

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

The admirable address with which Secretary Root opened the peace conference of the Central American Republics is receiving the greatest commendation on all sides, as in it Mr. Root again emphasized the necessity of that policy which he regards as the keystone of international agreements. His argument was the same in substance as that urged so effectively in support of an international permanent court of arbitration, by the chairman of the American delegation at the Hague. The secretary insists that "The more declaration of general principles, the mere agreement upon lines of policy and conduct, are of little value unless there be definite and practical methods provided by which the responsibility to keep the agreement may be fixed upon some definite person, and the public sentiment of Central America be brought to bear to prevent its violation." This argument, it is maintained, is sound and is especially applicable to the conditions which obtain in Central America, where, as Secretary Root so ably sets forth only the selfish ambitions of individuals prevent these people from living together in harmony, and where is found every tie of sentiment, relationship, religion and aspiration to weld these republics together.

There seems to be an almost unanimous demand from the people of Washington that congress at its coming session, should authorize the purchase of all property on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue not now owned by the government the space to be used as a site for various government office buildings and it is believed that such legislation would meet with the hearty approval of the people throughout the country and would not be criticized as an extravagant expenditure. Strangers in Washington invariably express amazement at the insignificant buildings to be found on either side of the avenue from the treasury to the capitol with the exception of the post office building, the municipal building, and a few hotels and newspaper buildings which are excellent samples of the architect's art. It is maintained, and justly, that whatever makes for the beauty of this historic avenue is of great benefit to the nation as a whole.

Postmaster General Meyer has expressed himself as greatly delighted with the boom the postal savings bank proposition is getting and he believes that congress will take up the matter seriously this session and that there will be mighty little opposition from sources that have opposed the plan heretofore.

Mr. Harry George Tucker, president of the Jamestown exposition is in Washington this week and when it was suggested to him that the exposition be kept open until December 16th, when the fleet sails for the Pacific from Hampton Roads, he said he was delighted with the idea and that the board of governors might seriously consider the proposition. It is expected that the departure of the big ships will be an event that will attract thousands of people and while the matter has not been taken up officially there is some probability that the grounds will be kept open until after the fleet sails.

The president's "In God We Trust" letter has aroused no little antagonism among a certain class of people in this city and it now appears that there is, after all, some authority for the inscriptions. But, in spite of this fact, the more intelligent contingent in Washington all express the hope that the president's dictum will stand and that congress will not be besieged to restore the inscription on the "tribute money" of the country.

From advices which have reached the government from official and unofficial sources, those foreign corporations and governments which have obtained concessions from the Chinese government for the construction of railroads and other public works, are experiencing no little difficulty in the prosecution of their enterprises. Officials here claim that American interests in China are being watched carefully by our representatives there, and that any alleged violation of their rights are promptly reported to the state department. The opposition to the foreigners and to their work is said to extend alike to the Germans, the English and especially the Japanese.

Among the prominent men who are already beginning to make flying visits to Washington, and presumably to the White House, is Andrew Carnegie, but when asked what brought him to the capitol at this time he facetiously replied: "The Congressional Limited." It is understood, however, that he has come here to keep in touch with the peace conference, as he has taken a great interest in the effort to bring about lasting peace in Central America and has given \$750,000 of the \$1,000,000 fund that will erect the new building on the Van Ness site in this city.

The pocket diary issued this year by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys of Washington D. C., is one of the most useful and complete books of the kind we have seen. It contains beside ample space for daily memoranda and cash account, information about patents and other data of value to the business man, the mechanic and the general public. No where that we know of can such a complete memorandum book be obtained for so little. Copies may be had by sending a two-cent stamp to C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Warder Bldg., Washington D. C.

Prohibitionists Go Wild

Unprecedented scenes were enacted in the senate chamber of the historical capitol of Alabama Wednesday when the statutory prohibition bill was passed. Women and children thronged the corridors and galleries and even usurped the sanctity of the floor itself, pushing the senators from their seats and giving vent to their enthusiasm by shouts and cheers that echoed and re-echoed through the building. Senators who opposed the bill were hissed down when they arose to speak against the measure.

The statutory prohibition bill which was passed was in the nature of a compromise between the antis and prohibitionists. The antis, seeing the handwriting on the wall, agreed to give up the fight, provided the time was extended to January 1, 1909, when the sale of whiskey will be forbidden in the state of Alabama. This amendment will be sent to the house and will be concurred in without a fight.

Governor Comer will approve the bill and it is understood that a movement has already been started by the state W. C. T. U. to make the signing of the bill a very formal occasion.

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POSTAGE ON POST CARDS

A New Ruling by the Postmaster General that Should be Heeded by Users of Post Cards

The postal card craze has been a bone of contention in all postoffices since the rage started, but the rules governing the cards now are settled, and the postmasters will cease to worry as to the classification and rates of postage upon the different cards.

The official guide for November settles the matter by a new set of rules governing the trouble-making fad.

