

Washington News

The Post Office Department should certainly receive a reward of merit. It has been for four years trying to locate the owner of a certain watch. The man that it should have gone to was Postmaster George W. Weart, of Deal Beach, but where Weart is now they have no record for their papers. The man who was Postmaster of the little town in 1905, when a registered package valued at \$10 was lost, and he was forced to make good the loss. Mr. Weart came from Deal Beach, and the Post Office Inspectors were put on the case, and finally discovered that the package had been delivered to the address of the man who was supposed to be the missing man or his heirs, as they found that he was dead. A few days ago the story of the search for the heirs was given in the paper. The man, and the following day James Weart, of Portland, Ore., wrote to the Department conveying the information that he was the son of former Postmaster Weart and the administrator of his estate, and the \$10 bill was sent to him at once.

The District of Columbia has a curfew law; that is, a kind of a law. It would be a mighty good thing if it was a good deal stricter. This law is for the small boys who hang around the houses and pool rooms after 8 o'clock. The child-labor law stated that many boys with permits to work hang around pool rooms and saloons in endeavoring to induce men to buy their wares. The law is not strictly enforced. It is generally consisting of showings, newspapers and other small articles. The new regulation has been put in force, and will be rigidly executed.

The campaign that will probably be abandoned by the Marine Corps, so far as its use by marines stationed in garrisons is concerned, is the use of the small boy. It is considered that the campaign that is so sticky in appearance, and a smart-headed little fellow, is a waste of money. It is likely that a shield-colored helmet will be adopted in its place for garrison and camp use in the tropics, the cap being retained for use in the field. The helmet is made of a material that is light and in cold and moderate climates. Specifications for the helmet are now being formulated by the Quartermaster of the Marine Corps.

The Insular Government will soon ship to the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington a lot of opium, the proceeds of which will be used for the Government plan to dispose of the opium for medicinal purposes among drug manufacturers, receiving in exchange medical supplies, hospital supplies and other Government institutions in the Philippines. The Bureau of Health will make cash returns to the Bureau of Customs for the tariff dues on the opium. The opium will be distributed among the informers who aided in the seizures.

Rifle experts will be interested in the efforts of the Ordnance Department of the Army to produce in tablet form the ingredients of the ammonium solution which is used to clean rifle barrels and other arms. Experiments in the production of the tablets are now being made at the Planting Arsenal, New Jersey, where the powder factory of the Army is located. The tablets can be easily carried in a soldier's pockets, and can be dissolved in water when required for use.

C. T. Shepherd, of Columbia, S. C., is entirely reconstructed. He says that the United States Flag ought to be found in every school room in the United States and along with it the State Flag should also stand. This, he said, would teach the children patriotism and loyalty to the National Government and the States. Mr. Shepherd, a resident of South Carolina, recently announced that he wanted to see the flag of South Carolina in every school room in the State the school year. He says that the children are taking a great interest in the matter and the teachers are going to help the movement. Mr. Shepherd says:

"I believe that South Carolina will be the first State in the Union to take up a plan of this kind, and of course, it is the duty of every State to do so. The department of Clemson College is going to manufacture enough flags, of small size, to supply every school room in the State. The flags are to be for sale in all the book stores, so that all students can get one if they wish. Recently, when Gov. Ansel wanted to get a State flag to carry with him on a trip, he found many who said that he could not find a suitable one in the whole State. This incident led to the revival of interest in the flag in South Carolina."

Our Awful Dress.
One of the products of American citizenship is a plain-clothes man. Our men don't believe in trimmings of any description. They do manage to wear some buttons and shirt studs and on some occasions a scarf pin. Once in a while a ring, and if a watch is very valuable and there is danger of losing it, they occasionally wear watch chains, but your true American gentleman avoids everything that looks like ostentation, except it may be florid vests and affairs in pre-consciously displeasing to most people of foreign countries. In fact, it is absolutely necessary, if one wishes to gain admission to the country, that a semi-uniform be adopted. Our Embassadors have given way to this demand to the extent of wearing black frock coats and breeches, but have seldom gone further than that.

President Taft ran up against this requirement very hard the other day down in Old Mexico, when he had a great President Diaz. The editor of a very little bit of a paper, the El Kaskete, of Guadalajara, Mexico, gets right up on his hind legs and yells over the grille of President Taft when he greeted the gaudily attired President of the Mexican Republic. He says that, remembering the Texas made for him a pair of blue trousers, he had hoped that Executive Taft would bring to that frontier a regiment of soldiers, splendidly dressed, and a full complement of rifles and revolvers; but, no, indeed. He says that "while our President went adorned in his grand uniform of a General, made in Paris at a cost of \$5,000 francs, President Diaz wore a suit that did not seem to be his own, due to its looseness; his collar was wrinkled by perspiration, and there was the slightest impression of elegance. He went in a coach (it might have been one of public hire), while our President rode in a splendid landau, and the soldiers—the Mexicans made for him a pair of well-washed clothes. Those of our neighbor were in leggings, yellow shoes, and a pair of trousers, and what is the worst of it, under the same conditions, he had a saddle, the biggest ever placed on the back of a Texas horse; when completed it weighed 100 pounds. The bridle, also a present, is made of horse-

and trimmed in silver and gold. The city of San Antonio presented the President a pair of silver spurs. Taking them together, the outfit cost him \$10,000. He was not alone in Texas, and President Taft in that right ought to have pleased even the haughty Mexicans.

