**CHRISTMAS** 

JOYS.

"The Angel Said Unto Them, Fear Not;

For, Behold, I Ering You Good Tidings of

Great Joy, Which Shall Be to All People;

For Unto You Is Born This Day, In the City

of David, a Savior, Which Is Christ the Lord'

will be the more effective.

eousness-the schooling as a whole,

(2) We must also learn that our dear

friends and neighbors who go down

into death are as if only asleep, and

have no consciousness in either Joy of

sorrow, waiting for the Millennial

morning-the Resurrection morning

Their death would have been absolute.

as in the case of the brute beast, bad

not God with his great love provided

for their redemption and resurrection

"ransom for all to be testified in due

was the Word (Logos) and the Logos

was with The God and the Logos was

"made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

the came unto his own and his own

lege to become sons of God" (John 1.

(1) The privilege of proving his lov-

alty to the Father (Hebrews x, 7;

(2) The privilege of serving the fall-

en race, as their Redeemer and Re-

(3) The honor of high exaltation to

even greater dignities than he had be-

fore he left the Father-to honor, glory

and immortality, far above angels and

principalities and powers and every

name that is named. St. Paul, in re-

Lord, "for the joy that was set before

him, endured the cross, despising the

shame"-and new in consequence, is

set down on the right hand of the

While the Savior was the Christ-

mas gift to us in one sense of the

word, yet the gift was more from

another standpoint-although it was all

contained in that primary gift. Our

Lord first, by obedience to the Divine

Law, demonstrated his right to eternal

life; and, at the same time, by his con-

secration to death, he laid down the

life he was privileged to have. Nor

did he ever take it back. He arose

from the dead on the third day, per-

fected as a New Creature-as a spirit-

being (II Corinthians iii, 17). He did

indeed appear to the apostles during

the subsequent forty days, but not as

before. Although, after his resurrec-

tion, he appeared in the flesh, he was

not flesh. He had taken the body of

flesh "for the suffering of death," and

not to keep eternally. When he had fin-

ished sacrificing it, the flesh had served

his purpose. His high exaltation is on

the spirit plane, far above angels. His

appearances during the forty days

were very brief and few, after the

manner in which angels had previously

appeared in the flesh. They were

for the purpose of convincing the dis-

ciples that he was no longer dead, and

to convince them also that he was no

longer limited to earthly powers, as

before his death. He was "put to

spirit" (I Peter iii, 18).

death in the flesh, but quickened in

"The Body of Christ."

had sacrificed. Those rights were

sufficient for the whole world. Be-

he came into the world to be the Sa-

vior of the world, did not apply the

merit of his sacrifice for the world,

but, as the Scriptures show, he ap-

plied it for his Church and the entire

household of faith. Unbelievers are

not covered by that application of

Christ's merit. In order to get under

the merit of Christ now they must be-

Heve, renounce sin and make a conse

cration of themselves to walk in the

Redeemer's footsteps as living sacri-

fices. Under this provision the Gospel

call has been going forth for now

eighteen centuries. The object of this

the Scriptures tell us, is to select pri-

marily the Church of Christ, a "little

flock," "the Bride, the Lamb's wife"

Father on high (Hebrews xii, 2),

him the great reward:

storer (Matthew xx. 28)

Psalm xl. St.

(Luke n, 10, 11).

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Dakota has Big Deposits.

crease in deposits of \$3,789,981 in two charged with crime. months and a half is the record made by the state and private banks of cember 27. South Dakota from September, 1909, Fourteen Violent Deaths by Accident. to November 16, 1909, according to the report of Public Examiner John L. Jones, which has just been issued. It ing one suicide of a 12-year-old boy may well be doubted whether any wes- at Tilden, during 1909. Following is tern state has ever made so good a showing within a similar period of

### REDSKINS DEMORALIZED.

Too Many South Dakota Murder Sus

pects Are Being Acquitted. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 3.-The ac quittal a few days ago of a Sisseton Sloux Indian who was charged with murder calls attention to the serious problem which confronts those who are in charge of the affairs of these Indians, due to the demoralization which has resulted from many of the Indians being afflicted with an overpowering desire for strong drink.

