CASE OF TOO MANY COOKS

South Omaha Men Beseige Governor Over Police Commission.

OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT LOSES

Broken Bow Sends a Delegation to Tell of Advantages of that Town as Location for Normal School.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 23.—(Special.)—Another day has passed and no South Omaha police commission. Another day and no oil inspector. It has been a day of suspense for applicants and a day of worry and work for the governor. It was a repetition of yesterday. Several South Omaha people were here and several more depended on the telephone, because, probably, they could not get here, or they did not relish the idea of "bumping" into a conflicting delegation. Through it all Governor Mickey has remained calm and serene and is at present doing a little investigating himself as to the character and standing of some of the men he has been asked to appoint. For it is a fact that misrepresentations have been made to the governor, whether to intentionally deceive or not does not appear.

The people of South Omaha who are clamoring for a governor-appointed police commission have themselves to thank for the delay in the naming of the board. It was said today that about the time the governor had made up his mind to appoint certain parties another "disinterested" delegation would blow in from the packing city and knock to smithereens the reputation of the men about to receive the executive approval. There may be good men in South Omaha who would make a "nonpolitical, decent" board of fire and police commissioners, but the man has not yet been mentioned upon whom the various "nonpolitical, decent" factions can agree. And it is this, and the fact that the governor is not personally acquainted with the applicants for the positions, that has caused the delay.

Some men who had been recommended to the governor as embodying all that a "decent" member of the board should embody have been thrown from their high pedestal by rival delegations, and in some instances the governor has discovered the rival delegations have told the truth. So it has reached that point that when a South Omaha delegation makes a "nonpolitical, decent" recommendation, the same has to be carefully weighed and digested before it can be thoroughly relied upon. Some men who are good and decent men have been maligned, however.

But no matter who is appointed, the board will not meet with the approval of all factions in South Omaha. As was remarked today, a "governor-appointed police board will put into the hands of one faction a political club that will be used, and used only for political purposes, and it will not unite the people of South Omaha along the lines of 'decency' or anything else."

No Oil Inspector.

It was believed by many that the name of the oil inspector would come out of the grist today, but it didn't. Like the South Omaha case, too many delegations have mixed in. One man, however, may rest easy from now, henceforth and forevermore—for the present at least. He is D. W. Hoyt of York. This afternoon Governor Mickey announced that Mr. Hoyt would be appointed deputy inspector for the Fourth district. The fortunate man is an old soldier and has been in the banking and live stock business. He comes from the same district in which J. E. Hays, the present inspector, resides.

In the meantime the governor is preparing to go to Grand Island Saturday night, where he takes lunch Sunday with President Roosevelt at the Soldiers and Sailors' home. The governor stated today that he knew nothing of his contemplated gallop across the plains with the president, except what he saw in the papers. He wanted it distinctly understood, however, that if such was the program, he was not too old to ride a horse, and intimated that a bucking broncho was not too much for him to tackle. The governor believes he can go the pace.

Omaha School District Mulcted.

The school district of the city of Omaha is out just $10,225 because the school board broke a contract with John McDonald, architect, the supreme court having affirmed the decision of the lower court. Commissioner Barnes wrote the opinion and it was concurred in by Commissioners Pound and Oldham.

In November, 1898, the school district voted bonds for the erection of three school buildings. The board immediately thereafter made a contract with John McDonald, architect, to draw up plans and specifications for the erection of the addition to the high school building and to superintend its construction. For this he was to receive as compensation 5 per cent of the cost of the building. This contract was made May 8, 1899. Later the board discovered that it had passed a resolution in November, 1898, to employ an architect by the year at 5 per cent of the cost of construction of buildings and repairs. Acting upon this resolution, it promptly appointed McDonald to fill the position, and consequently he abandoned his May contract.

About this time the board discovered that it had made a previous contract with John Latenser for the construction of three buildings. It then promptly set aside its contract with McDonald, discharged him as architect and appointed John Latenser. Latenser then did the work on the high school building at a cost to the district of $189,743.16. McDonald brought suit for $10,000, with interest, and this was granted him by the district court.

