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ARMY OF "EASY MARKS"

In the past three years the people of this country have been swindled out of \$183,000,000 by persons who have been arrested for using the mails to defraud.

The report of the postal inspectors shows that over fifty varieties of schemes are in vogue by swindlers who obtain their victims through the mail.

Fake land schemes make up another numerous and remunerative class of swindle. Sales of worthless medicines and medical appliances net a great deal of money.

But all these varieties of swindle are insignificant money getters compared to stock swindles.

CONGRESSIONAL GRAFT

The United States senate did itself credit when it abolished the telegraph franking graft, which has existed for so many years that it had attained a semblance of respectability.

Elimination of the private graft is such a long step in the right direction that the people probably would not have objected to a continued use of the franking privilege for the transaction of public business.

That the spirit of franking reform is still further indicated by the proposition to restrict the mail frank to \$600 a year.

There is no sane reason for clogging the waste baskets of the country with hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of publications that are never read.

The abolition of the telegraph franking graft, the mailing frank graft, the free seed graft, the dishonest mileage graft and possibly smaller similar grafts upon the pocketbook of the people would effect some very salutary and welcome reforms.

A New Yorker with nine wives is charged with non-support. Unless he's a millionaire we should think the accusation reasonable.

VOTING BY MAIL

It is commonly conceded that the problems of good government are intimately if not vitally connected with the problem of getting good citizens to vote.

Technically, of course, "good citizens" are not good citizens if they neglect or refuse to vote.

The movement now taking form in some states to enable voters to cast their ballots through the mails is not exactly new.

The one big objection to mail voting has been that it necessarily eliminates the sacred secrecy of the ballot.

The Electric Locomotive

The electric locomotive is like the steam locomotive in only one respect—it is used to haul passenger and freight cars.

Now the electric locomotive is not a power house on wheels. It produces no electricity. It merely receives the electricity, from a third rail, or an overhead trolley wire, and transforms it into mechanical energy through the medium of electric motors.

The electric locomotive can be made more powerful and compact than the steam locomotive because it does not have to haul fuel and water to make its own power.

Backwoods Marriage Service

Western official—Do you take this woman whose hand you're squeezing to be your lawful wife, in flush times an' skimp?

"I reckon that's about the size of it, squire."

"Do you take this man you've joined fists with to be your pard through thick an' thin?"

"Well, you're about right for once, old man."

SANATE MOVES SLOWLY

Canal Tolls Repeal Bill Delayed By Public Hearings

Washington, April 7.—Fifteen days of public hearings beginning April 9, on the Simms bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption were decided on today by the senate canals committee.

Administration supporters pressing for a minimum of delay in getting the Simms bill out of committee professed to be satisfied with the plan, for 15 days of hearings provided added time was not reserved for consideration of the bill after proceedings are over.

The granting of these exemptions is purely a domestic matter said he. "There could be no discrimination against Great Britain because no foreign nation can enter into the coastwise trade."

By a vote of 35 to 37, the first taken in the senate on the Panama tolls exemption controversy, Senator Poinsett's resolution asking President Wilson for an explanation of the language of his repeal message, was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Used Mails to Defraud

New York, April 7.—Seven officers and agents of the Sterling Debenture company received today prison sentences of from 3 to 6 years for using the United States mails to defraud investors in the stock of enterprises promoted by their corporation.

Benjamin Mudge, president of the Oxford Linen Mills of North Brookfield, Mass., was given a four years term. He was a chemist and inventor, whose alleged discovery of a process to make flax yarn from flax straw at an enormous saving was duly advertised by the company in its campaign for the sale of the Oxford Linen mills stock.

Women Candidates Defeated

Chicago, April 7.—Fewer than 100,000 of the 217,614 women eligible to vote took advantage of their newly gained suffrage, and voted in the municipal election today.

Indict Bankrupt Merchants

New York, April 7.—Fourteen new indictments against Henry Seigel and Frank E. Vogel, heads of the bankrupt Seigel enterprises, were handed in today in connection with the failure of the Henry Seigel & Co. private bank and the department stores which had been controlled by them.

Two Bank Robbers Killed

New Hazelton, B. C., April 7.—Two bandits were killed at 10:30 o'clock this morning in a battle between a band of robbers and a large posse of citizens following the hold-up of the Union Bank of Canada branch here.

