

THE SALARIES OF POSTMASTERS.

Increased Appropriation for Department Will Allow Benefits to Employees.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries, just completed in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, shows that the Presidential offices now number 4279, an increase of 256 over last year and 868 over 1894. There are 207 first-class, 942 second-class and 3121 third-class.

In the adjustment just completed 15 second-class offices have been advanced to the first class, 110 third class to second class and 275 fourth class to the third class, while only 1 first class has been relegated to the second, 7 from the second to the third class, and 12 from third to fourth class. Eight offices were discontinued and made portions of other offices. Owing to the increased receipts at Presidential offices during the year 1194 postmasters will receive increased salaries on July 1, the individual increase ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The aggregate increase to the 1194 postmasters is \$236,100, or \$22,300 in excess of the increase last year, which was \$28,300 in excess of any allowed prior to that year. One hundred and seventy-one postmasters will receive a reduction in salary, ranging from \$100 to \$300 each. The total reduction will be \$26,300. The net gain to postmasters is \$213,800.

In addition to changes announced by the Postoffice Department to-day, it is said that a number of other improvements will be in effect during the next fiscal year. The increased appropriation, it is said, will enable many more clerks to take the 15 days' leave of absence contemplated by law and an emergency fund will be placed at the disposal of first-class offices for extra assistance during holidays and other times when there is a large increase of business. The postoffice officials have strong hopes that if conditions continue to improve it will be feasible to limit working hours throughout the service to eight hours a day, beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 1902.

A Minister's Good Work.

"I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says

Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and he said, 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured. I think it the best medicine I have ever tried." For sale by all dealers and druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., general agents, Hawaiian Territory.

KILLED BY STRAWBERRIES.

Doctors Couldn't Save Seamstress Who Ate Six Quarts of the Fruit.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Agnes Miller, 18 years old, was taken to Bellevue Hospital late on Thursday night, suffering from gastritis caused by eating six quarts of strawberries, and died at the hospital yesterday morning. An autopsy on her body, made by Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, showed that death was due to vomiting and weakness caused by gastro-enteritis, due to overloading the stomach.

The dead girl was a seamstress and lived at 473 East Seventy-second street. On her way home from work on Wednesday evening she was attracted by a fruit-vender's display of berries, and thinking six quarts for 25 cents a pretty good bargain, bought the berries and took them to her room. In less than an hour the other occupants of the house heard piercing screams from her room and found the girl in intense pain. She could only point to the six empty strawberry boxes when asked what was the matter, but this told the tale.

Dr. Jackson of the Presbyterian Hospital had the girl removed there, but on Thursday night she was transferred to Bellevue, where it was seen that her case was helpless.

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NEW BUILDING FOR PANTHEON SITE.

Structure to be a One-Story Brick and to be Used for a Saloon.

Yesterday afternoon workmen commenced breaking ground for a new building to be erected on the old Pantheon site, corner of Fort and Hotel streets. The ground is owned by the Widemann estate. L. C. Ables, David Dayton and the estate of James Dodd have an unexpired five-years' lease on the property.

The building to be erected will be of brick, one story in height, with ornamental brick cornice. The material will be of common brick, lined off.

The structure will have a frontage of 85 feet on Hotel street and 52 feet on Fort street.

On the Hotel-street frontage will be a store. The rest of the building will be devoted to saloon purposes. The interior will be finished in natural wood, beam ceilings.

There will be, besides the saloon proper, card rooms, reading room, cold-storage room and lavatories, with up-to-date plumbing. There will be a large yard in the rear of the saloon.

It was the intention of the holders of the lease, if an extension was granted them, to erect a four-story building, substantial in character and ornamental in appearance, but the estate refused to extend the term of the lease.

L. N. Hayden has the contract for the building, and expects to complete it in six weeks.

THE MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting on July 7th—Matters of Interest to Members.

The Hawaiian Microscopical Society will hold a regular meeting Saturday, July 7, at the offices of Dr. H. C. Sloggett, in Progress block.

The president will read a paper on bacteriology during the evening, and Mr. E. C. Shorey will exhibit to the members of the society a new microscope stand made by the Spencer Lens Company of Buffalo, N. Y. This is the first stand and lenses imported here of this famous maker. The lenses of this firm have a world-wide reputation, and will doubtless be examined with great interest by microscopists here.

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