

FREE MAIL FOR ALL.

Rural Delivery Will Be Extended to Every Community.

Twenty-Four Million Dollars and 26,000 New Carriers Will Be Required—Service Will Be Self-Sustaining in a Few Years.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The annual gross cost of a complete rural free delivery service throughout the United States will approximate \$24,000,000, according to the annual report which First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne yesterday received from August W. Machen, the general superintendent of the service. The remaining 700,000 square miles not now covered by rural free delivery service, according to the report, will require the employment of 26,000 or 27,000 carriers in addition to those now employed, making the entire force of carriers when the extension of the service is completed, within the next three years 40,000. After this extension is completed the annual rate of increase in the appropriations is expected not to exceed eight or nine per cent, the rate maintained in the other branches of the postal service. To extend the service 12,000 routes a year until it becomes universal, the report says, will require such largely increased appropriations that the annual post office deficits for the ensuing two or three years will probably reach \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000, if not more; but once the service is completed, the additional revenue derived will soon reduce the deficits to present figures, if not entirely wipe them out.

During the year 1902 12,403 petitions for the service were filed, making a total on July 1 last of 22,646, which excluded by over 2,000 the total number during the preceding four years. Since July petitions received have averaged over 600 a month.

On July 1 last the city free delivery service embraced 933 cities, including four in the insular possessions, and the total number of uniformed letter carriers in the city service was 17,875, as against 16,389 the previous year.

Oklahoma Election May Defeat Statehood.

Guthrie, Ok., Nov. 8.—In an authorized interview yesterday Congressman Flynn stated that the Oklahoma election, no matter who may now be declared delegate-elect to congress from the territory, will thwart the passage of any kind of a statehood bill, for the reason that the senate is jealous of creating new states and would see in the close vote of the territory a pretext to defeat statehood legislation.

Swallowed Up by the Desert.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 8.—After wandering three days in the desert James Williams, of El Paso, a well-known sporting man, formerly of Pueblo, Col., died of starvation, hunger and exposure and only three miles from Ysleta, El Paso county. He had wandered for 50 miles, traveling in a circle. He strayed from a hunting party seeking antelopes Sunday.

Favor Compulsory Education.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8.—The Missouri Federation of Women's clubs, in session here, decided on several bills to press before the legislature. The laws the women will endeavor to have passed provide for compulsory education; women on school boards; preventing by criminal law the sale or giving away of cigarettes or cigarette material to minors.

Upholds Nebraska Anti-Trust Law.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8.—The Nebraska supreme court yesterday gave a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the state anti-trust law, which had been attacked by the Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' association as defendant in a suit for damage for forcing a retail dealer out of the business. The law exempts laboring men.

Ax Trust with \$41,000,000 Capital.

New York, Nov. 8.—A consolidation of manufacturers of axes and certain lines of edge tools is in prospect. The new company will be known as the International Ax & Tool company, and will have an authorized capital of about \$30,000,000. It is also proposed to issue bonds, which will bring the total capital up to about \$41,000,000.

Castro Is Kept Too Busy.

Paris, Nov. 8.—The foreign office has received an official dispatch from Caracas saying that President Castro was unable to send a minister to Paris, owing to the present disturbed condition of Venezuela. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have been suspended for the past eight years.

In Office 74 Years.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Roswell Beardsley, who was appointed postmaster at North Lansing by John Quincy Adams, and who has held the office ever since, is dying there. He is 93 years old and has held office 74 years. He is the oldest postmaster in the United States.

GROW RICH VERY FAST.

Many of the Negroes Living in the Creek Nation Have Become Well-to-Do.

It is not in the south that the richest negroes are found, although many in that region have amassed a goodly store of property since the war. Doubtless the wealthiest community of colored people in the world is found among the Creek Indians in Indian territory. There are about 7,000 of them, and they are worth on an average \$3,000 each. The wealth of the more industrious foots up even higher, certain individuals being the owners of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of land each, says a local exchange.

These negroes are the descendants of slaves of the Creek tribe of Indians and are known as Creek negroes. They are entitled to a share in the division of Creek Indian lands, also a part of the trust funds. Together the 7,000 negroes own 22,000,000 acres of land. And yet their education is far from complete. Their social environments are crude in the extreme and progress goes slowly amid their huts and fields.

Unlike the other Indians of the rich five civilized tribes, the Creeks insisted upon freeing their slaves to give them an equal share in their lands and money. At that time there were few slaves, but the number grew through descendants, until now fully 7,000 have laid successful claim to a "head right" on the Creek rolls of citizenship. They have their own representatives in the Creek Indian legislature, their own schools and their own churches. Everything bids fair to make them the model community of negroes in the United States when Indian territory is recovered from the tangle wilderness of reconstruction, its laws made uniform and itself a state of the union.

There is little culture among the Creek negroes. They have a social set all their own, to which not even the Indians are invited. Their characteristics are in a great measure different from the negro of the south or the north. It is a mixture of both, with additional peculiarities.