The Navy Department is going to draw in its lines on the appointment from civil life of Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps and Assistant Paymasters in the Navy. It is desired by the Department that some undesirable citizens have obtained appointment to this branch of the service, and the commissions being given. It has been found impossible to relieve the Navy of their service. The probationary period given medical officers has proved satisfactory, and it is proposed now to admit Second Lieutenants and Assistant Paymasters to the same task.

A funny situation happened the other day in Charlottesville, N. C., because of some Northern nurses, some, it is said, coming from Washington, but previous to the having of a New York and Canada, who took a vacation in the North Carolina Hospital, one of their number, Miss Mary Gordon, of Canada, being made Superintendent and head nurse. One day a patient, a Southern nurse walked out of the hospital, leaving 13 patients in the institution unattended. They demanded the discharge of the Superintendent, and she and the other nurses, being from the North, had prejudices against them and called them fools. The management of the hospital brought nurses from other hospitals, and went on with the work just as if nothing had happened and nobody's feelings had been hurt.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beckman Winthrop is back from the inspection of the navy yards and naval stations in the West Indies. The Secretary Winthrop reports that he finds conditions satisfactory at the yards and stations he visited. He was favorably impressed with the possibilities at the various yards, and with the large amount of work, is capable of great development. Because of its splendid location it is practically secured from any operations that might be undertaken by a hostile fleet.

L. W. Sargent, of Fort Worth, Tex., who has been visiting Washington, declares with emphasis that the most moral State in the Union "under our existing laws," says Mr. Sargent, "and laws which are really enforced, men are not permitted to play cards on trains or in any public place in Texas. The women have to forego their earrings and bridge whist parties or else do so with modesty. The State has prohibited the County Attorney ruling the other day that a certain organization couldn't have a drawing for a quilt. There is a fine of \$100 for carrying a revolver, and it is not permitted to hold such a weapon there now. They are scarcely to be found on sale anywhere, as the dealer must pay a revenue of one-half of the value of each revolver, which is turned over to the tax fund. Any man who kills another now is quickly and surely punished. The strictest laws are enforced on Sunday, and must close at midnight, and three-fourths of the Counties have local option."

Mr. Sargent says that the side of immigration has not been so good as reports of his resignation. He is needed right where he is until we find a better man.

The District of Columbia is feeling very good over the fact that during the period from 1900 to 1909 the city has gained 65,255 souls.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have requested the Post Office Department to restore the head of Martha Washington, which has been the property of the present series. It is suggested that the proposed issue of the 12-cent stamp bear this head, and acting upon this suggestion the Post Office Department has asked the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare a model of the head of Martha Washington, in addition to one bearing the head of George Washington. The new 12-cent stamp will be used generally, inasmuch as it is designed to cover the new revenue of 12 cents, and the Philadelphia and Navigation Company. The complaint is signed by Rear-Admiral H. P. Potter as Acting Secretary of the Navy, and it is understood that the Post Office Department is pretty hot around the collar about it. The case hinges on the fact that last December some time ago, A. McCarthy, a sculptor of London, was transported over the lines spoken of from Philadelphia to Newport, R. I., and returned. He should have been charged only \$5,000 for the transportation, but he was charged \$5,000 more, and the Post Office Department is pretty hot around the collar about it. The case hinges on the fact that last December some time ago, A. McCarthy, a sculptor of London, was transported over the lines spoken of from Philadelphia to Newport, R. I., and returned. He should have been charged only \$5,000 for the transportation, but he was charged \$5,000 more, and the Post Office Department is pretty hot around the collar about it.

The United States Treasury Department will in a minute appraise all the buildings at the Seattle Exposition for the purpose of selling them. They will first be offered to the State of Washington, then to the Exposition Corporation and then to the public. If none of these desire the permanent use of the structures, they will be offered for sale to the general public.

Judge-Advocate-General Geo. B. Davis, of the Army, is very dissatisfied over the Post salaries. He says that their presence near Army posts are a menace and highly detrimental to military discipline. He believes that the sale of beer and liquor at the posts and reservations would tend largely to the ruin of the military camp and beyond the control of the military authorities, and their existence is a constant mental to the routine at military posts. He states that there is a large increase in cases of drunkenness, and that in some cities the Legislature have made it an offense to sell intoxicating liquors within a mile of military reservations, and this has been productive of beneficial results. He says that this has done in all of the States, then there might be some kind of check kept upon men who, when the appetite for drink is on their minds, they go to the saloons containing alcohol that they can get their tongues to.