The Modern Woodmen, along with other mutual beneficiary organizations, is handed a rather warm bunch of criticism in an opinion written by Commissioner Ames in which he denies a rehearing and adheres to the former judgment of the court in the case of Coleman against the Modern Woodmen, from Cass county. Asa Coleman was a member of the Woodmen for some years, but a few months before his death changed his occupation to one coming within the prohibition of the order. Under the rules of the order he should have filed a waiver of claim for benefits under his certificate. He did not do so, nor did the local clerk require him to do so. The head camp kept on receiving his money each month without protest, but after his death the claim was set up of nonliability. The supreme court held that the certificate should be paid.

Here's where the court reaches after the beneficiary associations: "It is insisted that as these are mutual benevolent associations they should not be held to the same strict rules as respects forfeitures and waiver as apply to regular insurance companies. This consideration would appeal with greater force if the principles of mutuality and benevolence were more frequently applied to holders of certificates and were more uniformly regarded by the associations as being applicable to and including the persons named as beneficiaries. A charitable organization which collects its funds with avidity, but is astute in finding excuses for not bestowing them on the designated objects of its bounty, is not entitled to exclusive or special consideration at the hands of the courts. The enormous volume of litigations with which these associations have flooded the country and the extremely technical character of their defenses, in many cases, to actions upon beneficiary certificates, are sufficient commentary on the appeal for tender consideration by the judiciary. They are to all intents and purposes mutual life insurance companies and are governed by the general rules of law applicable to such companies."

Mandamus Cannot Control.

The Union Fuel company lost its case to compel the City Council to award it the contract for selling coal to the water department. The council awarded this contract to the Whitebreast company, although the bids submitted showed that the Union people offered to furnish Rich Hill coal for $2.10, while the Whitebreast bid was $2.15 for Cleveland nut mixture.

The court says that mandamus will not lie to compel an inferior board or tribunal to do an act in the performance of which discretion or judgment is required to be exercised. That mandamus will not lie to compel the award of a contract to supply coal to a city water department to a bidder on the ground that he is the lowest and best bidder, as in passing on the question of who is the lowest and best bidder the council exercises a discretion that cannot be controlled by mandamus.

District Judges Independent.

A question of more particular interest to lawyers and judges is decided by the supreme court in the case of Parker, administrator, against Well, from Lancaster county. It is a radical departure for the court, so radical that Commissioner Alberts took occasion to object strenuously to its promulgation.

It has long been a question with lawyers and courts as to how far a judge should go in overturning a jury's verdict. Should he take the ground because he believes the jury has not done substantial justice that a new trial should be given and go on doing so until a verdict is rendered in accordance with his idea of the right? It has been contended that this is an invasion of the rights of juries, but the supreme court does not take this view.

It declares that the district court ought to grant new trials when it appears that a substantial justice has not been done between the parties. The rule acted upon by the supreme court that it will not interfere where the trial court overruled a motion for a new trial on the ground of the insufficiency of conflicting testimony does not apply, says this decision, to the district courts. These should be independent and exercise their power without restraint from the rules governing appellate tribunals, taking care not to invade the legitimate province of the jury.

Company Must Pay Damages.

The new Thomson-Houston Electric Lighting company of Omaha is ordered by the supreme court to pay Mrs. Anna Dent the verdict she recovered for the death of her husband, a lineman, August 2, 1900. The evidence showed that the very day he went to work for the company he was killed. He went up a pole and while at work on one wire with steel or iron pliers his elbow came in contact with a live wire from which the insulation had fallen. The company insisted that he assumed the ordinary risks of his employment, but the court says this does not relieve an employer from taking due precaution for the safety of his men. The evidence showed that in places the insulation hung in strips from the wires, being old and rotten, and in this particular place it was knocked off by the agitation of the wire.

Indians as Heirs.

Another pronouncement of the court on the question of whether Indians inherit under the state law of descent is made in the case of Harrison McCauley against Edith Tyndall. The court says that the widow of an Indian allottee dying before the issuance of the final patent to his land, and without issue, takes a life estate in the allotment to her husband, the remainder going to his father. The law of descent was held at the last term to apply to Indians as well as whites, but in that case the widow received all, because she was the heir of a deceased daughter, who inherited from the deceased father, which cut out the father. Where there is no child, the father and next of kin of the husband inherit after the widow, who has an estate for her natural life, dies.

Veteran Soldier Dies.

Henry Masterman, old soldier and citizen, died at his home in this city at an early hour this morning, presumably of heart disease. Mr. Masterman, who was an early riser, got up at 4:30 o'clock and walked out into the yard. He was gone so long that the members of his family became uneasy and went in search of him. He was found lying face down in the yard, dead.

