

ANNUAL REPORT

of First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Jones.

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Rural Free Delivery Being Tested in About Thirty States—Negotiations Pending for an Exchange of Money Orders With Mexico—Year's Estimates.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Jones, in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, states that there has during the time been a saving of \$2,278,985, and also shows an improvement in the service of delivering the volume of mail matter.

The number of presidential post offices is 3,654, the salaries of the postmasters being \$6,203,900, and the total gross receipts from these offices were \$65,282,364.

Mr. Jones recommends that \$17,000,000 be appropriated to compensate postmasters for the next fiscal year. He asks only \$11,000,000 for clerk hire, a considerable decrease in proportion to the increase of clerks to be employed. He recommends that \$75,000 be appropriated for the rental and purchase of cancelling machines. He thinks \$15,000 a sufficient sum to cover advertising expenses regarding unclaimed letters, and advocates the adoption of the bulletin board system in this matter. He recommends that ten inspectors be assigned to look after the work in the salary and allowance branch of the service. Free delivery service has been established in 24 cities during the year and there are now but 63 entitled to it, but on account of the expense the remainder could not be benefited. Experimental free delivery in towns and villages has shown a reduction in gross receipts in a majority of offices. By November 1 next rural free delivery will be tested in about thirty states. There was a reduction of dismissions of letter carriers, which evidences the high standard of discipline. An estimated expenditure of \$18,326,500 is made on account of free delivery system for the fiscal year 1897-98. Negotiations are now pending for an exchange of money orders with Mexico.

Mr. Jones recommends that a penalty be prescribed for the unlawful use of the frank of a member of congress, and suggests \$300 fine in each case. He said the law was disregarded during the campaign just closed. He asks legislation to do away with private post office boxes.

Edited by a Folding-Bed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Warren B. Mason, a commercial traveler, died Monday from the effects of his folding-bed closing upon him. His back was broken.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Correspondence Between the President and the Spanish Minister Reported.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—A Journal special from Washington says information of the most startling character regarding a correspondence between President Cleveland and the Spanish minister, Senor Dupuy de Lome, concerning the future course of this country toward Cuba, was current here Sunday. It is said that a few days ago the president in a semi-official manner, sent to ascertain from the Spanish minister whether he had any information that he might be willing to give regarding the future course of Spain toward the insurgents in Cuba. To this suggestion Senor Dupuy de Lome is said to have sent a reply in which he assured the president that within 60 days from the date thereof, November 1, Spain would have crushed the revolution or withdrawn her troops from the island. To this astounding rejoinder, President Cleveland is said to have replied, on the following day, that he would consider the information imparted by the Spanish minister as sufficient to justify this government in delaying any action until the expiration of the time named and that by the same token he would feel justified in recommending recognition of the Cuban republic should the Spanish government fail to restore peace within two months.

In the opinion of those who know the Spanish minister this move on his part is regarded as a clever diplomatic attempt to forestall any action by the president based on the report that Consul General Lee is believed to be about to make and to secure a postponement of action by the executive until the winter campaign shall have been inaugurated.

THE SENATE.

Very Close Will Be the Standing of the Two Leading Parties.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 9.—In an interview Saturday evening with the Journal reporter Senator Nelson W. Aldrich gave it as his opinion that the standing of the two leading parties in the next senate would be very close. It is expected that President-elect McKinley will call a special session of congress to consider the revenue question soon after inauguration. The senator figures that at the present time only two states are doubtful—North Carolina and South Dakota. In the former the legislature is fusion, republican and populist, and in the latter the populists claim a majority. As matters stand the financial forces are evenly divided in the senate, 44 gold and the same number silver. These figures are likely to change, however, for it is possible that some silver republican may accept the verdict of the elections according to the St. Louis platform. Until the exact status of the senate is decided, Senator Aldrich will not state his opinion concerning the future course the party is likely to take in the matter of revenue legislation.

SPANIARDS

Commit an Outrage on an American Citizen in Cuba.

Protest Filed With the Vice Consul and Case Sent to Washington.

