

PIONEERS IN POSTAL WORK

Death of E. R. Overall Recalls Reminiscences of Old Times.

HIS LONG AND HONORABLE CAREER

Overall's Service with the Postoffice in Omaha Dates Back to the Early Days When the Volume Was Not as Great as Now.

The death of E. R. Overall will recall to old residents of Omaha the time when, under the name of E. R. Williams, the great mail carrier treated much contempt and considerable feeling by being the first negro to accept a place in the postoffice.

Had Overall continued in the service of the government from the time of his first appointment he would have been longer in the service than any other man in the city at the time of his death.

Some More Old-Timers.

Aside from Mr. Woodard there are but few men who have served remarkably long time in the Omaha office.

The oldest man in point of continuous service in the Omaha postoffice, as far as the record goes, is J. H. Tobbin, a carrier, who was appointed in 1874.

The next carrier in point of service came to the office in 1883 in the person of C. H. King.

Of the oldest carrier, E. R. Overall, and his horse, many stories are told.

ST. ETIENNE, Aug. 3.—The National Miners' federation has sent a circular to all its members proposing a general strike in France for November 1 unless the government and the coal companies have previously given the miners satisfaction in regard to the proposals for eight hours work per day and a pension of 2 francs per day after twenty-five years work.

I could not rise to my feet without fainting.

"I had suffered for three years or more at monthly periods," writes Miss Ella Sapp, of Jamestown, Guilford Co., N. C.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets a pleasant and effective laxative for women.

Norway's Capital City

Ancient and Modern Life in Christiania.

Writing from Christiansia to the Record-Herald William E. Curtis sketches the ancient city in its modern make-up.

Christiana is practically a modern city, although the town of Oslo, founded by King Harald Haardrada about the middle of the eleventh century, was the royal residence for nearly 700 years.

Christiana is rapidly becoming a manufacturing center. Its trade was formerly confined to timber, herring, sardines,

matches and beer, but factories are being established for different purposes—engine works, cotton and paper mills and other industries being rapidly developed.

The death rate in Norway is the smallest of any nation in the world—less than fourteen to 1,000 of the population last year, which is owing to the atmosphere and the temperate lives of the people.

regular practice for the working classes. These are the practical measures devised for the purpose of restraining those who are not capable of controlling their own appetites and encouraging thrift and economy.

The palace of the king occupies the most beautiful and commanding situation in the city, at the head of the principal street, but is an ugly old building built in 1841 of brick and covered with green-patina.

The weak spot in Christiania is the lack of a sewerage system. As in Manchester, England, the old-fashioned places, there are no water closets, which are collected by carts every twenty-four hours and sold for manure.

Bacillus of Tubercle

OMAHA, Aug. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Dr. Koch discovered the bacillus of tuberculosis a few years ago and pronounced it the cause of the most fatal of human maladies—consumption.

On the contrary, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs of Philadelphia in his work (1900) on "The Origin of Disease" says: "So far as concerns human beings there is no existing evidence, either chemical or experimental, which can, when judiciously examined, be considered as conclusively proving that consumption is infectious."

Consumption is sometimes alluded to as the "white plague" by the profession, who know so well its deadly nature and are in a position to recognize it as a veritable scourge.

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On March 24, 1882, Prof. Koch announced his wonderful discovery that tuberculosis is due in every case to a peculiar bacillus, which has since been known by the name of his discoverer.

Spread of Consumption and How to Prevent It.

tion from tubercular cattle. It is therefore important that we know just what position Dr. Koch takes in the matter.

The Journal of the American Medical Association published Prof. Koch's address simultaneously with its delivery and the following abstract is gleaned from its columns:

I need not point to the innumerable victims of tuberculosis annually claimed by the boundless misery it brings.

These examples show that in combating tuberculosis we must strike at the root of the evil. The question is whether what has been done really strikes at the root of tuberculosis.

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Genuine bargains in draperies

WE have just completed our midsummer inventory and have sorted out the slow movers and put prices on them that will sell them within the next two weeks—to give room for fall goods.

Table listing various tapestry and portier prices, such as TAPESTRY PORTIERES in stripes and figures, worth up to \$3.50 pair.

Lace Curtains

Table listing various lace curtain prices, such as RUFFLED MUSLIN CURTAINS, all sold, worth up to \$2.00 pair.

Tapestry for re-upholstering Furniture

Table listing various tapestry prices for re-upholstering furniture, such as 50 INCH WOOL TAPESTRY, worth up to \$5.00 yard.

Curtain Swiss worth 12c to 15c yard—dots, stripes and colored figures—only 9c.

Irish Point Sash Goods—27 inch wide—worth 35c to 75c per yard, go at 27c to 52c per yard.

Tapestry Squares for chair seats and cushions—25c, 50c and 75c. See our East Window Display—Odd Draperies.

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Advertisement for TEMPTATION TONIC, The World's Greatest Ideal French Tonic, Stimulator, Invigorator.

Advertisement for Fine Vehicles, featuring The Equitable and H. D. Neely, Manager for Nebraska.

Advertisement for KINGMAN IMPLEMENT CO., featuring various agricultural and household implements.

Advertisement for PENNYROYAL PILLS, featuring Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills.