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TO AVOID A DEFICIT.

Daily Establishment of Rural Delivery Routes is Discontinued.

Postmaster General Payne yesterday announced that there would be no more establishments of rural free delivery service until July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year. This is one result of the investigation of post-office affairs and of the discovery that at the present rate of increase in the number of routes there would be a deficit of \$20,000 in the rural free delivery service by the end of this fiscal year.

Instructions have been given to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow to curtail expenditures by discontinuing the daily establishment of routes, and it is expected that the threatened deficit will be averted.

It is not intended, however, that the investigation of proposed routes shall be suspended and the field work, therefore, will continue.

Mr. Payne estimated that the total number of routes fairly entitled to be established in the entire country would be 38,000, and that at the present rate of increase this would be reached two years hence.

Mr. Payne said last night that he had asked the civil service commission to have its representatives make an investigation of the Washington postoffice in addition to the investigation already made by postoffice inspectors. He said this action was taken on account of charges of violations of the civil service law in that office.

The city council held a meeting last night for the purpose of discussing the question of organizing the village into a city. The matter was thoroughly canvassed and committees appointed to ascertain the limits of the city and what other matters required attention. A special meeting of the council was called for tomorrow afternoon at which time definite action will be taken.

LIFE LOST IN A FIRE.

Many Narrow Escapes and Exciting Scenes Witnessed.

Peoria, Ill., May 14. — Edward Schradski, the seventeen-year-old son of A. Schradski, proprietor of the Masonic temple, lost his life by a fire which destroyed that building yesterday afternoon. The fire caught from defective wires. The three upper floors were occupied by manufacturing concerns and many exciting scenes and narrow escapes were witnessed. The property loss is placed at \$150,000.

A THIRTY-FIVE-MILE TROLLEY.

Contracts Let for Grading the Spokane & Coeur d'Alene.

Spokane, Wash., May 14. — Contracts have been let for the grading and bridges of the Spokane & Coeur d'Alene electric railway, a distance of about thirty-five miles. About 100 miles of heavy copper wire will be required for the overhead trolley system used. The road is to be in operation Aug. 1.

Hit by Lightning.

Clermont, Iowa, May 14. — During a severe electric storm yesterday afternoon the depot hotel was struck by lightning and badly damaged. Two of the girls in the hotel were knocked down by the shock, but not seriously hurt.

Cut in Two by Train.

Boone, Iowa, May 13. — A tramp identified by his effects as Niel Shea of West Superior, Wis., was run over by a freight train last night. His body was cut in two in the middle. He was under the influence of liquor.

Will Help Railroad.

Henning, Minn., May 13. — The special election held yesterday for the purpose of voting \$4,000 bonds to aid the Soo in securing right of way through Henning resulted in favor of the proposition—74 to 9.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Overflow From the Wires in a Condensed Form.

Judge M. W. Fitzgerald, for many years one of the most prominent jurists in the country, died at Butte, Mont.

A general pilgrimage of students of all the universities of Germany to the grave of Bismarck will take place on June 21.

Pedro Rafael Rincones has been nominated consul general for Venezuela at New York, succeeding Elias Gonzales Esteves.

It is officially announced at Berlin that Dr. von Holleben, former German ambassador at Washington, has been awarded the brilliants of the Order of the Red Eagle of the first class.

It is announced that the British admiralty has decided to immediately install the wireless system of telegraphy on all the vessels of the North American and West Indian squadrons.

The report that the Countess Lonyay has brought suit against her father, King Leopold, has been confirmed. The countess claims that her share of the estate of her mother, the late Queen Marie Henriette, should be \$3,400,000, instead of \$120,000 offered by King Leopold.

W. T. Maud, artist and war correspondent of the Graphic, of London, died of syncope at Aden on his way home from the Somali campaign. Mr. Maud had two horses shot under him in the attack by the Somalis on Maj Gough's column near Dopol.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, May 14. — Wheat — No. 1 Northern, 77@77 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 76@76 1/2c; No. 3, 73 1/2@74c. Corn — No. 3, 43@45c; No. 4, 41@43c; No. 5, 37@39c. Rye — No. 2, 47@48c. Barley — Malt grades, 45@55c; feed grades, 35@40c.

Minneapolis, May 14. — Wheat — No. 1 hard, 79 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 78 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 77 1/2c.

Duluth, May 14. — Wheat — No. 1 hard, 80 1/4c; No. 1 Northern, 78 1/4c; No. 2 Northern, 76 1/4c; flax, \$1.14 3/4; oats, 34 1/2c; barley, 35@51c.

Milwaukee, May 14. — Wheat — No. 1 Northern, 81@81 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 79 @ 80 1/2c. Rye — No. 1, 52 1/2c. Barley — No. 2, 58 1/2@59c. Oats, 34 1/2@35c. Corn — July, 45 1/8c.