Since the year 1892 five murders have been committed among this tribe as the result of overindulgence in liquor. As these Indians have all taken their allotments of land, they have the same standing as white men, and to death near Humphrey May 5. there is no way, except by moral suasion, to prevent them drinking liquor ing from a wagon near O'Neill May to excess.

The guilty parties in each of the murder cases were arrested, but the outcome of their trials also has contributed materially to the demoralization of the drinking Indians, as only tory, and went it one better. There one conviction resulted, this being responsible to a great extent for the small value placed upon human life der at Copenhagen, Neb. The victims by the drinking and more reckless were: members of the tribe.

In four of the murder trials there were acquittals. In one case, that of an Indian named Flute, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and the defendant now is serving a life term in the Sloux Falls penitentiary. Had knocked from train by striking bridge Flute killed one of his own race it is over Elkhorn west of Norfolk with probable he, too, would have been ac- his head, October 6. quitted, but it happened that he killed two white men, and both of them in one day. One of his victims fled for his life and was chased half a mile by the liquor-crazed Indian. The murderer shot him repeatedly before kill-

were acquitted as the result of being 1907 seventeen in this territory. tried on the charge of murder, the evidence appeared to conclusively prove the guilt of the accused.

It is the opinion of those who are in close touch with the situation that it yet will be necessary to hang some of the more lawless Indians when they Oberlin Glee Club at Neligh Tonight. commit murder before the other reckless redskins will have a proper regard for human life. It is believed that if such action is taken in the case of opened, was shown at noon today for the next Sisseton Sioux Indian who this evening's entertainment by the commits murder, the taking of human Oberlin Glee club of Oberlin college, life among these Indians will cease for Ohio. People from Battle Creek, Tilmany years to come, and perhaps for-den. Oakdale, Elgin and Clearwater

# Turner Resigns Job.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 3.-Special to The News: R. A. Turner, who has been advertising and sales manager for some time past for the Neiburg Manufacturing company here, has resigned his position and will take up work with one of the large eastern advertising agencies.

M. J. Schmitt, a clothier, has formed a partnership with his three brothers. by which arrangement the four stores, located at West Point, Marysville, Kan., Concordia, Kan., and Hays City, Kan., will be consolidated into one firm and the buying for the different houses accomplished at one time thereby effecting the saving usually accomplished by combination of capital. Mr. Schmitt has been very successful during his six years' residence at West Point.

# Autos for West Point.

transform their large livery barn into her brother-in-law. lic. This is the first garage in West pay \$10 a week for his board. Point.

# Nine Murders During Year.

Nine murders and one near-murder have been committed in northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota during the year 1909. Not a single murder has occurred in Norfolk during the twelve-month.

It has been the bloodiest year in this regard that this territory has ever known, the previous number of mur- whole night. Then the show went ders in this territory during a given broke, and I was far from home and year having been eight, which were committed in 1904.

During 1908 there were but three murders in north Nebraska and south ern South Dakota. There has been no murder in Norfolk since the Nethaway tragedy December 5, 1907. There have been no less than a dozen murders in Norfolk during the past twen-

#### ty-two years. The Year's Killings.

Following are the murders committed in this territory during the year 1909:

Tom Clouce killed at Long Pine March 10, by E. Reese. Unknown man, supposed to be T

Jasek, found dead on Burlington track west of Plainview, presumably murdered, May 1. "Big Mike" killed by H. Forey at

Bloomfield, who was acquitted April A. G. Rakow shot dead near Neligh

October 7 by F. M. Thornburg. Mrs. Dennis Kane, near Emmett shot by unknown person October 12. She recovered.

A. A. Wood killed by squatter in Tripp county October 16. Charles McArthur killed by Ed Bell at Valentine November 23.

A. G. Brown murdered in home

Brunswick December 6 with an axe. Sloux Falls, S. D., Jan. 3 .- An in Joseph McKay now in jail at Neligh

Jake Davis shot at Ainsworth De There were fourteen violent deaths from accident in this territory, includ-

the list: J. B. Couch, Elgin, shotgun, January

Schultz boy, aged 14, run over, January 19.