The funeral will be held from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Rev. N. A. Martin, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, conducting the service. The remains will then be taken in charge by the members of Farragut post, Grand Army of the Republic, who will conduct the burial.

Mr. Masterman was 90 years of age and was born in England. At one time he was a member of the Royal Guard that surrounded Windsor castle and was a member of that body when Queen Victoria ascended the throne and was crowned. He came to the United States in 1852 and during the late war served for three years as a member of the Twenty-eighth Iowa infantry, in which regiment he also had a son.

Later he became a member of Farragut post No. 25 and for twenty-four years served as its chaplain, during which time he officiated at the burial of 180 of his comrades, the last service being held last Saturday.

Deceased came to Nebraska from Iowa many years ago and was the head of a large family. Two sons now reside in Omaha.

Broken Bow Wants Normal.

A delegation of Broken Bow citizens, headed by A. R. Humphreys, ex-land commissioner; Judge Reese, Frank Young, Palmer Blake and D. M. Amberry, the editor of the Broken Bow Republican, were at the office of State Superintendent Fowler, telling that official why Broken Bow should have the new normal school. Many delegations from other cities have been here on the same kind of errand, and from now on likely there will be many more. In view of the fact that the town that gets the new school does not have to put up a bonus of $10,000 cash, as was at first supposed, many of the smaller towns of the western part of the state are expected to get in the game.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Bert Bush left this morning for Washington to attend the national meeting of the officials of labor bureaus. The meeting will be held from April 28 to May 2. Mr. Bush will be gone about ten days and expects to receive many hints in regard to collection of statistics and such like.

Davis Gets Into Court.

The supreme court yesterday granted leave to ex-Warden Davis to file a petition in that court for a writ of mandamus against the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to compel it to honor his contract made with the board for the employment of convict labor to run his button factory. Notice to show cause May 5 is to be served upon the respondents.

Miss Mickey Graduates.

At the Wesleyan university last night Miss Mary Mickey, daughter of Governor Mickey, gave her graduating recital before an immense crowd of school friends and others. She was assisted by Miss Ethelyn Bignall. Miss Mickey was graduated from the piano department and her selections were favorably commented upon by the musical critics in the audience.

Preparing for President.

The work of preparing for the visit of President Roosevelt is progressing nicely and everything will be completed in good time. Today workmen were busy erecting a platform on the north side of the state house, upon which the president will speak and upon which his party will occupy seats. None of the "prominent citizens" will be there however. The platform is being solidly built. Around it is a railing three feet high. Congressman Burkett was present superintending the work and seeing that the platform was properly constructed. Soldiers will guard the state house and prevent persons without permits from entering. Access to the stand will be through the west entrance of the capitol.

Today Adjutant General Culver issued his order calling for members of the National guard to come to Lincoln and assist in looking after the president and the crowds. The order follows:

The following companies and detachments of the Nebraska National guard will report at Lincoln on Monday, April 27, 1903, to assist in the reception to President Roosevelt, viz: Company E, First regiment; one commissioned officer and twenty enlisted men from Company I, First regiment; Company C, Second regiment; Company F, Second regiment; one commissioned officer and twenty enlisted men from Company K, Second regiment.

Missionary Conference.

The east Nebraska conference branch of the Women's Missionary association of the United Brethren church is holding its annual conference here this week. Many delegates from the various districts are in attendance.

The Harvard Co-operative Grain and Live Stock company of Harvard with a capital stock of $10,000 divided into shares of $25 each filed articles of incorporation this morning in the office of the secretary of state. The incorporators are Jesse F. Ellen, M. S. Hartman, L. O. Aker, J. F. Stone, Henry Carver, Phillip Kretuz, W. F. Johnson, M. F. Harrington and Frank Dieringer.

The Nebraska past chancellors of the Knights of Pythias at their convention yesterday afternoon and last evening adopted a constitution and elected the following officers: R. J. Sloan, Geneva, president; J. N. Cox, Exeter, vice president; W. A. Howard, Lincoln, secretary; R. L. Newton, Bennet, treasurer. Directors, W. C. Mathews, No. 1; F. L. Hall, No. 9; A. J. T. Kaempfer, No. 27; George Lyon, No. 107; J. F. Hecker, No. 8. Grand Chancellor Kelly conducted a school of instruction last evening, after which the knights and ladies enjoyed a banquet in light infantry hall.

