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To Make Postoffice Private Concern

Chicago Millionaire Submits proposal to take entire Postal Service out of Government Hands—Cheap Postage, Sure Profits are Promised.

To turn over the postal service of the United States to a private corporation under strict public control is the remarkable proposal made to the Postal commission says the Washington times. Such a proposition was made to the postal commission by Mr W. D. Boyce a millionaire publisher of Chicago who has gathered around him several associates who are men of big affairs and who propose to run the office on business principles.

The proposal includes agreement to cut postage rates one half, establish rural postal express and apply business methods throughout. The Corporation will be capitalized at \$50,000,000 and will be under full government regulations. They will pay the government rental for post office quarters, and charge it regular rates for its postal business. All securities, politics and defects will be eliminated. A well known railroad traffic expert will be placed in charge at a salary of \$30,000 annually.

The corporations to pay the government all profits above 7 per cent on capital. The total amount of service of the post office to the government is estimated at \$25,000,000 annually this would be cut to \$12,500,000. Mr Boyce insists that his proposition is made in the utmost good faith. Certain it is that it affords a most effective talking point from which point out the weakness of present postal management. Direct comparison of the present post-office organization with methods commonly prevailing in private business and in great public service corporations is considered by the publishers the most effective method of demonstrating the unreason restrictions which the department is disposed to impose upon them. Mr Boyce's proposition may have its "hole in the skimmer," but its author doesn't think so. He says good management will make the business pay at half of present rates.

"All I want is to get myself and my proposition taken seriously," he declared. "After that it will be easy, for the public wants lower post rates. I am not a man to be making a bluff at a thing like this: I have too many interests that could be seriously injured by such a course. The backing is ready to form a corporation and take over the postal service on the terms I have outlined."

Mrs Dunkley Surprised

Mrs Hannah Dunkley was the victim of a well arranged surprise party Wednesday afternoon. It being in honor of her 59th birthday. The surprise was planned by her sons and daughters, who without warning dropped in at 3 o'clock just as she was preparing to go out nursing where she had been called. The old friends of Mrs Dunkley were not forgotten, there being 12 pleasant old ladies ranging in age from fifty to sixty five there to greet her and wish her many more years of happiness as they have done since they were girls together. The aged guests were the first to be served at the supper table after which came the family. The meal was made more pleasant by music and songs by the great masters furnished by the graphophone. Those guests were: Eliza Hindley, Ellen Greene, Ellen Clarke, Margaret Chipman, Jane Greenwood, Sarah Chipman, Alice Moyle, Emily Adamson Margaret and Jane King, Mattie McTague, Jane Crystal and Orpha Robinson. It was a pleasure to the writer to see such contented countenances shown by this group of ladies who have passed the central milestone of life and are now happily traveling the downward road.

Pioneers Honored.

With the passing of time the memory of our pioneer fathers and mothers is being honored by the adoption of their children and neighbors; the occasion being Mr Tracey's 80th birthday. The evening was taken up reviewing old experiences of the early acquaintances of the guests and their genial host and hostess. The elaborate supper served at 10 o'clock was heartily enjoyed, after which C. R. Savage of Salt Lake, who was an especially honored guest and friend of the aged couple entertained the party with some early reminiscences and reading some selected clippings which were appropriate for the occasion. Those present were: C. R. Savage and wife, Mr and Mrs Wm. Robinson, Mr and Mrs J. J. Jeckson, Mr and Mrs John H. Wootton, Mr and Mrs Albert Buckwalter, Mr and Mrs A. Chipman, Bishop Jas. H. Gardner and Laura Boley.

"Jimmie" Brown Accidentally Killed This Morning

James Brown, Jr., Accidentally killed near Power Plant—No particulars Received.

We stop the press to record the accidental death of "Jimmie," the 17 year-old son of James Brown of Highland. The young man left this morning with Sam Dean, Jr., bound for the Utah Co. Light & Power company's new works in American Fork canyon. We have been unable to get any particulars of the accident, the most probable story is that he was driving the team and run off the dug-a-way and was crushed underneath the wagon.

