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NEW POSTOFFICE RULING AFFECTS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those in Arrears to Pioneer Will Do Well to Read the Subjoined Article.

During the last week the Pioneer has sent to its subscribers notices of the new postal ruling and also with the notice we have stated the exact amount they are back on subscriptions.

In considering these notices, our subscribers should not act hastily but take into consideration the position in which we are placed.

The Pioneer is the largest paper in Beltrami county, and has never refused to send the paper to any honest citizens, even if more than a year in arrears. We have always felt that the citizen who honestly intends to pay for the paper some time should be given credit, and for that reason we are carrying on our books a great many who are in arrears one or more years.

The Pioneer, in sending these notices, is simply obeying the ruling made by the postoffice department, which goes into effect April first.

The government, in making this ruling, had no notion whatever of loaning to the various newspapers any part of its great power for the purpose of collecting past-due subscriptions.

Briefly, the situation in this connection is this: The postoffice department has in the past been very liberal in rates of postage for newspapers, and it desires to conduct the same policy in the future.

It is a recognized fact that from the great dailies in the large cities to the humble local papers of small villages, newspapers are an education to the common people. These and other legal publications are allowed to mail their papers at

one cent per pound. There would now be no new ruling in this respect were it not for the fact that the mail has become crowded to a serious extent of recent years with publications which are used purely for advertising purposes and for which no one ever subscribed or paid. This class of publications have increased wonderfully of late. Department officials for years have wrestled with this problem.

The order which went into effect January 1, however, is the first step taken with the idea of disbarring from the mails spurious publications issued merely for advertising purposes.

In the order of Jan. 1, a legitimate newspaper and what are termed actual subscribers are described officially. It is set forth that a subscriber is one who takes a paper regularly from the postoffice and pays for it. To such a person publishers can send their paper through the mails at the regular pound rate. One who takes a paper regularly from the postoffice or by carrier but does not pay for it is not considered by the department officials at Washington an actual or legitimate subscriber, and if the publisher desires to keep such a one on his list he can do so, but he must pay postage affixing to the wrapper, the proper amount of stamps the same as a private citizen, who frequently sends a friend at some distant place a copy of his home paper.

Of course no publisher can afford to carry a subscriber on his list who is behind in his dues and in addition pay a high rate of postage on the paper sent him. So upon the first of April every newspaper in the country will be obliged to cut off all delinquent subscribers, the department having given publishers 90 days more time in which to get their lists in the best possible shape.

Many of our subscribers are excepting this new ruling with the best of grace, and are paying up nicely. After the subscriber and

the publisher gets things adjusted to the new rule, it will be best for all. Thus it can be seen that if the postoffice department desires to make it impossible for purely advertising publications to use the mails at one cent per pound rate, it must prescribe rules to which that class of publication cannot conform.

Having no legitimate list of subscribers, the postmaster general delivered a knock-out blow to advertising pamphlets when the promulgates the rule that none but those publications which have actual subscribers are entitled to the blessings of the one cent per pound rate.

Furthermore when the head of the postal service says that an actual subscriber is a person who takes and pays for a paper, not one who takes and promises to pay. Legitimate newspapers and their subscribers are affected to some extent, but not disastrously; for in the end it will be better all around.

This statement sets forth as briefly as possible the motives of the postal department in making the recent order; and also explains why every newspaper publisher in the land just now in making strenuous attempts to get their lists in as good shape as they can by April 1.

The Pioneer has a large list of subscribers in this county and all who are in arrears one year or more should liquidate at once and pay the outstanding indebtedness, in order that we may comply with the postal laws and still send the paper.

"Tilly Olson," March 26th.

No dramatic writer ever hit upon the idea of making a young Swedish girl a heroine of a drama until "TILLIE OLSON" was thought out. There have been numerous Swedish-American dramas written for male stars, but this is the first one in which the fair sex are exploited. The only Swedish character in "TILLIE OLSON" is the girl Tilly. The rest of the characters are products of the great Northwest, the scene being laid first on a Minnesota farm and later in the city of Minneapolis. "Tilly" proves to be a very entertaining stage creation, for she is bright and witty and with a fund of good humor hid beneath the imperturbability for which her nation is noted. The situations of the play are said to be extremely amusing and the comedy is clean cut and scintillating with good things from beginning to end. Some original specialties are introduced and a fine quartette is carried for the church scene. An adequate scenic equipment has been provided, every scene being from the studio of Messrs. Moses & Hamilton of the Broadway Theatre, New York. An exceptionally clever company will aid in interpreting the comedy and the title role will be played by an especially clever comedienne, Miss Emily Erickson Green.

At City Opera House, March 26th.

"Lid" Goes on at Kelliher.

Henry Pfund, the president of the new village council at Kelliher, has ordered the saloon keepers of that place to close their places of business nights and Sundays. This will be an innovation for the town up north.

