

SING A MERRY SONG OF OFFICE SCANDAL

A Celebration of Independence Day by Postoffice Clerks Not Down on the Printed Program.

UNRESTRAINED BY HIGHEST OFFICIALS

"America" in a New Form. Megaphone Message From Absent Friends—Triumph of Old Erin and Irish Flag.

Under date of Washington, July 3, the "New York Sun" printed the following morning:

A peculiar ceremony, which according to the printed program purported to be a "departmental independence celebration," was held at the Postoffice Department this afternoon.

There was the usual program of songs, recitations, and addresses, which passed off in pretty good order. The interesting features of the ceremony, however, were entirely impromptu, and the celebration changed from an occasion of considerable dignity to a howling farce.

Postmaster General Payne and the other high officials of the Postoffice Department did not favor the idea of a "departmental independence celebration" when it was broached to them by the promoters, a week or more ago.

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which the addresses were delivered, wished themselves well out of the whole affair. One of the committeemen tried to reach the coat-tails of the cornetist who was leading the singers, but he was so well to the front that the act would have been too noticeable.

Consequently, the clerks, with great glee and abandon, finished three stanzas of the unauthorized version of "America" before the cornetist received an intimation by means of a window poke that there had been enough music for the present.

Almost every clerk in the building had a carbon copy of the following: "America" Rewritten. Ribbers, 'tis up to thee, Forty per cent for me.

For laws we have respect, When they don't croak affect, For this we stand; We find that if we stand, With big men in the land, If there's no one to squeal, What fears our hand?

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BALTIMORE AND OHIO BUILDING A NEW LINE

Palatine Branch to Connect the Wheeling and Pittsburg Divisions.

The Baltimore and Ohio is about to build a detour line along the Monongahela River, opposite Fairmount, W. Va., to be known as the Palatine Branch.

West of Fairmount, the Fairmount, Morgantown and Pittsburg Branch joins the Wheeling Division, connecting it by a bridge over the river, and into the immense new yard that is being constructed to take care of the Fairmount region coal.

It was thought wise to extend the Fairmount, Morgantown and Pittsburg to a point east of Fairmount on the Wheeling division to afford an additional connection in case of congestion in and about Fairmount and other emergencies. The line will be about three miles in length.

G Street northwest, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth Streets—John W. Thomas et ux. to Mary W. Heiberger, part original lot 6, square 141, \$10.

Eighth Street northwest, between G and H Streets—Wilson C. Thompson et ux. to Henry Kraak, lot C, square 429, \$10.

N Street northwest, between Thirtieth and Fortieth Streets—James Wilson et al. trustees, to Bertha L. Owens, west one-half of lot 83, square 1218, \$10.

K Street northwest, between Thirtieth and Fortieth Streets—Charles H. Allen et al. to Wellesley College, lot 19, square 248, \$5.

Twenty-seventh Street northwest, between O and P Streets—Alfred H. Keim to Morris Keim, part lot 110, square 1280, \$10.

S Street northwest, between Sixth and Seventh Streets—Anson S. Taylor et al. trustees, to William J. Donovan, lots 31 and 32, square 148, \$10.

K Street northwest, between Thirtieth and Thirty-second—Henry V. Talloch to Samuel G. Cornwell, Wharton E. Lesier, and Henry P. Blair, trustees, lots 6, 7, 8, and part lot 5, square 1174, \$10.

Third Street northwest, between I and K Streets—Ellen Brown to Edward B. Kimball, part square 527, \$10.

Fourth Street northwest, between I and K Streets—Same to same, part lot 3, square 527, \$10.

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Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets—Margaret A. Glusta et al. to Estelle C. Tubins, part original lots 2 and 3, square 163, \$10.

D Street northwest, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets—Louise J. Traynor to Clarence Thomas, lot 47, square 1061, \$10.

Eleventh Street northeast, between B and C Streets—Douglas S. Mackall et al. trustees, to Edward B. Kimball, part lots 2 and 3, square 527, \$50.

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GENTLEMEN'S LIST. Alins, Scott; Albree, Robert S; Alexander, Arthur A; Alexander, Geo Wash;...

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FINANCIAL.

THE WASHINGTON LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY. OFFICE, COR. 9TH AND E STS. PAID-UP CAPITAL, ONE MILLION.

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CURRENT NEWS AND GOSSIP OF INTEREST TO INVESTORS

The New York bank statement showing, was complicated, both by the operations incidental to the ending of the fiscal year, including the financing of the heavy July 1 interests and dividend payments, and the closing of the subscription to the new stock issue of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

An increase of but \$3,697,200 was recorded in the loan item, which was a much more favorable exhibit than usual at this time of the year.

A year ago the bank statement for the week covering the financing of the July 1 disbursements showed an increase in loans of \$17,011,400. The suggestion was made that there might have been some early liquidation of loans of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, following the notice sent by that company to the interests from which it borrowed \$40,000,000 six months ago that, now having the money in hand, the company stood ready to pay off the loans prior to maturity on a rebate of interest basis.

Investigation showed, however, that none of these loans has as yet been paid off; but they are certain all to be paid off in the next few weeks.

The optimistic views of J. Pierpont Morgan, who recently returned from abroad, have favorably impressed all who have come into personal contact with him. He is said to have expressed surprise at the extreme pessimism he found prevailing here, especially as he found nothing in the general situation, either financial or industrial, to warrant it. The banker's opinions are now in free circulation, and are largely responsible, no doubt, for the change of sentiment that has been observed in various Wall Street quarters.

A gentleman who would be likely to know of the present influence of one of the largest banking houses as being "conservatively bullish."

It is interesting to note that the reports of national banks throughout the country, as called for by the Comptroller of the Currency, show in the last year a rapid growth in loans and only a small increase in cash holdings. On July 16, 1932, loans amounted to \$2,221,859,631, as compared with \$3,415,045,751 on July 9, 1931.

The increase in loans has been much heavier than the gain in deposits and cash, and as a consequence much uneasiness is exhibited in some circles over the position of the banks of this country. Bank loans, however, are as a rule backed by first-class security, and in well-informed and conservative banking circles it is not believed that the excess of loans above deposits will result in disturbance in the monetary situation.

The decline in bank reserves last week and the large falling off in receipts of currency at this center from the interior suggest the possibility of higher rates for money, but it is not thought that there will be any real disturbance in the market.

Chicago advices declare that the forthcoming Illinois Central statement will be about the best that company has ever issued.

"Bradstreet's" says that bank clearings at 25 cities of the United States in June aggregated \$3,292,597,894, a gain of 4.3 per cent over those for May, and a decrease of only 6.7 per cent over June, 1931, and a decrease of only 6.7 per cent from the record total for June, made in that month of 1931. Swelled by the heavy June figures, the calendar year returns make a much better record than for some time past, the aggregate for six months—\$56,992,675,278—being only 4.1 per cent below last year, and only 10.6 per cent below the record total for six months made in the first half of 1931.

COURT RECORD.

District Court—Justice Anderson—in re extension of Sherman Avenue; order on mandamus vacating order of October 20, 1931, and granting writ of mandamus. Equity Court No. 2—Justice Goodell, Williams vs. Duncanson; sales as reported by trustees finally confirmed. Reopening of Brown's sale to William W. Neilligan ratified. Probate Court—Justice Anderson—in re Henry W. Shields et al.; Francis B. Shields appointed guardian, bond \$1,000. Estate of Rheta L. Benjamin; sale confirmed and printed of publication filed. Estate of John Fahrenkopf; citation ordered to issue. Estate of Harold C. Grant; letters of administration granted to Robert E. Grant, bond \$1,000. Estate of Henry W. Ball; petition for letters of administration filed. Estate of John Johns; order accepting account as shown in re Leonardo Jarrin et al.; account passed. In re Frances Hurst et al.; rule to show cause. In re Marguerite Allen; account passed. In re Edith A. Davis; do. In re Clyde E. Wheeler et al.; do. Estate of William H. Green; order to sell furniture. Estate of William Wallace; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to E. Richard Shipley, bond \$100. Estate of Elizabeth F. Beale; order of publication. In re Leonardo Jarrin et al.; order to sell bonds. Estate of Emeline D. Loett; sale ratified and proof of publication filed. Estate of Mary A. Barron; account passed.

Why the Ham is So Salty. "We are having many complaints about the unusual saltiness of ham, bacon and canned goods this summer," said a local butcher, who does a large family trade. "I suppose it is the same everywhere else. Standard goods that we have been able to recommend for years are salt as brine now. The packing houses tell us that it is because they are no longer permitted to use the preservatives that go with such a raking over the coals after the Spanish war; they simply must pile on the salt or their ham and bacon won't keep. The packers will be obliged to find some way out of the difficulty, or they will have to go out of business altogether. In the trade we are noticing the falling off in orders from hotels and restaurants. No man wants a rasher of bacon or a slice of ham for breakfast if it is going to send him around with a raging thirst all day."