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FOR NEW POSTAL RATE

Congressman Conner Introduces Important Postal Measure

BENEFITS LOCAL MERCHANTS

Would Reduce Merchandise Postage Rates Between Rural Route Patrons and Local Merchants.

Hon. J. P. Conner has just introduced a measure for a postal reform which is of the greatest importance to local merchants and which will greatly add to the convenience and utility of the Rural Free Delivery service to its patrons.

The bill of which Hon. J. P. Conner is the author, provides that hereafter the postal rate on books and merchandise originating in any city, addressed to any Rural Free Delivery patron on a route emanating from the city at which package is mailed shall be five cents for the first pound and three cents additional for each pound or fraction thereof up to five pounds.

The present merchandise rate is one cent an ounce—sixteen cents a pound and the department recognizes no distinction between a package mailed at Denison for delivery on a Denison route, and a package mailed in San Francisco for delivery on a route in Maine. As far as the cost of service is concerned this is manifestly unfair, as for the local package there are no transportation charges to pay and the service can be performed without a cent of additional expense to the government.

One of the strongest arguments against the enlargement of the mail free delivery service, and in fact the strongest argument against its continuance, is that it is not self-supporting. The passage of the Conner bill would largely increase the revenue and would in a short time wipe out the annual deficit now reported from that branch of the postal service.

The passage of the Conner bill would be a great boon to the farmers. They could obtain small articles from town at a nominal cost and by the aid of the telephone could get them almost as quickly as people living in town.

The Conner bill would also be a great help to local merchants, especially to those dealing in light goods, such as dry goods, clothing, shoes, drugs, tobacco, books, stationery, etc. This is a matter in which the local merchants of every town can join. It would not benefit the merchant of one town at the expense of the merchant of another town, but would give to each an advantage in his own territory.

Judge Conner has shown in the introduction of this bill that he is looking to the practical benefit and welfare

of the people; that he has at heart the interests of the farmer and the local merchant, rather than a desire to build up huge corporations or win applause by grandiloquent oratory on problematical theories.

If the business men of the small cities and towns of this county have an eye to their own interests they will at once organize to support this measure and see to it that their representatives vote for it when it comes before Congress.

To-day's papers state that Judge Conner is quite hopeful for the passage of his bill, and that several members of the Postal Committee have already declared in favor of it. The bill will certainly become a law if the business men of such towns as Denison give it the support they should and if the farmers appreciate properly the great advantage it would be to them.

Under the present law it costs 64 cents to send a four pound package of merchandise from any town in Iowa to a farmer living near that town. The rate is practically prohibitory and the revenue is almost nothing.

Under the Conner law a similar four pound package would be carried for 14 cents—a fair and remunerative rate and one which would bring much revenue to the government, much convenience to the farmers and much benefit to local merchants.

THE DECLAMATORY CONTEST.

To Be Held at The College Chapel, Wednesday Evening, December 21. Good Program Will be Rendered.

The department of oratory of the college, assisted by the department of music, is preparing for the annual declamatory contest. It will be held at the college chapel, Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. This annual event is always one of much interest to the people of Denison. The contestants always put forward a good effort to win the substantial prizes which are offered, and under the training of Miss Randall they will no doubt present a splendid program this year.

Following is the program:
Piano Solo.....Symphony No. 1. Beethoven
Miss Grace Bamford
Mary's Night Ride.....Geo. W. Cable
Miss Hugg
Spartacus.....Elijah Kellogg
Mr. Ringgold
Lottie's Message.....Alexander Murdock
Miss Evans
Dumner Boy of Mission Ridge.. K. Sherwood
Mr. Webb
Violin Solo.....Selection From Faust
Miss Clarke
(Miss Bamford, accompanist)
The Leak in the Dike.....Phoebe Cary
Miss Newton
Mr. Travers' First Hunt.....Richard H. Davis
Miss Saul
Dumb Bell Drill
Decision of Judges.

Little Charley Saul who has been seriously ill for the past week or two is now much improved and well on the road to recovery.

Mr. J. H. Woodruff, who underwent an operation last week, has been very low for the past few days but is slightly improved at present.

Remember the Dance at the Opera House, Friday night.

FARMERS TO BE INSTRUCTED

The Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames Will Conduct a Two Weeks' Short Course.

The Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames has long been considered one of the best schools of its kind in the world. It is keeping up its reputation for leadership and is now conducting every winter for the benefit of the farmers and stock raisers of Iowa what they term a two weeks' Short Course. This course is a series of lectures and demonstrations by some of the best talent in the country on the subject of stock judging and other subjects of interest and benefit to the farmer. This not only affords a good opportunity to the young man who is unable to spend the entire year at the college but the course is even taken by farmers fifty and sixty years of age who had no chance of schooling themselves along these lines when they were young. Even the wives and daughters are not forgotten in the preparation of this course, and demonstrations will be given by the Department of Domestic Science for their benefit. Full particulars concerning the two weeks' Short Course can be obtained by writing to the college.

Following are some of the good things which are being offered by the college this year:

For the two weeks' Short Course at the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames, Jan. 2-14, the management have announced the following speakers: President W. O. Thompson of the Ohio State College of Agriculture, Joseph E. Wing, Chicago, Hon. L. H. Kerrick of Illinois. Other speakers may be announced later.

Prof. C. E. Elliott of the department of Agriculture, Washington D. C. and other capable speakers will take part on the program at the State Drainage Convention, which meets in Ames Jan. 13 and 14th.

Advanced classes have been arranged for in corn and stock judging. Students who have attended previous sessions and wish to take advanced work will have the opportunity to do so.

Those who have examined the Iowa Corn Growers Premium list for the contest which occurs at Ames, Jan 2 to 14th are delighted with the splendid array of premiums. Among other prizes will be found a \$2,000. farm wagon, \$165.00 corn binder and shocker \$100.00 Short Horn bull calf, two Poland China gilts, several corn planters, cultivators, harrows, weeders, fanning mill, harness etc., besides several valuable Trophies, Medals and many cash premiums. Premium list will be mailed to those who apply to the Agronomy Department, Iowa State College Ames, Iowa.

The department of the Domestic Science will conduct a Short Course series of lectures and demonstrations Jan. 2-14th inclusive, for the wives and daughters.

Corn Growers Clubs that desire to compete in their respective entries must be organized not later than Dec. 20th. Clubs shall consist of not less than five members.

A PLAY OF LASTING MERIT.

Most of the plays that are written never see the stage, those that do, very few succeed. Many of them by resorting to all the devices known to the press agent, do manage to finish out one season; but plays that will really live and that are worth while are really very rare, and nearly all of them have been "played to death". J. Z. Little's "The World", which Manager Earle Doty brings to Denison on Dec. 20, is now recognized as one of the greatest of American plays, but at the same time it is new to a large proportion of the theatre-going public, as it has up to this time been produced mostly in the large cities. Mr. Doty has shown extremely good judgment in selecting it for this season, just at the time when the country is over-run with new plays that are worthless, or by old ones of which the public has tired. Manager Doty's production of this great play deserves the success with which it is meeting. Earle Doty is the same gentleman who acted the "Man in the Iron Mask" in Denison last season. His name alone is a guarantee that the attraction is first class.

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A Christmas Ball

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Monday Evening, Dec. 16

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