CIVIL SERVICE DISREGARDED

Appointments Made in Washington Postoffice for Political Purposes.

HAICRMAN PROCTOR SUBMITS REPORT

Says Postmaster Has No Authority and that Office is Little More Than Bureau of Postoffice Department.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Chairman Proctor of the Civil Service commission today submitted to Postmaster General Payne the report made by the commission at the request of the postmaster general with reference to the charge of violation of the civil service regulations in the Washington postoffice.

In addition to the report proper and a transcript of the testimony taken, Mr. Proctor presented a summary of the findings. This summary concludes as follows:

A departure from the observance of the civil service rules appears in the promotions of certain employes in the Washington postoffice which have been directed by the department, although reports of efficiency are neither requested nor received by the department.

For Political Purposes.

The information disclosed by the investigation seems to warrant the statement that appointments to classified positions in the Washington postoffice without examination, by the devious method of appointment in small unclassified offices, or in offices about to be consolidated, and subsequent transfer and the appointments of those laborers who were appointed and separated during the administration of the present postmaster, show a wide divergence of policy from strict regard of the public good, and afford indications that the department used the Washington postoffice for political and personal purposes to an extent which left the authority of the postmaster in transfers and appointments of this sort but little more than nominal and placed the office, in many respects, in the relation of a bureau to the department.

The investigation seems to show clearly that most of the irregularities herein set forth were directed by the department, or requested or suggested by high departmental officials, and in either case came to the postmaster with all the force of a direction.

The investigation indicates that the employes who entered the service by transfer, and without examination, are in general inferior to those appointed through competition.

Appointments Not Necessary.

There was no necessity of anticipating the needs of the service by an excessive number of appointments just before classification, for the commission had registers of eligibles at that time, which were ample and also appropriate, as is shown by the fact that all but four of the thirty-seven appointments have been made to the rural free delivery service in the District of Columbia outside since November 27, 1901, were from registers then in existence.

The appointments made under the circumstances above set forth resulted in a congestion of the service, and when a reduction is to be made the employes appointed for political or personal considerations are cared for sometimes at the expense of persons appointed upon merit and without influence.

The passage of the war emergency, the amendment on December 31, 1901, of the rule referring to transfers and new provisions of the revised rules which became effective on April 15, 1903, will, it is believed, prevent the continuance of these abuses in the classified service, and the adoption, at the earliest practicable date, of regulations for the employment of laborers in the Washington postoffice, in accordance with the executive order of March 26, 1902, will, there is reason to hope, put the employment of laborers on the basis of fitness and the needs of the service.

Payne Asks for Investigation.

The investigation was made in response to the following letter, dated May 4, from the postmaster general to the commission:

I should be pleased if you would have one of your examiners detailed to make an investigation of the Washington city postoffice with a view of ascertaining whether or not the civil service law and regulations have been and are being legally complied with in the administration of that office.

Mr. Proctor was in conference with Postmaster General Payne for an hour today regarding the report. Later Mr. Proctor, in a verbal statement to newspaper men, said that in all his experience with the postoffice he had had less trouble since Mr. Payne's incumbency than at any other time.

The postmaster general made the following statement regarding the report:

Attention is called to the fact that since my incumbency of the position of postmaster general the civil service commission reports that there have been but ten persons transferred to the Washington postoffice by appointment from smaller offices, and that these ten were appointed to their respective places six months or more prior to their transfer, which is in compliance with the law, rules and regulations of the civil service as they now exist.

By Right of Certificate.

It will be noted that the commission reports that every person occupying competitive classified places in the Washington postoffice is there by right of a certificate regularly issued by the Civil Service commission.

Regarding unskilled laborers, which have not been subject to classification, it is proper to say that there has been much consideration of the question on the part of the Civil Service commission and the department and many conferences have been had on this subject. On July 2, 1902, an agreement was reached and regulations adopted which were agreed to by the Civil Service commission and the department which will do away with all cause for complaints as to irregularities in the appointment of this class of employes.

The point raised by the report regarding the promotion of certain employes in the office which have been directed by the department occurred previous to January 1, 1902. No such directions for promotion as are referred to have been authorized by me since I have been postmaster general.

Mr. Payne stated today that he expected to make public by Tuesday or Wednesday abstracts of the reports of the postoffice inspectors who recently investigated the Washington office; a similar report made by the inspectors during former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith's administration and the reply of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow to the Tulloch charges.

No Robbers Are in Sight.

JOPLIN, Mo., June 13.—Pursuant to an order from secret service officers of the Frisco railway fifty well armed men left Joplin early today on passenger train No. 140 for Empire Junction, Kan., two miles west of Galena, where it was reported robbers had planned to hold up the train. The plot was discovered last night and a telephone message was sent to Joplin for armed men. When Empire Junction was reached there were no robbers in sight.

