

BURLESON'S PLAN FOR R. F. D. SERVICE

SAYS IT WOULD IMPROVE SYSTEM AND COST LESS.

Lever Says if Service is Curtailed the Democratic Party Will be Defeated.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Rumors have become current throughout the country that it is the intention of the postoffice department to greatly curtail the rural delivery service. The results have been that members of congress representing rural constituencies have been flooded with protests against any change of policy on the part of the postoffice department which would bring about any decrease in the efficiency of rural service.

A great many members have personally protested to the postmaster general and have filed written protests with him. The following correspondence has taken place between Postmaster General Burleson and Representative Lever. In his letter to Representative Lever Mr. Burleson clearly defines the attitude of the department:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6, 1915.
Hon. A. S. Burleson, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C.—My Dear General: I have been thinking a great deal about the matter of our conversation the other day relative to your policy in regard to the rural delivery service in the country. The more I think about it the more fully convinced I become that if you put into effect the plan you have in mind of curtailing rural delivery service, you will not only work a serious injury to the people of the country—the rural people—but make it impossible for the Democratic party to hope to win the next presidential election.

The postal service was never intended to be a profit-making concern. It was established for the convenience and education of the people; and you can as little afford to curtail that service as Secretary Houston can to curtail the constructive work of the department of agriculture. I am writing this as your friend, and as a friend of the administration from President Wilson down to the humblest member of it. I earnestly beg you, and I know I am voicing the sentiment of every Democratic member in Congress, not to put into operation any plan by which rural delivery service will be hurt. The country people are entitled to as good postal service as the city people, and we must do nothing that will show any discrimination against them. With personal regards, very respectfully.

(Signed) A. F. Lever.

Burleson to Lever.

Washington, Feb. 18, 1915.
Hon. A. F. Lever, House of Representatives—My Dear Mr. Lever: This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6, in relation to the rural service, which I have carefully read.

I fully concur with you in the view that the postal service should not and must not be conducted as a "profit-making concern," and that the rural delivery of mail was established "for the convenience and education of the people." So fixed am I in this conviction that it shall be my policy to increase and extend, instead of curtail, this very important postal facility so that not less, but more, of the American people shall be furnished the advantages which it affords. Co-ordinate, however, with this policy good administration demands that satisfactory postal facilities be given to the people at the least possible expenditure of public funds.

It is sincerely regretted that in times past this desirable service was not always established or maintained in well populated communities where it could be utilized for the convenience and education of the people, and that the expenditure of thousands of dollars for unusual or unnecessary mail facilities has interfered with the proper application of available resources for the extension of this service. Therefore, many of our people can not now be provided with these means of convenience and education that are more than liberally supplied to others.

Other Inequalities.

Then, again, there are other inequalities. For example: In communities where road conditions and population are similar the mail facilities afforded should be equal. There are certain sections of the country where one community will have a route affording tri-weekly service and another where the conditions are identically the same a route providing daily service. Now, either the community with the tri-weekly service is entitled to daily service or the community with the daily service is entitled only to the tri-weekly service. In other words, the service should be established with regard to the actual needs of the patrons of the particular route and should be equitably distributed between communities where the conditions and requirements are identically the same. The logic and justice of this is ap-

parent both in the interest of good administration and fairness to the patrons of the postal service. That some communities should have more service than is essential and other less or none at all is manifestly wrong. Effort is being made to eliminate these inequalities and it is believed that when this shall have been done there will be no further cause for complaint from any source on the score of unequal or inadequate service.

At Less Cost.

Under this conception of my duty as an administrative official I am engaged TWO—BURLESON'S PLAN endeavoring to ascertain whether a rural service equally satisfactory and serving a large number of our people can not be provided at a less cost. But you may rest assured that no action will be taken which will injure or needlessly curtail the service. On the contrary, it is my endeavor to discover a satisfactory means of providing this service for a larger number of our people and, if possible, at a reduced cost. In this connection, attention is invited to that part of my annual report for 1914, pages 32-39, where the policy of the postoffice department under the present administration with regard to this service is fully set forth.

The final approval of any suggestions which I may make will rest with congress. I feel that the postmaster general should be given authority to place the rural delivery service on a contract basis, only when, after careful investigation by the department, it is found in particular instances that by doing so the service will not be impaired, but made more effective and administered at less cost.

Apologizing for the delay in replying to your letter, and with every expression of regard and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. S. Burleson.

"THE PENNANT."

Operetta to be Presented at Newberry Opera House This Week by Local Talent.

Preparations are complete for the operetta next Thursday and Friday nights. The play will be rendered in the city opera house each evening, beginning promptly at 8:30. "The Pennant" is a comedy sketch of more than usual literary and musical beauty. Scores of young men and young women of the college and town have been busy for months training to render the play, and the people of Newberry will be delighted with "Doris" and "Jack" and the Jew, and the English nobleman, as well as the other principal characters. The choruses are superb. There has never been anything like this play in Newberry by amateur talent.

