

MAILER THE BOXES

Postal Officials at Loggerheads.

RECEPTACLES OF MAIL

Two Points of Difference Are Developed.

FIGHT AGAINST A MONOPOLY

Congressman Eddy Sets About Removing the Restrictions Hedging Boxes About.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington.

Washington, July 13.—An issue has arisen between the first and second assistant postmaster generals, or at least between the subordinates of these two officials. It is all about the order recently issued by Second Assistant Shallenberger for the establishment of a system of mail delivery to residents along the line of star routes. One point of difference is over the boxes which patrons on star routes will be allowed to use for the reception of their mail. Another is as to the possible effect of the order on the extension of the rural free delivery service.

Mr. Shallenberger's order applies only to star routes in the New England and middle states. It provides that star route carriers may, upon the written order of a resident, obtain that resident's mail and deliver it at his residence in a box that shall be generally secure in protecting all mail from the weather and letter mail from being tampered with. It will allow the use of any box which comes within the general provisions of this order. It is the part of the order to which the rural free delivery officials take exception. In that service a commission recently approved fourth makes of boxes and required that patrons should purchase one of the four in order to enjoy the privileges of free delivery. This somewhat drastic regulation has aroused the opposition of congressmen and there is a "something doing" in the line of an inquiry at the next session. Officials of the rural free delivery branch of the service see the peculiar actions threatened and will make a strong effort to have the star route regulations changed to provide that only certain makes of boxes may be used. The motive for fighting for this monopoly for the box manufacturers is not explained, further than that there is a desire on the part of the department to have uniform boxes in all sections of the country. The fight will come on when the postmaster general returns from New England, where he has gone to locate his family for the summer.

Superintendent Machen, of the free delivery service, thinks that the second assistant's order threatens the extension of the rural free delivery service. For one thing, he says, the system provided by the second assistant is crude in the extreme. It provides only for the delivery of mail to a patron upon his written order. There are many things the star route carrier cannot do, which the rural carrier can. For instance, the star route man cannot receive letters on one part of the route for delivery on another part. He cannot deliver a registered letter or package, nor can he register mail matter, as can a rural carrier. He cannot collect mail, and this is one of the particular things that make the rural service desirable to many people, according to Mr. Machen.

Jealousy appears to be at the bottom of the whole controversy. The second assistant's office is agitated at the growth of the rural free delivery system, which is doing away with star route contracts and carriers, while the free delivery office is struggling to protect the box manufacturers. If the delivery of mail on star routes proves satisfactory, the rural service will not be extended in some sections of the country and the ambition of the postmaster general, who probably has to do some very fine work to keep both in good humor. Incidentally Congressman Eddy of Minnesota has taken up the cudgels for removing the restrictions on boxes and doing away with the monopoly. He promises to bring the matter up at the next session of congress.

TEACHERS FOR PHILIPPINES. Colonel Edward A. ... chief of the insular department, has forwarded transportation for two American men recently appointed teachers in the Philippines. The government will pay their expenses to San Francisco and furnish quarters on the transport leaving that place July 23. Colonel Edward ... Miss L. Anshor of St. Paul has informed him of her appointment, but she forgot to send him the official notice received by her from F. W. Atkinson, superintendent of public instruction at Manila, and he could not, therefore, authorize the quartermaster to issue transportation to her. Nothing is known of the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Kerwin of St. Paul.

DECLARED NOT A LOTTERY. The interior department has taken notice of the fact that the government is charged with running a lottery in connection with the opening of a lottery in Comanche and Wichita Indian reservations to homestead settlement. The charge is denied and the attorney general for the interior department, Vandewater, has given some reason why the federal law is not being violated. Says the attorney general:

In the first place, the mere fact that the element of chance may enter into the determination of the order in which applicants may make application for entry on land is not sufficient to constitute a lottery. In a legal sense an essential feature of a lottery is the contribution by those who draw of some part of the prize which is to be drawn. Some people give up no consideration. They are merely assigned a place in a line. If they are near enough to the front they get a chance to make an application. If they are not, they have lost no rights nor any valuable consideration. The element of chance does enter in, but no more than it does in other methods of arriving at places of registration. A chance blow, or shot, or railway wreck, or lameness of a horse, may put a man at the end of the line. The president has chosen to substitute the drawing of lots for the chances of accidents, drawing and loss of race.

The government frequently resorts to chance. There is a federal provision that in redeeming part of an issue of bonds the secretary of the treasury shall determine by lots what bonds are entitled to the privilege of redemption. In several states there are constitutional provisions for deciding which justices elected to the supreme court shall have the long term, when terms are of unequal length, or which one shall act as chief justice. In congress seats are chosen by

lot. But if there were any question as to the legality of the drawing it is removed by the act of congress providing for the opening and passing last winter. This gives the president authority to devise and prescribe the method of distribution. This law is the latest, and if it conflicts with previous legislation the old law is repealed to the extent that it gives the president authority to run a lottery if such it is.