Papillion Comes Back.

PAPILLION, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—In Wednesday's issue of the Bee it says that Mr. Lon Lydick of Hartington, Neb., offers to wager 100 acres of Cedar county land against $1,000 that Mrs. James C. Graham of this place is not a harness maker and that Mrs. Mary Lydick is the only woman harness maker in the United States. If Mr. Lydick does not want to lose 100 acres of land he had better recall his wager, as Mrs. Graham can cut, fit and finish all grades of harness, and furthermore can make the finest saddles and bridles, which can be easily proved by anyone in Papillion and vicinity. For a whole year, while Mr. Graham was in the hospital having his eyes treated, Mrs. Graham ran the shop, did all the work alone, never turned away a customer and never heard a complaint, which is a good record for a woman.

Funeral of Thomas Rech.

BRAINARD, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of Thomas Rech, who died suddenly Tuesday, on the day of his daughter's wedding, was held today. It was the largest funeral procession witnessed here for many years. The Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was a member, turned out in a body. He was buried under the auspices of the Catholic church, Rev. Father Klein officiating.

FAIRBURY SWEPT BY FIRE

One Side of Public Square Cleaned Out, Entailing Loss of $250,000.

NEW COURT HOUSE SAVED BY HARD WORK

Methodist Church, Two Blocks Away, Catches from Flying Sparks and is Destroyed—Beatrice Asked for Help.

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A fire starting in Newman's lumber yard burned down the entire block on the south side of the court house square. The buildings destroyed include the postoffice, Lincher & Dickinson's, Weisel's, McLaurin's, Harbine bank, Morris', Todt, Pease, Weil's. The fire destroyed Switzer's lumber yard and hotel, the Farmers' hotel, the Fairbury Times printing office, McCullough's plumbing shop and Lynd's tailor shop. The new court house caught fire from sparks falling on the roof, but was saved by hard work. The Methodist church, two blocks north, caught fire from sparks and was destroyed, except the walls. The parsonage adjoining was on fire but was saved with small damage. The total loss is estimated at $250,000 on buildings and stock.

The Beatrice fire department sent a hose company over on a special train and gave valuable assistance.

Another Account.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this afternoon destroyed a full block of business houses at Fairbury, entailing a loss estimated at $250,000. The fire broke out in Boone & Boone's lumber yard and quickly communicated to the entire block, fanned by a high wind. The fire department was unable to stop the fire's progress and a part of the Beatrice department was sent over on a special train.

The fire burned for four hours before it was gotten under control, and besides the firms located in the block being burned out, the Methodist church, two blocks distant, was destroyed. A score of residences caught fire and were more or less damaged.

The principal firms burned out were: Boone & Boone, lumber dealers; J. W. Switzer, lumber yard; Tichnor & Dickenson, general merchandise; Weisel, druggist; Thornton, hardware; McFiel's drug store; Todt, boots and shoes; McDonald, general merchandise; Harbine bank; Hub clothing store; Pease, drugs; Dave Groff's restaurant; the Hollingsworth Gun company; postoffice; Independent Telephone company; Jeff Smith's job printing plant; W. P. Sprague; Steel's opera house; McLourin; C. L. Morris; J. H. Leroy; the Parker house, and about twenty offices of professional men.

The block burned bounded the public square on the south. A fine new court house occupies the center of the block. It was on fire several times and was once abandoned.

The extra carrying the Beatrice department to Fairbury made the thirty miles, with two stops, in forty minutes.

Denies Murder Plot.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 23.—To the Editor of the Bee—Dear Sir: I notice in your issue of the 22d instant a sensational item about this institution which has been copied in the various papers of the state, in which a plot to murder some one was discovered and the parties were severely punished, etc., etc. I wish to state that there was no foundation for any such report and that no such plot was discovered and no boys were punished or placed in confinement. I hope you will correct this matter as I am sure you would not wish to misrepresent the institution. Very truly yours,

B. D. HAYWARD,
Superintendent.

Commercial Club Elects.

DAVID CITY, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the David City Commercial club held this week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. J. Blowers; vice president, J. G. Ross; secretary, W. S. McCoy; treasurer, E. Williams; board of directors, J. F. Zeilinger, L. Spelts, W. I. Downing, M. J. Bouse, F. E. Schaaf and James Bell. The club by a unanimous vote tendered to the managers of the David City Chautauqua assembly any and all assistance it could render in the third annual session, which will be held the last of July or the first of August.

