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Speaking of that postoffice department deficit, wonder why it doesn't suggest itself to the experts who are trying to place the deficit almost everywhere but where it exists, that the printing of return cards on envelopes is one of the sources of loss to the department. In addition, further than embossing the stamps on envelopes the government has no more just right to engage in commercial printing than it has to run a livery barn, or to engage in any other commercial or business occupation.

S. S. Union Notes.

S. S. Missionary Webber returned, last week, from a four weeks' campaign in the west end of his district, and left again, Saturday, for Furnas county, where he began meetings with one of his Sunday-schools, Sunday, February 13. The three meetings at Lux, Dundy county, were greatly blessed, not only in the winning of a goodly number of new converts and the setting up of several family altars, but there was great spiritual refreshment and advancement in experience among those professing to serve God. Arrangements were made for regular prayer meetings, and it is likely that Rev. Mr. Lambert will form a church organization there.

Mr. Webber was able also to arrange for a meeting with another of his Sunday-schools, conducted by Rev. Frank Harmon of Lamar, which was, at last report, continuing with deep interest and good prospects of precious fruits in the hearts and homes of those interested in that S. S.

Arrangements are partly made also for another evangelist to hold meetings with another S. S. besides the places Mr. Webber can reach himself.—Com.

McCook Markets.

Merchants and dealers in McCook today (Thursday) are paying the following prices:

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| Corn | 70 |
| Wheat | 95 |
| Oats | 45 |
| Rye | 65 |
| Barley | 50 |
| Hogs | 7.50 |
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| Eggs | 25 |

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MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. B. M. FREE, accompanied Mr. Free on his visit here, end of last week.

Miss ALICE MCKENNA is a stenographer in the law office of Ritchie & Wolf.

Mr. ELDERED of Green River, Utah, is a guest of his brother C. E. of our city.

Rev. R. T. BAYNE returned to Holdrege, close of last week, with his mother for a short visit.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. BOYLE went up to Denver, Friday morning, on a short visit to his parents.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. PICKLUM visited his father William Picklum in Beaver City, last week.

J. B. JOHNSON, who has been up from Geneva all week, returned home, last Saturday morning.

Miss ANNA DULANEY, who has been spending the winter in the city, returned to Denver, Monday.

J. R. PHELAN spent Sunday night in the city on his way east from his ranch at Parks, Nebraska.

WILL GATHERCOLE was in the Marion neighborhood, last week, looking after his huller business.

CLAUDE FAYLOR of our city has purchased the "Gasper store" of T. O. Hutecroft of Arapahoe.

Mrs. JAMES C. LOVELL of Gilman City, Missouri, is here for her health, guest of Mrs. William Jeffries.

Mrs. F. W. BOSWORTH has been down from Denver, part of the week, guest of her daughter Mrs. R. J. Gunn.

Miss JOSEPHINE PHELAN, who has been visiting sisters in Alliance, has joined the family in California.

Mr. J. E. DOLPH and son Albert came over from Danbury, close of last week, and are visiting McCook relatives.

WM. BYFIELD departed, last night, for Canada, called by news of the serious illness of his mother, who is 90 years of age.

DR. AND MRS. C. L. FAHNE-TOCK entertained their Whist club, last Thursday evening, assisted by Mrs. F. S. Vanue.

Mrs. L. L. RODSTROM departed Sunday morning, for Des Moines, Iowa, on a visit, which will occupy a week or ten days.

Miss KATIE MAHONEY, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Will Hegeberger, returned home, Monday morning, to Atwood, Kansas.

M. E. FIKES arrived in the city, close of week, on one of his trips looking after his large and varied business interests in this part of the land.

Mrs. F. M. KIMMELL departed, Monday morning, for Aurora, Nebraska, to make the acquaintance of that new nephew, Master Barnard Edsworth Magee.

Miss NORA MOORE, who has been attending school in Denver, has returned to the city and is employed in W. Colson's real estate and insurance office.

Rev. BICKFORD of Indianola filled the Congregational pulpit, Sunday last, both morning and evening, Rev. Bayne, the local pastor, exchanging pulpits with him.

Miss ESTELLA B. FAUS, the very efficient stenographer by Boyle & Eldred, left on Tuesday night, for New Mexico on a visit to relatives, which will consume a couple of weeks in the making.

Mrs. GRAY came out from Iowa, last week, and went up to Benkelman, in care of her daughter Grace Rowell. If this country is helpful to her—she is suffering with asthma—she will remain here.

Miss BESSIE ROWELL was called up to Benkelman, last Saturday on train 13, by the news of the death of Lester Stroup, a sister of Mrs. Elmer Rowell of that place. She returned home, Sunday night.