The order issued by Mr. Pfund is as follows:

"You are hereby notified to keep your places of business closed between the hours of 11 p. m. and 6 a. m. and also on Sundays, it being in accordance with the state law."

"Henry Pfund,
President, Village Council."

Small Blaze.

Matches in a garret—a small boy—and a fire alarm caused considerable excitement this afternoon at about 2:30 o'clock.

The fire department was called out to the home of D. Sinear, 917 Mississippi avenue, to extinguish the flames. It appears that the little son of Mr. Sinear was playing with matches in the garret, with the usual results. The fire was put out with but small damage to the house.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
Beltrami County, }
District Court, Fifteenth Judicial District.
Henry A. Pancho, Plaintiff, }
vs. }
Olla Pancho, Defendant. }
SUMMONS.
The State of Minnesota to the above named Defendant.
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the Plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint has been filed in the office of the clerk of said District Court at the City of Bemidji, County of Beltrami and State of Minnesota, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, in the City of Bemidji, in the said County of Beltrami, within thirty days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint together with Plaintiff's costs and disbursements hereon.

Dated March 21st, A. D. 1908.
CHARLES W. SORUTCHIN,
Plaintiff's Attorney,
Bemidji, Minn.

Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to the call issued by the Republican State Central committee a convention for the county of Beltrami is hereby called for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held in Minneapolis on Thursday, April 16, which convention will elect four delegates-at-large and their alternates to the Republican National Convention in Chicago. Said county convention will also elect a delegate to attend the Ninth Congressional District convention to be held in the city of Crookston on the 15th of April, which Congressional District convention will elect two delegates and their alternates to also attend the Republican National Convention at Chicago.

The caucuses in the several precincts in the County of Beltrami, shall be held on Monday, April 6th, between the hour of 2 p. m. and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention, said county convention to be held in the Court House Hall in the City of Bemidji, at 2 p. m., on the 9th day of April, for the purpose of electing twelve delegates to attend the State Convention, to be held in the City of Minneapolis on Thursday April 16th, and also to elect twelve delegates to attend the ninth Congressional District Convention to be held at the City of Crookston on the fifteenth day of April for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held at Chicago on June 16th, 1908. The apportionment of delegates from the several precincts in the County of Beltrami shall be and is as follows:

Alaska-2 Battle-2 Benville-2 Bemidji-2 Blackduck-2 Baudette-3 Buzzle-2 Birch-2 Cormant-2 Durand-2 Village of Wilton-2 Eckles-3 Frohn-3 Grant Valley-3 Gudrid-2 Hagali-2 Hornet-2 Hamre-2 Jones-2 Kelliher-3 Liberty-2 Lammers-2 Langor-2 Lee-2 Lakewood-2 Maple Ridge-2 Moose Lake-2 McDougald-2 Minnie-2 North-2 Nebish-2 Port Hope-2 Quiring-2 Roosevelt-2 Summit-2 Shotley-2 Village of Baudette-3 Spooner-3 Village of Spooner-3 Spruce Grove-2 Turtle River-2 Taylor-2 Wabanaca-2 Walhalla n. t. City of Bemidji 1st ward-5 2nd ward-5 3rd ward-5 4th ward-5 Village of Blackduck-5 Village of Nymore-2 Village of Tenstrike Center-3 Village of Turtle River-2 Village of Funkley-2 Village of Red Lake Agency-3 Zippie-2.

By order of the Beltrami County Republican Committee.

W. L. Books, I. B. Olson,
Secretary, Chairman.

Bought the Omich Store.

Negotiations have been completed whereby Bert Olson became the possessor of the J. P. Omich notion store on Beltrami Ave. and took possession of the same today. Mr. Olson has had considerable experience in the mercantile business having devoted a large portion of his life to that line of business. Mr. Omich has been in the business in this city for a number of years but now will retire from business altogether.

Nymore Lots for Sale.

I have for sale a few choice lots in Barrett's addition to Nymore. Cheap for cash or on easy terms. C. E. Barrett, corner 6th street and American avenue, Bemidji.

MANY STORES DESTROYED

Fire at Carrington, N. D., Causes Loss of \$150,000.

Carrington, N. D., March 21.—Fire started in Hunt's pool and billiard hall and burned Hunt's building, the Merchants' hotel, Herman's meat market, Walker & Co.'s hardware and furniture store, the Beatty hotel and Vanhoen's grocery store, the Gale House drug store, Peterson & Tabraham's harness shop and the First National bank. The loss probably will be \$150,000.

Vote to Reduce Opium Dens.

Shanghai, March 21.—The municipal council of the foreign settlements of Shanghai, at its annual meeting, voted to reduce the number of opium dens in Shanghai by one-fourth. An amendment for the immediate abolition of all the dens was rejected. The decision is an outcome of active support of the project by the governments of Great Britain and the United States expressed through their respective consular officers.

