

MAKING CUBAN POSTOFFICES

Inspector W. T. Sullivan Tells of an Important Work.

UTTER LACK OF SYSTEM UNDER SPAIN

Not a Mail Car on the Island and Pouches Were Unknown—American Method Now in Operation Throughout Island.

Postoffice Inspector W. T. Sullivan, formerly stationed at Omaha, but who has since been transferred in charge of the St. Paul division, was in Omaha Thursday enroute to Denver, where he takes charge of that division. Mr. Sullivan was sent to Cuba by the Postoffice department January 1, 1899, to establish postoffices and introduce the American system of handling the mails.

Under the Spanish rule, a great and inefficient method of transporting the mails, said Mr. Sullivan. "In the first place there was not a mail car on the island, nor a mail pouch, nor a distributing rack. The postal clerks, as we call them here, but postmen elsewhere, were called to Cuba, were restricted to the use of a section—two seats in a second-class car—arranged somewhat like our cars in this country, but with plain wooden seats. Here, sitting with the traveling public, he received the mail in open packages, tied with a string, and the regular mail was placed in the mail for the different towns along his route, and they were again tied up without a cover when all of the mail for a particular place had been sorted.

Duties of a Carter. "The train was, in the smaller towns, met at the station by a man termed a carter, a sort of combination of a mail carrier and a postmaster of an American city. This carter, upon receiving the mail, started out to deliver it. After he had left the letters for whom he could find a consignee, he took the others to his office, where he held them for some time, awaiting a call. When he decided in his own mind that he had held them long enough, he tore open the envelopes, and if he could ascertain the address of the writer, returned the letter to that address, but it is not of record that any letters containing money were ever returned. The practice of tearing open the letters unsealed for is so general that it is looked upon as quite legitimate among the Cubans. At one place I appointed a very intelligent Cuban as acting postmaster, and he would hold the office, but sometime after he took charge of the office I visited him and he showed me a lot of unsealed letters and asked if he should not tear open the envelopes and return the letters to the writers. When I told him that it was a sure trip to the penitentiary if he did, he was surprised and asked me what the United States system he thought it a waste of time and money to go to that trouble when the matter could be so much more quickly settled by each postmaster sending the unsealed letters at his office back to the writers.

Handled No Stamps. "One trouble with the Spanish system was that the postoffice handled no stamps. When a person wanted stamps he went to the revenue officer. The postmaster was very careless about handling the mails. When he received a paper and several letters for the same postoffice he wrapped the letters in the paper and placing a wrapper around the bundle addressed it to its destination. When the receiving postoffice got the bundle the wrapper was torn off and the paper was generally delivered to the person addressed, together with all of the letters wrapped in it, and that person would be compelled to run a small postoffice for a short time till all of the letters were delivered. For details regarding the letters the carters received from 2 to 5 cents above the postage, and when the difficulties of delivery could not be repaid by 5 cents the letter was generally returned to the writer or destroyed.

HUGH MULLIN GETS A MEDAL

Youngster Saves a Life While at Sea—High Honor Conferred for Daring Act.

A Washington dispatch contains the following concerning Hugh P. Mullin, who lived in this city with his uncle, M. C. Lawrence of 2242 North Nineteenth street: "Captain Sigbee, commanding the Texas, recommended that Hugh P. Mullin, who completed June 23 as a seaman, be given a medal of honor in recognition of meritorious services. Mullin jumped into the sea November 11 and saved Alfred Kosminski, who had fallen overboard, until he was safely hauled out of the water. Secretary Long endorsed the suggestion and Mullin will be distinguished by the presentation of one of the highest prizes in the navy."

Mullin was for three years a student of Creighton university and is now but 21 years of age. About six years ago he left Omaha to live with his grandmother in Elgin, Ill. From there he went to California, where he shipped on board a whaler, afterward sailing to nearly every country in the world. Two years ago he returned to Elgin and was employed by the Illinois Croumery company, but was attacked with the war fever and enlisted in the army. The Texas is now at New Orleans and will remain there during the carnival, as the officers and sailors will take part in the parades of the Mardi Gras.

The Boers Naturally Intelligent. The South African Boers are not an ignorant class by any means, but will rank in point of intelligence with any nation in Europe. The following is a translation of a letter written to Cape Dutch by Mr. J. Adley Pentz, a Boer residing near Vredens, in Bechuanaland, South Africa: "Some time ago, when I was suffering with severe pain throughout my back, I received a copy of the Vredens Courier in which I read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and immediately sent for a bottle of it. After applying it three or four times I had total relief and since that time have not suffered any more from pains in my back." Pain Balm is famous for its cures of muscular rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises.

TIME CALLED ON APPLICANTS

They Will Now Have to Stand Examination for Places as Census Enumerators.

Census Supervisor D. H. Wheeler has closed the work of receiving applications for positions as census enumerators in the Second Nebraska district. He will now mail to all applicants examination papers, which must be filled out and returned within five days from the time they are received. The work of filling out the papers is apparently simple, but requires the greatest care, and the applicant must be careful in the manner of folding the papers when they are mailed to the supervisor. The government describes the manner in which they are to be folded and the supervisor is instructed to ignore all papers folded in a different manner, it being the theory of the bureau that if an applicant will not pay the closest attention to instructions as enumerated he is likely to ignore instructions which may be important. In addition to the 150 positions as regular enumerators there will be about fifteen positions as special enumerators to be filled. Mr. Wheeler has been empowered by the bureau to select the special men from the enumerators making the best record in the regular work, as the special work is not to be done until the regular is done. The positions pay a salary of from \$3 to \$5 per day, and the work is of such a character that it will last for some time, making the positions desirable. The total enrollment of applications amounts to 315, while several persons from towns outside of the Second district have written for places.

