POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

(Should be read DAILY by all interested,

as changes may occur at any time.)
Foreign mails for the week ending April 55, 18.3, will close (PROMPTLY in all ca.es.) at the general postoffice as follows: raicels post mails close one hour earlier than closing time shown below. Parceis post mails for Germany close at 6 p. m. Wednesday.

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

Transatiantic 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 in m.) for EUROPE, per s. s. Etruria, via Queenstown; at 11 a. m. for DENMARK direct, per s. s. Hekia (mail must be directed 'per s. s. Hekia'); at 1E:30 p. m. for SCOTLAND direct, per s. s. Astoria (mail must be directed 'per s. s. Astoria').

PRINTED MATTER, ETC.-This steamer

*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 speciany directed by her.

After the closing of the supplementary transatiantic mairs 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.

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West Indies, Etc.

New York Nationals Only Win Victory After Unhill Game.

TAYLOR IS BATTED OUT OF THE BOX

Cronin Relieves and Allows Only One Run, Thus Leaving Home Team Victorious by Five to Four.

NEW YORK, April 24 .- New York won an uphill game from Boston today. Taylor was batted out of the box in the first two innings, but Cronin was steady and allowed but one run during the rest of the game. The locals could do nothing with Willis until the fifth inning when by good hitting they tied the score. In the eighth New York secured the winning run through Lauder's good work. Attendance, 6,000.

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1 Tenney, 1b...2
0 Abb'tichlo, as 1
0 Cooley, 1f...0
1 Carney, rf...0 Totals 4 8 24 17 4 Totals 5 9 27 13 1

New York..... Boston Brooklyn is Shut Out.

BROOKLYN, April 24.—Timely batting in the seventh and eighth innings enabled the Philadelphians to shut out the Brooklyns here today. Attendance, 2,500. Score:

here today. Attendance, 2,500. Score:

PHILADELPHIA.

R.H.O.A.E.

Thomas, cf... 0 1 2 0 0 Strang, 3b... 0 1 0 5 1
Wolverton, 3b1 1 1 2 1 McCreedie, rf. 0 1 0 0
Barry, lf... 1 1 2 0 0 Sheckard, lf. 0 1 2 0 0
Kelster, rf... 1 1 0 0 6 Sheckard, lf. 0 1 2 0 0
Kelster, rf... 1 1 0 0 0 Sheckard, lf. 0 1 2 0 0
Kelster, rf... 1 1 0 0 0 Sheckard, lf. 1 2 1 0
Breshear, 2b. 1 0 4 5 0 Dahlen, ss... 0 2 4 3 1
Hullswitt, ss.. 0 1 1 4 0 Ritler, c... 0 0 6 1 0
Roth, c... 0 1 7 2 1 Flood, 2b... 0 1 0 2 1
Mitchell, p... 0 0 1 1 2 Thislman, p. 0 2 1 4 0 Totals..... 6 6 27 15 4 Totals..... 0 9 27 16 2 Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 0-4 Brooklyn 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Pittsburg Takes Loose Contest. PITTSBURG, April 24.—In a long-drawn out and loosely played game Pittsburg won in the eleventh inning, when two men were out, an Bransfields long hit to center, scoring Wagner. Attendance, 2,012. Score:

ST. LOUIS. R.H.O.A.E. PITTEBURG. Totals 8 13 33 16 t) Totals 7 6*32 13 5 *Two out when winning run scored.

Pittsburg4 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1-8

Bt. Louis0 0 2 0 0 0 4 1 0 0 0-7

Earned runs: Pittsburg, 2. Two-base its: Brain (2). Sacrifice hit: Ritchey. tolen bases: Leach, Wagner (3). Brans-eld (2). Smoot, Brain, Nichols, Williams. First base on balls: Off Doheny, 7; off Rhodes, 5. Hit by pitched ball: Smoot. Struck out: By Rhodes, 6; by Doheny, 4. Time: 2:30. Umpire: Johnstone. Postponed Games.

Chicago at Cincinnati, on account of rain Standing of the Teams,

Played, Won, Lost, P.(Brooklyn Cincinnati Games today: Boston at New York, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, Cincinnati at Chicago, St. Louis at Pittsburg.

GAMES IN AMERICAN LEAGUE Fielding by New York Gives Victory to Washington Team.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Tannehill was in poor form today and the wretched fielding of the New Yorkers enabled Washington to win easily. Wolfe went in the box in the fourth inning and created a good impression, holding Washington down without a run. Patten had the visitors at his mercy. Williams, who scored New York's lone Williams, who scored New York's lone tally, was the only one to get beyond first base. Attendance, 2,820. Score:

WASHINGTON. NEW YORK.

base. Attendance, 2,820. Score:

WASHINGTON.

R.H.O.A.E.

Robinson, m. 1 1 1 8 1 Davis, R..., 9 0 1 0 6

Selbach, rf. 2 0 2 0 0 Keeler, rf. 0 1 1 0 1

Delshanty, R. 1 1 0 0 0 0 Fults, cf. 0 6 2 1 1

Ryan, cf. 1 2 0 0 0 Williams, 2b. 1 1 2 0 0

Carey, lb. 2 1 15 0 0 Canrel, lb. 0 1 6 0 1

Oosghilo, 2b. 0 0 2 8 0 Courcey, Rh. 0 0 4 2 2

Demont. 2b. 0 1 2 8 0 Courcey, 80 0 1 3 0

Clarke, c. 0 3 4 0 0 0 Courner, ss. 0 0 1 3 0

Clarke, c. 0 3 4 0 0 Courner, c. 0 0 1 0 1

Fatten, p. 0 1 0 6 0 Beville, c. 0 0 6 0 0

Totals. 7 8 37 14 1

Welfs, p. 0 0 0 0 0 0

Earned runs: New York, 1. Two-base hits: Ryan, Williams. Stolen base: Fultz, First base on balls: Off Tannehill, 1. Struck



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BOSTON PUTS UP BIG FIGHT out: By Patten, 3; by Tannehill, 1; by Wolfe, 4. Left on bases: Washington, 6; New York, 3. Time: 2:10. Umpire, Con-

Phillies Succumb to Boston PHILADELPHIA, April 24 - Young proved a stumblingblock for the champions today and Boston won by a narrow ma gin. The locals only taily was made on a wild pitch. Boston's first was scored in the same manner, a brace of doubles givi g them the winning run. Stahl was injured aliding to base. Attendance, 5,0%. Score: PHILADELSHIA.

BOSTON. R.H.O.A.E. ougherty, H. 0 1 1 0 0 Har PHILADELPHIA E. R. H. O. A.;

0 Hartsel, If. . 0 1 2 0
0 Davis, Ib. . 1 1 6 1
0 L Cross, 3b. 0 0 1 1
0 Esphold, fr. 0 2 3 0
0 Murphy, 2b. 0 0 1 2
1 Pinkering, cf. 0 0 1 0
2 M. Cross, as. 6 2 5 2
0 Powers, c. . 0 0 6 2
0 Plank, p. . 6 0 1 2

Postponed Games. Cleveland at Detroit, on account of rain. Chicago-St. Louis; no game. Standing of the Teams.

Played. Won, Lost, P.C Boston St. Louis . Cleveland Games today: Chicago at St. Louis. Cleveland at Detroit, New York at Wash-ington, Boston at Philadelphia.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GAMES Williams' Pitching and Perfect Support Leads to Louisville's

Downfall. INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—Pennant day was appropriately celebrated this afternoon, when Indianapolis won by 12 to 1. Williams had things all his way and perfect support did the rest. The championsnip mag of 1992 was unfuried before 3,500 people in a misting rain. The weather cleared for the game. Score:

game. Score:

INDIANAPOLIS.

R.H.O.A.E.

Hogriever, rf 2 1 2 0 0 Kerwin, cf. 1 3 2
Fox. 2b. 0 0 0 4 0 0 dwell, cf. 0 2
Jones. If. 1 1 2 0 8 Sulivan, 3b. 0 2 1
Kihm, 1b. 1 3 14 0 8 Schriver, c. 0 2 3
Coniter, cf. 2 2 3 0 0 White, 1b. 0 0 31
O'Brien, ss. 1 3 1 5 0 Clymer, rf. 0 0 0
Tagmaett, 8b. 2 1 2 3 0 Martin, ss. 0 0 3
Heydon, c. 2 2 5 0 0 Childs, 2b. 0 2 3
Williams, p. 1 2 0 2 0 Coons, p... 0 0 0 Totals..... 12 15 27 14 6 Totals..... 1 8 24 11 2

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—With the score tied and two men out, Leewe's long hit to deep center brought in the winning run. Clever base-running by Ganley and Maloney was the feature. Attendance, 1,000.

