

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The report of the postmaster general says: The increase in postal revenues not only attests the wonderful prosperity of the people and the activity of business interests throughout the country, but also indicates that the extension of postal facilities carefully directed results sooner or later in increased receipts and diminishing deficits.

distribute the benefits of the surplus among the people in the reduction of letter postage from 3 cents per half ounce to 2 cents per ounce. Inasmuch as the revenue received from first-class matter at the old rate of 3 cents per half ounce was about \$16,000,000, the reduction of postage to those writing letters was in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

miles, or one-third of the country's area exclusive of Alaska. The 11,650 routes now in operation cover about one-third of the available territory. From this it will be seen that it will require 27,000 employees additional to those now in the service to cover this territory.

ning July 1 the Canadian department assumed the transportation of mails over her territory between the boundary line near White Pass and the boundary line near Eagle, Alaska. Among the principal routes included in the new contracts is one along the Yukon river from Eagle to Tanana, 567 miles, and one from Tanana to St. Michael, 423 miles, on which the mails are carried not less frequently than once a week, except for four months of the year while the ice is either forming or breaking on the Yukon river, when the service is to be twice a month.

COMING TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The sultan of Johore has signified his intention to add to the string of royal visitors who invade America each year. It is said that the sultan will come in 1904 to attend the St. Louis exposition, and his representatives in Washington are already beginning to make preparations for showing the young man the sights.



The Sultan of Johore.

FEARLESS REFORMER

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Lady Henry Somerset, who recently arrived in this country, is one of the most fearless reformers that the world has ever known. She comes to the United States at the instigation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and will make a vigorous campaign against old King Rum.



Lady Henry Somerset.

O'MALLEY'S TEETH IN MR. HERD'S JAW

LATTER HAS FORMER ARRESTED FOR BITING HIM AND O'MALLEY IS NOW BEHIND THE BARS.

Thomas O'Malley has habits like the canine that may land him in serious trouble. In fact O'Malley must now face the music that will keep him busy trying to prove that he didn't use his molars too freely on William Herd's physiognomy.

an opportunity to "even up" with his opponent. This morning Herd was walking up South Wyoming street in the direction of the city when some one slipped up from behind, pinned his arms to his side and then reaching round, bit him several times on the left cheek. The assailant then released his victim and ran, but not so fast that Herd didn't recognize him as Thomas O'Malley.

MAYBE SANGER AND HIS MEN DID NOT WORK HARD

Three Fires, One of a Serious Nature, Occupied the Attention of the Department Yesterday.

The fire department was kept busy yesterday afternoon keeping up with the fires that broke out. At 2 o'clock an alarm was sent in from the corner of Mercury street and Warren avenue and the laddies on responding found a small blaze in the Episcopal church. The fire there was caused by a defective flue and was soon extinguished by chemicals.

At 5 o'clock the department had another call. In this instance the fire was in Thomas Bryant's home, No. 621 North Main street. It was caused by a bad chimney and the entire wall on that side was destroyed before the department could reach the scene. The loss will amount to \$300.

The third and last fire was of a more serious nature. Shortly before midnight an alarm was sent in from East Park street, and when the department reached the scene the Gem restaurant was in flames and the fire was rapidly spreading into the Imperial block.

The entire block would have been destroyed had it not been for the heroic work of Chief Sanger and his men. They fought the fire from the rooms of the Imperial, and after an hour's hard work the surrounding buildings were considered safe. The entire loss from this fire will reach \$2,000.

WILDLY CAREENING THEY RUN

Miracle That No One Was Killed in This Mad Dash Up Crowded Streets.

There was a runaway through the principal streets last night and it is a miracle that no one was killed. Hack No. 12, which is owned by Charles Twining, was left standing in front of the Newport house on South Wyoming street.

The horses for some reason started up the street and later broke into a dead run. They tore down West Broadway while pedestrians scattered in every direction to keep from being killed or injured. When the horses reached Academy street they turned and collided with a telephone pole in front of Renshaw hall.

GOT OUTSIDE OF IT ALL

Centerville Gentlemen Are Said to Have Absorbed All the Drinks.

Thanksgiving was a little too much for Peter Williams and Frank Richardson. In order to observe the day suitably they started out to administer a sound punishment to all of the booze in Centerville.

RUMOR OF LA BONTA'S SUICIDE

Nothing in the Report Circulated Today--Woman Is in Custody in San Francisco and Self-Murder Would Be an Impossibility--How Rumor May Have Started.

A rumor was current in Butte this morning that Ruth La Bonta, the woman who is wanted for the murder of Dr. H. A. Cayley, had committed suicide in San Francisco. Inquiry at the sheriff's office refuted the rumor, as Madame La Bonta is now in custody in the police station in San Francisco and it would not be possible for her to attempt self-murder under the circumstances.

Under Sheriff McGuigan accounted for the story on the ground that Madame La Bonta had attempted suicide while in Seattle recently. The facts of this chapter in the woman's story have never been made public. It only became known to local police some weeks after the attempt was made. When Chief of Police Travis of Helena went to Seattle for Inez Perry, the colored woman who was recently sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, he took a picture of the La Bonta woman



Leslie Coombs.

PAUL CLARK HOME CHILDREN

Have Their Hearts Made Glad Upon the Day of Giving Thanks.

At the Paul Clark home yesterday there were piles of turkeys and other good things to eat for the children and other charges of the ladies of the home. Games and all kinds of amusements were supplied for the little ones, who made it a day of real rejoicing.