A Sample of a "Great Spanish Victory"—Seventeen Pacificos Murdered in Cold Blood—The Town and Garrison of Guaymaro Captured by Garcia.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 9.—Passengers who arrived from Havana bring intelligence of another outrage committed on an American citizen. Although the details are incomplete, the facts are positive, since the victim has filed a protest with Vice Consul Springer and the case has been sent to Washington for instructions. It appears that near the town of San Jose de Las Lajas, this province, a Spanish force patrolling the country surprised three rebels who tried to sneak into town. The Spaniards gave chase and the rebels fled. In order to discover the hiding place of the fugitives, the Spanish forces divided into squads of 50 men and sent them in different directions, and one of these parties went to the estate owned by a Cuban, where Frederick L. Graycraft, a native of Indiana and only two years in Cuba, was manager. They forced the residence, destroyed the furniture and ransacked the premises. The women present were insulted in the most outrageous manner, excepting Graycraft protested that he was an American and showed papers. This, it seems, incensed the officer in command, who drew a sword and commenced slashing at Graycraft. He managed to avert death, but was wounded in the back, receiving a fearful gash that carried away part of the flesh. His forearm was also cut to the bone. The other officers interfering, saved his life. Graycraft was forced to deliver about \$100 in his possession. Meantime Graycraft heard great outcries outside and went out later and found 17 pacificos had been killed. There was not one insurgent amongst them. All this was reported last week as a great Spanish victory.

Letters received from Puerto Principe give further details of the capture of the town of Guaymaro by Calixto Garcia. The whole garrison, 160 men, surrendered, and are still prisoners, although Garcia sent word to Castellanos that he would deliver them. Garcia is also attending the officers' and soldiers' wounds.

It is rumored Weyler has issued secret orders to military commanders in sugar districts, prohibiting grinding except on Spanish properties. Orders have also been issued to seize foreigners residing on sugar estates, to kill cattle and destroy implements and to simulate flight in order to scare the farmers and laborers. Passengers by the steamer Olivette also report that numerous insurgents from the command of Gen. Gomez have entered the province of Matanzas during the past few days and have caused Gen. Weyler to dispatch 6,000 of his troops, stationed in Pinar del Rio district into Matanzas. Considerable excitement exists in Havana and also in Matanzas, fearing an attack upon the latter place.

NAPOLEON SARONY,

The Noted Photographer of New York City, Dies Suddenly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Napoleon Sarony, the veteran photographer, was found dead in his bed Monday. His home was at No. 126 West Forty-seventh street.

Mr. Sarony had a great reputation as an artist and photographer, and in more than fifty years of actual professional life, he took the portraits of thousands of celebrated men and women, princes, statesmen, actors, actresses and distinguished foreign visitors. He was eccentric in his manner but had hosts of warm friends. He had general talent as a painter and draughtsman. Until nine months ago his studio was on Union Square. Then he moved to a luxurious studio on Fifth avenue, near Twenty-eighth street.

The Texas Meets With an Accident.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The battleship Texas met with an accident Monday morning while lying in the Cob dock at the Brooklyn navy yard awaiting repairs. One of her sea cocks blew out in a mysterious manner, causing a rush of water into the ship's hold. The Texas settled considerably in the water and listed a little to starboard. The water is being pumped out of the ship and divers are at work investigating the damage done. The ship is in an easy position and no apprehension is felt for her safety. The ship will be all right within 24 hours.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Monday afternoon Secretary Herbert ordered a court of inquiry to investigate the sinking of the Texas and fix the responsibility for the accident. The court will meet at the New York navy yard Wednesday next.

Octavo Thauet's Residence Burned.

ELMWOOD, Ark., Nov. 9.—The winter residence and valuable library of Miss Octavia French, located here, was totally destroyed by fire. Miss French is well known in the literary world as "Octavo Thauet," the novel and magazine writer. The family narrowly escaped. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

Wife Murder and Suicide. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9.—Wm. G. Mays Monday morning murdered his wife by cutting her throat. He then committed suicide. The tragedy occurred at the home of the couple, No. 2139 Ridge avenue, and was the outcome of a quarrel.

CHAIRMAN ROBERTS

Says Kentucky Goes for McKinley by About 442 Plurality.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.—The republican state campaign committee will close up shop Monday. Chairman Sam Roberts issued his final bulletin Sunday afternoon. It is as follows: Practically complete official returns give McKinley 444 plurality in Kentucky, unofficial advices indicating that the four missing counties will increase rather than decrease these figures. The republicans elect four members of congress and a judge of the highest court of the state for an eight year term, and by the filling of vacancies have secured a majority of two in the general assembly on joint ballot, which insures the election of a republican successor to Senator Blackburn. The total vote of the state will approximate 435,000, with an increase of 70,000 over last year's vote and 25,000 more than the highest estimates before the election. The republican vote increased about 4,000 over Bradley's vote a year ago, which was 17,000 higher than ever before cast in a presidential election. The democratic vote was 25,000 higher. These will give some idea of the intensity of the political struggle through which Kentucky has just passed.