KANSAS CITY. MINNEAPOLIS. R.H.O.

COLUMBUS, April 24.—The base ball season was opened here today with a parade by the Columbus and Toledo players, followed by an interesting game at Neil park. The game was characterized by hard hitting. Attendance, 1,200. Score:

ting. Attendance, 1,200. Score:

COLUMBUS. TOLEDO.

R.H.O.A.E. R.H.O.A.E. R.H.O.A.E.

Hart, of. 2 1 3 0 0 Bernard, of. 0 2 0 2 8

Bridewell, ss. 1 1 1 4 1 Conswell, of. 0 0 2 0 2 0

Bannon, if. 1 2 0 0 0 Blank'ship, ss 1 1 0 3 0

Raymer, 2b. 1 3 3 4 0 Flournoy, if. 2 8 3 0 0

Mellor, 1b. 1 3 11 0 0 Owens, 2b. 2 2 2 0 0

Turner, 2b. 1 2 1 0 1 Reisling, 3b. 0 3 4 1 0

Arndt, rf. 1 1 1 0 0 Flannigan, rf 1 1 0 0 6

Slattery, c. 1 1 1 5 0 0 Connors, 1b. 0 0 5 0 0

Wagner, p. 0 1 0 2 0 Butler, c. 0 1 4 1 0

Totals. 9 15 27 10 2

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St. Paul at Milwaukee. Standing of the Teams. Played. Won. Lost. P. C.

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3 1 2 333 Indianapolis Toledo Games today: St. Paul at Milwaukee, Minneapolis at Kansas City, Louisville at Indianapolis, Toledo at Columbus.

Postponed Games.

NEBRASKAS DEFEAT INDIANS Wilson Makes the Longest Hit Ever Seen on the University Grounds.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Indians stood an excellent chance today to give the Nebraska Cornhaskers a beating, but bad work in the field in the fourth luning, supplemented by two slashing drives, gave Nebraska a lead of four runs and settled the issue in their favor. The aborigines outbatted their adversaries, but their hits were not bunched. Longanecker, a new Cornhusker pitcher, was given an initial trial and held the red men safe, regardless of questionable support. Wilson, the siugger of the Nebraska team, drove the ball on top of the university administration building, the first time the feat was ever accomplished in thirty years of ball playing on the campus. The same teams will be opposed tomorrow. The score today:

Nebraska 0 0 0 4 1 8 1 2 *-S 4 8 Indians 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 2-5 7 6 Batteries: Nebraska, Longanecker and Bender; Indians, Snow, Waukechon and Short Bull.

Games with Kansas City.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons Kid Nichols and his Kansas City team will be guests of Pa Rourke at Vinton park. Nichols will pitch Sunday afternoon, Games will be called both days at 3:30. The teams: Position.
First base.
Second base.
Bhortstop
Third base.
Left field Kansas Cityickey. Carter Schafstal

Sturgis Beats Soldiers.

FORT MEADE S. D., April 24—(Special.)
The Sturgis bail players came down to
this post last Sunday and played a game
with the soldiers, which resulted in favor
of our neighbors by a score of 19 to S.
A return game will be played at Sturgis
Sunday next.

YACHT IS LOST ON A RIVER

Mysterious Disappearance of a Pleasure Craft Near Nice.

IT IS OCCUPIED BY BRIDAL COUPLE

They Carried Much Money and Valuable Jewelry and Piracy and Murder is the Theory Advanced.

NICE, April 24.-A great sensation has been caused all along the river by the mysterious disappearance of the pleasure yacht Reina Victoria.

The vesnel had on board M. and Mme. d'Esmenard, the sister of the latter, Mile. Marguerite Gourio de Refuge, and two sailors, Lafont and Bertin. The d'Esmenards were married only a month ago and were on their wedding tour.