This is of some interest to the northwest, for in the future all Indian reservations will be opened in a similar manner, and Minnesota has several reservations which will be thrown open during the next few years. —W. W. Jermaine.

LARRY HO!

Congressman Heatwole Wins His Fight Against Appointment of Hodgson.

Special to The Journal. Washington, July 13.—Representative Heatwole has won his fight against L. C. Hodgson, the Minnesota man who was recently appointed consul at Scheldam on recommendation of Senator Clapp. A communication was received at the state department to-day from him withdrawing his acceptance of the appointment for personal reasons. Department officials will not discuss the fight which has been made on Hodgson, but there is an evident belief that the controversy has been settled. Consul Listoe, at Rotterdam, has been asked to suggest another man to fill the place and will probably ask Senator Clapp to name a Minnesota.

L. C. Hodgson was formerly a newspaper reporter in Minneapolis. He wrote many poems under the pseudonym of "Larry Ho!"

HILL OPINES

Great Northern President on Railroad Rumors, Stocks and Crops.

Special to The Journal. New York, July 13.—President Charles M. Schwab, of the United States Steel corporation, Cecil Baring, of the International banking house of Baring, Magoon & Co., and James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, were in conference with J. Pierpont Morgan to-day. The nature of the conference could not be learned.

Mr. Hill, when seen to-day, declared that there was absolutely no foundation for the report that there had been a clash between the Harriman and Morgan interests. In reference to the depression of the stock market Mr. Hill said:

In view of the fact that we have just passed through a phenomenal bull period it is only natural that there is now some liquidation on the part of holders of securities. The damage to grain, in my opinion, has been greatly exaggerated. There has been some damage to corn in the southwest, but the condition of the crop in the northwest is all that could be desired.

QUAKERS FIRST

Pennsylvania Crew Easily Defeats the Trinity Oarsmen.

Killarney, July 13.—The University of Pennsylvania crew easily won their race against the Trinity college of Dublin crew on Killarney lake to-day. The course was from Glens Bay to Castlegrove bay. The water was smooth and there was no wind.

The victory for the American crew was a hollow one. A good start was made at 4:15 p. m. The Irish crew took the lead in the beginning, rowing 38 strokes to the minute, while the American rowed 40 strokes. The Trinity shell was seen to be in the lead for about 30 seconds. Then the Pennsylvanians drew up even and immediately took first place. At the end of the first minute the Pennsylvanians were well in front and immediately drew clear, widening the distance until at the finish they were twenty lengths ahead, having covered the course in 15 minutes, 20 seconds.

SHAMROCK VS. SHAMROCK

Rothsay, Firth of Clyde, July 13.—The two Shamrocks started from off Garroch Head to-day for a long heat to windward. At the end of the heat the challenger was 2 1/2 minutes ahead of Shamrock 1, and she increased her lead on the return home, finishing 6 minutes before the older boat.

VALUE SHRINKS

Lorillard's Estate Dwindles Down to Four Millions.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, July 13.—It is stated that in his will Pierre Lorillard leaves his widow an annuity of \$50,000, to two grandchildren one-fifth of the entire estate, and to his three children each one-third of the remaining estate. To Mrs. Lilly Allen he gives his New Jersey stock farm, the value of his estate is placed at \$4,000,000.

APPEAL REFUSED

Privy Council Acts Upon Manitoba's School Taxation Question.

London, July 13.—In the case of the city of Winnipeg vs. the Canadian Pacific railway, the privy council has refused permission to appeal their decision to the supreme court of Canada on the question of whether school buildings were liable to municipal taxation.

JULY SNOW

Flakes of Goodly Size Descend in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., July 13.—There has been a comparatively heavy fall of snow in this city. The snow was plainly visible during a rainstorm. The flakes were large.

AMERY WILL HAVE WATERWORKS.

Special to The Journal. New Richmond, Wis., July 13.—Amery village in Polk county has awarded the contract to Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of St. Paul for \$5,800 to construct an engine, pumps, reservoir and mains for a modern waterworks. N. Hank of Minneapolis got the contract with a bid of \$6,000.

A PLAN TO CUT HIM OUT

License Inspector Gardner May Be Eliminated.

ALDERMEN WILL ACT

But They Can't Legislate Him Out Before January.

LICENSE RECEIPTS GROW LESS

No Direct Charges Are Made Against Gardner but Certain Things Look Bad.

The affairs of the license inspector's department have been administered in such an unsatisfactory manner during the incumbency of License Inspector Gardner,

others are operating under transferred licenses, and the license inspector is the only man in official position who knows just who and where and he won't give up. The miscellaneous license revenues have fallen off badly this season, and it is charged that there is no other reason than that Gardner is not attending to business, or else willfully allows such a condition to exist. Hackmen, wagon peddlars and others of that ilk when coming to the city hall to get their licenses renewed complain bitterly of discrimination. They declare that many of their competitors are running along without any licenses, and they would like to know why the city does not treat all alike. Upon the license inspector devolves the duty of bringing everybody in line. If he fails to do it, the work is not done, and the city loses revenue and is put in the position of playing favorites.