The operetta will be opened with a prelude of songs by a large chorus of boys and girls. They are the cutest things ever seen in Newberry. Then the curtain will rise on act 1 of the play.

The following synopsis gives some idea of the play:

Jack Lawson, foot ball captain and hero of the hour, is in love with Doris Bond, college heiress and adopted daughter of Jeremiah Bond, the millionaire paper collar manufacturer. Mrs. Bond is the usual type of the socially ambitious woman, and strenuously objects to Jack's suit, wishing to marry Doris to a foreign nobleman and thus secure entry for herself into high society. A shrewd Jew named Levi Lender, learning of Mrs. Bond's ambition, finds an adventurous fortune hunter and backs him financially to play the part of Lord Woodby Rich, and through Mrs. Bond, succeeds in winning Doris and her millions. Verdant Green, the freshman, a supposed yokel from "up country," but not so green as he appears, learns of the plan and lets Jack and Doris into the secret. Through the coaching of Verdant, Lord Woodby mistakes Mrs. Reno Grass for Doris and makes love to her. The widow returns his love with ardor and draws him into a proposal. Levi arrives in the nick of time to save the situation. Jack and Doris meet on the day he is to play against her college team. He fears that her loyalty to her school may obstruct the course of their love, but is assured by her. Mrs. Bond prevails on her husband to sanction the "international alliance." Jack wins the game, but apparently loses Doris. Mrs. Reno Grass at this crisis offers herself to Jack as a consolation prize. The lord's ardent wooing is spurned by Doris in true American style, which gives promise that love will find a way.

ACT II.
Jack and Doris elope, but in her haste, Doris forgets her hat, which is found and appropriated by Verdant Green. Lord Woodby Rich comes to serenade Doris and sings to her hat and Verdant instead. Mrs. Grass discovers the elopement, finds Verdant and at once makes love to him, but he fails to appreciate her attentions. Mr. and Mrs. Bond make the final arrangements with the lord and Levi, and sign the marriage settlement, only to find that Jack has a prior document in the

Schools for Your Children

YOU Mothers of this community!

You have children to educate. You want good schools that your children may have advantages equal to those given the children of the mail-order man in the city.

Do you not know that when you buy of the mail order man instead of the merchants of this town you are taking away from the opportunities your children should have?

The schools are supported by taxes of which the mail-order man does not pay one cent in this town, but the money you are sending to the city means greater wealth and more money in the school funds of the city, and less wealth and less money in the school funds of this town.

Why not assist in educating your own children? You can do it by spending your dollars with the merchants who are assisting in keeping up the schools here instead of sending them to the mail-order man.

You mothers can be boosters for this town and your own children if you will.

Think it over.

marriage certificate. The lord is forced to go to work. Levi mourns his squandered "monish." The freshman and Mrs. Grass tell how it all came about. Mrs. Bond is reconciled and all join hands in a song for "the good old college town."

The play is given for the benefit of the College Athletic association. The prices are 50 cents downstairs and 25 cents for the gallery. Seats may be reserved now for either evening at Gilder & Weeks without extra charge.

Cast of Characters.

- Doris Bond.....Miss Pauline Gilder
- Jack Lawson.....M. F. Morgan
- Mrs. Jeremiah Bond,.....
-Miss Margaret Burton
- Jeremiah Bond.....Gus Houseal, Jr
- Lord Woodby Rich.....R. E. Allen
- Levi Lender.....F. D. McLean
- Mrs. Reno Grass.....Miss Bess Kibler
- Verdant Green.....Jno. B. Setzler
- Miss Sweet.....Miss Sara Williams
- Miss Young.....Miss Sadie Fant
- Bennie Owen.....J. L. Parish
- Mason.....C. V. Ashbaugh
- Harding.....Ralph B Baker
- Charus of foot ball players and college girls.
- Chorus of children.
- Violin, Messrs. Earle Hipp and E. E. Pund; clarinet, Mr. Otway Salter; piano, Mrs. E. B. Setzler.

NEWBERRY BEATS WOFFORD'S FIVE

Makes Basketball Series a Tie—Another Game Necessary.

The State.
Newberry, March 2.—By defeating Wofford tonight, 37 to 18, Newberry evened up the basketball series between these two teams and attained a tie for the State collegiate championship. The deciding game will be played on a neutral court as soon as arrangements for the match can be completed.

Newberry tonight far outshone the Wofford Terriers, the Indians' passing being too much for the game crew from Spartanburg. Ashbaugh at center for the winners was a prime factor in the result, his shots over his opponent's head often making openings for scoring. Baker at forward for Newberry also played a star game, throwing seven field goals. Anderson at forward for the losers, was their star, though he had small opportunity to score, the Newberry guards' work being excellent.

The game was hard fought all the way and was decidedly interesting. The lineup:
Newberry 37. Wofford 18.
Baker.....R.F..... Earle
Derrick.....L.F..... Anderson
Ashbaugh.....C..... Collins
McLean.....R.G..... Howard
Paschal.....L.G..... Patterson
Referee, Theller (Davidson). Time-keeper, Setzler.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

THE JAMES D. NANCE CAMP HELD MEETING MONDAY.

