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LADY POSTMASTER SHOOTS OFF HAT.

Leading Citizen in Texas Town Fails to Remove Headgear on Entering Office.

FEUD AT ANOTHER POINT.

Postmaster and Letter Carrier Indulge in a Shooting Bee Daily and the Mail Remains Undelivered.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Dec. 15.—Texas patrons of the Post-Office Department are having their troubles these days and are wondering what is going to happen next. J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, has received a complaint from a Texas Sheriff that the lady Postmaster of his town had shot off the hat of the leading citizen, who entered the Post Office without taking off his hat, and had positively refused to deliver mail to "ingraters and greasers."

To-day there was a complaint from another Texas town that a feud between the Postmaster and the mail carrier had resulted in the town going without mail for a week and the citizens felt angry over the matter.

The letter explained that the Postmaster had sworn to shoot the carrier and the latter had accepted the challenge. The Reverend Walter Bentley addressed a meeting at Schuyler Memorial House in the interest of the movement, and will return to the city about the middle of April to perfect the organization.

Those who became members were the Reverend Carroll M. Davis, the Reverend C. F. Blaisdell, the Reverend A. K. Smith, the Reverend Doctor William Short, the Reverend A. T. Vintendel, S. M. Phelan, the Reverend C. E. Remick, the Reverend H. W. Mizner, the Reverend Father Coffey, the Reverend Doctor John W. Day, Rabbi Leon Harrison and L. G. Johnston.

Mr. Davis, Doctor Short, Mr. Blaisdell, Doctor Day, Father Coffey, Mr. Johnston and Pat Short were appointed the committee to make arrangements for organizing the chapter. When Mr. Bentley, the general secretary of the alliance, returns a mass meeting of persons interested in the organization will be held.

Mr. Bentley said in his address yesterday afternoon that the objects of the alliance are to bring about a closer relationship between church and dramatic persons, to secure Sunday as an absolute holiday for actors, and in time to establish a court of appeals, or stage censorship.

Mr. Bentley said the stage was the creature of the church, and that the two institutions operating toward opposite ends they should co-operate.

Ben Greet, manager of "Everyman," made a short address, in which he told of the founding of the "Church and Stage Guild of Actors," the parent of the Actors' Church Alliance. He heartily endorsed the movement, and said that, so far as he could see, there was no reason for American Theaters being open on Sundays.

"The American business man and the American laborer stop work early in the day, as compared to their brothers of Europe. They have a day of rest, but it is a playhouse on week-day nights," said Mr. Greet.

"I think the pulpit has a great work to do in educating the public to the proper appreciation of the stage. I know that it is considered advertising for a minister to attack a play from his pulpit, and often causes nine-tenths of his hearers to see the play which he attacked. But, consistent and repeated attacks of things deserving to be attacked will have their effect."

"There is nothing doing more to harm the good people of this country than the 'Red Nose' and 'Dot' productions of many theaters. If the right dramas are produced, the ministers and the Actors' Church Alliance will have a great work to do in educating the public to see that unwholesome productions will cease to be patronized, and thus forced from business."

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IMPORTANT TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

Special Sale of Toilet Articles.

WITH Christmas almost here, and with presents to buy, this sale of Fine Toilet Articles should excite extraordinary interest. These goods are first-class in every way—some are samples, others the last of several lines we won't restock in—we make these reductions to close them out quickly. Sale prices represent about one-half their actual worth—in some cases less.

Sterling Silver Toilet Articles.

Hand Mirrors, in bright or French gray finish—a dozen different designs—at prices from \$3 to \$5.

Hat Brushes, worth \$2.50, now \$1.25.

Hair Brushes, worth \$5, now \$2.50.

Cloth Brushes, worth \$4, now \$2.00.

Bonnet Brushes, worth \$5, now \$2.50.

Military Hair Brushes, regular \$5 value, now, per pair, only \$2.50.

Porcelain Toilet Sets, consisting of Comb, Brush and Mirror, beautifully decorated with exquisite figures and flowers; all \$2.25 sets now \$1.50; \$2.50 sets now \$1.75; \$5.00 sets now \$2.00; \$4.50 sets now \$3.00; \$8.50 sets now \$6.00.

Ebonoid Toilet Sets, some with solid-silver mountings, others pearl mountings. All \$3.00 sets now \$2.00; \$6.00 sets, now \$4.00; \$10.50 sets now \$7.50.

Pungents, large assortment, cut-glass base, sterling-silver tops; positively worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50 each; choice now for 25c each.

Brushes.

Genuine ebony backs, sterling-silver mounted, good bristles.

Cloth Brushes, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values; now offered for \$1.00.

Hat Brushes, worth 75c, now 35c.

Hat-Rim Brushes, \$1.25 value for 75c.

Bonnet Brushes, regular \$1.00 value, now 50c.

Hair Brushes, a value frequently offered for \$1.25 and \$1.50; we say instead only 75c.

Military Hair Brushes, would sell in the regular way for \$2.00 per pair; this sale only \$1.00.

Military Brush Sets, 3 to 5 pieces, ebony or carved cottonwood backs, silver mounted, per set, \$3.50 to \$12.00.

Shaving Brushes, sterling-silver mounted, made of badger hair; worth \$2.00 each; this sale, each, only \$1.00.