Import British Cattle

New York, April 7.—Six hundred and forty-eight head of Jersey and Guernsey cattle valued at \$700,000 arrived today in New York on the steamship Minnewaska from the British Isles.



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YOU know of friends back East who would do better in Montana—who you'd like to see move west and settle in this great state of yours.

Let us have the names of those people—and let us send them, without cost to you or to them, the Great Northern's MONTANA BOOK.

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Coupon form for requesting the Montana Book, including fields for Name, Town, State, and M. N. P.

Washington News Notes

Washington, April 7.—The women suffrage amendment recently defeated in the senate was again reported to that body today by the suffrage committee and was placed on the calendar.

After three hours of hot debate the house refused to cut the mileage allowances for congressmen. All proposals for reducing the allowances to actual expenses were voted down, as they have been for years previously.

The Cummins bill to make common carriers liable for full value of shipments was favorably reported today from the senate interstate commerce committee with amendments to require full damages for livestock and making certain exceptions where the nature of the improvements is concealed or the interstate commerce commission places a rate on certain values.

Robbers Stole Ballots

Decatur, Ill., April 7.—Town Clerk Walter Lester dashed into police headquarters at Pana early today and reported that he had been held up by 25 armed men and robbed of 3,000 election ballots.

No Action Against Beef Trust

Washington, April 8.—Unless department of justice agents receive new evidence in connection with alleged control of the so-called American beef trust of beef imported into the United States from the Argentine republic, it is not probable that action will be taken under the Sherman anti-trust act against the packers to curtail their South American activities.

Will Prevent Water-Logging

Billings, April 8.—For completion of a drainage system on the Huntley project between \$125,000 and \$150,000 will be expended by the reclamation service during the next 18 months, according to H. N. Savage, supervising engineer for the northern division of the project.

Advertisement for Stickney Gasoline Engines, featuring an illustration of an engine and the slogan 'Be Progressive'.

Notice of Sale of Bonds. Notice is hereby given, that the Trustees of School District Number 27, of Chouteau county, Montana, will pursuant to an election held in said district on the 7th day of March, 1914, for the purpose of determining whether such bonds should issue or not, sell to the highest bidder for cash the bonds of said district in the sum of \$1500.00, divided into 19 bond certificates of the par value of \$150.00; such bonds being issued for a period of 10 years, and being redeemable in 5 years, and to draw interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum.

Notice of Publication. U. S. Land Office at Havre, Montana, April 7, 1914. Notice is hereby given that FANNIE WATSON, of Colony Bay, Montana, who, on June 21st, 1910, made 160-acre homestead entry serial No. 020464, receipt No. 006114 for northeast quarter (NE 1/4), section 22, township 27 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. L. Sutherland, U. S. commissioner, at Colony Bay, Montana, on the 18th day of May, 1914, by two of the following witnesses: A. F. Flowers, C. R. Waters, both of Loma, Montana; Yettie Watson, of Colony Bay, Montana; Yettie Flowers, of Loma, Montana.

Notice of Publication. U. S. Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, April 7, 1914. Notice is hereby given that EDWARD L. DEATHERAGE, of Virgelle, Montana, who, on July 2, 1910, made homestead entry serial No. 012157, for E 1/2 SW 1/4, and SE 1/4, section 24, N 1/2 S 2 1/2, section 25, township 25 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before John G. Chancellor, U. S. commissioner, at his office, at Virgelle, Montana, on the 21st day of May, 1914.

SHERIFF'S SALE. In the district court of the twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, and in and for the County of Chouteau.

SHERIFF'S SALE. To be sold at sheriff's sale, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1914, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., at front door of court house, in the said county of Chouteau, the following described property:

Notice to Stockmen. We have just received a shipment of choice young thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls and heifers. These are fine animals and anyone in need of this kind of stock would do well to come and look them over. We can satisfy as to quality and price.

Notice of Annual Meeting. The stockholders of the Shonkin Stock association are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the above association will be held at the office of the secretary at Fort Benton, Montana, on Saturday, April 25, 1914, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing nine directors to serve for the term of one year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

House for Rent. For rent, a five-room house well located on upper Front street. Address H. River Press office.

House for Rent. A five-room house on Washington street, with modern conveniences. Address M. River Press office.

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