A meeting of James D. Nance camp, No. 336, United Confederate Veterans, was held in the courthouse for the purpose of electing officers for the camp and delegates to the reunions to be held in Richmond, Va., and Columbia, S. C. The meeting was called to order by First Lieut. J. F. J. Caldwell, a good number of members in attendance. The following officers were elected to serve for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed:

- J. F. J. Caldwell, commander.
- D. A. Dickert, first lieutenant.
- G. B. Aull, second lieutenant.
- M. M. Buford, adjutant.
- J. P. Blair, quartermaster.
- W. G. Peterson, commissary.
- Dr. James McIntosh, surgeon.
- Dr. S. G. Welch, assistant surgeon.
- J. A. Sligh, chaplain.
- William Johnson, treasurer.
- C. Sligh, sergeant major.
- N. H. Young, color sergeant.
- E. P. Bradley, vidette.
- R. T. C. Hunter, first color sergeant.
- L. S. Bowers, second color sergeant.
- W. H. Wallace, historian.

On motion, election of delegates to the State reunion was gone into, with the following result: M. M. Buford, J. F. J. Caldwell, D. A. Dickert, J. G. Rikard, W. P. McCullough, R. T. C. Hunter, D. M. Ward, R. H. Caldwell, G. B. Aull, E. P. Bradley.

Also elected the following delegates to the reunion at Richmond, Va., on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1915: W. W. Riser, M. M. Buford, E. P. Matthews, Hilliard Shealy, W. Y. Fair, G. B. Aull, J. F. J. Caldwell, R. T. C. Hunter, D. M. Ward, W. P. Blair, J. G. Rikard.

On motion, the commander was instructed to appoint sponsors for both reunions in Columbia and Richmond.

On motion, the commander was instructed to appoint a committee to report on the death of our late commander, Capt. J. W. Garry.

There being no further business, the camp adjourned.

J. F. J. Caldwell, Commander.

M. M. Buford, Adjutant.

Declaration Preliminary Contest.

The declamation committee decided to use the same grouping for the preliminary contest that is used for exhibits and dinner. There is from each group of schools a member of the declamation committee who is asked to notify the other teacher in his group and to hold the preliminary contest on or before March 12. Teachers will please report the name of pupil, name of school and name of subject when sending names of other contestants.
J. B. O'N. Holloway, Chairman.

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Those of Middle Age Especially.

When you have found no remedy for the horrors that oppress you during change of life, when through the long hours of the day it seems as though your back would break, when your head aches constantly, you are nervous, depressed and suffer from those dreadful-bearing down pains, don't forget that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the safest and surest remedy, and has carried hundreds of women safely through this critical period.

Read what these three women say:

From Mrs. Hornung, Buffalo, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—"I am writing to let you know how much your medicine has done for me. I failed terribly during the last winter and summer and every one remarked about my appearance. I suffered from a female trouble and always had pains in my back, no appetite and at times was very weak.

"I was visiting at a friend's house one day and she thought I needed Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it and have gained eight pounds, have a good appetite and am feeling better every day. Everybody is asking me what I am doing and I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. You may publish this letter if you wish and I hope others who have the same complaint will see it and get health from your medicine as I did."—Mrs. A. HORNUNG, 91 Stanton St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Made Me Well and Strong.

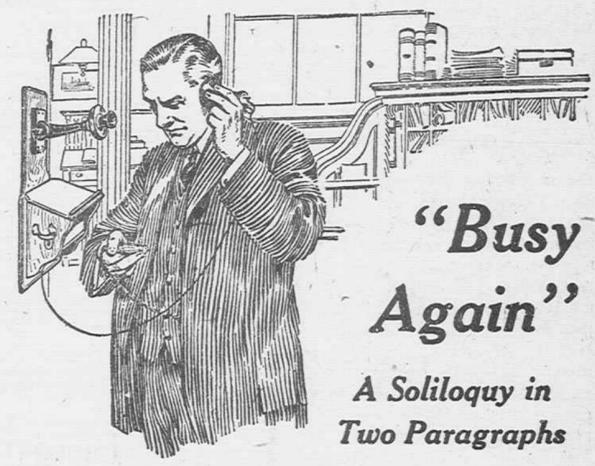
MACEDON, N. Y.—"I was all run down and very thin in flesh, nervous, no appetite, could not sleep and was weak, and felt badly all the time. The doctors said I had poor blood and what I had was turning to water. I took different medicines which did not help me, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me well and strong, and I am recommending it to my friends."—Mrs. FRED CHACE, R. No. 2, Macedon, N. Y.

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A good piece of garden ground, rightly planted, rightly tended and kept planted the year round, can be made to pay half your living. It will save you more money than you made on the best five acres of cotton you ever grew! But it must be a real garden, and not the mere one-planting patch in the spring and fall.
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