They were residents at Cannes and made frequent excursions on Reina Victoria. On April 15 the party embarked on the yacht for Nice. Mme. d'Esmenard carried all her jewels and her husband had with him several thousand francs. Since their sailing nothing has been heard of them. They should have reached Nice the same day. As the weather was magnificent, no reason can be assigned for the disappearance of the vessel.

All kinds of extraordinary stories of murder and piracy are current, but there is nothing to justify them beyond the fact that M. and Mme. d'Esmenard carried 20,000 or 40,000 francs in money and jewels. A search is being carried out by the police and the maritime authorities all along the coast.

EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS Four Horses Fall at Aqueduct, but WEATHER INFLUENCES TRADE Jockeys All Escape Injury.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Four horses fell in the fifth race at Aqueduct today, but their riders escaped with a shaking up. Re-First race, six furlongs, selling: Petra II woon, Clorita second, Andrattus third. Time:

Second race, four and a half furlongs:
Knob Hampton won, Contenious second,
Interlude third. Time: 0:55 2-5.
Third race, mile and seventy yards, selling: Lord Advocate won, Brisk second,
The Talisman third. Time: 1:47 4-5.
Fourth race, five furlongs, the Woodhaven stakes: Agnes Brennan won, Nin-

Fourth race, one mile: Dr. Stephens won, Allopath second, Chop Suey third. Time: Fifth race, five furlongs: Arnold K won, Kerry Lynch second, Miss Fielshmann third. Time: 1:134-5.

and other similar openings are contemplated, which indicates the pressure, as steel rails are more readily marketed than any other product. Settlement of structural labor troubles has renewed activity on birdges, Billets will be brought from abroad at the carliest possible date, but there is difficulty in securing sales, as foreign production won, Ada N second Tines 1:48.

Fourth race, one mile and one hundred yards: Position won, Ada N second Tines on third. Time: 1:494.

Fifth race, six furiongs, selling: Lizsie Rice won, Semenos second, Alta G third. Time: 1:18.

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Time: 1:14.

Second race, five and a haif furlengs, selling: Sir Christopher won, Orleans second. Loca third. Time: 1:08.

Third race, four and a haif furlengs, purse: Aransas won, Gus Heidorn second. Matt Wadleigh third. Time: 0:55.

Fourth race, one mile, gentlemen riders, selling: Mary Moore won, Eda Kiley second. Spurs third. Time: 1:47.

Fifth race, six furlengs, purse: Booster won, Bridge second, Irish Jewel third. Time: 1:149.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Bianco won, Jena second, Countess Clara third. Time: 1:494.

DENVER . SEEKS DELEHANTY Star Player Would Jump Washington Contract to Join Western League.

AUBURN, N. Y. April 24.—According to a dispatch received today by Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association of Base Ball Leagues, Edwin C. Delehanty, the star bateman of the American league, who was recently assigned to the Washington club, has made an attempt to sever his connection with the American league. Secretary Farrell today received the following telegram from President Sexton of the Western league:

telegram from President Sexton of the Western league:
"Delehanty of Washington accepted terms with Denver and wants to report there now. Shall I permit deal to go through or stop it? Answer."

The national association secretary promptly replied:
"Stop it by all means. We should not embarrass the discipline of the major leagues in this, their most important case, nor deprive the Washington club and the American league of one of its most valuable assets—Player Delehanty. We expect fair treatment from the American and National leagues. Piracy and honesty never entered into partnership.

Shamrocks Towed to the Clyde. SOUTHAMPTON. April 24.—The two Shamrocks left today in tow for the Clyde. The town council of Weymouth today de-cided to present Sir Thomas Lipton with an illuminated address, in recognition of his sportsmanlike efforts to recapture the America's cup.

Reliance to Sail Today. BRISTOL R. L. April 24—Reliance was warped into the stream and anchored this afternoon where it will remain until tomorrow. Then sails will be hoisted and it will start on its trial trip.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Drake defeated Normal today at base ball by a score of 18 to 4. Sights Body of Big Elephant.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The British ship Colorado from Hull, reports that on April 17 the body of the elephant Jingo was sighted. The vessel was at that time in latitude 45.25, longitude 25.45. This is the animal which died at sea while being transported from Liverpool to New York, and was said to be the largest beast in captivity. The elephant was thrown overboard from the steamer Georgic on March 12. The position in which the animal is reported to have been seen is about 700 miles east of Cape Race, or about 1,500 miles from New York.

