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JAS. S. CLAKSON dismissed 175 democratic postmasters in one day last week; and it is thought that with a little more experience he will be able to do even better than this.

THERE has been 1,500 changes made in the railway mail service since March 4; which implies 1,500 assurances of improvement upon democratic method of handling the letters and papers of the country.

JEFF DAVIS says that Washington's most serviceable trait as a public man was "abstinence from partisan or sectional feeling, and faithful adherence to the compact of the Union."

SECRETARY WINDOM is not saying much these days, but he is picking up right along a few bonds which he finds floating around in the market.

THE Southern cotton manufacturers give good advice to their neighbors and make good resolves for themselves as to the diversification of industries in the South.

WHERE SOME SCHOOLS FAIL.

A good deal has appeared of late in the public journals in relation to the schools of today. Many of the good points of these institutions have been brought out into bold relief.

While the subject was informally under consideration the other evening, a gentleman was asked why he had drawn his son from a well known school—a school which has a great reputation.

teacher to do his best by those who have most need of instruction. A distinguished Boston clergyman who has given much thought to the school problem declared not long ago that his observation has convinced him that a large number of institutions of learning might properly be defined as buildings in which children were made to recite, not what they had been taught in the buildings, but had been taught out of it.

The gentleman whom we have quoted was asked if his boy had ever been invited to remain after a recitation or after school hours in order that a lesson in which he had been marked zero might be explained to him.

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THE GORILLA.

A Fighter from Way Back, and a Tough Customer to Handle.

"The gorilla is the prize fighter of Africa," said Carl Steckelmann, who has personal knowledge of the Dark Continent. He had been speaking of a leopard skin on exhibition in his widow, and had been telling of the danger encountered in fighting with the original owner of the skin.

"Contests with all wild animals pale in comparison with that in which one must engage in meeting the gorilla," he said. "The gorilla is found in only a comparatively small portion of western Africa. He lurks in the woods along the coasts for several hundred miles north of the mouth of the Congo. I have never seen a gorilla in the open country, and, by the way, I think that the fact that he stays in the woods accounts for the fact that he is almost a biped instead of a quadruped.

"The gorilla is as brave as brave can be. The male gorilla does all the fighting for the family. If you approach a pair of gorillas the female will run screaming through the woods or will climb the highest tree, uttering all the while cries not unlike a woman in great fright. But the male gorilla will come straight at you. He does not know what fear is. He will fight any number of men."

"How do you fight them?" "With pistols. It is very unsafe to trust to a gun or to a poor weapon of any kind. The gorilla is so fierce and powerful that you have but one chance at him at the best. The woods where he is found are so thick that it is impossible to see him accurately at any distance. If you fire at him as he comes at you down the tree a limb may turn the course of the bullet. Before you can fire a second time he will be upon you. He drops from limb to limb and comes at a rapid, swinging pace. The safest way is to hold your fire until he is at arm's length and then fire steadily into him with a pistol.

"The gorilla is easily killed. An ordinary pistol shot will have about the same effect upon him as it has upon a man. The hunter's danger is in not making the shot tell. Once I was passing through the forest with a bodyguard of natives. The natives are furnished by the Dutch traders with a miserable gun, the barrel of which is made of gas pipe. The natives had learned to be suspicious of their guns. When they fire at anything they point in the general direction, pull the trigger and fling the gun at the object. They throw the gun because they are afraid it will explode in their hands, as it very frequently does. Well, we came upon a gorilla. A native saw him dropping from a tree coming at us. Aiming at the descending form he fired and missed. He had not turned before the grim monster was upon him. Standing and throwing his arms around the negro's neck the gorilla seized his throat in his manlike jaws and, crushing the life out of him when we came up and fired a pistol ball into him at close range. But the wounds inflicted were mortal and the native died in great agony."

"Are the gorillas numerous in the strip of country where they are found?" "They are scarce. In making a trip once I saw two in one day, but that was unusual. They are the fiercest and bravest of animals. The male gorilla in going into battle sounds a fearful warning by beating its breast and giving forth sounds that make the dense forest resound. He is a dangerous antagonist, and you are all the time reminded by his appearance that you are contesting with a creature that has a man's faculties and appearance, a giant's strength and a monkey's agility."—Indianapolis News.

He (about to ask for a kiss)—I have an important question to ask you. She (playfully)—I know what it is, Charley. You want me to be your wife; I dreamed it. Well, take me. He (rather taken aback)—You dreamed it? She—Yes, I dreamed it last night, and I answered you as I am answering you now, and you took me in your arms and kissed me. What could Charley do?—Chicago Ledger.

LISTEN TO THE LION.

HIS IMPETUOUS NATURE IS HELD IN CHECK BY IRON BARS.

Looking Through Them at His Captors in Calm Disdain He Indulges in Retrospection—Confinement in a Den is Irksome, but He Has to Stand It.