Fear Attack by Night Riders.

Lexington, Ky., March 21.—Reports received from Nicholas county state that the tobacco growers are tearing up their plant beds by wholesale, fearing night riders will destroy their property. So far there has not been a visit to Nicholas county by the raiders and the farmers, panic stricken, are trying to prevent it. One farmer has posted a great sign on the side of his barn saying: "I will raise no tobacco this year."

MINERS ADOPT PLAN

Course to Be Pursued When the Wage Scale Expires.

DETAILS LEFT TO COMMITTEE

Members of Organization Ordered to Cease Work on April 1 in Districts Where No Contract Has Been Signed or is Under Consideration.

Indianapolis, March 21.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America has completed its discussion of the report of the scale committee by sections. The first section adopted was the one which levies an assessment of 50 cents per month on all members of the organization.

This assessment, as explained to the convention by Secretary Wilson, is for the purpose of adding to the fund for the assistance of members of the union who by failure to secure contracts on April 1 may be forced to idleness. Other sections adopted authorized the international executive board to increase, decrease or discontinue this assessment; ordered miners to proceed to work where contracts are signed or joint conferences are being held on April 1 and ordered all miners to cease work on that date in districts where no contract had been signed or joint conferences were not in progress. All additional details were left to the national executive board. After the report of the scale committee had been adopted by sections without change it was adopted as a whole. The committee was discharged and the convention adjourned sine die.

President W. D. Van Horn of the Indiana miners said that steps would be taken at once by the Indiana miners to negotiate as a district with the Indiana operators. A meeting probably will be held early next week.

Partial Settlements Expected. President John Walker of the Illinois miners said that the Illinois miners and operators' scale committee probably will meet in Springfield March 27 to open negotiations for a district settlement.

President William Green of the Ohio miners said that the Ohio miners' executive board will meet in Columbus next week to decide on the steps to be taken in that state.

President Frank Feehan of the Western Pennsylvania district will call a board meeting on returning home.

President White of the Iowa miners is hopeful of getting a settlement in that district very early in April and the mines probably will be kept in operation. The southwestern states will meet in joint conference in Kansas City next week and Central Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia miners will take steps immediately to negotiate district settlements.

The indications are that the mines in at least Ohio and Western Pennsylvania will be closed temporarily. There will probably be temporary suspensions in Indiana and Illinois. In all other fields there will be but temporary suspensions at most.

BISHOP FOWLER DEAD.

Long a Prominent Figure in Methodist Circles.

New York, March 21.—Rev. Charles H. Fowler, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dead at his home here. Bishop Fowler had been critically ill only since last Wednesday. His death was due to heart failure resulting from a complication of diseases. He had been in ill health for two years, but during nearly all that time he took a more or less active part in the affairs of the church. As late as two months ago he felt able to make a journey to Minneapolis, where he presided at the dedication of the Fowler Memorial Methodist church. His last public appearance was at Metropolitan temple on Sunday following Washington's birthday, when he took part in a Washington memorial service. His last visit to his office in the Methodist building in Fifth avenue was made last Monday. On Wednesday he was stricken with the illness which resulted in his death. Bishop Fowler's long life was filled with activity for the church and the cause of education.

HUNGRY MEN FIGHT FOR JOBS

Pellae Club Many in Effort to 'Keep Order.

Cleveland, March 21.—Three hundred men, driven to desperation by hunger, again fought for jobs at the Cuyahoga plant of the American Steel and Wire company. Thursday a man was fatally shot in a riot. The police had been warned and several were on the ground. They clubbed the men to keep order. It was only with the utmost effort that another riot was prevented.

King Discusses Engagement.

Rome, March 21.—King Victor Emmanuel was in conversation with a member of his entourage regarding the reported engagement of the Duke of the Abruzzi, his cousin, to Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia. He neither confirmed nor denied the rumor. The Duke of the Abruzzi is at the present time exchanging cipher telegrams with the king.

BOTH MEN ARE KILLED.

Customs Guards Mistake Each Other for Smugglers. El Paso, Tex., March 21.—Mounted Customs Inspectors Charles Logan and Charles Jones fought a duel in the dry bed of the Rio Grande river in this city and both were killed. It is supposed that each mistook the other for a smuggler. Logan was a son of the late Major T. H. Logan, United States army, and a brother of the wife of Captain Frank D. Wickham, Twelfth Infantry, United

States army, stationed at Governors Island, N. Y. Jones was a railroad man before entering the customs service.

At first it was believed that the two officers had been killed by smugglers, but this theory is discredited, as tracks around where the bodies lay all fit the shoes of the dead men. Three shots were heard by people living in the neighborhood. The pistol of one of the officers held two empty shells and that of the other one empty shell.