There were 26 of the little ones and four of the adults cared for at the home, and the president, Mrs. A. H. Jones, feels greatly encouraged over the interest taken in the work by those who have called to assist the deserving poor.

TRINITY CHURCH PEOPLE

In Centerville Marks Thanksgiving Day Appropriately.

A turkey supper and entertainment was given last evening in Trinity church, Centerville. The supper was served by the Epworth league and was patronized by a large number of the church members and their friends.

PICKED BY PRESIDENT

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 28.—Leslie Coombs is one of the best known young men in Kentucky. He has been picked out by President Roosevelt as the new minister to Guatemala, where the government has recently become involved in various little differences.

Mr. Coombs' diplomatic mission will take him to the country which has just suffered from great volcanic eruptions. The country is also in the throes of financial disaster and a revolution is expected at almost any moment. Mr. Coombs will not face a very pleasing condition, and it will require the exercise of the highest quality of diplomacy. His friends claim that he will be able to conduct the affairs as they will require.

MOUNTAIN VIEW METHODISTS

Enjoy a Supper and an Entertainment to Mark the Day.

A turkey supper and an entertainment at the Mountain View M. E. church formed a strong attraction last evening. The supper was served from 4:30 until 7:30 o'clock and was followed by the entertainment given under the auspices of the Epworth League.

There were 22 turkeys supplied by A. Henningsen, H. L. Clark and others and the six tables were handsomely decorated with flowers donated by Manager J. R. Wharton of the street railway.

GENTLEMAN FROM ANACONDA

Is Quietly Married Here to Miss Millie Constantine.

Yesterday S. J. Gormley and Miss Millie Constantine were united in marriage by the Rev. E. J. Groeneveld. The groom is a well-known young man from Anaconda.

He was formerly an assayer in the employ of the Anaconda company. Heretofore Miss Constantine has been a trained nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Gormley will make their home in Anaconda.

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JUST TO SAVE THE WITNESS HIS SOUL

PRISONER IN POLICE COURT PLEADS GUILTY, ALTHOUGH HE SWEARS HE IS ENTIRELY INNOCENT.

Thanksgiving day was a quiet one in Butte and as a result of the Sabbath-like stillness of the holiday, only two offenders against the law and order of the city appeared to tell why they did it in police court this morning.

Jerry Reed is well known to the police as a worthless sort of fellow. In fact Judge Boyle knew Jerry when the Judge was day jailer and so the prisoner needed no introduction to the court when he faced the bar of justice. Judge Boyle sent the waggish Reed back to jail for 10 days.

The next prisoner up was Evan Howell, charged with having stolen a pair of shoes from an East Park street store. John Rowan appeared as a witness against him. "And is Rowan to testify against me, your honor?" asked Howell.

"Why, yes, of course," replied the judge. "He saw you take the goods." "Then I plead guilty, judge," replied Howell with a crestfallen face, "and not because I'm guilty, your honor, for I am as innocent as your honor's baby at home, but I plead guilty just to save Evan Howell's soul."

This concluded the morning's fun.

RICHARD SHADFORD LANDED IN JAIL

BECOMES PUGNACIOUS BECAUSE HE IS DISCHARGED AND OFFERS VIOLENCE TO HIS EMPLOYER.

Richard Shadford's pugnacious disposition landed him in the city jail this morning, and he is a pretty bad fellow to scrap with if William Semmens's story can be believed.

Semmens owns a small mining property south of town and for several months he employed Shadford to work there and watch the little mine. A few days ago, so Semmens's story runs, Shadford got on an old-fashioned drunk and was absent from work for a longer period of time than was good for the mining property.

Semmens did not relish this and accordingly Shadford was dismissed with the injunction that his services would be no longer needed. To say that Shadford was riled is putting it mildly. He bought the meanest whiskey he could find, and after getting thoroughly under its influence walked to Semmens's home, at No. 1244 West Gold street, and proceeded to give the latter a piece of his mind.

It is said he went even further and offered violence to his former employer and family. A complaint was issued from Judge Boyle's court and Shadford was arrested for disturbance. He will be given a hearing tomorrow.

AMONG THE TOILERS

HILLS SAYS OUR PEOPLE ARE THE KEENEST EVER

It is Because They Are So Well Educated That the So-called Labor Crisis Will Last a Long Time.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—In the course of his Thanksgiving sermon at Plymouth church Pastor N. D. Hills took up the labor question.

"Because the working people of this country are the most intelligent folk in the world," said he, "the labor question is not settled and never will be settled. It is because our schools, academies and colleges are within reach of the common people. If you want to settle the labor question then keep the working people at a standstill."

"Editors, preachers, scholars, business men are all sighing over the trouble we have today. What we want is trouble, only we want the right kind of men to meet it. Let us be grateful for all this

ceaseless agitation. There is not a single invention that does not benefit the common people. The rich today are growing richer slowly, while the poor are growing richer at a far greater percentage. Every tendency of society is toward the diffusion of bounties."

APPEALS TO THE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Musicians' Mutual Protective union, through its president, Alexander Braemer, has appealed to President Roosevelt for a fair and just interpretation of the alien contract law as applied to the importation of foreign musicians. In a long letter the union complains that the decision of Secretary of the Treasury Windom classifying all musicians as "artists," made in 1890, and upheld by all subsequent secretaries, has admitted to this country thousands of foreign musicians who have kept American musicians from obtaining work. The union holds that orchestra players should be classified as "artisans" instead of "artists."

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