(Signed) SAM J. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Up to 10 o'clock the Courier Journal had no new figures on the result of the election in Kentucky and McKinley's plurality stands 489 with six counties to be heard from officially. Whether or not the discrepancy between the votes for different electors on the same ticket has resulted in the choice of one Bryan elector and 12 McKinley electors can not be known positively until the state canvassing board foots up the vote for each elector. The democratic leaders still claim the state but none of them was in town Sunday.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.—The republican managers Monday claimed Kentucky for McKinley by a plurality of 443. They claim to have the official figures from all polling places in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth districts. No bets are being paid in this city on the result in Kentucky, and they may not be paid for several months. The Bryan people claim that the election of Smith, whose name was at the head of the democratic ticket, will result in a split electoral delegation, and for that reason those who bet on McKinley carrying the state have lost. At any rate it will be some time before the matter is settled, as the democrats will take it through the courts, and it may be thrown into the United States senate.

TWO HIGHWAYMEN

Attack a Hospital Nurse and Receive the Worst of It—Both Dead.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 9.—Sunday evening, as John Devine, a nurse at the Miners' hospital, this county, was driving from Frackville to the hospital, he was attacked by two Italian brigands, who demanded of him his money and other valuables. As one of the men was about scrambling into the buggy Devine drew his revolver and shot him. The other, who had held the horse by the head, now rushed to the vehicle and made an effort to board it when Devine again discharged his weapon, and the second man dropped. Devine then whipped up his horse and drove rapidly over the lonely road until he reached the hospital, where he related his experience. Search was made along the road and the two men were discovered in hiding in the underbrush alongside the road, near the scene of the attack. They were both badly wounded. They were taken to the hospital where one of them died Monday morning. The men refused to give their names.

A CRANK.

Joseph Maruska Wants to Kill Mayor Swift and President-Elect McKinley.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Joseph Maruska walked into the lower corridor of the city hall Monday afternoon armed to the teeth and intent on killing Mayor Swift. Maruska asked in an excited manner to be directed to the mayor's office. An officer took him to detective headquarters where the desk sergeant was introduced to him as the mayor. Maruska declared the mayor was a menace to society and reached for his hip pocket. He succeeded in drawing a dull-dog revolver, but was disarmed by the officers at hand. Maruska swore that he would kill Mayor Swift and then go to Canton and dispatch President-elect McKinley, both of whom he said must die before the country could prosper. He was handcuffed after a hard struggle and locked up.

Charged With Embezzlement.

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—Allison G. Mason, former president of the embarrassed Globe Investment Co., the principal business of which was in western mortgages, was arrested Monday charged with embezzlement. The charge is similar to that upon which Treasurer Moore, of the company, was recently convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

Weyler Will Command in Pinar del Rio.

HAVANA, Nov. 9.—Capt. Gen. Weyler left Havana Sunday night to take personal command and direct the operations of Spanish forces in the Pinar del Rio province. He sailed at midnight on board the transport steamer Legazpi.

Mrs. Munroe Awarded \$5,000 Damages.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—In the case of Harriet Munroe against the New York World, the United States supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court awarding her \$5,000 damages for the publication of the World's Fair ode, surreptitiously obtained.



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., New York.

BUCKEYE NEWS.

Now and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Indicted at Delaware for the Circulation of a Political Cartoon.

DELAWARE, O., Nov. 9.—The grand jury returned an indictment against Frank C. Smith. The charge arises from a political cartoon which was printed and distributed throughout the city during the campaign, for which Smith is said to have been responsible. The cartoon is said to have been aimed at Ben Watson and Hon. Frank M. Marriott, two leading free silver men. Smith is a well known mechanical engineer, and was formerly a railroad man. He was released on \$300 bond, signed by Cashier H. A. Welch, of the Deposit bank. On account of the prominence of the parties the affair has caused a tremendous sensation.

Ohio Miners' Strike Made Complete.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 9.—President Hatchford, of the State Miners' association, said Monday that all the thirteenth miners of Ohio are out. The strike was made complete Monday morning. A meeting of the state executive committee of the Miners' association was held at the Hotel Upton Monday afternoon. It is probable that the men will refuse to accept the 45-cent scale, but that they will agree to 50 or 55 cents.

Ex-Treasurer Blosser Released.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Nov. 9.—Ex-Treasurer D. M. Blosser, confined in jail for months, accused of embezzling \$1,000 of the city's funds, has been released. Ex-Sheriff Martin and Hon. I. E. Chapman secured his bond of \$20,000. Mr. Blosser is emaciated, and had he not been freed would have died. It is probable his defalcation will be settled, that of the county and city amounting to \$5,000.

