

JUDGE CONNER'S POSTAL BILL

What Frank J. Stillman, the Newspaper Correspondent Thinks of the Bill.

In his weekly letters to several newspapers Frank J. Stillman has the following to say regarding Judge Conner's Postal Bill:

Judge Conner's bill to permit the mailing of packages weighing not to exceed five pounds in towns for delivery only within the county by rural free delivery route, at the rate of 5 cents per pound for the first pound and 3 cents for each subsequent pound, is meeting with much favor. Local business men are greatly pleased with the plan, it is said. This arrangement would enable a farmer to order goods at the point of departure of his rural route and receive the same early the next forenoon at an expense of 17 cents for five pounds, or for what one pound costs at the present postage rate of 1 cent per ounce. If connected by telephone the farmer would be able at night to order goods and receive them the next forenoon at a cost that would be less than the wear and tear on his buggy and team, to say nothing of the loss of time.

As might have been expected, the department stores and small order houses do not approve the scheme, and it is anticipated that the bill will be vigorously opposed by congressmen from the cities. Judge Conner's bill is, obviously, a concession to the local business man, yet it is not open to criticism. All revenue received under this law would be practically clear gain to the government. The only expense additional, involved would be for cost of postage stamps. The rural carrier is paid by month; his salary is \$60 per month whether he carries five pounds of mail or fifty pounds. The charge of discrimination against the mail order houses cannot lie, as in the case of the latter the heavy expense of railroad carriage is involved and the adoption of such a plan generally would add to the expense of transportation to such an extent that in the end the government would probably lose money, just as it now loses money on all mail matter handled except letter mail.

It is suggested that the plan proposed by Judge Conner might ultimately become so popular with the country people as to compel a change in the equipment of the rural carriers. On the basis of an average of fifty pounds a day, as some congressmen have guessed at, the weight of this class of mail, the receipts of the government would be increased approximately \$2 per day per carrier. It is pointed out that even allowing carriers \$20 per month additional salary, the net proceeds to the government would go a long way toward wiping out the annual deficit and bringing within sight the day of 1-cent letter postage.

Of course these figures, as made by the congressman, are purely speculative, but they at least furnish food for thought, in connection with the proposed law as framed by Judge Conner.

FRANK J. STILLMAN

Mr. Frank Faul has sold a half interest in the Democrat to Mr. Henry Fineran, the new partnership commencing business January 1st. It is understood that the name of the paper will be changed, and that it will be independent in politics. During Mr. Faul's terms as clerk Mr. Fineran has had entire charge of the Democrat, and under his management the business has increased very materially. We wish the new firm success.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

On Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31, and Jan. 1 and 2, the Illinois Central R. R. will sell round trip tickets to all points on the Ill. Cent R. R. north of Ohio river, at one and one-third fare. Tickets also on sale on above dates to points on other lines in Iowa, Minn., S. Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma and other states. Inquire of Ills. Cent. ticket for further particulars.

JUDGE CONNER'S PARCEL POST.

The objection to a parcel post system has been that the big dealers in the cities would use it to the injury of the small stores in the country. It would seem as if Hon. J. P. Conner the Tenth Iowa district member, had solved the difficulty in the bill he has prepared and to which the postoffice department has given its approval. The bill proposes to admit parcels to the mails at pound rates where the same are deposited at offices forming a part of any rural route and intended for delivery on that route. Thus parcels deposited in the Denison office would be accepted at pound rates for distribution on any rural route out of Denison. Judge Conner has suggested as the rate of postage 5 cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound up to five, which is the limit of weight. The department is said to favor a uniform rate of 3 cents.

As rural carriers are restricted in the matter of carrying packages outside the mails, the patrons of rural routes are inconvenienced in making purchases in town for delivery by the rural carriers. Judge Conner's plan would relieve them to a large extent and add much to the utility of the rural delivery service.

There are still small country merchants who may object to the plan on the ground that the country seat and larger towns on the routes would get the advantage. It is doubtful if much importance can be attached to this objection, for all the merchants on a given route would have equal opportunity, hardly different from what they have now, to compete for orders.