Railroad Surveyors at Yutan.

YUTAN, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—A party of surveyors, fourteen men, has arrived here to stake off the new branch of the B. & M. to run from Ashland to Sioux City. It seems that a number of officials from the B. & M. or the Union Pacific have come here to examine the work. Since there are two surveys, one on each side of the Platte, to connect Ashland with Fremont, there is a great deal of interest exhibited here. The surveys made cut up some fine land.

Injured in a Runaway.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—H. B. Bilderback, a prominent farmer residing six miles east of this city, was hurt in a runaway accident yesterday. He was driving four horses, which were attached to a pulverizer, when they became frightened and ran away. In trying to stop them Mr. Bilderback received an ugly gash on the leg and severe bruises about the body. Before the horses were stopped the pulverizer was wrecked and two of the animals injured, one of them seriously.

More School Room Needed.

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the voters of this school district last evening the Board of Education was requested to call a special election to decide the question of voting $25,000 bonds for the erection of a new high school building. The district now has a brick high school building, two brick ward school houses and three frame primary school houses, but more room is required.

Plattsmouth Has Credit Association.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—A credit association is soon to be organized in this city. The object of the organization will be to learn the names of persons who are in the habit of running accounts with the merchants and neglecting to pay them. The names of all such persons will be published regularly in the home papers.

York Linemen Working.

YORK, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—Employes of the Nebraska Telephone Company who are members of the union are still working and may not strike. They claim to be waiting for an adjustment. The York Independent Telephone Company is employing large numbers of men and need more.

Big Addition to Church.

YORK, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—At the Methodist church last Sunday fifty new members were taken in. Three of these were probationers and the rest are full fledged members. The membership of the Methodist church is over 700.

Light Frost at Superior.

SUPERIOR, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—There was a slight frost here last night. It is believed no harm was done to the fruit buds.

Valentine for City Attorney.

WEST POINT, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the city council Hon. E. K. Valentine was appointed city attorney, Henry Discher street commissioner and Gust. Drahos city marshal. No appointment for water commissioner has as yet been made.

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It is now accepted that vaccination renders the vaccinated person exempt from smallpox, or at worst, he never has anything but the lightest kind of a case. Now as sure a preventive and cure for dandruff, which causes falling hair and baldness, has been discovered—Newbro's Herpicide. It kills the dandruff germ. C. H. Reed, Victor, Idaho, says: "Myself and wife have been troubled with dandruff and falling hair for several years. We tried remedies without effect until we used Newbro's Herpicide, two bottles of which cured us." Hundreds of similar testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Send 10 cents for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HYMENEAL.

Sumption-Vasey.

ALBION, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—One of the leading social events of the season was the marriage of Miss Lura Vasey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vasey of this city to Mr. Leroy Sumption of Salina, Kan., which occurred at the Congregational church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The church was most tastefully decorated, and the services beautiful and impressive. After the ceremony at the church, the large party of friends and neighbors repaired to the home of the bride, where an elaborate repast was served. The happy couple left on the Union Pacific for Salina, where the groom has a lucrative position with a wholesale house.

Watje-Burmeister.

DENISON, Ia., April 23.—(Special.)—John Watje and Caroline Burmeister were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, eight miles south of this city, Rev. Lothringer of the German Lutheran church officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of sixty guests, after which dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Watje will move to a farm near Sioux City. They were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. J. Waldron of Wilton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. My joints would crack when I straightened up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not had a pain or ache from the old trouble for many months." The quick relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost.

Charged with Illegal Voting.

SEWARD, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—William Graff was arrested this afternoon on the charge of illegal voting. During the republican primaries this spring, it is charged, Graff deposited several ballots at one time. Graff is a bartender in one of the saloons and the case grows out of the fight to keep the saloons from getting licenses. He gave bond in the sum of $500 and his hearing was set for Monday next at 2 o'clock.

Students Give Musicale.

SUPERIOR, Neb., April 23.—(Special.)—The students of the high school gave a musicale at the south building last evening. Twelve numbers, a part of them classical, were given. The entertainment was largely attended by parents and others interested in the schools.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Colder Today and Probably Showers in Nebraska and Western Iowa.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Forecast:

Nebraska—Colder Friday, probably showers; Saturday fair.