Chicago, May 14. — Wheat — No. 2 red, 78 1/2@79c; No. 3 red, 71@77c; No. 2 hard winter, 73@76c; No. 3 hard winter, 70 @ 75c; No. 1 Northern spring, 80@81c; No. 2 Northern spring, 79@80 1/2c; No. 3 spring, 71@79c. Corn — No. 2, 44 1/2@45c; No. 3, 44@44 1/2c. Oats — No. 2, 32c; No. 3, 30@30 1/2c.

Sioux City, Iowa, May 14. — Cattle — Beeves, \$4 @ 5; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.50; calves and yearlings, \$3 @ 4.40. Hogs, \$6.35@6.55; bulk, \$6.35 @ 6.45.

Chicago, May 14. — Cattle — Good prime steers, \$5@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3@4.90; cows, \$1.50@4.90; heifers, \$2.50@5.25; calves, \$2.50@6; Texas-fed steers, \$4@4.75. Hogs — Mixed and butchers, \$6.60@6.80; rough heavy, \$6.60@6.70; light, \$6.35@6.80; bulk of sales, \$6.60@6.75. Sheep — Good to choice wethers, \$4.75@5.50; fair to choice mixed, \$3.75 @ 4.60; Western sheep, \$4.60 @ 5.35; native lambs, \$4.50@6.75.

South St. Paul, May 14. — Cattle — Good to choice steers, \$4.50@5; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25@4; good to choice feeding steers, \$3.75@4.25; steer calves, \$2 @ 3; good to choice stock cows and heifers, \$2.40@2.75. Hogs — Price range, \$6.40 @ 6.92 1/2; bulk, \$6.60@6.65. Sheep — Good to choice shorn lambs, \$5.75 @ 6; fair to good, \$5@5.75; heavy, \$4.50@5; culis and stock ewes, \$2.50@3.

BATTLE IN CHURCH.

French Clericals and Anti-Clericals Try to Fight Out Their Differences.

Paris, May 14. — There was a small riot in a church at Aubervilliers, a village five miles from here. Father Combe, a prominent Jesuit and author, was announced to deliver a discourse, and a large crowd of anti-clericals made a demonstration against him, during which M. Tory, editor of a Socialist organ, interrupted the speaker. A pitched battle followed inside the church. Fists, canes and chairs were used, and the Abbe Valadier was struck in the face with a cane and felled by a blow from a chair. Fifteen of the rioters were arrested.

"Robbery," a New Magazine.

A magazine has been started in Belgium to chronicle the doings of the criminal world. It is called "Robbery," and will appear quarterly. It will contain accounts of famous thefts in days gone by side by side with descriptions of the most up to date methods employed by thieves, burglars, etc., though it is not to be, so far as known, an organ of the trade. Space will be also devoted to illustrating the various tools and instruments used by the craft on nocturnal excursions in town and country.

Dogma.

In a public school in Sandusky one of the teachers in the primary grade gave the word "dogma" to her class as a basis for a sentence-building exercise. As the class looked puzzled, the teacher repeated the word, putting the accent rather prominently on the second syllable. But the term seemed beyond the mental grasp of the children. None of them could produce anything. Time was called, and a wide-awake little girl snapped her fingers and read: "Our dog ma has three little puppies. —Selected.

STRIKE AVERTED

Trade Declared Owing to New Concessions Offered to the Men.

Twin City Business Men Turn Fight Toward Peaceful Solution.

Conference Between General Manager Ward and Grievance Committee Today.

The strike declared upon the Great Northern railway last night was called off and affairs have assumed a more encouraging aspect.

Neither side will say what concessions were offered, but they were of sufficient weight to induce the union to delay issuing the strike order, which was to have been sent out at 6 o'clock last night.

The business men's committee of the twin cities urged the men to refrain, if possible, from tjeing up the road, and recommended a spirit of mutual concession. After their conference with the men the committee waited upon General manager Ward and heard the company's side of the case.

A conference was called at 10 o'clock this morning, but nothing can be learned of the result. While all those who are attending the conference are very reticent, it is reported that concessions satisfactory to the men had been offered, and all that remained was to decide upon certain matters of detail.

In Defense of Claret.

We learn that his majesty the king received the offer from various wine merchants and growers of the Bordeaux district of a thousand bottles of claret, or more if so desired. The bottles were not to bear the names of firms or owners of vineyards, and the gift was simply intended to commemorate the coronation. It is stated that Lord Pembroke, in his reply, regretted that claret was not used in the hospitals of the country, but all the same he thanked the wine growers who had made this generous offer. It may be true that claret is not used in British hospitals, but is there any reason why it should not be—any reason so cogent as to cause this excellent gift to be looked suspiciously in the face? Claret, by which we mean sound Bordeaux, such as this wine would have been, is an excellent and wholesome drink, and we think that it is a thousand pities, from every point of view, that the generous and kindly thought of the Bordeaux growers was not more appreciated.—Lancet.