Conjoint Program

Program for Conjoint meeting Sunday night December 9th. Singing, 3rd ward choir. Talk on "Esther" by Louisa Miller. Solo Mrs Ren Halliday. Talk Jos. J. Jackson. Instrumental Music Dona Miles. Singing 1st ward.

THE CITIES AGAINST HOME.

The farmer has seen many changes in the manner of the controlling and the conducting of business in the past few years. From the tiller of the soil being able to control the markets of grain, that power has slipped from him until it is manipulated by the grain operators of large cities. He is uncertain as to whether he will receive adequate compensation for his efforts. The latest effort in the concentration of business in cities is to take from the farmer and residents of the smaller towns their opportunity to buy their necessities at home and require them to send their money to cities. Perhaps the strongest factor in this distraction of home markets is the concerns known as catalogue houses. Their aim is to, if possible, drive the retail merchants

located in the towns of all states out of business. The home merchant is repeatedly complaining to his patrons and asked them that instead of sending their money abroad for what they need, to give him the opportunity of filling their orders and has offered to do so at prices as low or lower, for the same quality of goods as that offered by the catalogue houses.

Our members of Congress have been aware of such conditions and every one of them are bitterly opposed to any change of our postal laws, which would give the catalogue houses a stronger hold on the trade of the country. Those Congressmen are not narrow-minded men, but have been drilled in the relentless mill of years of experience. One of the Iowa congressmen has made the remark that he is opposed to the encroachment of the catalogue house on the home merchant for the good reason that in the sending of money to an unseen and unknown merchant, gives that merchant an opportunity to practice unscrupulous tactics upon the unsuspecting customer.

As we have said in the beginning of this article it is the object of the promoters of the catalogue house to drive the home merchant out of business and if they succeed in doing so, it means the ruining of our beautiful and home-like towns. When you have depleted the home town you have done much toward depreciating the value of the farm lands. So this is a question that not only is it of vital interest to the retail merchant, but its of just as much interest to the citizens of our towns and to the farmers. It would certainly be a deplorable condition if we were obliged to send away for the most of what we need because our home merchants have been driven out of business by the catalogue houses.

These concerns must pay for their goods just the same as the merchants at home, and someone must pay the millions of dollars they spend every year in advertising their business. On top of this expense is the thousands upon thousands of dollars they pay every month for rent of the buildings they occupy, besides the additional expense of an army of clerks. The home merchant is not called upon to meet any of these expenses.

It seems the most of us should have imbedded pride enough to prompt us to trade at home.

Things to Talk About.

A spoiled child is not so much to blame; it did not choose its parents.

Hetty Greene would like to make it hot for the trusts but she is not going to burn any money to do it.

What we want is an elastic currency at this time—elastic enough to cover all the Christmas bills.

The raising of wages in progress throughout the country should have a good effect upon the Christmas trade.

The coffin trust has again advanced prices. Death may soon be beyond the reach of common people.

In Russia the officials throw bombs at themselves to win popular favor; here the officials throw bouquets at themselves for the same purpose.

New bank notes it is said are apt to stick together. In our experience they have shown a remarkable tendency to get away from each other.

Some land on Wabash avenue in Chicago sold for \$2,500 an inch. How would you like to buy a farm at that price and how many acres could you get for?

The cost of living, according to statistics compiled by one of the big companies, is higher than it has been in twenty years.

"I'm not sure," said little Mabel, "I'm writing to the Lord for a little baby sister. What is the Lord's first name?" "I'm not sure," replied Tommy wisely, "but mamma always calls Him O Lord."

Andrew Carnegie denies that he has given a million of dollars for the promotion of peace. It can be accomplished cheaper when simplified spelling has ceased to be a novelty.

A New York man with an eight dollar a week job has been ordered by the Court to pay his wife ten dollars a week. Congress should take note of this as indicative of the need for elastic currency.

"It is better than money," says James Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad. But you bet if you ride on his road or ship any sheep or stock, this line you will have to pay for its equivalent.

A. Edison claims that he can run an automobile for \$200 that will last for ten years. But why should you get an automobile that will last for ten years that? We will all be flying in less than fifteen years from now.

Russia is considering the adoption of flying machines in her war equipment. She is in the fix of the hunter who when asked why he ran when he saw the bear exclaimed, "D— it because I couldn't fly."