The serviceableness of free rural delivery would be greatly increased by legislation such as Judge Conner has proposed.—Sioux City Journal.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The library has received some gifts of much value during the last six weeks. Just before leaving for California W. A. McHenry presented the library with a history of Iowa, in four volumes, by B. F. Gue. This is a work of great value and a welcome addition to the book shelves.

The Denison newspapers have placed the library on their list, a favor much enjoyed by the patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boynton have given complete files of the Century Magazine that when bound will be of untold help in the reference department.

Miss King has also given a file of the Bookman that will be of much service.

Through kindness of Mr. J. B. Romans, the reading tables are indebted to Mr. Bryan for his paper, The Commoner.

Mr. Lally has presented the library with a year's subscription of the "Ave Maria," a weekly magazine of a very high class, containing each week many choice and beautiful things.

The W. C. T. U. have given their official organ, the Union Signal.

Nothing could give the library board more gratification than the interest that these gifts gave such substantial proof.

Mr. Chris Otto has promised a Christmas tree and all of the Christmas tree ornaments needed to make it beautiful. This very fine offer was gladly accepted and the tree will be in the children's room during the Christmas week. Bille-Broderson Company have also given some decorations for the tree.

The library will be closed Christmas eve and day.

Mrs. A. M. Ainsworth of Castana, Iowa, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Kuehne.

While coasting down the college hill last Saturday afternoon, Barney Otto had his leg badly injured, and will be confined to his bed for some time.

Mrs. E. W. Pierce is enjoying a visit today and to-morrow from Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Wyoming and Mrs. Frank McHenry of Dow City. Mrs. Morgan is a cousin of Mrs. Pierce's and the latter a sister.

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

FOR SALE—Fine Plymouth Rock Roosters—100 to pick from. MAT WIBLISHAUSER. 51

NOTICE.
—We now have a jeweler to do engraving, repairing of watches, clocks, rings, etc. Bring in your work, we will do the same at a reasonable and satisfactory way and price. Right, too. We engrave Free all silverware bought of us. Try us. Four doors North of Post Office, New Block. J. L. WARBASSE. 49

—Ten lots in Southwest Denison all in one body for sale at a bargain. Any reasonable offer will be accepted.

HOLIDAY GOODS.
—Our large storeroom is filled with them. Combining Usefulness with Beauty and Individuality, we cannot enumerate here. Come in and see. Come now. C. F. CASSADAY & CO.

—A fine six room house with closets, pantry; a good barn, corncrib, well, etc., and three acres of good land which can be cut up into lots, in east Denison. Close in, for sale cheap.

—Garland of Roses toilet water at SCHLUMBERGER'S Pharmacy.

Nice lobsters and oysters in the shell at the City Bakery.

C. JUNGEMAN, Prop.

TAKEN UP ESTRAY.

—Some six weeks ago there came to our place one red yearling steer. Owner call and prove property, pay damages and take property. JAS. OWENS. 51

FOR SALE.
Young Polled Durham Bulls. Also some steers and heifers coming two years old, and a few good cows. Enquire of James Rollins, one and one-half miles east of Denison.

—Private money to loan on good security. Inquire at this office. 50-3*

—Christmas Perfumes at SCHLUMBERGER'S Pharmacy.

For your Christmas dinner call at the City Bakery and get lobsters and oysters in the shell.

FOR SALE—90 acre farm 2 1/2 miles north of Denison, east side of river. For full information address MRS. IOLA AINSWORTH. Canton, Ill.

—A Denison Lady said: "That is certainly a most beautiful line of Brush & Combs sets, and these sets for Gentlemen are very Handsome." C. F. CASSADAY & CO.

STORM WINDOWS.

Parties desiring storm windows should place their orders immediately with JOHN FASTJE.

"SHENKBERG" DISTRIBUTORS.

The undersigned are now the sole distributors in Denison for the famous "Shenkberg" Smokers. These cigars sell on their merits and can only be purchased from us. DENISON DRUG CO.

The City Bakery has a fine stock of lobsters and oysters in the shell. Call there for your Christmas supply. C. JUNGEMAN, Prop.

—For Rent—One 120 acre farm and one 80 acre farm, also one city lot for sale. Inquire at this office.