To points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Utah and Colerado, in effect daily from February 15 to April 30, via Chicago Great Western railway. Write to J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, for full particulars.



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Dun Reports Notable Activity in Seasonable

BUYERS ARE STILL CONSERVATIVE

Lines of Wearing Apparel.

Business is, However, More Active Than Twelve Months Ago and Railway Earnings Show Increase for Month.

NEW YORK, April 24.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say:

Trade responded promptly to better weather in many sections of the country, notable activity appearing in seasonable lines of wearing apparel, yet wholesalers report conservatism as compared with earlier months this year, although business is more active than it was a year ago. Some branches are still backward and there is still more or less complaint regarding collections, while renewals are frequently asked. Outdoor work is vigorously prosecuted, agricultural communities endeavoring to make up lost time, and structural undertakings call for large quantities of lumber and building materials, sustaining quotations. Labor problems are being solved with improved celerity. Lake navigation has had the expected effect in reducing rail freight congestion and shipments are more prompt, yet there is no diminution in the splendid increase of gross railway earnings, which thus far show a gain of 13.1 per cent over last year's figures for April and 25.3 per cent over 1901.

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ness. New England manufacturers of boots and shoes report a seasonable lack of new business and further contracts from jobbers are not expected during the next fortight. Sole leather is more active at unchanged quotations. Increased activity and strength has come in Chicago packer hides with the advancing season.

Fluctuations in quotations of the great staples have been extensive during the past week, with a slightly higher level as the net result and only a fair degree of activity.

tivity.
Failures this week were 166 in the United
States, against 212 last year, and fifteen in
Canada, compared with eighteen a year

RETAIL TRADE IS IRREGULAR. Industries Unusually Active, Despite Labor Troubles.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Trade and industry progress well, despite drawbacks in the shape of numerous labor troubles, and cool, backward weather conditions in some sections. Retail trade

textile trades, where a few labor troubles limit cotton goods production, but in iron and steel, lumber, manufacturing machinery and a multitude of other lines productions are close to the maximum. Railroad earnings continue large.

The shutdown of northwestern flour mills proved only temporary, and the lower rate for the product has evidently been gained, judging from the increased outgo of flour from nearly all centers.

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With the luil in wholesale trade has come discussion as to the fall trade prospects in this branch of business, but it is worth noting that a fair volume of orders for fall delivery has already been booked and the only backwardness noted is in heavy weights of woolens.

The line of demarkation in finished forms of iron and steel has become more distinct this week. Pig iron has unquestionably eased in price, and buyers are backward, evidently hoping for further concessions, while the latter part of the year's requirements are reported still unplaced. Against the softening in pig iron, however, is to be noted the strength of steel and finished products in nearly all lines. Steel billets and sheets are scarce. Much new work has to be postponed because of inability to get supplies. Some rail milis are reported changing over to turn out billets. Foreign steel is active in eastern markets, while imported iron is in slack demand. The demand for structural materials is reported undiminished, despite the uneasiness in labor circles. The volume of new work offered and projected is heavy, and this, with the demand from other sources, renders some authorities doubtful as to whether the weakness in pig iron will or can spread to the finished forms.

The effect of the present high prices of cotton on the manufacturing branch is not entirely favorable. Buyers of cotton goods are holding back and are slow to commit themselves.

Raw wool, while duil, is rather firmer in tone and advices from primary markets are that the new clip will be held at 1 to 2 cents a pound above last season's opening quotations. Dress woolens are in good sare rather backward.

Grocery markets have been active this week, the leader therein being sugar, which continues its advance from the low point reached some weeks ago. The advance of the season has weakened prices of butter, and lard, among hog produ

The great majority of staples, however, show a striking steadiness.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending April 23 aggregate 3,888,542 bu., against 2,977,777 last week, 3,759,859 this week a year ago and 4,282,149 in 1901. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 185,079,093 bu., against 210,556,533 last season and 171,660,338 in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 4,199,126 bu., against 1,667,621 last week, 376,185 a year ago and 1,344,356 in 1901. For the fiscal year exports are 63,169,795 bu., against 25,339,921 last season and 154,296,545 in 1901.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 152, against 160 last week, 181 in the like week of 1902, 214 in 1901, 182 in 1900 and 184 in 1899.