Edward Stokes, Ainsworth, wagon accident. January 19. Lee Phillips, Rosebud, S. D., froze

o death, January 19. Otto Carson, arm torn out in a corn sheller at Enda, January 22. Elmer Charf, froze in a blizzard at

Lynch, February 22. Hans Jensen, Plainview, shot March

Fitzsimmons child, Verdel, cremated March 11.

Ernest McCauley, aged 13, killed a learwater, April 9. Emma Sanders, aged 9, burned to

death at Verdigre, April 10. Leroy Roby, aged 12, suicided Tilden, April 17.

Little Joe and Ben Beller burned J. N. Thompson was killed by fall

Four Killed on Railroad in 1909. The year 1909 kept pace with its

predecessor in the number of deaths due to railway accidents in this terriwere four railroad deaths in this territory, aside from the supposed mur-

A. C. Anderson, a Norfolk brakeman, July 5, at Newport. John McConnell , aged 15, killed

stealing a ride near Long Pine, July Frank Nohel, Norfolk brakeman,

Indian, Ernest Runs With, found dead near Valentine, December 29.

Drownings of the Year. There were no drownings in Norfolk during 1909, and only two in this territory. Two sons of Anton Hanson drowned near Creighton July 18, In In the cases of the Indians who 1908 there were six drownings and in

Only One Suicide Here in 1909. During the year 1909 there was only one suicide in Norfolk-that of Mrs. Ferdinand Pofahl, October 5. In 1908 there were none.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special The News: The largest advance sent sale noted at the Auditorium since it

# HELD HER HUSBAND IN PAWN.

A Kind Hearted Judge Finally Effected a Family Reunion.

New York, Jan. 1.-Will Ohio papers please copy this item and give as much space to it as possible, because it is all about a Mrs. Hughes, who be longs to a "Blue Mouse" road company that is about to play in that state? That is what Mrs. Hughes told Magistrate House in the Morrisania police court as a preliminary to asking his assistance in getting her husband out of pawn.

She also said that "Manny" Friend stood up with her at her wedding, and then asked the court to compel her brother-in-law, Charles Hughes (not man away from God, and from the the governor) to give her back her husband.

Hundredth and Seventh street, near Webster avenue, and, according to creeds of the "dark ages" handed Mrs. Hughes, her husband was being West Point, Neb., Jan. 3.—Special detained at that house because she to The News: Strehle Brothers, for would not pay his board. Magistrate Heavenly Father to the great "Father mer liverymen, have sold out their House gave her a summons and in an of Lies." He it is who in the dark of stock of horses and carriages and will hour or so she returned to court with

an automobile garage. They will keep | Hughes said that he had taken his six autos constantly in commission for brother home because he was ill, with the convenience of the traveling published understanding that the wife would

> "She now owes me \$70, and I want t before I deliver the goods," said express image. Hughes. "She earns \$50 a week and can afford it.'

"I want my husband so I can send him to Germany to be taken care of by my folks," explained the wife.

"You shall have him," ruled all millionaires. I know better. I was on the stage myself once for one

Then Mrs. Hughes sent a carriage for her husband and got him.

# The Story of a Turtle's Meal.

A butterfly hunter tells the follow-

ing story of swamp life: was a sported furtle that had Just coptured an appetizing but by no means dainty morsel. This was a terrapinlike bug that was more than a mouth. But God has a due time for every feaful. His body was already out of ture of his great Plan. Four thousand which a turtle's mouth makes when II is closed and waved a frantic fare well to the passing underwater world The turtle was a long time in masticating his terrapin, but it was a happy time. His whole body blinked contentedly, and he waved his fore legs with a caressing outpush, a motion exactly like that of a child at the breast Then he wagged his head solemnly from side to side, as a wise turtle might who feels that such good lunches are put up by fate only for the knowing ones of this watery world, and pushed himself balfway under the roots of a tussock for a nap."

# PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermot by CHARLES T. RUSSELL. Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.-Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here today to a large and attentive audience from the above text. He

There is an appropriateness in the general joy of the Christmas season, even though some of it is not wisely expressed. The happy custom of giving tokens of love and friendship prevails everywhere the story of Jesus has gone. Even the alms-houses and prisons make special provision that the day which celebrates the Savior's birth may, so far as possible, be a happy one, a joyous one, to all mankind. The poorer of our citizens and the unforunate of slender means are often kindly remembered by their more highly favored relatives and neighbors. Surely this is as it ought to be. Some may have been injured by receiving bountles, but few, if any, have ever been other than blessed in the giving of them. Herein we see corroborated the Savior's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is godlike to give.

Our text tells us of God's great Gift; and although it is evident that our Lord Jesus was born about October 1st, instead of December 25th, this makes no material difference, for it is the great fact that we commemorate, and not the particular day of its occurrence. Let us consider today, the great gift of God's love which the Apostle refers to as "the unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians ix. 15). As we discern something of its length and breadth and height and depth, our amazement is the more, our joy increases, and we have the more desire to be likewise generous with all with whom we have to do, especially with all who are less fortunately situated than ourselves, either in temporal or spiritual matters.

All men realize, to some extent at least, their imperfection-that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Men's thoughts toward God seem to run along the lines of fear; unworthy of Divine favor, they fear Divine wrath. So it was with the shepherds as related in our context. When the angel of the Lord appeared to them to aunounce Messiah's birth. they feared. For what purpose would an angel or messenger come to them to foretell some catastrophe? It was, herefore, that the first words of the messenger were, "Fear not," So in approaching maskind in general with God's message to sinners it is appropriate that we begin by saying, Fear not! The God we preach unto you is not a demon seeking your injury and your torment. He is a God of Wisdom and Justice and Love with all Power to carry to successful conclusion his Wise, Just and Loving Program respecting our race, "which he purposed in himself from before the

Satan has used this human tendency of fear as a lash wherewith to drive Bible, his Revelation. We are not, therefore, to accredit to our fore-The brother-in-law lives on Two fathers the viciousness of character which seems to be implied in the down to us; rather we are to credit those vicious misrepresentations of our the past planted the seeds of what the Apostle terms "doctrines of devils" (I Timothy iv. 1). We thank the Lord that gradually we are getting our eyes of understanding opened to recognize the true character of God and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, and who is his

Hark to the Lord's message through the prophet Isalah. Foreseeing our estrangement from himself and our enslavement by the Adversary, he tells us in so many words. Their fear toward me is not of me, but is taught by magistrate. "Some people appear to the precepts of men-as inspired by believe that actors and actresses are our adversary, the devil (Isaiah xxix,

# God's Christmas Gift.

Intending from the first not to abandon his fallen human creatures to utter destruction, the Father purposed in himself, in advance, the great Plan of Salvation now in progress. From before the foundation of the world he purposed that Jesus should be the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world and eventually to bring all "In the water right between my feet | the willing and obedient back to harmony with himself, so that only the wilfully wicked would experience the wages of sin, death-"Second Death." sight, but clawlike legs protruded from | years sped by before it became "due both sides of that isoccies triangle time" to send the Only Regotten Son into the world to redeem it. "In the fulness of time God sent forth his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 1v, 4). In due time Christ died for the ungodly"-forty-one hundred and sixty years after sin had entered (Romans v, 6). At first we are amazed at such a delay. Nor can the matter be satisfactorily understood until we learn two things:-

(1) That man's experience with sin and death is a part of the great lesson which God designs all to have-learning the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Later when the second great lesson shall be given to mankind-the desirableness and profitableness of right-

Throughout this Gospel Age a faith ful "little flock" has gradually been gathered. Their test is their willing ness to lay down their lives in the Lord's service-in the service of the Truth and in the service of the breth ren In doing this they are sacrificing with Jesus; as the Apostle suggests, " beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bedies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii. 1). This sacrifice of Christ's "members" is counted in as part and parcel of the sacrifice of Christ. When this sacrificing shall be finished it will mean that the merit of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary appropriated to the Church wil have been laid down again-returned to the credit of the Redcemer. Then, at the conclusion of this Age, when the last "member of the Body" has suffered with him and been glorified, the great High Priest will apply the blood afresh-not again for his members and the household of faith, however, but for the world, as the type clearly shows.

"The Riches of His Grace."

