and comparing the swift delivery in cities like San Francisco, Chicago or New York. But these people never pause to think that here the help is inadequate, while in the cities mentioned the postmaster-in-chief commands an army of subordinates.

Another recommendation in the report is the establishment of a "domestic parcel post system. We are in a strangely anomalous position in this matter. One can send a parcel by post to the States, to Great Britain, to New Zealand, and even to the Cape of Good Hope, but one cannot send one by post to Wailua, or Lahaina, or Hilo. To those who know the convenience of the parcel post system this seems grossly absurd. Mr. Oat points out that it would not only be a matter of convenience to the public, but it would also be a source of revenue to the government. As the Minister of Finance is seeking revenue he had better at once give his attention to the suggestion. There will be a far greater revenue from the domestic parcel post system than from the licenses to be imposed for peddling beef in the country districts.

Enough has been sketched out here to show that the Postmaster General's report is progressive, and that what is asked for is upon the ground of advantage to the public. There are several other suggestions, but these are the main ones; increased help and a domestic parcel post system, and it is to be hoped that both suggestions will be listened to.

THE CHILDREN.

Nauseous and bad tasting medicine is objectionable to adults and a horror to children. No doubt its frequent lack of good effect is, at least, partly due to the disgust it excites in them—the shock to the system. This is true of cod liver oil in the form of the ordinary old-fashioned mixtures so often forced upon the terrified and helpless children. A most marked contrast is offered by

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which, although it contains all the curative and flesh-producing properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, is entirely free from its taste, odor and appearance. In combination with it are the Syrup of Hypophosphites compound, Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry Bark. In building up pale, puny, emaciated children, particularly in those troubled with Anemia, Scrofula, Rickets, and Forcod, in all cases nothing equals the preparation. Its tonic qualities are of the highest order. It creates new blood, strengthens muscles, sound teeth, solid bones, and enables them to grow up into healthy men and women. For cures made in the young are economical and permanent. It is a product of modern science and the best thing modern science has to give you up to date. Palatable to the young. Every dose effective. You cannot be disappointed in it. Sold by chemists every where.

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February 18, 1898.

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They come in four sizes, 6, 7, 8, and 9 quarts, and can be recommended. They do their work perfectly, and make your drinking water absolutely pure. A good plan is to filter it into one of our lined

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we carry in three sizes, from the small one, suitable for families, to the large size, suitable for hotels and steamers.

While looking after the sanitary conditions of your surroundings, let us suggest another excellent improvement. The

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Where do they all go?

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you can now have ten pounds of ice a day for \$3 a month, which used to cost you \$4.50

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you can rent of us one of these for a moderate monthly payment, and if you keep it up for six months the Refrigerator is yours.

In substance,

we have done the lion's share to put a necessity, and a first class one at that, within the reach of all, and we are doing our whole trading on the same business principles.

Are you with us?

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You an idea of what we carry in Misses' Spring Heel Boots.



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This gives you an assortment that no other store in town can show you.

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A Strong Testimonial.

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DEAR SIR: The Secretary Disc Plow I purchased from you is giving us satisfaction. We are using it to plow under a crop of lupins. They are three feet high and very thick. Your plow turns them completely under, at the same time plowing the land fourteen inches deep.

I feel satisfied that with this plow the draft for the same quantity and depth of work is as six to eight. That is, with the old plow, to do the same work, it takes eight good mules; with your plow it takes only six, and they are less tired at night.

Please send me another plow by the first schooner leaving for this.

You are at liberty to use this in any way you may see fit.

Yours truly,  
A. LIDGATE.

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