Summer Complaints,

Bowel Trouble, Stomach Ache, Cholera Morbus and Diarrhœa Are Speedily Cured by

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Use DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY in drinking water and you will not be troubled by distressing summer diseases.

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OMAHA MAN IS TREASURER

Woodmen Elect Officers, Choosing Two Nebraskans and an Iowan.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 13.—The second biennial convention of the association of local camp clerks of the Modern Woodmen of America held its opening session today and elected the following officers:

President, H. B. Hoyt, Seattle, Wash.; secretary, W. T. Copeland, Lima, O.; treasurer, C. H. T. Riepen, Omaha.

The president was authorized to appoint a national executive committee of eleven and named the following: F. H. Norling of Kansas City, M. B. Faber of Jackson, Mich.; S. M. Fisher of Janesville, Wis.; A. P. Martin of Victor, Colo.; James G. Dickson of Spokane, Wash; F. D. Roemer of Zanesville, O.; John McDonald of Davenport, Ia.; Joseph G. Bruce of Indianapolis; George H. Geist of Joliet, Ill.; W. J. Wakefield of Newark, N. J.; W. E. Umland of Lincoln, Neb.

The association approved a recommendation of Head Clerk C. W. Hawes of Rock Island, Ill., that local camp clerks be required to give surety bonds hereafter.

The recommendation will go to the national convention on Tuesday.

WALL STREET FEELS BETTER

Shorts Buy In Their Securities and the Price is Advanced.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The despondency and gloom of the early part of the week in Wall street gave place to a sudden revolution of sentiment on Thursday morning, when the overextended bears rushed to buy stocks in something of a panic.

The subsequent recovery wiped out the week's earlier losses. The rebound was the result of the realization that prices had got down to a level where investment demand was attracted, both for home and foreign account.

The large wheat crop promised by the government's monthly report, the favorable railroad earnings reported, the decision affirming the right of the coal road presidents to refuse certain information demanded by the Interstate Commerce commission and the decline in sterling aided the recovery.

GIVES UP TRIP IN DORY

Man Who Attempts to Cross the Atlantic Turns Back to Land.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., June 13.—Ludwig Eisenbaum, who left Boston three weeks ago, in a small open dory to cross the Atlantic, has returned and given up the trip.

He went 350 miles to the eastward, making the gulf stream. There was no shelter on the boat and so much fog was encountered that he has been wet ever since he started.

The result was that he became stiff with rheumatism and was afraid he could not navigate the boat.

HYMENEAL

Two Weddings at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—William Pflugemann and Miss Grace Hanft, both of Stanton, were married in this city by County Judge S. S. Krake on Wednesday. The young people are well known in Stanton and will reside there hereafter.

John Heimann and Miss Lizzie Lammers were united in marriage Thursday at the Catholic church in Aloys, Rev. Victor End of Oleyan performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Henry Lammers, a substantial pioneer citizen, and the groom a leading citizen of Monterey township. They will live on their own fine farm at Monterey.

Haith-Reynolds.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—Allen Haith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haith, and Miss Jennie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, were married in this city yesterday. The service was at the home of the grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reynolds, and was performed at 11 o'clock in the company of a few relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Haith are off on a wedding trip to Missouri and when they return they will go to housekeeping on a farm south of this city.

Hobart-Hughes.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—Miss Della Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes of this city, and R. E. Hobart were married in Omaha yesterday. Mr. Hobart is assistant cashier of the Standard Oil company in Omaha. The bride is a splendid young lady. The young couple have gone to housekeeping at 2101 Burt street, Omaha.

Wade-Gilmore.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—Edwin Guy Wade and Miss Mabel Gilmore were married in this city last night at the home of the bride's mother. Miss Gilmore has been a teacher in the city schools here for many years. The couple left for a short bridal tour, after which they will make their home in this city.

DEATH RECORD.

John Sabin.

DAVID CITY, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—John Sabin, an old resident of David City, died Thursday morning at the age of 70 years. Mr. Sabin came to David City twenty-three years ago, and engaged in the business of contractor and builder, until about three years ago on account of ill health, he retired. During all of this time he was considered one of the most highly respected citizens. He leaves a widow, one son, who is manager for Armour & Co., at Pittsburg, Pa., one son who is in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad company at this place, and one daughter. The funeral services will be held Sunday, probably under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Anna Walla.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna Walla died at her home in this county and was buried at St. Charles, under Catholic auspices, on Friday. The deceased was 80 years of age, a native of Bohemia and had lived in Cuming county nearly thirty years. She was the mother of County Clerk Albert F. Walla and of a numerous family. The deceased was noted for her great piety and is sincerely mourned by the entire community where she lived so long.

John F. McKinney.