Like the Indians, these negroes have their dances in the open, which have come to be a sort of religion with them. And, following in the footsteps of the southern negro, they have barbecues, 'possum hunts and the like. As a northern type of the negro they are more industrious and independent of the whites, know how to work hard and save their money, and, like the type from the city, are well dressed—gaudily, but at the same time wearing expensive clothes.

Notwithstanding that many of these Creek negroes are industrious, there are some among them who rent out their estates and lounge in idleness about the railway stations. It is a common sight to see a 500-acre tract of rich land in the Canadian bottoms being tilled by a white man. Invariably, upon inquiry as to his landlord, he will refer to the negro owner in no complimentary terms. Meanwhile one will find the owner shooting craps or enjoying himself eating turkey and 'possum in a neighboring village.

When the Creeks freed their negroes in 1864 the two fraternized for a time, and even intermarried, but that has all passed now. In accordance with the terms granting their freedom, the Creek negroes are allowed a voice in the tribal government, and so they have their own members in the council, have their own schools and all that; but the Creek Indian feels above the Creek negro and refuses to associate with him.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Nov. 11.		
CATTLE—Beef steers	4 25	5 10
Native stockers	3 40	4 25
Western steers	2 50	4 05
HOGS	6 00	6 47 1/2
SHEEP	2 00	3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	65	
No. 2 red	65	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	42 1/2	43 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	29	
RYE—No. 2	44	
FLOUR—Hard winter pat.	3 25	3 50
Soft winter patents	2 25	3 50
HAY—Timothy	7 00	11 00
Prairie	4 50	11 00
BRAN	70	
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	21	24
EGGS	18 1/2	18 1/2
CHEESE—Full cream	11 1/2	12 1/2
POTATOES—Home grown	40	50
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Beef steers	3 75	4 75
Texas steers	3 35	5 20
HOGS—Butchers	6 40	6 50
SHEEP—Natives	3 25	4 00
FLOUR—Winter patents	3 40	3 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	65 1/2	70
CORN—No. 2	45	45 1/2
OATS—No. 2	29	30 1/2
RYE	48	
BUTTER—Creamery	18	25 1/2
DRY SALT MEATS	10 87 1/2	11 25
BACON	12 25	12 75
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Steers	3 50	4 75
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	6 25	6 50
SHEEP—Western	2 75	3 85
FLOUR—Winter patents	3 40	3 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	72	
CORN—No. 2	54	
OATS—No. 2	29 1/2	30
RYE—December	45 1/2	49 1/2
LARD—November	10 60	
PORK—January	15 20	15 25
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Steers	4 20	4 50
HOGS	6 50	6 60
SHEEP	2 50	3 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	76 1/2	76 1/2
CORN—No. 2	64	65 1/2
OATS—No. 2	34 1/2	

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN ARE SLOWLY DYING FROM CATARRH



Miss Katherine Dauter.

Pe-ru-na Cures, That Is Why the People Like It.

All the Advertisements in the World Could Not Make Pe-ru-na as Popular as It Is.

Miss Margaret Donnelly, 21 Webster Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "Pe-ru-na was recommended to me about a year ago for catarrh with which I had been troubled nearly all my life, but which had given me serious trouble a few months before I took Pe-ru-na. In two weeks my head cleared up, I did not have headaches, and in a short time felt perfectly well."—Margaret Donnelly.



Miss Jennie Driscoll.

November Colds Should Not Be Allowed to Develop into Chronic Catarrh.

Pe-ru-na Cures a Cold Promptly and Permanently.

"I am glad to recommend Pe-ru-na as it has done so much for me. I had been a great sufferer from catarrhal colds until I was urged to try Pe-ru-na, and I am happy to say that it has entirely cured me. I shall never be without it and most cheerfully recommend it to others who are afflicted as I have been."—Katherine Dauter, 239 13th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Most people think the success of Pe-ru-na depends upon the use of advertisements. Undoubtedly the advertisements help some. But by far the greatest number of people who hear of Pe-ru-na, have their attention called to it by a friend.

Some one gets cured of chronic catarrh by Pe-ru-na. After he is certain of his cure, he is sure to recommend it to his friends. Friend recommends it to friend and the news spreads from tongue to tongue.

All the advertisements in the world could not make Pe-ru-na as popular as it is. Pe-ru-na cures. That is the reason people like it. Pe-ru-na cures a very stubborn disease. That is why everyone recommends it. Pe-ru-na cures chronic catarrh after all other remedies fail, which explains why

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People who have been cured by Pe-ru-na many years ago have been eager to recommend Pe-ru-na to their friends ever since. This is the way Pe-ru-na is advertised. It advertises itself. Its merits are its chief advertisement. Once cured of so distressing and exasperating a malady as catarrh, it becomes the duty of every one to pass it along; to call the attention of those who are still victims, to a remedy that rarely fails to cure.

Beware of Cheap Imitations of Pe-ru-na—Be Sure That You Get Pe-ru-na.

There are no substitutes for Pe-ru-na. Allow no one to persuade you that there is something just as good. The success of Pe-ru-na has tempted many people to devise cheap imitations. Beware of them. Be sure that you get Pe-ru-na. Miss Jennie Driscoll, 870 Putnam ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I heard so much in praise of Pe-ru-na as a specific for catarrhal affections that

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