At the beginning the postal card was an easy matter to take care of, but as the fad grew in popularity the resourceful dealers turned out new designs and freak cards in astonishing numbers. The postal service had never before had to meet such a situation, and it became a puzzle as to the necessary postage, and what cards should be thrown out of the mails altogether. With the new rules the matter is settled, unless some resourceful dealer puts another freak card on the market which the postmaster general was unable to prepare for in advance.

The new are as follows:

Postal cards mailed in sealed envelopes are first-class matter, the same as a letter, and are chargeable with postage of two cents for ounce, or fraction thereof.

If enclosed in an unsealed envelope and bear no message they are third class matter, and need only the regulation postal card rate, one cent for each two ounces. If they bear communications, however, the matter is first-class, the same as if the envelope was sealed.

When the card is sent in an envelope the postage must be affixed to the envelope and not to the card.

A Remedy

What the country most needs, in such a situation as developed in Wall Street the latter part of October, is just a word of unimpeachable authority. Whoever, in that disturbance, with drew a bank deposit to hoard it, picked at the underpinning of the house in which we all live. Only the people have money. It is their twelve thousand millions on deposit in the banks that carries on the commerce of the country. If wage earners, salaried men, proprietors of small businesses should concertedly withdraw their bank deposits they would thereby automatically throw themselves out of employment and into bankruptcy. No one deliberately pulls down the roof over his head. There could have been no reasonable doubt of the soundness of practically all the banks. Yet there were some activities in the roof pulling line because a considerable number of persons were, for the moment, unreasonably frightened. What the country then needed was simply a convincing word of assurance; somebody who would be believed, who could say, "Don't shut off the water supply because a fire alarm has been turned in; let your deposits alone, and you certainly will not be hurt." A government bank, probably, could say this word convincingly. The Wall Street disturbance strengthens the argument for such an institution. —Saturday Evening Post.

United States Sub Treasurer Akins announces that St. Louis subscriptions to the new \$100,000,000 issue of government loan certificates had passed the \$2,000,000,000 mark. Mr. Akins says the number of applicants for the treasury certificates is constantly increasing, and that before Saturday the demand from St. Louis alone will probably exceed \$7,000,000.

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Forker Items

Eddie Welsh was a Laclede visitor Saturday.

J. A. Boomer was a Brookfield visitor Saturday.

O. I. Fay was a Laclede visitor Friday of last week.

Rev. Scarborough filled his appointment at Forker Sunday.

Mrs. Georgia Boomer is visiting at the home of G. O. Boomer.

Miss Emma Boomer is visiting her sister at Sumner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bagenstos were Laclede visitors Thursday.

Johnny Test and Bart Milford were Laclede visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cox are visiting their daughter, Mrs. O. I. Fay.

Mrs. J. A. Boomer spent Sunday at Sumner visiting Mrs. Andrews.

Mrs. Mary Parth, of Mendon, is visiting at the home of Mrs. L. A. Read.

Mrs. C. A. Prewitt spent Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Lomax.

Mrs. A. L. House, of Sumner, spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. O. Boomer.

Roy Welsh, Ernest Frakes, Virgil Facto and Addie Dryden were in Laclede Saturday.

Mrs. O. Boomer and daughter spent Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. W. Pease.

Miss Jennie Facto and Miss Bertha Milford spent Sunday at the home of Miss Gladys Test.

Miss Winnie Combs, of Luray, spent the first of the week visiting her friend, Mrs. A. L. McCabe.

Mrs. Gibson, of Meadville, spent the fore part of the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. I. Fay.

Last Friday, while engaged in household duties, Mrs. O. I. Fay had the misfortune to fall and sprain her knee, from which she is suffering severely.

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Meadville Wins Two Good Games

The athletic lads and lassies of the Meadville and Laclede high schools mixed it up in a double-header at Connor's park in Laclede last Saturday afternoon. A good-sized crowd watched the two games and felt joyous or sad, as their sympathies were with the winning or the losing teams.

There was a basket ball game between the girls of the two schools which was won by a score of 15 to 12. There was much dissatisfaction over the decisions of the Meadville officials in this game, and with a fair show the Laclede girls would make a different score. However, the Meadville girls have a strong team, as is shown by their score in the game against Linneus, having beaten that team 36 to 0 in fifteen minutes of play.

For the second time this season the local high school football team went down in defeat before Meadville's heavier team. The Laclede team played a good game, but was unable to overcome Meadville's advantage in weight, the teams averaging 135 and 165 pounds, respectively. Most of Meadville's gains were made through the line, and it was seldom that they could gain around the ends. Meadville made a touchdown in the first half, but failed to kick goal, and made two touchdowns in the second half, failing each time to kick goal, making the final score 15 to 0. Both touchdowns in the second half were the result of fumbles, as Laclede's line held better than in the first half. A little more practice should stop this trouble, however, and when the regular players get back into the game they can make it lively for Meadville any old day. The subs who played did very well, except that they are too light, and nobody was hurt in the game on either side.

It is to be hoped that before the Meadville teams come to Laclede to play again, the boys—and girls—will invent a new yell which will not contain so much profanity as was used in one of Meadville's yells last Saturday, as such language from boys—and girls—is rather out of place at a public game.

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