The new Senate Office Building is not yet completed inside, but it is in a more finished condition than when the Senators left last summer. Nearly 20 tons of lead has been consumed in the fitting of the walls in the new building. Before the Senators left last summer they were asked to specify the color they wanted in their rooms, but not more than half a dozen did so. The second floor included in very few social grooves, and the world knows very little about what is being done there. But right on top of that is another sensation. The case came up from the Court of Appeals, and was decided in favor of Chapman, and the company asked for review of the case. The Chief Justice said that the opinion of the Court of Appeals is so grotesque in its conclusions, and prepared with so little care and study as to be almost unrecognizable, even grammatically, not to say legally.

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A strange case might come up before the United States Supreme Court, and if it did it would present Mr. Justice Harlan from sitting with the associates. Florida, with four of his employees, has been convicted of peonage, and if after sentence it should be carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States it would be found that one of the Associate Justices is an own uncle of the chief in the suit. The five men referred to are the Chief Justice, Mr. Harlan, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the sentence. Harlan and his employees have disappeared, and the Government is moving to collect on their bonds to the sum of \$15,000.

Washington will in all probability be the scene of a great international convention of the most important kind. The city of Washington and Baltimore are hard at work, and they believe that their plans are going to materialize. They say that the city of Washington is the neighborhood of \$20,000 already for the entertainment of the guests, and preparations for the meet, and will probably ask congress for some assistance. Every citizen is personally interested in the trying of airships of various kinds.

The War Department has been notified of the death of Maj. Gen. Robert P. Hughes, U. S. Army, retired, at his home in Philadelphia last week. Death was caused by a complication of disease and age. Gen. Hughes was a veteran of two wars, and was brevetted in the civil war for gallantry in the assault on Fort Gregg, Va. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Maine Infantry, and when mustered out had attained the rank of Colonel of Volunteers. He was appointed Captain in the Regular Establishment in 1865, and was brevetted Brigadier-General of Volunteers. He was retired as a Major-General in April, 1903, at the age of 64 years.

The Mints of the United States Treasury have executed coins to the value of \$1,026,022,646, in addition to these there were 126,000 of the new cent, some double-eagles and some half-eagles, 245,000 half and quarter dollars were made, and 16,714,000 of the new nickel cents, the value of \$1,140,000 were issued. All of the original "V. D. B." Lincoln pennies have been given out. It will be remembered that there is a great deal of discussion about the time because of the prominence of the designer's initials, which caused a change of plates, leaving but one initial on the plate. There were 2,328,000 of the Lincoln pennies issued, and not one of them now remains in the United States Treasury.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, with her daughter Ethel, and accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, Miss Carow, are visiting Rome, where the party occupies the Hotel de Ville. The party had been in Italy for some time, and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel Roosevelt to have a private audience with the Pope. After the visit in Rome is completed they will return to Naples, where they are engaged rooms in the Excelsior Hotel. Mrs. Roosevelt will remain in Naples until the arrival of her distinguished husband and son Kermit from the African wilds.

The people of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, as well as the people of the National Convention, were much shocked to learn of the sudden death last week of Representative Francis Ives Lassiter, of Petersburg, Va. Mr. Lassiter was a comparatively young man, only about 41 years old. He was a prominent lawyer in Virginia, a graduate of the University of Virginia, and at one time was a practitioner in law. He was an attack of heart disease that carried him away in less than six hours. He had apparently been in the most perfect health.

Dum-Dum Donation.
Our Dr. Stiles, of the Marine Hospital Service, is going to get himself into hot water if he is not careful. He is the inventor and inventor of the hookworm, which is said to be not only slaying tens of thousands down South, but up North they refer to this peculiar disease as "dum-dum" because of the peculiar creature, which fastens itself to the intestines or some other parts of the interior animal man, is the cause of the dislike for work of so many thousands of the poor whites in the South. John D. Rockefeller, who has money to burn, has tendered Dr. Stiles \$100,000 for his work of so many thousands of the poor whites in the South. John D. Rockefeller, who has money to burn, has tendered Dr. Stiles \$100,000 for his work of so many thousands of the poor whites in the South. John D. Rockefeller, who has money to burn, has tendered Dr. Stiles \$100,000 for his work of so many thousands of the poor whites in the South.

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where sentence for contempt has been imposed, and this was in 1875, when John Chiles, of Texas, who was concerned in improper dealings in Texas indemnity bonds contrary to the law, was sentenced to prison before the Court, and a fine of \$150 was imposed.

Gen. Drum Dead.
Brig.-Gen. Drum, a veteran of the Army, and a civil war and former Adjutant-General of the United States Army, died a short time ago at his country home in Bethesda, Md.

He was born in 1825, and entered the Army as a private in the Pennsylvania, serving at the battle of Chancellorsville in 1862, and was elevated to the rank of Colonel in 1864. It was in March, 1865, he was made a Brigadier-General and assigned to the Adjutant-General's office.

After his retirement from active service, Gen. Drum became interested in suburban real estate. He owned a tract of land on the Rockville road between the District line and took active part in the development of Drummond, Md., which is named for him.

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