In Canada for the week, 13, against 18 last week and 30 a year ago.

Last week's slight improvement in heavy woolens has been barely maintained. Clothiers complain of tardy delivery or samples, which may affect subsequent busi-

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Chicago	172,504,033	4.0
†Boston	130,515,016	
†Boston †Philadelphia	126,825,631	3.3 29
tSt. Louis	54,547,958	5.0
Pittsburg		8.9
tSan Francisco	27,770,478 2	1.6
Baltimore	28,393,792	8.1
Cincinnati	24,389,550	3.9
tKansas City	22,868,931	5.3
Cleveland	15,843,136	2.9
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tNew Orleans		1.4
Detroit		4.7
*Louisville		1.8
OMAHA		7.0
†Milwaukee †Providence	6,832,781	2.4
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*Buffalo	6,288,252 1	2.8
tSt. Paul		3.8
Indianapolis	5,636,300	20.
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A Love Letter.

My dear, let me once try to bind
Love with a lyric fetter,
That it may be your joy to find
A poem in a letter;
Surely the happy thoughts and words
That fill a lover's pages
Should gladly sing like captive birds
Shut in their golden cages.

A sentiment set down in prose, However sweet the savor,
Lacks something of the grace that goes
With song and gives it flavor;
And well I know that half the time
My fancy falls to capture
The magic words which put in rhyme
Would thrill your heart with rapture,

So take this verse and let it be A token, true and tender, Of love which in the heart of me Is ready to surrender:
If I could see you, Sweetheart mine,
And lean down once above you,
My lyric note would be one line—
Enough to say: I love you. Frank Dempster Sherman in Collier's

West Indies, Etc. BATURDAY—At \$:30 a. m. (supplementary \$:30 a. m.) for CURACAO and VENEZUELA, per s. s. Maracalbo (mail for Savanilla and Cartagena unust be directed "per s. s. Maracalbo"); at 8:30 a. m. (supplementary \$:30 a. m.) for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIN, LEEW.RD and WINDWARD ISLANDS, BRITISH, DUTCH and FRENCH GUIANA, per s.s. Caribbee (mail for Grenada and Trindad must be directed "per s. s. Caribbee"); at \$ a. m. for PORTO RICO, per s. s. Ponce, at \$:30 a. m. (supplementary \$10.50 s. m.) for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA, CARTAGENA and GREYTOWN, per s. s. Valencia (muil for Costa Rica must be directed "per s. s. Valencia (muil for Costa Rica must be directed "per s. s. Valencia"); at 10 a. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Mexico, via Havana. as a whole is irregular. Collections con-tinue slow, but industrial conditions were never so active, except perhaps in the Richmond fextile trades, where a few labor troubles Columbus Mails Forwarded overland, Etc., Except Transpacific.

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CUBA—By rail to Port Tampa, Fla., and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Thursday, at \$6.30 a. m. (the connecting mails close here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Esturdays).

MEXICO CITY—Overland, unless specially addressed for despatch by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:39 p. m. and 11:30 p. m.

1.5 NEWFOUNDLAND—By rail to North Sydney, and thence by ateamer, closes at this office daily at 6:30 p. m. (connecting mails close here every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday).

JAMAICA—By rail to Boston and thence by steamer, closes at this office at 0:30 p. m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

MIQUELON—By rail to Boston and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily at 6:30 p. m.

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BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ AND GUATEMALA—By rail to New Orleans, and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at \$1:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. Sundays at \$1:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. Sundays at \$1:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. Sundays at \$1:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. sundays at \$1:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Mondays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Mondays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Mondays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Mondays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at \$11:30 p. m. and \$11:30 p. m. and

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TAHITI and MARQUESAS ISLANDS. TAHITI and MARQUESAS ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here dally at 6:30 p. m. up to April 53th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Mariposa.