A. R. SCOTT, superintendent of the McCook Electric Co., departed on Sunday night for points east, on an important business mission. He will visit in Omaha, Minneapolis and Chicago before returning, end of week.

EX-SHERIFF H. I. PETERSON recently "turned down" an offer of a U. S. deputy marshalship in Nebraska, under U. S. Marshal Warner of Omaha. The position carries a good salary, but Mr. Peterson was averse to moving his family to Omaha, hence declined the position.

The Best Ever.

"The Girl Question" is generally conceded to have been the classiest, best show yet produced in the new Temple theatre. The company richly deserved their splendid audience, last night.

Legal Blanks Here.

This office carries all kinds of legal blank forms and makes special blanks to order promptly and accurately.

Mrs. C. M. Bailey was up from Wyomere, last night. We learn that Bud is a victim of an accident and laid up with a slight fracture.

Our Longmont, Colorado, canned vegetables are now in. This year's crop of peas, beans and tomatoes at Huber's.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered the most effective remedy for all kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up the system, and restores lost vitality. A. McMillen.

A SECOND MEETING.

The Earl of Stanhope and the Trusting Highwayman.

One night when the Earl of Stanhope was walking alone in the Kentish lanes a man jumped out of the hedge, leveled a pistol and demanded his purse.

"My good man, I have no money with me," said Lord Stanhope in his remarkably slow tones. The robber laid hands on his watch.

"No," Lord Stanhope went on; "that watch you must not have. It was given to me by one I love. It is worth £100. If you will trust me, I will go back to Chevening and bring a £100 note and place it in the hollow of that tree I cannot lose my watch."

The man did trust him. The earl did bring the note. Years after Lord Stanhope was at a city dinner, and next to him sat a London alderman of great wealth, a man widely respected. He and the earl talked of many things and found each other mutually entertaining.

Next day Lord Stanhope received a letter, out of which dropped a £100 note. "It was your lordship's kind loan of this sum," said the letter. "That started me in life and enabled me to have the honor of sitting next to your lordship at dinner."

A strange story, but the Stanhopes are a strange race, and things happen to them that never did or could occur to other people.—London Spectator.

A TURKISH LEGEND.

The Red Rose Sprang From a Drop of Mohammed's Blood.

"A truly religious Turk looks upon the rose with great reverence," said a florist. "The rose is beyond question the prettiest flower that blooms, and it was so considered by the Turks many years before the conquest of Granada. There is a religious legend generally believed in throughout Turkey that the red rose sprang from a drop of the great prophet Mohammed's blood. Everything beautiful in nature is ascribed to him. The Turks, therefore, have great reverence for the flower and allow it to bloom and die untouched, except on state occasions and for the purpose of making rose-water.

"After the conquest by the Turks they would not worship in any church until the walls were cleansed and washed with rosewater and thus purified by the blood of the prophet. It is used on the body for the same purpose. A Turk whose conscience is stung by some act or deed he has committed will caress and pay reverence to the rose to appease the wrath of the prophet and Allah.

"With these ideas inculcated in him from youth it would shock him severely to see the pretty flower strewn in the path of a bridal couple, thrown on the public stage or banked up in hundreds at a swell reception or party to be crushed and spoiled in an evening."

Notes on Speed.

The maximum speed acquired by the average person in swimming comfortably is thirty-nine inches a second, while oarsmen in an eight oared boat acquire a speed of 197 inches in a second. Skaters average from nine to ten yards a second. The horse can gallop six miles in an hour for a considerable length of time. The swiftest dog in the world, the borzoi, or Russian wolfhound, has made record runs at the rate of seventy-five feet in a second, while the gazelle has shown measured speed of more than eighty feet a second, which would give it a speed of 4,800 feet in a minute if it could keep it up. The whale struck by a harpoon has been known to dive at the rate of 300 yards a minute. A species of falcon known as the wandering falcon flies from north Africa to northern Germany in one unbroken flight, making the distance in eleven hours.

Rules of Sleep.

Those who think most, who do most brain work, require most sleep, and time "saved" from necessary sleep is infallibly destructive to mind, body and estate. Give yourself, your children, your servants—give all that are under you—the fullest amount of sleep they will take by compelling them to go to bed at some regular early hour and to rise in the morning the moment they awake, and within a fortnight nature, with almost the regularity of the rising sun, will unloose the bonds of sleep the moment enough repose has been secured for the wants of the system. That is the only safe and sufficient rule, and, as to the question how much sleep any one requires, each must be a rule for himself. Great nature will never fail to write it out to the observer under the regulations just given.—London Globe.

Bunched His Blunders.

"John," said Mrs. Billus after the caller had gone away, "I wish you wouldn't bunch your blunders so." "What do you mean, Maria?" asked Mr. Billus.

"I didn't mind your telling her that you were ten years older than I, but you followed it up a minute later by letting it slip out that you were fifty-two."—Chicago Tribune.

Listen.

"Well, Henry, how do you like your neighbors?"

"Not at all; they're so quiet that I daren't move or mamma can't hear what they're saying."—Bon Vivant

A Question of Time.

"How much does it cost to get married?" asked the eager youth.

"That depends entirely on how long you live," replied the sad looking man.—Philadelphia Record.

BEANS IN BOSTON.

The Millions of Quarts That Are Annually Baked and Eaten.

Boston baked beans are known around the globe. In the city of Boston alone about 32,000,000 quarts of baked beans are devoured annually, to say nothing of the pork that goes with them and the brown bread that is also served. There are factories or bakeries which handle nothing but baked beans from one year's end to the other. One of the largest of these, which supplies restaurants wholly, bakes 14,000 quarts of beans a week. Other bakeries also furnish brown bread, while nearly every bakery that makes bread, pastry and pies also bakes beans several times a week. There are bakeries with ovens that will hold 2,000 quarts each.

The preparation and baking of beans are interesting operations. In establishments where beans only are baked it is done on a huge scale. There are great kettles that hold two or three bushels of beans, and into these the beans are put to soak and parboil. Then the pots of earthenware, varying in size from one quart to two gallons, are ranged around on tables and filled from the big kettles. Every quart of beans is carefully picked over and sorted and cleared of all dirt and dead beans before being put into the kettles. The ovens are huge brick affairs, glowing red with heat. Experts consider that beans cannot be properly cooked except in a brick oven. Some of the ovens hold 2,000 quarts each. Filled with the loaded pots, they present a sight worth beholding. So hot are the ovens that long handled flat shovels are used to push the pots in and take them out.—New York Tribune.

ASBESTUS.

There Are Many Varieties of This Peculiar, Puzzling Substance.

Of all the queer minerals which nature seems to have provided for no other purpose than that man might show his ingenuity in their use nothing compares to that mineralogical vegetable asbestos, which in its native state is both fibrous and crystalline, elastic and yet brittle, a stone which will float and which may be carded, spun and woven like flax or silk. Asbestos is mined in practically every section of the globe, and the asbestos of the various countries differs as greatly in appearance as does the foliage of the trees and plants native to each. It is alike in but one feature—that it is absolutely indestructible, no known combinations of acids even affecting the strength or appearance of its fiber and the fiercest flames leaving it unscathed. It is a nonconductor of heat and of electricity.

Some varieties of asbestos are as compact as marble and will take the highest polish; others have loose, silky fibers. "Mountain wood" is a variety presenting an irregular filamentous structure, like wood, and other varieties, taking their names from their resemblance to the various materials, are rock, cork, mountain leather, fossil paper and fossil flax.

Asbestos is really a variety of amphibole or hornblende, composed of separable filaments with silky luster. Its colors are various shades of white, gray or green, passing into brown, red or black. Although as perishable as grass, it is older than any order of animal or vegetable life on earth.

Respectfully Referred.

Chief Justice Marshall used to narrate with great glee the following correspondence on a point of honor between Governor Giles of Virginia and Patrick Henry. The governor wrote: "Sir—I understand that you have called me a bobtail politician. I wish to know if it be true and, if true, your meaning."

Patrick Henry's reply came promptly:

"Sir—I do not recollect calling you a bobtail politician at any time, but think it probable that I have. I can't say what I did mean, but if you will tell me what you think I meant I will say whether you are correct or not. Very respectfully, PATRICK HENRY."

This was leaving it to Giles with a vengeance; but, as there was no further correspondence, the governor of Virginia must have read satisfaction somewhere between the lines of Patrick Henry's brilliantly equivocal reply.

A Mean Accusation.

The plump and pretty waitress was being teased by a youthful male boarder when a sedate middle aged man entered the dining room. To him she made prompt appeal.

"Is there anything on my face?" she demanded.

"Why, yes," was the reply, after a lengthy scrutiny. "There is some cuticle on it."

"Oh, there is not!" she said in high dudgeon and founced out of the room.—Lippincott's.

There They Were.

"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket to his fellow prisoners, "as the result of a moment of abstraction." "And I am here," said the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things." "And I," said the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself." "And I," added the burglar, "through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which offered in a large mercantile establishment in town."

Ignorance.

Elsie—They're twins, aren't they? Bob (scoffingly)—Twins, you duffer! Can't you see one's a boy and one is a girl?—London Opinion.

Do not put off under false pretenses.—Homer.

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