(Ecclesiastes v. 9; John xi, 11; iii. 13; Acts ii, 34). In view of this provision Glance backward now, and see the the whole world is said to sleep in unfoldings of the Divine Plan: The Jesus-in the sense that their hope Babe of Bethlehem; the Man of Sor rests in the great work which Jesus rows; the Risen Lord; the Ascended accomplished when he gave himself a High Priest and Advocate; the appro priation of his merit to the Church time" (I Timothy II, 6). There is a the joy of forgiveness of sins and rec difference, therefore, between the onciliation to God experienced by all world sleeping in Jesus and the Church believers; their instruction in the who fall asleep in Christ. The Church School of Christ; their testing and is composed of those begotten of the proving by trials and difficulties; and holy Spirit during this Gospel Age. finally, their glorification with their who maintain their relationship to Lord in the Millennial Kingdom. In Christ, the Head, as "members" in his turn, the glorious Prophet, Priest, Me-Body, and whom God has promised. diator. King, Head and "members" that as they share with Christ in his complete, will institute the Millennial sacrificial death, they shall also share Kingdom reign of righteousness for with him in his glorious resurrection the blessing of the world. Applying to honor and immortality (Philippians) his merit for the world and using it The Scriptures make very plain the opens up the way whereby all then fact that while Jesus was born of a living may become reconciled to Godwoman, this was not the beginning of may be blessed with restitution to full his existence, for "He was with the perfection of mind and morals and Father before the world was." He physique-and have back again the was the very "beginning of the Creat Paradise, lost by sin but redeemed at tion of God" (Revelation III, 14). As Calvary.

St. John declares, "In the beginning The Savier purposes, in harmony with the Divine Program, that not merely the members of the race liva God. \* \* \* By him were all things ing at the time of his Second Commade that were made and without him ing and the establishment of his was not one thing made." He was Kingdom shall be blessed by God's great Christmas Gift, but additionally, every member of Adam's race. Hence received him not, but to as many as the arrangement is, as the Master tells received him, to them gave he privius, "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and come forth."

The Scriptures make clear to us that The "overcomers" of this time of the Father did not compel the Son to evil, having passed their trial, will be our Redeemer-on the contrary, he come forth perfected in life-the invited him to do so, and set before Church on the Spirit plane, being the "first fruits." The remainder of mankind, unapproved of God, shall come ferring to the matter, tells us that our

"Great Joy Unto All People."

Truly, dear friends, we are beginple. It is the very reverse of this, tidings of great joy which shall be causes are as follows: unto all people." The joy has not Loss on second class been to all people as yet. Even the knowledge of the Lord bas reached only about one in ten of earth's population thus far. And what did reach Loss on free official mail... them was generally a very unsatisfactory, unreasonable message of damnation and great misery. As we have just seen, however, the great Plan of the Ages is rolling onward towards completion, and its progress at every stage makes for fresh blessings and fresh revelations of the glorious things before the foundation of the world. and his thoughts higher than man's

thoughts (Isaiah Iv. 9) Thankful and faithful we should be, for the further knowledge of God's sis of his report made public today Mr. great Plan, which now is streaming Hitchcock strongly reinforces the obforth from his Word for the blessing of all whose eyes of understanding and ears of faith are open. We are truly thankful that our friends and neighbors are not in everlasting torture, but, on the contrary, waiting for the glorious Millennial morning and Notice how God's gift expands, car- its blood-bought opportunity of restirying blessings with each change. The tution (Acts iii, 19-21). We are thankglorified Jesus, when he ascended up ful, too, that in God's providence we on high, had to his credit, so to speak, have been called to be "members" of the human, earthly rights which he the Body of Christ, to share in his sufferings and in his glorious reign and work of the future. It is possible cause all lad been condemned through for those who thus see the real value one man, all could be justified, atoned of Christmas Day to be a thousandfor, by the sacrifice of one perfect man | fold more happy and more grateful to "the man Christ Jesus, who gave God than others could be. In turn himself a ransom for all" (I Timothy they should seek to distribute the blessing and to glorify our Father in But the ascended Savior, although heaven, who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

# Such Is Fame.

When the news that Tom Johnson was not time to do more than run a scare head, "Johnson Defeated!" The papers were on the street in a

"newsie" started off, yelling joyonsly, "Jeff wins!"-Success Magazine. Might Be on One's Nose.