AUSTRALLIA (*cept V'est), Filit ISLANDS and NEW CALEDONIA, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close here daily at 6:30 p. n. after April 18th and up to April 125th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Miowora.

HAWAII, CHINA, JAPAN and specially addressed matter for the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to April 125th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. City of Peking.

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Close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to April §28th. inclusive. for despatch per U. S. Transport.
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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HAWAH, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to April \$77th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Alameda.

CHINA and JAPAN, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to April \$18th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Empress of China. Merchandise for U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai cannot be forwarded via Canada.

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HAWAII, JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIP-PINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to May §3d, incusive, for despatch per s. s. Doric.

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BAMOA and HAWAII, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. after April §25th and up to May §3th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Sonoma. (If the Cunard steamer carrying the British mail for New Zealand does not arrive in time to connect with this despatch, extra mails—closing at 5:30 s. m., 9:30 s. m. and 6:31 p. m.; Sundays at 4:30 s. m., 9 s. o., and 6:35 p. m.—will be made up and forwarded until the arrival of the Cunard steamer.) CHINA and JAPAN, via Tacoma, close here daily at 8:30 p. m. up to May §16th, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Olympia. Note—Unless otherwise addressed, West Australia is forwarded via Europe, and New Zealand and Philippines via San Francisco—the quickest routes. Philippines specially addressed "via Canada" or "via Europe" must be fully prepaid at the foreign rates. Hawaii is forwarded to port of sailing daily and the schedule of closing is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland tansit. §Reg stere) mail closes & 16:00 p. m. previous day.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Postometer. Postoffice, New York, N. Y., April 17, 1908.

Postoffice, New York, N. Y., April 17, 1908.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., March 4, 183.—Sealed proposals, indorsed "Proposals for blankets, woolen and co.ton goods, clothing, etc.," as the case may be and directed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Nos. 113-121 Wooster street, New York City, will be received until 1 o'clock p. m., of Tuesday, May 19, 1963, for furnishing for the Indian service, blankets, woolen and cotton goods, clothing, notions, hats and cotton goods, clothing, notions, hats and caps. Bids must be made out on government blanks Schedules giving all necessary information for bidders will be furnished on application to the Indian Washington, D. C.; the U. S. Indian warehouses, 119-121 Wooster street, New York City; 265-267 South Canal street, Chicago, Di.; 815 Howard street, Chaala, Neb.; 692 South Seventh street, St. Louis, Mo.; the Commissaries of Subsistence, U. S. A., at Cheyenne, Wyo, and St. Paul, Minn.; the quartermaster, U. S. A., Seattle, Wash; the postmasters at Sloux City, Tucson, Partland, Spokane and Tacoma, and the Manufacturers' and Producers' association of California, San Francisco, Cal. Bids will be opened at the hour and days above stated, and bidders are invited to be present at the opening. The Department reserves the right to determine the point of delivery and to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid. W. A. JONES, commissioner.

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PROPOSALS FOR THREE BUILDINGS
—Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., April 9,
1903—Sealed proposals, endorsed "Proposals
for Buildings, Flandreau, S. D.," and addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., will be received
at the Indian Office until two o'clock p. m.
of Wednesday, May 8, 1908, for furnishing
the necessary materials and labor required
to construct and complete at the Flandreau
Indian School, S. D., one brick warehouse
and office, with plumbing and steam heat;
one brick shop and one frame laundry with
plumbing and electric light, in strict accordance with plans, specifications and instructions to bidders which may be examined at this office, the offices of the "Improvement Bulletin," Minneapolls, Minn.;
the "Argus-Leader," Sloux Falls, S. D.; the
"Ploneer Press," St. Paul, Minn.; the
"Bee." Omaha, Neb.; the "Builders and
Traders' Exchanges" at Omaha, Neb., Milwaukee, Wis., and St. Paul, Alinn.; the
"Northwestern Manufacturers' Association," St. Paul, Minn.; the U. S. Indian
Warehousez at No. 26, So. Canal St.
Chicago, Ill.; No. Sib. Howard St.
Omaha, Neb., and No. 115-121 Wooster St.
New York City, and at the school. For further information apply to Chas. F. Peirce,
Superintendent Indian School, Flandrau, B.
D. A. C. Tonner, Acting Commissioner.