FARMER BOLLS WINS A BET

But is Arrested Before He Can Collect, and the Stakeholder Drops Out of Sight.

Jonathan Bolts, a well-to-do stockman and farmer living near Geneva, came to Omaha Wednesday with a carload of hogs, which he sold, and then, with part of the proceeds, set out to sample the juice of the corn for which his fields are famous. Yesterday in police court he was asked to plead to a charge of drunk. "I was no drunker than I am now, your honor," he said. "It happened this way: I had a dispute with a man down in the bar room of the Her Grand hotel on the point of whether I would stay in town all night. I told him I intended to stay, and that I had a room paid for at the Paxton. He offered to let me that I didn't have. We both put up \$15 in the hands of a man who is a stranger to me. "Then I started down to the hotel to prove it to him, and I hadn't much more than got out on the street till I was arrested. "You see this badge, Judge?" he asked, pointing to a gold pin on his vest bearing the initials of a fraternal order. "Well, I'm going to take that off and bury it as soon as I get home. It ain't worth me out of trouble worth a continental." Bolts was discharged and is now searching for the stakeholder.

NEW DEADWOOD-DENVER LINE

Burlington's Extension to Brush, Colo., Will Open Direct Line Between Black Hills and Denver.

The Burlington is continuing active operations in the building of its extension from Alliance to Hartville, Wyo., and the new line is being built with unusual rapidity. It is officially stated that as soon as the present extension reaches Hartville work on the extension from Bridgeport—where the Alliance-Hartville line branches and follows the north bank of the Platte river—to Brush, Colo., will be inaugurated with much activity as is now displayed in the building operations on the Hartville branch. This line from Alliance to Brush, when completed, will be of considerable importance, because of the opening up of direct communication between Deadwood and the rich mining district in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Denver. Through train service, it is stated, will be inaugurated, and the trip from Deadwood to Denver, which now consumes two nights and the better part of two days, will be made in from twelve to eighteen hours. At present a traveler from Deadwood to Denver has to come either to Omaha or Lincoln, and take a westbound train on the Union Pacific or Burlington. In this new service contemplated, connections will be made at Edgemont with the Burlington line, extending into Wyoming and Montana, and this territory will also be opened up to more direct communication with Denver.

Mr. Frank Sleeps Well

Mr. S. Frank, who has been with J. Sonnenberg at 136 Douglas street for years, says this about CRAMER'S KIDNEY CURE: "You have no idea how well I now feel and I don't have to take any more medicine. I sleep well at night and awake in the morning feeling perfectly free from pain in the back. I have used other medicines, but CRAMER'S has made me a well man, and I now desire to add my words of praise to the list of those who have used this medicine and whom I know it has helped."

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All the strictly all wool ingrain carpet, absolutely sound and perfect, 35c yard. All the damaged carpet, no matter what the grade or former price, in one big lot at 25c yard. \$3.50 RUGS, \$1.25. All the moquette, all wool Smyrna and Wilton rugs, that sold up to \$3.50, all sound and perfect, go at \$1.25 each. All the Smyrna rugs, Wilton carpet rugs, that generally sell up to \$3.00 each, all go at 75c each. Made-up carpets, most of them sound and perfect, all sizes, Moquette, Wilton, Axminster, etc., go at 1/4 their regular price. One case turkey red table damask, worth up to 50c, go at 15c. One assorted case linen crash toweling, all the 10c kind, go at 5c yard. Three cases of bedspreads, Marseilles, crocheted, imported satin, etc., worth up to \$3.50, go at 85c each.

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WORKING IN HIGH DEGREES

Renown of Scottish Rite Masons Progresses with Large Attendance and Great Enthusiasm.

The opening feature of the third day of the Scottish Rite reunion at Masonic temple yesterday was a business session of Saint Andrew's preceptory. Degrees from nineteen to twenty-nine were conferred, and in the evening there was a notable session at which the thirtieth degree was reached. Visitors are coming from outside towns, and it is expected that the closing exercises tonight will be largely attended. A banquet will conclude the reunion. The "Old Reliable Sioux City Route," "Northwestern Line," is the best to St. Paul-Minneapolis. Two through fast trains daily from Union Depot 7:20 a. m. to 6:50 p. m. Observation Parlor Buffet Cars on the day trains. Modern Pullman Palace Sleepers on the night trains. Via Northwestern Line.—From Union Passenger Station.

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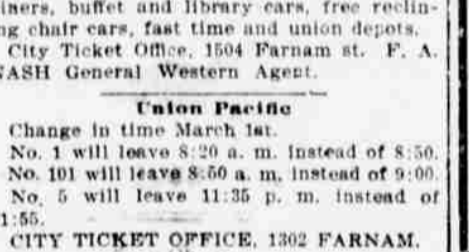
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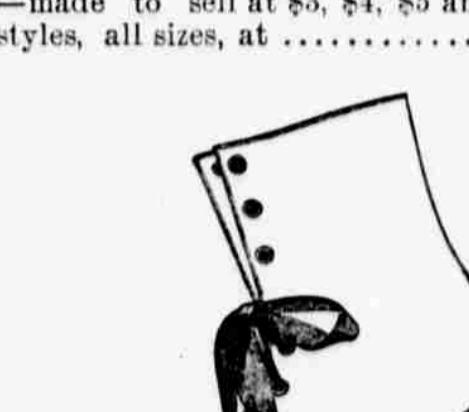


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