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One Cent Postage.

Efficiency in the post office department with a proper readjustment of rates will permit the government to inaugurate a one cent letter rate within the next year, according to Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson.

This emphatic statement made by the postmaster general before the National Association of Postmasters of the United States at their July 1916 convention, indicates that this important reform is much nearer realization than most people believe and that next winter will see radical steps taken toward this end.

In addressing the postmasters General Burleson declared that they are giving the best postal service in the world today, and that is what the American farmer and business man are entitled to, for they pay for it. He advised the postmasters to spare no expense that means greater efficiency.

"But that does not mean extravagance" said Mr. Burleson. "Where is an official who will tell me that employees useless to the service should not be lopped off? I do not want to be hard on postal employees. I believe the government should require only a certain number of hours work, and that under sanitary and comfortable conditions, at a salary not only adequate, but generous. It is my purpose and your duty to see that all employees perform an adequate service for the money expended.

"Every dollar intelligently saved can be utilized for the improvement, development and extension of service, resulting in a reduction in postage for those served.

"Plans are being worked out for the solution of railway mail service problems. They are being solved in a way that will enable the United States to pay the railroads adequate compensation for service rendered, and pay only for service received. With this result, if next year we can make those using the second class mail service pay a one-half part of what they should, we can go before congress and take the first step toward penny postage.

"The fact that this year we have a surplus of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 demonstrates that at last the postal service is on a strong business and self-supporting basis. If we can keep down useless extravagance, we can soon inaugurate one cent postage in this country."

This frank statement from the postmaster general substantiates declarations which have been made during the past year or two by officials of the National One Cent Letter Postage Association, which has its headquarters at Cleveland, that with economical operation of the department and a reasonable adjustment of postal rates, one cent letter postage could be inaugurated without

injury to the federal government, and letter users given the benefit of a big reduction over current rates.

Nearly sixty bills were presented at the present session of congress, calling for one cent letter postage. Scores of representatives and senators have been closely studying the matter and have become united in a conviction that the time is ripe for one cent postage, a reform sought for many years, but only recently brought to the attention of congress through the persistent campaign on the part of the National One Cent Letter Postage Association.

At the present time letter users of the United States net a profit to the government of over \$75,000,000 a year over actual cost of distribution. At the same time large magazine interests are securing distribution of their product at one cent a pound, which means a great loss to the government and to make up this loss users of letter postage are paying a profit of 100 per cent.

It is to correct this great injustice that the postmaster general and his hundreds of assistants throughout the country are now employed. From all indications one cent letter postage promises to be one of the most important issues at this winter's session of congress.

"The Mikado" A Great Success.

"The Mikado" the Comic Opera, which was given here in the Public School Auditorium last Friday night by local talent, under the direction of Mr. Albert Baker, of the Willis Music Company, of Cincinnati, was one of the most successful plays ever given in the Gap by local talent.

Every member of the efficient cast of characters did their parts exceedingly well. Special mention should be made of The Mikado, who was John Jones, about whom some of the audience remarked that he rivaled all Mikados they had seen in the larger cities, also of Yum Yum, Miss Margaret Pettit, Katsika, Miss Olga Horton, Pitti Sing, Miss Mabel Willis, Peep Bo, Mrs. W. Jones, Poo Bah, H. J. Burnett, and Fish Tush, Lester Jessee, who never before have appeared in public in such difficult parts and of Miss Mary Ramsey, Pianist to his Royal Majesty. The Fan and Flower Girls, The Cowboy Girls and the Lilliputians Drills which were trained so well, were one of the most beautiful features of the whole Opera.

The members of the Japanese Ladies chorus which made such an attractive back ground for the main characters during the whole play rendered their parts very gracefully who were Misses Mary Gilly, Ruby Kemper, Claribel Lockett, Lorraine Taylor, Nemo Vineyard, Nellie Horsley, Adeleide Pettit, Betty Reeder, Virginia Baker, Dorothy Owens, Bruce Skeems, Sophia Benedict and Janet Bailey.