"Don't get down in the mouth, old

man," said the optimist. "Look on the

bright side of things." "That's all very well," mournfully re plied the sufferer, "but what is the and joint-heir with him in his Millen | bright side of a gumboil?"

The Baking Powder Story in a nut-shell. Adulteration Cheap Baking Impurity Unhealthfulness | Powder High Price Trust Indifferent Leavening Baking Residue of Rochelle Salts ) Powder CALUMET Most Leavening Power BAKING Purest Ingredients POWDER Moderate Price Received Highest Award World's Pure Food Exposition Chicago, 1907.

# MORAL UPLIFT MOVEMENT.

Homes of Poor at Washington to Be

Invaded at Night. An invasion of the homes of the poor in Washington at night, when the inmates shall have retired, is said to be one of the newest moves de signed for the religious, moral and sanitary uplift of the national capital. Nocturnal descents upon such homes are to be made, it is said, by the Rev. Zed H. Copp, probation officer of the District of Columbia; members of the

police force and a health inspector. Armed with a camera and flashlight apparatus, the probation officer, it is said, will secure photographic evidence of the conditions that prevail when the mantle of night has fallen upon the homes. He will have informed himself previously as to the relation ships and degrees of consanguinity existing in the homes he will visit.

Upon these tours it is even said purpose apparently is to inform the public of such conditions as may be found to exist. Reports, too, will be made to the judge of the juvenile court. The probation officer is quoted the service, it attracted little attenas follows regarding his proposed expeditions:

the poor has been so far overlooked by dinary business prudence suggested the juvenile court. I don't believe that the causes definitely be located. that, as a general thing, we will find conditions very bad, but I am confident what we do discover will prove a ter and the rural free delivery system valuable enlightenment to the general

Hitchcock Asks Curb to Losses.

trial, judgment, testing. They will come document which is not yet ready for of the last fiscal year." forth that it may be testified to them- the public, Postmaster General Frank Simultaneously with the growing in that, their due time-that Christ H. Hitchcock cites figures to demon-deficit in postal service a panic of died for their sins and that redemption strate the imperative necessity for a curred. The department's drafts on through his blood has been provided thorough revision and reform of the the treasury were heaviest when pubfor them and for all of Adam's race. postal revenues. The deficit for the lie funds were lowest. At the same During that thousand years of trial last fiscal year amounted to \$17.441. time, Mr. Hitchcock does not believe they must either accept God's grace 719, and the tremendous growth of in economy enforced at cost of effiand co-operate in their advance to per- the second class mail matter business fection or be destroyed in the Second and the extension of rural free delivimpairment of the service. Therefore, Death as unworthy of any further Diery routes promise a steady and large only such measures of economy will receipts. It is evident the time has come when, to quote the Tribune, ning to understand the message sent every one who uses the mails must sonnel, form or organization, and busius through the angel when our Savier pay freight; else the country will have ness methods of the postal establishwas born. The message is not. Fear to bear a heavy financial burden, and ment. greatly; I bring you bad tidings of perhaps additional taxation to insure eternal torment and misery for all peo- prompt transmission of mail matter.

Mr. Hitchcock's figures on the losses namely, "Fear not; I bring you good to the postal service from the leading cock reports, "is the tremendous loss

Loss on second class mail Loss on third class mail matter .....

Loss on congressional franked matter ...... Loss from rural free delivery ......

Total loss to postal revenues ... No one in official life in Washington, or throughout the country for that which God purposed in himself from matter, wishes more taxes imposed; and, therefore, the members of con-Truly the Scriptures say, As the heav- gress are paying especial attention to ens are higher than the earth, so are the suggestion made by the president God's ways higher than man's ways in his annual message that the loss upon second class mail matter, which is the largest contributor to the deficit, should be reduced. In the synop

> servations of the president. The facts and figures he gives will transportation." startle the average taxpayer and cause him to realize the wisdom of the president and the postmaster general in advocating a reform of the postal

Mr. Hitchcock is still of an open mind as to what should be done. The fact of the greater average haul for azines proper is more than 1,000 magazines than for newspapers causes miles," he continues, "and that of othhim to repeat a suggestion that the er classes of periodicals, not including former class of publications be charged daily newspapers, ranges from 550 a higher rate of postage than the latter. But he also refers to a plan of haul of the daily newspapers, which establishing a "zone system," which shall recognize the length of haul as an important element in fixing the miles. postage rate.