Shaving Stands, of ebony and Brazilian ebonoid, containing mirror, mug, brush and comb; price, complete, only \$7.00.

Adjustable Mirrors, either plain or magnifying, \$3.00 to \$15.00.

Match Safes, sterling-silver mounted, worth from \$1.00 to \$2.50; this sale, 35c to \$1.50.

Pump Atomizers, something new, 4 different styles, with glass base, silver top, bright or gilded finish; worth from \$2.50 to \$5.00; now offered, while they last, for \$1.00 each.

Cameras for Gifts. Fine Opera Glasses. Gifts for Smokers.

All the best makes, Eastman, Premo, P. Century, Korona, Blair and Seneca.

Brownie Cameras, reliable, practical instruments; size of picture, 2 1/2 x 3 1/4, daylight loader, \$2.00.

Other Eastman Kodaks, \$5.00 to \$35.

Premo Film Pack Camera, size of picture, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4, \$3.50, daylight loader.

Premo Cameras, \$5.40 to \$100.00.

Century Cameras, \$3.15 to \$150.00.

Parlor Games.

Parlor Bowling Alley, like cut, \$2.50.

Gibson Bowling Alley, \$1.00.

Indoor Golf—the only indoor game not confined to one room—very interesting, \$2.00.

Table Golf, \$2.50. **Parlor Quits,** \$4.

Parlor Croquet, \$1.50 and \$2.50.

For Boys and Men, best steel blades, hollow ground, lever clamps, 85c to \$3.50.

For Misses and Ladies, fine steel blades, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Hockey Skates, an unusually fine line at 75c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00. Other skates 50c up.

Keen Kutter Knives.

Give a boy a knife and he will remember you all his life—doesn't cost much to make him happy—25 cents will do it, but 40c or \$1.00 would make him still more grateful.

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Pride of the Navy Will Bear Beautiful Token of the Regard of Missourians.

The total contribution to the Battleship Fund now amounts to \$1,115 and it is expected that when the many sections where collections for the fund are being made are heard from a sum sufficient to give ample evidence of the pride which Missourians take in the ship will be on hand.

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GUESSING CONTESTS BARRED IN THE MAIL.

Senator Penrose's Bill Also Proposes to Forbid Trust Investment Schemes.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Two bills were introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Penrose designed to strengthen the laws relating to the use of the mails. One is aimed at the "get-rich-quick" concerns, the other at guessing contests, including the District of Columbia and "all territory within the jurisdiction of the United States" in the law forbidding the use of the mails for the transmission of lottery tickets.

The bills were drawn up as a revision of the Post-Office Department. The act of 1897 forbidding lotteries is amended by inserting the following language in the prohibitory section: "Or any person, or company, conducting any competition or contest involving the award of prizes and based upon the relative accuracy of guesses or estimates; conducting any schemes or devices for betting, wagering or selling pools on horse races or any other similar contests."

This amendment is held to be necessary by reason of the Attorney General's holding that contests involving the award of prizes obtained upon the relative accuracy of the guesses or estimates as to the number of beans in a certain jar contains, etc., was no violation of the present lottery laws.

It is sought by the amendment also to protect the public against fraud as well as to suppress gambling which accompanies betting on horse races.

Betting on horse races has been held not to be within the purview of the lottery laws. Consequently it is held that the act of 1897 is not in violation of the present lottery laws.

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TURCOMANS DEFEAT PERSIAN SOLDIERS

Sanguinary Fighting Along the Russian Frontier Results From the Establishment of Custom-Houses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—Sanguinary conflicts between Persians and Turcomans are reported to have occurred on the Russo-Persian frontier. The trouble arose from the establishment of the Persian custom-houses. Fights between customs officers and Turcomans followed and resulted in killings on both sides.

The Governor of Astrabad, with a large body of troops, intervened and refused an indemnity offered by the Turcoman khans. In the fighting which ensued both sides sustained heavy losses.

According to a telegram from the Novos Vrenya was Persian troops were defeated and retired to Astrabad.

TRY TO THAW OUT DYNAMITE.

Three Miners Are Injured in Explosion Near Golconda.

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Golconda, Ill., Dec. 15.—News has just reached here of a serious accident at the mining camp of the Pittsburg Spar and Lead Mining Company, in which three miners came very near losing their lives. John Eskew, Arthur B. Barger and Otto Whitehead were preparing to set off a blast, when they found their dynamite was frozen. They set about to thaw it out, when it caught fire. In an attempt to put the fire out, the dynamite was exploded, throwing workmen in every direction, injuring all of them more or less. Whitehead's feet were so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate them above the ankles.

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St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 15.—A man whose identity the authorities have not been able to establish was killed by the Burlington's fast train from Chicago, three miles east of this city, to-day.

PITTSBURG—At a meeting of the directors of the Crucible Steel Company it was decided to pass the dividend on the preferred stock.

LOVE DIES.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says love comes a time in the course of married life when "the thrill goes out of the love, the kiss and the kiss at times, and it is then that husband and wife may be susceptible to other magnetic personalities. The success for this condition of affairs is often the fault of the husband, but how often is it not due to the wife's nervousness and irritability due to some trouble with the nervous system? feminine—the wife under such circumstances feels languid and apathetic—she suffers perhaps from headaches and sleeplessness."

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