SENATOR BRYAN VERY LOW

Series of Apprehensions Felt Concerning Florida Solon.

Washington, March 21.—Serious apprehension is felt concerning Senator Bryan of Florida, who is ill of typhoid fever at Providence hospital. It is the thirty-second day of his illness and his condition is so low that his regular attending physicians, Doctors Fry and Acker, called into consultation



SENATOR W. J. BRYAN.

Dr. L. F. Barker of Johns Hopkins university. Dr. Barker did not attempt to conceal his opinion that the case was a critical one, because of the danger that blood poisoning might supervene. Mr. Bryan's wife and brother are in constant attendance upon him.

ASSETS \$5,000,000 LESS.

General Educational Board Suffers as Result of Panic.

New York, March 21.—The General Educational Board, a corporation founded by John D. Rockefeller for the promotion of general educational work and managed by Rev. Frederick G. Gates, a retired Baptist minister, who administers Mr. Rockefeller's charities, has been a heavy sufferer from the panic, according to its annual report, just published.

The assets of the corporation consist of \$20,438,788 in railroad bonds, \$5,598,432 in industrial bonds, \$9,989,500 in railroad stocks, \$2,477,761 in industrial bonds, \$552,432 in Japanese government bonds, \$242,958 cash in banks and call loans to the amount of \$350,000. These securities have decreased in market value about \$5,000,000 in the last year.

HALE GIVES WARNING.

Our Navy Useless Unless We Have Auxiliary Fleet.

Washington, March 21.—In a speech in the senate in connection with the ocean mail subsidy bill Senator Hale dwelt upon the importance of auxiliary ships for the navy and said: "If there should be war no government would allow us to use one of the foreign colliers now connected with our fleet and without them our magnificent fleet would be as useless as a painted ship on a painted ocean." In reply to a question by Senator Teller as to whether foreign nations were not familiar with our naval strength Mr. Hale replied: "The senator must ask the president."

Millions of Eggs Arriving.

New York, March 21.—New York is unusually well supplied with eggs for this time of year and as a result the price has dropped materially. Within the past four days 44,870,520 eggs have been received in the city and as a result the wholesale price is but a fraction over 15 cents a dozen. This is by far the lowest price of the winter.

Said to Be Short \$75,000.

Port Huron, Mich., March 21.—Investigation into the affairs of the United Home Protectors' Fraternity of this city, ordered by the state banking commissioner, ended with the announcement that Supreme Secretary W. L. Wilson is short a sum in excess of \$75,000 and of his arrest on a charge of embezzlement.

Will Meet Labor Leaders.

Seattle, Wash., March 21.—M. Salto, former member of the Japanese cabinet as minister of commerce, has arrived here from Tokyo. His errand covers a campaign among union labor leaders for membership in Japanese workmen to membership in organized labor bodies.

Burned to Water's Edge.

Barcelona, March 21.—The Spanish steamer Isla de Panay, from Manila Feb. 18 for Liverpool, with a cargo of tobacco and coconuts on board, put in here with fire raging in her holds and was burned to the water's edge. The crew of the vessel was saved.

Troops Destroy Native Town.

Lisbon, March 21.—An official dispatch has been received here to the effect that Portuguese troops made an attack upon the revolting natives at Jafueno and Egine, in Portuguese Guinea, and destroyed the town of Varela.

Once Reading Clerk of House.

Washington, March 21.—Frank H. Hosford, at one time reading clerk of the house of representatives and for many years a newspaper man well known in this city and throughout the state of Michigan, committed suicide here.

Attention.

Members of the F.A.M., I.O.O.F., B.P.O.E. F. C. B., F. O. E., M. B. A., M. W. A., M. S., B. L. F. E.,

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WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Cor. Irv. Ave. and 4th Street.

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FOR SALE—One-acre lot in Lang's Addition to Bemidji. House, fruit trees, etc. Very cheap. W. R. Tait, News office.

FOR SALE—Rubber stamps. The Pioneer will procure any kind of a rubber stamp for you at short notice.

FOR SALE—Eight-room house. 700 America Ave. Inquire of J. P. Omich.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—My farm near Maltby postoffice. Sixty-five acres under cultivation. Good opportunity for the right man. J. J. Jenkinson, Maltby, Minn.

FOR RENT: Nicely furnished room. Modern convenience. 103 Irving Ave. north.

LOST and FOUND

LOST—Gordon setter; black and tan; answers to name of "King." Reward of \$5 will be paid for return to W. N. Bowser, Bemidji.

LOST: Long, black bear skin fur. Leave at Pioneer office for reward. Mrs. Bert Anderson.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLIC LIBRARY—Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 2:30 to 6 p. m., and Saturday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m. also. Library in basement of Court House. Mrs. Harriet Campbell, librarian.

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