

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The big express companies have naturally been greatly displeased at the growth and progress of the parcels post system. Friends of the parcels post see in the bill recently reported favorable to the House by Mr. Stearnson of Minnesota, a blow at this great institution. This bill (House Bill 8441) authorizes the Postmaster General to restrict the use of the special delivery stamp and service to letter mail only. This means that no package can be sent through the mail with special delivery service added. The most important function of the special delivery stamp is to cause the prompt delivery of the farmer's package of perishable merchandise which he is sending to his town customer. If the farmer ships a turkey, some chickens, or two pounds of real butter to his customer in the city, to allow that package to lie next to the steam radiator in the city postoffice all night means a disaster and the loss of a customer. Some members of the House from agricultural districts are already opposing this innocent-looking little four-line bill, claiming it is the entering wedge that seeks to break down the parcels post system, built up at such labor and expense under the Democratic administration.

While the President hectoring the Southern white people by saying at Birmingham: "Whether you like it or not, you have to give the negro political and economic equality," he does not seem to be practicing what he preached. He has appointed but one negro at an office of sufficient importance to require confirmation by the Senate, and that confirmation has been refused on account of the character of the appointee. Henry Lincoln Johnson was Republican national committee man from Georgia and was given the place as Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia in order to get rid of him in Georgia. About twenty white women—mostly widows—are employed as clerks in the Recorder's office.

The President's speech has had a curious effect among the higher-educated negroes scattered through the Northern States. Through the race organs they are condemning the President for not also demanding social equality for their people. In Missouri they are reported to be quietly working on the Republican State leaders to bring about the abolishment of the separate school system. Under the laws of that State the directors of each school district which contains any negro children of school age are required to provide a colored teacher for such district. The teachers are trained at Lincoln Institute, created

and supported by this Democratic Southern State for this purpose. The people of Missouri feel that they solved this problem in the best possible way and they are already getting interested in the question which threatens to become the greatest issue in next fall's election, when several State offices have to be filled, including the Superintendent of Education. A new State House of Representatives will be chosen and a part of the Senate. Democratic victory will mean, of course, the continuation of the present system of separate schools. It is learned that the negroes are not confining their attention to the situation in Missouri, but also mean to make the effort in several other States that were carried by the Republicans last year.

While this question is of interest now chiefly in those States which have separate schools, the day is rapidly approaching when it will be an issue in the Northern States. In most of them there are few districts where more than two or three negro children are found, and they are of the better class of negroes, and little objection or difficulty is experienced, but the negroes are steadily moving northward and it is a matter of a very few years until every urban school district in the Northern States will have its colored pupils. The Northern people will soon discover that mixed schools for the children will mean social equality when those children grow up. That discovery will mean agitation to the point of a serious issue.

Melville E. Stone has recently published his biography in a book entitled "Fifty Years a Journalist." In it he tells many interesting things coming under his observation as head of the great Associated Press. In writing of the gold standard platform on which McKinley was elected, Mr. Stone gives credit for his election to the fact that the word "gold" was used in referring to the sort of monetary standard demanded by the Republicans, and credits Herman H. Kohlsaat, then proprietor of the Chicago Times-Herald, with having, by his insistence forced the inclusion of the word. Now comes the Honorable Edward Lauterbach of New York, one of the big-wigs of McKinley days, and says he wrote the plank, though not denying that Mr. Kohlsaat may have forced in the one word mentioned. In writing to Addison B. Colvin he says: "I then presented to the meeting a plank for the consideration of those assembled which had, after many revisions (CONFIDENTIALLY WITH J. P. MORGAN AND OTHERS) been approved." It is rather late coming, but it is an old saying that "murder will come out." Thomas B. Reed's friends always asserted that McKinley beat him for the nomination because McKinley was willing to be directed by the big interests and Reed was not.

MARRYING PARSON
REPUUDIATES CHURCH
Elkton, Md., Dec. 7.—After a silence of several months Rev. Daniel Forbus Lockerbie, the 82-year-old minister who has become known as Elkton's newest "marrying parson," has issued a statement in which he scores the local pastors and repudiates the Presbyterian denomination. His case will be considered at a special meeting of the Presbytery of New Castle county, to be held in Wilmington today. He declares he is a member of no sect or creed, and further asserts that all ministers are "marrying parsons" when they get the chance.

GERMAN FLOATING DEBT IS 226,500,000,000 MARKS
Berlin, Dec. 8.—The deficiency in capital in Germany totalled 4,876,930,000 marks in November, according to figures showing the demands by industrialists on the banks. The capital deficit in October was 1,662,019,000 marks, and since January the demands have amounted to 18,805,770,000.

The nation's floating debt at the end of November is announced as amounting to 226,500,000,000 marks.

The pupils of Mahlon's will hold a Christmas social at their school, Thursday night, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock. A program will be rendered by the school. Ice cream, cake and home-made candy will be for sale. Proceeds for the school.

RAILROADS PLAN WAGE CUT OF 10 TO 30 PER CENT

APPLIES TO LINES NORTH OF OHIO, EAST OF MISSISSIPPI
New York, Dec. 9.—Schedules proposing wage cuts from 10 to 30 per cent for train service, shop and maintenance of way employees of railroad lines north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi were formulated today at a conference of managers and supervising officials. The reductions, which would take effect late this month, must be submitted to the Railroad Labor Board for rejection or approval.

The officials said the roads would begin separate conferences with their employees early next week on the proposed pay cuts.

BILL HART IS TIMID, BUT HE GOT THE GIRL

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.—William S. Hart, noted film actor of Western type, married last evening Miss Winifred Westover, a motion picture actress. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Neal Dodd, pastor of the Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, in Hart's home in Hollywood.

Hart, who was considered a confirmed bachelor, found himself lacking in the necessary nerve to propose in person when he succumbed to Miss Westover's charms, so he did it by mail. He got the "yes" back by wire.

BEAUTIFUL BERMUDA ISLAND.

A lady writes: "Unless you can see the Bermuda Islands yourself, you can have no idea of their beauty and fragrance. I was so entranced that I found myself standing up, most of the time so that I wouldn't miss any of it. Bungalows surrounded by a mass of flowers, shrubbery and foliage, nothing but beauty everywhere. Hundreds of cases of the famous Bermuda onions being shipped to the states. We ate all we could last night and slept like a baby. It is indeed odd to see so many horses and carriages and bicycles, but no automobiles are allowed on the islands. There are 5 kinds of bananas grown here—watermelon, purple, horse and hog, and rice. The "Batter" species are mostly exported to the U. S."

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