Iowa—Showers Friday, cooler in west portion; Saturday fair.

Illinois—Showers and warmer Friday; Saturday cooler and probably fair; fresh to brisk south winds, shifting to northwest.

Kansas—Partly cloudy and cooler Friday, probably showers; Saturday fair.

Missouri—Showers Friday, cooler; Saturday fair in eastern portion.

Colorado—Partly cloudy and cooler Friday; Saturday fair.

Wyoming—Generally fair Friday and Saturday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, April 23.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Maximum temperature....	70	60	73	64
Minimum temperature....	47	33	40	58
Mean temperature.....	58	46	56	61
Precipitation	T	.00	.00	.06

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1903:

Normal temperature	53
Excess for the day.....	5
Total excess since March 1.....	211
Normal precipitation.....	.12 inch
Deficiency for the day.....	.12 inch
Precipitation since March 1.....	1.03 inch
Deficiency since March 1.....	2.73 inch
Deficiency for cor. period in 1902....	2.61 inch
Deficiency for cor. period in 1901....	.83 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.	Temperature at 7 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, part cloudy	68	70	T
Valentine, clear	64	70	.00
North Platte, clear	72	76	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	58	68	.00
Salt Lake City, part cloudy	66	68	.00
Rapid City, clear	58	62	.00
Huron, clear	66	72	.00
Williston, cloudy	38	50	T
Chicago, part cloudy	46	48	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	58	62	.00
St. Paul, raining	48	60	.26
Davenport, cloudy	58	62	.00
Kansas City, clear	64	68	T
Havre, part cloudy	54	62	.00
Helena, clear	56	66	.00
Bismarck, part cloudy	48	66	.06
Galveston, part cloudy	70	78	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

(Should be read DAILY by all interested, as changes may occur at any time.)

Foreign mails for the week ending April 25, 1903, will close (PROMPTLY in all cases) at the general postoffice as follows: Parcels post mails close one hour earlier than closing time shown below. Parcels post mails for Germany close at 6 p. m. Wednesday.

Regular and supplementary mails close at foreign station half-hour later than closing time shown below (except that supplementary mails for Europe and Central America, via Colon, close one hour later at foreign station).

Transatlantic Mails.

SATURDAY—At 8 a. m. for BELGIUM direct, per s. s. Finland (mail must be directed "per s. s. Finland"); at 10:30 a. m. (supplementary 12 m.) for EUROPE, per s. s. Etruria, via Queenstown; at 11 a. m. for DENMARK direct, per s. s. Hekla (mail must be directed "per s. s. Hekla"); at 12:30 p. m. for SCOTLAND direct, per s. s. Astoria (mail must be directed "per s. s. Astoria").

*PRINTED MATTER, ETC.—This steamer takes printed matter, commercial papers and samples for Germany only. The same class of mail matter for other parts of Europe will not be sent by this ship unless specially directed by her.

After the closing of the supplementary transatlantic mails named above, additional supplementary mails are opened on the piers of the American, English, French and German steamers, and remain open until within ten minutes of the hour of sailing of steamer.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.

FRIDAY—At 9:30 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for ANAGUA and HAITI, per s. s. Olandria, at 10 a. m. for GRENADA and TRINIDAD, per s. s. Maravel; at 12 m. for MEXICO, per s. s. Seneca, via Tampico (mail must be directed "per s. s. Seneca").

SATURDAY—At 8:30 a. m. (supplementary 9:30 a. m.) for CURACAO and VENEZUELA, per s. s. Maracaibo (mail for Savanilla and Cartagena must be directed "per s. s. Maracaibo"); at 8:30 a. m. (supplementary 9:30 a. m.) for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD and WINDWARD ISLANDS, BRITISH, DUTCH and FRENCH GUIANA, per s. s. Caribbee (mail for Grenada and Trinidad must be directed "per s. s. Caribbee"); at 9 a. m. for PORTO RICO, per s. s. Ponce; at 9:30 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for FORTUNE, INAGUA, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA, CARTAGENA and GREYTOWN, per s. s. Valencia (mail for Costa Rica must be directed "per s. s. Valencia"); at 10 a. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Mexico, via Havana.

Mails Forwarded Overland, Etc., Except Transpacific.

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CHINA and JAPAN, via Seattle, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to April 26th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Shinano Maru.

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