"Aye, look at me! Crowd about and stare, you opened mouthed, hard breathing mass of poor humanity! Note well the tawny beauty of my lithe form; the delicate fineness of my tromulous whiskers; the languid droop of my long sleek tail. Mark the powerful ease of my stride and leap to the shelf, where I can lie at all my indolent length, and see you far better than you can me. Crowd and crush about my cage!"

"Ah! I heard you, little girl. I caught the sorrowful, half whisper, 'Poor beast, he does not like to be shut up.' Point with the rosy finger, half shy, half afraid of the big, strange animal. You are a tender morsel, you dimpled darling; but I heard the divine pity of your tone, little one, and I would not harm you even if the tiny hand lay on my rebellious neck. I have had prey almost as dainty. I have seen the young fawn pant and struggle and die in my relentless grasp; I have tasted the hot blood that flowed from its dappled, wounded side, and, licking my chops with satisfied tongue, I have crouched in my deep forest lair and slept content."

"Lying snug on a winter night when all the world was wrapped in snow and bitter piercing cold, I have heard the mountains shudder and complain in their icy winding sheet and the streams gurgle and bubble chokingly under their heavy frozen fetters. I have seen the stars in the violet sky shine out like great globes of fire, almost within reach, burning in the glorious arch with a full soft luster the dwellers in these lower places can never know. I have watched the small denizens of the hills steal by on fearful feet to the air hole in the water course below and because of my great content have let them go unharmed down the perilous slopes. And now, to lie on a shelf and be stared at. Bah! I hate you all. Gu-r-r-r-r."

"You needn't jump, I can't get out; but if I could, oh! if I could! how you would scatter before me like spray before the wind! Do you think I would stay here in this hot, stifling, curious eyed city? Ah, no! I know a better place than this, far away in the path of the setting sun. A canyon so cool, so deep and dark that lapping at midday from the turbulent mountain stream I have seen mirrored therein the silver stars in the noontide sky. Ah! that is the place for me! Steep and dark are its sides, murmurous with the whispering of the great pines, fragrant with balsamic smells, and alive with stealthy, gliding forms and whirring wings. There are mossy caverns and flashing waterfalls, a soundless carpet of pine needles and—freedom!"

"Sometimes I see the gleam of your lake through my prison bars. I do not care for it. I know another, not so vast, but thrice as lovely. Bluer than yours, too, and cool and calm and clear, fed by silent springs that steal through the gold veined heart of the mountain; encompassed by wooded slopes that hide many of my kin in their tangled depths. I swam it once. "There is a fort there, but I heeded not. I plunged into the pure wave in intent only on reaching the opposite shore, but some one saw me, and then what a fuss they made. They woke the sleeping echoes—many tongues in that land—with their clumsy firing. The echoes were frightened. From peak to peak they called and murmured and reiterated the startling news. I did not care. Down under the blue wave for a moment or two, and then I rose far beyond their guns and shouts. "There were fishers on the lake. A boat with three children for crew. Hardy nestlings of the great eyrie of the west, they knew not fear, and the bare legged boys only shouted as I rose beyond them, and the tumbled, curly head and brave blue eyes of the little girl turned and stared in wonder at the 'great cat swimming the lake.' "Doubtless they were gathered close to the maternal bosom when the adventure was recounted and duly told what a fearsome thing I am to meet—at home in my own mountains. But here, bah! SYMPATHY FOR OTHER CAPTIVES. "I am told there are two Polar bears in as dire imprisonment as myself. Cooped in a rocky cage fenced in with iron bars, they who have known the wide, white silences of the frozen sea have no hint of their lost home save a tiny stream that dashes its puny spray over the pallid exiles. "As they sit motionless do they muse in desperation on the far off icy north, that wondrous region that defies the entrance of man; that holds in its vast bosom most of those who dared try to unlock its mysteries and assail it in its might? Do they dream and long for the sullen roll of the icy sea, the crash and grinding of the great white floss, the pale phantoms of towering berg, and the wondrous radiance of the Polar lights? "Does a loaf of bread tossed and crumbling on the sweltering stones compensate for a juicy seal caught napping or a white fleshed fish drawn from the great refrigerator of the universe? "I know there is an eagle here, for once I heard him cry; just once, but it was a strange, sad sound, stifled with captivity. I have seen and heard him in our western home, when with outspread wings and curving neck he dropped straight from the imperial vault of the mountain sky to his eyrie on some bald, scarred crag and feeding there the brood of callow eaglets, gave voice again and again to his triumphant sense of power and freedom. "I hear it all again at times in my sleep. The rush of the wind, the roar of the storm, the murmur of the pines, and the musical tinkle of the tireless down leaping streams. I saw the fresh pine scents of the mountains, and turning uneasily in my narrow prison I wake to captivity and despair."—Chicago Times.

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