Count Boni pled with his wife not to "let him die like a dog" but she gave the matter very little concern and owing to the lack of funds he seems to be living less like one than for some time past.

We wonder how many parents realize that their child is a book of blank pages in which shall be recorded the history of their lives? Be careful, therefore, what you have written there for the world will read it! All your secret thoughts the child will try to write.

A thing that the real estate purchaser should consider in his purchasing is the tendency of the average man to believe that the day for profitable investment has gone by. Prices today naturally seem high when one recalls how cheaply the same property sold a generation ago. How often one hears: "If my father had bought that property thirty years ago he'd be a rich man today." And how seldom the man who makes this statement reflects that thirty years from now his son will be saying the same thing of him.

Is not the building up of your small town more to you than the building up some far away city? Is it not a fact that if our town had 10,000 population instead of 3,000 it would be better for us all? Would there not be much more employment would not the people consume more products and consequently make a better market; would not the small homes with one lot be doubled in value and every farm within a radius of ten miles be worth \$10 to \$50 an acre more? Then, is it only a good thing for the merchant or tradesman if you buy of him? Is it not just as good a thing for you?

It is stated on excellent authority that Ringling Brothers, the great show people, have ordered all of their chariots equipped with motive power by one of the great firms of automobile makers at Detroit, Mich. It is said that it will cost no less than \$200,000 to make the change. Horses will be eliminated from the show so far as moving the great wagons is concerned. The contract for the change requires that the work be done before the season for opening arrives, April 1st, when the show appears in Chicago.

CHRISTMAS TIME

There are hosts of things so suitable for presents that we are all more or less bewildered over a choice. It would seem, however, that the useful gift that would give continual pleasures for the entire year should find most favor. Let yours to some one this year be a subscription to

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Eagles Hold Meeting.

American Fork Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held an interesting session at their hall Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected, — Past Worthy President, M. O. Randolph; Worthy President, J. J. Mercer; W. V. P., N. M. Ambrose; Chaplain, Dell Chipman; Worthy Secretary, K. M. Christensen; Treasurer, A. B. Adams; Conductor, Stephen Woods; Inside guard, Washburn Varney; Outside guard, Walter Adamson; Trustees, Wm. Elmore, George Hamer G. J. Sinclair; Aerie Physician, J. F. Noyes.

The Aerie has a membership of over 65 and will soon reach the 100 mark. Remarks were made by W. D. S. Harrington of Salt Lake Aerie. Commend-

ing the live interest taken by the members of the local aerie, and speaking of the great increase in the order in all parts of the state. Several candidates will be initiated at the next meeting and an enjoyable social session will be had.

Child Dies.

Marie, the two and one half year-old daughter of Jane and J. B. Forbes passed away Tuesday morning after suffering two weeks with a throat and lung trouble. The funeral was held Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m. from the residence of the parents. The parents and family are broken hearted over the loss of the baby, whose sweet childish nature won the love of all who knew her. She was the pride of the household.

Holiday Bargain Sale

During the past months of 1906 our business has far exceeded our expectations and we are determined the great patronage we have enjoyed shall continue this month and make this a banner year. Your patronage at the Holiday Bargain Sale which begins on Wednesday morning Dec. 12, will give you an opportunity of securing some valuable Prizes which will be awarded during the holidays, to the persons holding lucky numbers. Space will not permit of our publishing the descriptions of the prizes to be given away, or to name the great reductions in prices in all departments of the store, that will be in effect during this sale. See our display windows for some of the prizes. See the large bills for reductions. See our Goods and compare prices before buying elsewhere, we will save you money.

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EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS

In selecting Goods for the Holiday trade we have consulted the tastes of our patrons in the past. The beautiful assortment for the coming holidays will give you a choice to suit all purses. Toys of all kinds to please the children, such as Dolls, Doll Carriages, Rubber Dolls, Books, Balls and Games, ranging in price from 35c to \$3.00.

For the parents, brother and sister friend or sweetheart, we can please all, with hand painted, French and Japanese China-ware, Neck Furs, Work Boxes, Gloves and handkerchiefs. Our men's Gloves, Neckties, Dress Shirts and Suspenders, would please any man, old or young.

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