

THE LACLEDE BLADE

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Lower Rates In Sight

Prompt action on the part of both the railroad labor board and the interstate commerce commission promises early solution of the problem of lower freight rates. The railroads want lower rates, as also do the shippers, but under a system which gives the government control over both rates and wages there cannot be sound action upon either without action upon both. The great fault in the McAdoo regime was that the great political manipulator of the Wilson administration increased wages without making corresponding increases in rates, thus nearly bankrupting the roads. These matters are being looked after in a businesslike manner by the republican administration.

World's Largest Business

Declaring that the United States postal service is the largest distinctive business in the world, Postmaster General Hays gives some remarkable figures concerning that department. According to the data which he furnishes, the postal service has 326,000 employees. It serves 110,000,000 customers. It spends \$600,000,000 annually, and the annual turnover of business is more than 3,000,000,000. In every single hour of the 24, 1,400,000 letters are mailed, or more than 12,000,000,000 letters a year. To carry this mail over 14,000,000,000 postage stamps and 1,125,000,000 postal cards are sold annually. The money order department sells each year more than 150,000,000 money orders, in an aggregate sum exceeding \$1,500,000,000.

The parcel post division of the postoffice department is the largest express company in the world, carrying over 2,500,000,000 packages a year. The postal savings department is the largest postal savings bank in the world, having over 500,000 individual depositors.

The dead letter office handles 19,000,000 undelivered letters each year, practically all of which are due to the neglect of the public in properly addressing them.

Every day 43,000 rural mail carriers start on their journeys, serving 6,500,000 families and travelling 1,170,000 miles before they return to their offices.

The postoffice department in handling mail consumes 800,000 miles of twine a year, enough to girdle the earth 30 times; 1,200,000 lead pencils and 25,000 quarts of mucilage.

Gets High Corn Yield

The highest yield of corn in Saline county production contest this year was 101.9 bushels an acre—the work of a boy, Walton Smith of Marshall. The corn show at Marshall December 1, 2 and marked the completion of Saline county's greatest corn growing contest in which \$1,290 was offered in cash prizes. At this show County Agent Roberts reports 236 bushels of corn representing 79 exhibitors. W. S. Homes of Marshall who won the first prize of \$100 plus a tractor and a silver cup has been planting home-grown Ried's Yellow Dent seed for 16 years, always selecting seed from his own field at husking time. The prize

Flour and Feed



Expansion Flour	-	\$1.95
Perfecto Flour	-	1.80
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Early Ohio Potatoes	-	1.50
Tankage	-	2.75
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Corn Chops	-	1.25
Meat Scraps	-	4.50
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Administrator's or Executor's Notice

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Charles B. Welsh, deceased, have been granted to the under signed, by the probate court of Linn County, Missouri, bearing date the 6th day of December, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to us for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of said letters, they shall be forever barred.
John L. Welsh,
Marietta H. Welsh.
Executors.

Attest:
(Seal) Arthur L. Pratt,
Judge of the Probate Court

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