It is charged by the brewers and saloon men, too, that they are not appraised of the dates of the expiration of their licenses a month ahead as has been the custom hitherto, with the result that licenses often expire before they have even put in their applications for new ones.

The mayor has given an order that the saloon men be given at least a month's notice. Gardner gives them no notice at all, many of the saloon men complain, and they wake up to find that they are running without a license. This is the situation in the license inspector's department, as the aldermen find it, and they claim that it is ample justification for insisting upon taking charge of the affairs of that department themselves. The movement to that end

is already taking shape, but presumably it cannot be put into effect before Jan. 1 for lack of an appropriation to pay the salary of a new inspector.

QUAY'S MAN ASHBRIDGE

PHILADELPHIA'S MAYOR MISSING

Those Interested in Placing a City Loan Are Much Wrought Up in Consequence.

New York Sun Special Service. Philadelphia, July 13.—The peculiarities of Mayor Ashbridge are again inciting comment here, and this time it is possible that the city will suffer directly because of his course of action.

Several days ago he went away on another of his numerous vacations without making known where he intended to go or how long he intended to remain away. Since his departure his secretary has been studiously trying to mislead the public as to the whereabouts of the mayor. Thursday the amended bill providing for the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$9,000,000 at 3 1/2 per cent for improvement and filtration of the water supply was passed by the council. The mayor's secretary started last night for a place not known where he says he expects to meet the mayor and get his signature to the bill making it a law.

It is known that the mayor was in Canada Friday and bankers and others who are interested in the placing of the loan are in doubt whether they will be able to bid for the bond issue, as they will, unless the mayor condescends to reveal his place of hiding. In doubt whether his signature is attached to the bill within the limits of the state, which is required to make it legal.

TAKES MORPHINE

Indiana Statesman Thought His Life a Failure.

Crawfordsville, Ind., July 13.—Ex-Judge J. H. Sellers, former member of the legislature and once candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, killed himself in his law office here to-day by taking morphine. He left a letter saying his life was a failure and that his debts were large.

NOT TO MARRY

Rosebery Denies Statement as to the Duchess and Himself.

New York Sun Special Service. London, July 13.—Lord Rosebery, being asked what truth there was in his reported engagement to marry the duchess of Albany, replied:

It is a ridiculous fiction, without an atom of foundation of any sort. Such an alliance would mean Rosebery's extinction politically.

SEMBLANCE OF SHEOL

The Tidal Wave of Heat Continues High.

BLISTERING DAY, THIS

Indications That Records Will Be Eclipsed.

NORTHWEST ALSO WARMING UP

Hundred-Mark-Hugging Temperature, Like the Wind, Goeth Where It Listeth.

Special to The Journal.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, July 13.—The hot spell here continues unabated. The highest point was reached yesterday,

Butte, Mont., July 13.—At 2:40 this morning a still alarm was turned in from the Butte hotel, a four-story structure on Broadway. When the firemen reached the scene the building was enveloped in smoke, which appeared to pour from every open window.

The firemen were unable to locate the blaze for some 30 minutes, and the greatest confusion prevailed. Several guests on the lower floors succeeded in groping their way down stairs in the smoke and escaping with nothing but their night clothes. Scores of others were rescued from the upper windows, where the panic-stricken guests shrieked for succor and threatened to jump to the sidewalk below.

At 3:15 the firemen were still rescuing half-suffocated guests from the upper stories, but were unable to get inside the building on account of smoke.

ANOTHER HOTEL

FIRE AT BUTTE

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From Upper Stories—Property Losses Will Reach \$100,000.

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The interior of the hotel, which for many years has been the leading hostelry of Butte, is completely gutted, and Hugh Wilson, the lessee of the building, estimates his loss at \$90,000.

The cigar store of J. A. Heilbronner and the saloon of J. Lange were also somewhat damaged. The hotel guests lost a quantity of personal effects, most of which they threw out of the windows in their excitement.

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How to extinguish the fire without stopping the train any great length of time was a problem that caused the crew much perplexity. It was finally decided to telephone ahead and have an alarm sounded from the station at Sheffield and Wrightwood avenues. When the firemen responded the station agent told them to wait until the arrival of the burning car. This was done. Firemen were on the platform with chemical extinguishers when the train stopped and in a few seconds the blaze was out.

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Mr. Hanna accompanied the detective to the hotel. When he arrived there he was told that Mrs. Hanna had sailed with her children on the steamer Menominee, which cleared the bar bound for London at 10:50 this morning. The manager of the hotel said Mrs. Hanna left the hotel between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning.

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