Saturday night the Mikado accompanied by the Japanese Ladies Chorus and Fan and Flower Girls went to Stonegap, where they played to a very appreciative audience at the Theatre and Tuesday night The Mikado accompanied only by the Japanese Ladies Chorus

Scott County Fair

GATE CITY, VA. October 5th to 7th LOW ROUND TRIP FARES FROM Points on Appalachian Division OF Southern Railway Tickets sold October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th inclusive. Final limit October 9th. W. E. ALLEN, D. P. A.

played to a large audience in the Princess Theatre at Appalchia.

The Civic League for which this play was given realized over a hundred dollars for the play.

Cook with Electricity.

Aged Man Dies.

Freeling, Va., Sept. 22 - Abram Mullins, aged apparently about 80 years, died at his home near Baden, this (Dickenson) county, on Thursday. He had been ill for several months, and had undergone an operation, from which he never fully recovered. He came to this section from Kentucky about forty years ago, since which time he had resided continuously at the same place. He leaves a wife and several children, besides extensive family connections over Southwest Virginia and East Kentucky.

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Secretary Shaw

And Others Spe' to Large Audience at East Stone Gap.

On Monday night the 25th ex-secretary of the U. S. Treasury, Leslie M. Shaw, along with Congressman Slemm and Col. David F. Bailey, spoke to a large audience at the School Hall at East Stone Gap. Senator J. M. Goodloe acted as chairman, first introducing Mr. Slemm, who talked about 30 minutes, mainly in answer to some of his opponent's statements. The party had just come from Abingdon, where Mr. Slemm had delivered the opening speech of his campaign.

Colonel Bailey closed the meeting in a humorous talk of 20 minutes in which he said he had preached protection in this valley long before a town was thought of around here.

Secretary Shaw spoke logically and ably for his party and urged a strong protective policy to save American industries after the end of the European War.

The large room was filled to seating capacity. The Big Stone Gap Band furnished music.

It has been generally assumed that the stock of the railroads of the country is owned by a comparatively few wealthy people, when as a matter of fact it is just the reverse. Reports filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, as required by law, show that the majority of stockholders are people of comparatively small means, and that this stock is held in comparatively every walk of life. The Illinois Central, one of the smaller roads, has 11,000 stockholders; 42,000 people owns stock of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; the Pennsylvania is owned by 92,000 people and other roads are in proportion. The inter-

ests of these people, and of the great consuming public, should also be considered in any settlement that is finally effected in the dispute between the roads and their employes.

Be A Booster.

Do you know there's lots of brothers 'Sittin' 'round in every town. Growlin' like a broody chicken; 'Knockin' every good thing down? Don't you be that kind 'o grouch. Cause they ain't no use on earth; You just be a booster member. Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your lodge needs boostin', boost 'er. Don't hold back and wait to see; If some other fellow's willin'— 'Sall right in this country's free, No one's got a mortgage on it. It's just yours as much as his; If your lodge is short on boosters, You get in th' boostin' biz.

If things in lodge don't seem to suit you And the warrle seems kinde wrong; What's the matter with a boostin'? Just to help the thing along; Cause if things should stop a goin', We'd be in a sorry plight; You just keep that horn a blowin'— Boost'er up with all your might.

If you know some brother's fallin's Just forget 'em, 'cause you know That fellow's got some good points, 'Them's the ones you want to show; 'They'll come back a sayin' 'I see; Maybe, too, they'll come back baitered; When some feller boosts for you.

When the war in Europe is over there will be one great scramble by the nations at strife in an effort to regain the commerce of the world which they have lost to the United States while engaged in the doubtful pastime of slitting each other's throats. Desperate measures will be devised by the

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"Line Is Busy" Nine billion telephone calls were answered last year in the Bell System. It is not surprising that some telephones were found to be busy. When a line is busy it is not the operator's fault. Some one else is talking to the party to whom you wish to talk—or to some one else on his line. Believe the operator when she says: "Line is busy." When you telephone, smile. THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA E. R. MILTON, Local Manager. Norton, Va. Tel. 9000

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