CAB LINE.

—The undersigned has just secured a fine closed cab and caters to the public for patronage. Cabs for private parties, to and from all trains, etc. Call up Laub's barn. J. MELTON. 49

—J. H. Tamm for plumbing and heating. Repairing promptly attended to. 48-47.

—Japanese China, Russian China, or any other kind. Makes no difference which side you are on. We can suit you. CASSADAY & CO.

STORM WINDOWS.

Parties desiring storm windows should place their orders immediately with JOHN FASTJE.

—Headquarters for Perfumes at SCHLUMBERGER'S Pharmacy.

—C. Otto's "Cubadura" is acknowledged to be the best 10 cent smoke for 5 cents, in town. C. OTTO.

HOLIDAY RATES.

Dec. 24-25-26 and 31, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1905, the Illinois Central R. R. will sell round trip tickets to all points on their line within 200 miles at one fare and one-third for the round trip minimum rate 50 cents.

—Only one quality of Perfumes at Schlumberger's Pharmacy and that is the best.

—LOST—A Beaver collarette. Finder will leave it at this office and receive reward. 51-21*

Examining the coal bill



is not a pleasure, unless you own and enjoy the comfort and fuel economy of a modern

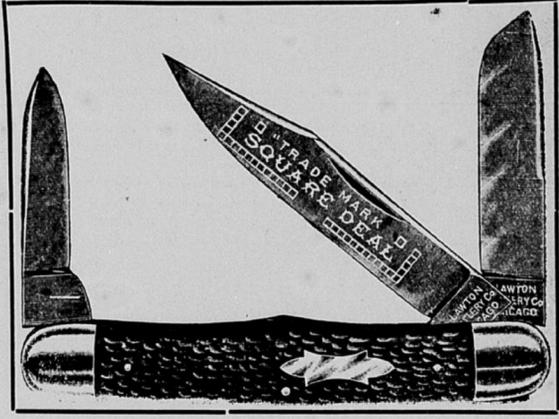
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IDEAL Boilers and AMERICAN Radiators. J. H. TAMM, Plumbing. Denison, Iowa

Don't Forget That Xmas is Coming

AND THAT WE HAVE JUST WHAT YOU WANT FOR NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

There is nothing nicer than one of our fine pocket knives, a pair of scissors, a carving set, a set of silver plated knives and forks, silver plated tea or table spoons, or perhaps your stove is worn out and your wife would like one of those



Famous Majestic Ranges

We can fit you out and make you happy. Our Prices are Right and our goods guaranteed.

Remember Christmas is almost here and now is the time to buy.

Headquarters for the best Cream Separators on Earth : "THE DE LAVAL" :

Yours for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,

Romans Co.,

The pioneer Implement and Hardware Dealer

Special for Xmas Shoppers

Our Stock is still in good condition, and all lines are good and strong. Don't put off until the last moment the buying of your presents. Get in before stock is broken. Our prices on the following lines are very low:

Handkerchiefs
Silks, Linen, Mercerized Effects, In Gents' and Ladies' Are Exceptional Values

Dress Goods
Now is the time to get a fine Dress Pattern Cheap

Hand Bags, Perfumes, Box Paper
Burnt Wood Work, Belts, Silk Shawls, Mufflers, Ties, Ladies' Collars, Waist Sets, Sweaters, Ladies' Waists.

Fancy Hosiery
To Close \$1.35 and \$1.60 Now go at \$1.00

Cloaks and Skirts
Our line of Cloaks and Skirts is in good shape yet, and at prices that will make you wonder how we can Offer Them So Cheap.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we are Yours for Business,

THE PEOPLES' STORE. M. M. BAMFORD.

SAVE YOUR PRIZE MONEY

Why pay for prizes and the like, that some one else will win? Why not buy goods where the prizes offered is not to the price of each article? no broaches or diamond rings away, but we do have some rings and broaches, watches and jewelry that we sell at low prices. We also do watch making and if work is not satisfactory your money will be refunded. The holiday trade we have a superior line of suitable articles at the prices have not advance. Give us a call and renew acquaintanceship.

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