Will Walk to San Francisco.

MT. GILEAD, O., Nov. 9.—Erice Osborne, of this place, did not think McKinley would be elected; therefore, in accordance with an ante-election proposition, he must walk to San Francisco, Cal. He will start on the morning of November 16, and will pass through Cincinnati a few days later.

Had His Name Changed.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—John Joseph Unlueky, an employe of Alms & Doepeke, applied to Judge Ferris for a change of name Monday. He said his cognomen is of such "unpropitious and ill-omened significance" that it is both-ersome. He was vested with the name of Lucky, and he went away happy.

Republicans to Contest.

WEST UNION, O., Nov. 9.—The republicans will make a contest for two county offices. Mace Newman, dem., who defeated Henry Oursler for commissioner by two votes, and John Mason, dem., who defeated W. R. Mahaffee by 96 votes. They allege fraudulent votes and bribery.

Unknown Man's Death.

ASHTABULA, O., Nov. 9.—An unknown man was found in the Lake Shore railroad yards here with both legs cut off. He was unconscious and died within three hours. He was well dressed. There was nothing on his person to show who he was or from whence he came.

Suit About a Dam.

FOSTORIA, O., Nov. 9.—Elias Fox, a wealthy farmer, has begun a suit to compel the removal of the Fostoria water works dam. The dam has backed water upon Fox's farm. If the dam is removed Fostoria will be left without an adequate water supply.

Only Temporarily.

LIMA, O., Nov. 9.—The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton shop employes, who were let go Thursday were Saturday notified to report for work Monday morning. The company claims the men were only released temporarily.

Kills His Own Chicken.

WAYERLY, O., Nov. 9.—While a chicken thief was leaving Charlie Stratton's coop here, Stratton fired a shotgun at him and killed one of the chickens the thief was carrying. The robber then loosed the fowls and made his escape.

Charged With Highway Robbery.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 9.—Officers Gleisner and Heinman captured Chas. Butcher and Fred Nelson, accused of highway robbery at Middleport and Chillicothe, O., and Winfield, W. Va.

Brakeman Killed.

WEST JEFFERSON, O., Nov. 9.—Timothy Casey, of Xenia, a railroad brakeman, was killed here. He jumped from an engine in front of the fast freight.

New Glass Factory at Fostoria.

FOSTORIA, O., Nov. 9.—A contract has been signed giving the city a new window glass factory.

Advertisement for Star Clothing House, featuring Ladies' Reef-er Overcoats. Text includes: 'LADIES, SEE OUR Little Boys' Reef-er Overcoats. They are too fine for the trade and we are going to close them out at prices less than they are worth. 1 coat, age 2 1/2, worth \$6.50 to-day, cost us \$5.00; \$4.50 will buy it. Color red; a beauty. 1 coat, age 4, worth \$7.00, cost us \$5.50; will sell at \$4.50. Color old gold. 1 coat, age 3, worth \$6.50, cost \$5.00; will sell at \$4.50. Color blue. 3 coats, color blue, ages 3, 4 and 6, worth \$5.00, cost \$3.75; will close them out at \$3.50. Star Clothing House.'

THERE ARE

Two ways to make an overcoat—a Right way and a Wrong way. There is more than one way to make it wrong. One is to have a cheap tailor make up a good piece of goods; another way is to have a good tailor make up a poor piece of goods. There is but ONE way to get up a GOOD overcoat, and that is to have a good tailor make up a good piece of goods, but if you go to a tailor, how are you going to tell what you will get till you get it? A good way to get a good Overcoat is to come where they are.

WE HAVE GOOD OVERCOATS!

They were made by good tailors and were made RIGHT. You can come here and look at them, and if you don't like them you "don't have to" take any of them—all you are out is a LITTLE time. When you go and get measured you are out your time, ("in a measure") getting measured; trying it on to see how it fits, and after that trying it on to have the mistake remedied.

At the "BUCKEYE" you can get one that fits at first.

One of the swellest overcoats in Marietta is a blue or black Kersey. WE HAVE THEM. They cost you \$7.50, \$8, \$9, \$10. One of the best VALUES in overcoats that was ever shown is our strictly all wool Kersey overcoats in black, blue or brown at \$6.00. Men have told us that they don't see how we can do it. Didn't expect to a year ago, but things are unsettled this year and MONEY talks. Bring yours in and hear it.

The Buckeye,

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers, Cor. Front and Butler sts., Old P. O. Building MARIETTA, OHIO.