To assist congress in considering this subject, he appointed a special committee some months ago to devise a plan which would prevent such a heavy loss as now annually occurs; was defeated for mayor was received and the views of this committee will 5 cents a pound for transportation, in the office of the Denver Times there be laid before congress when they are while in the case of the daily newspacompleted.

The postmaster general also is making inquiries to determine what refew minutes, and a freckled Irish forms can be introduced to prevent to the question of how far the length loss on the third class mails. He de- of haul should be regarded in fixing sires each executive department to pay the rates of postage for second class the expense of its official mail and matter. No matter what solution shall suggests that congress consider the ad- be reached, the postmaster general visability of abolishing the franking says, some substantial advance in the privilege. He also has taken action to postage rate on this class of mail handling the mails, with a view to tremendous losses the government revthe reduction of their compensation. It is a program of real importance source.

to the country. The magnitude of the postal business is shown by the following table of that transacted during

Number of postoffices. 60.144 Number of rural routes. 40,628 Number of transportation 26,652 routes ..... Length of transportation routes . 448,618 Annual travel over trans portation routes..... 542,151,121 Number of employes. 325,000 Pieces of mail handled . . . 14,000,000,000 Postage stamps sold..... 8 712 907 031 Domestic money orders issued Total expenditures . . . . .

Total receipts..... Mr. Hitchcock says that when his administration began last March be was confronted by the largest deficit in the history of the department. From 1879 to 1819 the postal service, except during one year, produced an annual newspaper men will be taken. The profit. In recent years, almost without exception, there has been a deficit

So long as the deficit amounted to only a few millions and did not in crease in proportion to the growth of tion; but when in the last few years it leaned to unward of \$10,000,000 and "This particular phase of the life of finally in 1909 exceeded \$17,000,000, or-The investigations made have established that the second class mail matwere the great sources of loss,

"In these two items alone." Mr Hitchcock observes, "the postal ser-Washington, Jan. 1.-In a synopsis vice now suffers an annual loss of forth unto a resurrection of crisis- of his forthcoming annual report, a more than the entire national deficit

ciency. He declares there is to be no increase in excess of expenditures over be adopted as can be made a part of a consistent program having for its chief object the improvement of per-

"The most striking fact disclosed by the recent investigations," Mr. Hitch on second class mail. While this class of mail provides a revenue of a little matter .....\$ 64,000,000 more than I cent a pound, the cost to the government for its handling and 3.000,000 transportation averages 9.23 cents a 5,250,000 pound. The annual loss thus incurred is about \$64,000;000.

> "The growth in the quantity of the second class matter sent through the 28,000,000 mails has been extraordinary. Since the passage of the act of 1879, prescrib 100,750,000 ing the conditions under which publications may be mailed at second class rates, the weight of such matter has increased more than 1,300 per cent. Last year it amounted to more than 700,000,000 pounds. By the weighing of 1907 second class matter was shown to constitute 63 per cent of all domestic mail, and yet it included only about per cent of the postal revenues. The loss on second class matter was greater than the profits on all classes of mail combined. It exceeded the total amount paid the railways for mail

Mr. Hitchcock says magazines and other periodical publications, exclusive of daily newspapers, comprise about 60 per cent of the second class mail. Magazines alone form about 20 per

"While the average haul of the magmiles to more than 1,100 miles, the comprise about 40 per cent of the second class mail, averages less than 300

"The cost of transportation by rail and by other means forms slightly more than a third of the total expense of handling second class mail. Magazines proper, because of their long average haul, show a cost of more than pers the transportation cost is less than 2 cents a pound."

It is these conditions which give rise ascertain the cost to the railroads of should be made in order to reduce the enues now are suffering from this