Big Haul of Salmon.

Probably one of the largest catches of salmon ever made at a single haul of a seine was made by Captain Tom Thompson at Miller's Sands on the first haul in the morning of Aug. 28, when he took nearly 1,000 large salmon. The catch weighed eight tons and was a sight never to be forgotten by those who were present. The company took eighteen tons of fish in five hauls of the seine that day, and could have made another haul, but they were uncertain about being able to dispose of the fish.—Skamokawa (Wash.) Eagle.

A Resourceful Brice.

Her first venture at cooking dinner in her own home had passed successfully and they sat in silence at opposite ends of the table wondering at the novelty of it all and gazing at each other. Honestly, honestly—cross your heart—did you like it, Fred?" she asked finally. "Never enjoyed anything so much in my life," he said, and swallowed a lump. "Everything, everything—from soup to pudding?" "Every mouthful, from soup to pudding," he said, bravely. "Oh, I am so relieved, then," she said, as a huge sigh escaped her. "You see, I forgot to order the syrup for the sauce for the pudding, and I had to have something, so I took the cough syrup, and I was so afraid you'd taste it."—New York Times.

One for the Conductor.

Here is a man for "Bub" Vreeland to take note of for promotion: The passenger, when approached for his fare, said: "I have paid it." The conductor remonstrated politely. "I beg your pardon, but you did not pay it to me," he said, "and I am in charge of this car." The passenger replied, drawing himself well up: "Do I look like a man who would beat a street railroad out of 5 cents?" "No, sir, you do not, when I am the conductor. None of your sort has ever beaten me yet." The 5 cents was promptly produced.—New York Press.

HE NEEDED A DOCTOR.

Senator Hale's Symptoms Alarmed Brother Statesman.

In the marble room of the Senate is a blackboard, upon which each morning different colored chalks indicate the temperature and general weather conditions prevailing throughout the country. Senator Hale, while talking to a constituent, unconsciously backed up against this board, and a little later started for the Senate chamber, covered with green, red, yellow and white dust.

"Why, Senator, you are a sick man, and ought to be in bed," said Senator Dubois, with anxiety in his voice.

"What's the matter with me?" asked the Maine man, passing his hand over his forehead.

"Any man," explained the Idaho Senator, laughing and tapping the other on the back, "who is as cold between the shoulders and as hot over the kidneys as you are certainly needs a doctor."—Baltimore Herald.

BIRDS THAT PLANT TREES.

Nature Has Plan for the Perpetuation of Forests.

An old-time Arizona woodchopper says the bluejays have planted thousands of trees now growing all over Arizona. He says these birds have a habit of burying small seeds in the ground with their beaks, and that they frequently pinion trees and bury large numbers of the small pine nuts in the ground, many of which sprout and grow. He was walking through the pines with an eastern gentleman a short time ago, when one of these birds flew from a tree to the ground, stuck his bill into the earth and quickly flew away. When told what had happened the eastern man was skeptical, but the two went to the spot and with a knife blade dug out a sound pine nut from a depth of about an inch and a half. Thus it will be seen that nature has her own plan for forest perpetuation.

Jade Found in Oregon.

"Jade, the sacred and rare stone used by the Chinese in making bracelets, rings, vases, etc., has been found recently in large quantities in the state of Oregon," said S. T. Taliaferro of Portland to a Star man at the Arlington this morning. "The discovery is considered quite an important one from a mineral as well as a commercial standpoint. This find is said by geologists to be the first of the kind in the United States. The Oregon jade is tough and compact and varies in color from a pure white to a dark green. The bulk of the supply heretofore used has come from Turkestan, but some little has been found in New Zealand and in the islands of the Pacific."—Washington Star.

Did Not Mean Disapproval.

In an Iowa law court an attorney was arguing with great earnestness and eloquence. In the midst of his argument he paused a moment, according to the Green Bag, and said: "I see your honor shakes his head at that statement. I desire to reaffirm it, although your honor dissents." "I have not intimated," replied the judge, "how I should construe the evidence of what my decision will be in the case, and your remark is uncalled for." "You shook your head," "That may be true," the court replied. "There was a fly on my ear, and I reserved the right to remove it in any manner I saw fit. Proceed with your argument."

First Australian Woman Physician.

The first Australian lady duly qualified physician, Dr. Emma Constance Stone, recently died in Melbourne at the age of 46. She was the daughter of a London contractor of scientific tastes who settled in Tasmania. She studied first at the Woman's Medical college, Philadelphia, afterward in London and finally in Melbourne, where she started practice and encouraged a number of young ladies to follow in her footsteps. Dr. Stone was a strong advocate of female suffrage.

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