PIQUA O., June 13.—Former Congressman John F. McKinney, a prominent lawyer and one time democratic state leader, died today of paralysis, aged 76.

To Boston and Return at One Fare

For the round trip from Chicago via Nickel Plate road, for Christian Scientists' meeting in June. Tickets on sale June 25, 26 and 27, with extended return limit of August 1. Stopover at Niagara Falls, in either direction, without extra charge, and at New York returning on payment of fee of $1. No excess fare charged on any of our trains. Write John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 113 Adams St., room 298, Chicago, for detailed information.

FEUD PROSECUTION CLOSED

State Rests Its Case Against Men Accused of Marcum's Murder.

WANTED WITNESS WARNED BY GUIDES

Man Sent to Bring in Needed Evidence Returns Empty Handed and Supposed Wide Conspiracy Remains Hidden.

JACKSON, Ky., June 13.—The prosecution in the case of Curtis Jett and Thomas White, charged with the assassination of J. B. Marcum, rested early today and the defense secured a continuance until Monday on account of the absence of witnesses. As the state occupied only a little more than two days in presenting its testimony, it is believed the case will go to the jury on Wednesday.

The prosecution was compelled to close without the attendance of witnesses whose testimony was wanted to prove a conspiracy involving others besides the prisoners, as some have fled and others are in hiding. It is claimed they are afraid to testify and there is a general impression that jurors also are apprehensive of the future.

Guides Warn Witness.

When the hearing was resumed Commonwealth's Attorney Byrd said the detail sent out last night to arrest Henry Freeman, a badly wanted witness, had returned without the man.

Lieutenant Cannard and Deputy Whitaker, sent by the commonwealth, said that Goodloe Combs, who went with them on the orders of Judge Redwine, to the suprise of the soldiers, when within 100 yards of Freeman's house and ahead, fired two shots. He claimed that he saw something in the road. When the soldiers arrived at Freeman's house he was not there.

Evidences that he had run away when he heard the shots were that some garments had been left behind and his imprint in the earth was fresh. His wife admitted that he had been there, and she was held, but Judge Redwine refused to have her as a witness.

The anti-Hargis people say Freeman is an important witness, and they feel that he has been hired to remain away from court. Mr. Byrd said he would have to close the case without Freeman, and submitted the case to the commonwealth.

Attorney Onal for the defense, moved for peremptory instructions dismissing the defendants. Judge Redwine excused the jury to hear the arguments on the motion.

Attorney Golden made a lengthy address and was followed by Thomas Marcum, who took his first prominent hand in the case, by replying to the motion. His reply was strong and intensely dramatic. O'Neil replied to Marcum. The motion to instruct the jury to acquit was overruled. White heard the arguments with tears in his eyes. He was extremely nervous when they closed.

The defense after their motion was overruled asked until Monday to prepare their case and get their witnesses together. This his honor allowed and court adjourned.

HERPICIDE'S MISSION.

New Remedy that Destroys the Dandruff Germs.

Nothing is more annoying to men or women of middle age when they notice that their hair is growing thinner, when they must admit that the first indications of baldheadedness have commenced to appear. Many would give a thousand dollars and more for a remedy with which to preserve their natural head-dress. However, they don't need to, Newbro's Herpicide removes the effect of dandruff by destroying the cause, the only dandruff cure that actually destroys the dandruff germ. Send 10 cents in stamps for freq sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

A COOL AND PLEASANT RETREAT.

Courtland Beach Offers Special Inducements to a Perspiring Public.

"If the weather of yesterday continues today," said Manager Tucker of the street railway, "the company will certainly have to get out its entire equipment to handle the crowds that will flock to Lake Manawa and Courtland beach. Last Sunday we had about three-fourths of it in operation. At Courtland beach I look for an unusual large crowd." These sage remarks of this veteran railway man will probably be verified. All it requires for a verification is for old Sol to get in his work with a few torrid rays.

To a sweltering public Courtland beach offers many inducements. A plunge in the pure crystal waters of its lake will quickly and effectually change the body's temperature. Another cooling process, although slower in results, is the boat rides about the lake. Under the spreading branches of its shade trees is still another, while a lounge on the plazza of its pavilion, drinking cooling drinks, is yet another. The beach itself is a most cool spot. Its cooling breezes cause the thermometer, which is threatening to bubble over the top of the bulb in the city, to keep down to a delightful temperature. In addition to all these warm weather comforts the resort offers hundreds of amusement features, among them being the switchback railway and the numerous circus acts offered. The chief novelties, however, are the Fries Bros. and lady, sensational acrobats and barrel jumpers, in their novel act, and the balloon race between Mons. and Mlle. de Campa, superintended by Prof. Sam Murphy, the premier aeronaut. Both racers send their balloons to a tremendous height and then cut loose their parachutes and the race is then on. The first one alighting on the ground wins. It is a thrilling exhibition of death-defying daring. Prof. Earnest Nordine and his orchestra of sixteen pieces, who are in attendance day and night, will render the following program today and tonight:

March—Imperial Edward ..... Sousa
Overture—Oberon ..... E. V. Weber
Waltz—Tales from the Wienna Woods. ..... Joh. Strauss
Grand Selection from the Opera, "Mignon" ..... Amb. Thomas
Suite de Ballet—Anthony and Cleopatra ..... Grinwald
a. Anthony and Cleopatra.
b. Dance of the Nubians.
c. Minuet.
d. Marcia, Anthony's Victory.
Intermezzo—Hiawatha .....
March—Dixieland .....
Selection from "The Prince of Pilsen" (by request) ..... Leiders
Fakkeltanz ..... Meyerbeer
Overture—Queen's Lace Handkerchief. ..... Joh. Strauss
Concert Piece for Flute and Clarinet—Elves at Play ..... Grunwald
O. E. Pedersen and F. Johnsen.
Fantasia—Uncle Eph's Wedding ..... Lampe
Waltz—A Summer Evening ..... Waldtenfel
Selection from "The Little Duchess". ..... DeKoven
Dance of the Sea Maidens ..... Herman Perlet
Characteristic—The Lucky Duck ..... Whitney
March—American Republic ..... Thiele

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ARGO BEATS OSHKOSH YACHT

Omaha-Built Vessel Shows Clean Pair of Heels in Light Breeze.

Saturday afternoon Argo, the new local boat on Lake Manawa, won an exciting finish within a few minutes of the required time necessary for a race. This was the holiday race, which was to have been contested on Decoration day, and the first official race of the summer.

When Argo crossed the line it was only sixteen seconds ahead of Manawa, which had forged ahead in the last two-thirds of the race after having been seemingly sailed out of it. Andover and Favorite, which were the only other boats finishing, were entirely out of the race at the close.

The race proved conclusively that Argo and Manawa are capable of what was expected of them and in a class of their own, while Andover will continually win over the other seven boats in her class. In windward work Manawa proved to be the better of the two new boats while Argo was clearly the better boat in running free with sheets loosened. Skipper McAllister of Argo thinks that with a heavier wind his yacht will prove a better sailor than Manawa in windward work, although there is some doubt if she betters her relative position much with a stronger wind.

The starting gun was fired promptly at 4:05 and Argo crossed the line first followed by Andover, Favorite and Manawa in the order named. While her lead was only a second she maintained it and gained somewhat half way around the first time but after rounding buoy 2 she was confronted with windward work and Manawa and Andover passed her.

A handful of breeze struck her before they reached buoy 2 and she crept up and rounded the buoy first with Manawa and Andover clinging closely to her.

On the second round of the course Argo maintained the lead and gained heavily on Manawa and Andover was left in the ruck. But Manawa caught a recreant breeze and carried along with it neared Argo and forged ahead, rounding buoy 4, ten seconds ahead. Coming home the two boats had the wind on their beam and Argo gained and passed Manawa at the Kursaal, gaining steadily until she crossed the line sixteen seconds in the lead. Andover came in third, leaking quite badly.

The time for the race was: Argo, 1:10:50; Manawa, 1:11:06; Andover, 1:16:15, and Favorite, 1:17:23.

BUTTE FIGHT ENDS IN DRAW

O'Keefe Goes Twenty Full Rounds with Britt to No Decision.

BUTTE, Mont., June 13.—Jack O'Keefe of Chicago and Jimmy Britt of San Francisco fought twenty rounds to a draw this afternoon. Fully 10,000 people saw the fight. It was a fast and furious one. Britt had a shade the best of it, but O'Keefe was the favorite with the crowd, as the 'Frisco boy had been accused of fouling repeatedly. The sheriff of Butte jumped into the ring in one round and warned Britt that if he did not fight fair the battle could not go on.

Abe Cohen announced four men who challenged the winner. They are Joe Gans, Willie Fitzgerald, Buddy Ryan and Toby Irvin.

The arena was erected on the old ball park. On an elevated platform and under a canvas roof the men fought in a chilling wind, while the rain poured at intervals. The crowd of spectators sat in the open, but were not daunted by the inclement weather.

The fight was at 133 pounds, the men weighing in at 10 this morning. Britt was a trifle under weight while O'Keefe made it exactly.

Three thousand people saw Kid Broad of Cleveland most decisively knocked out by Aurelio Herrera, of Bakersfield, Cal., at Sutton's theater tonight.

Broad was the aggressor from the start until the fourth round. The Mexican's peculiar guard and crouch was a puzzler to the Cleveland lad, who was unable to land an effective blow. In the first round both men sparred to feel each other out. In the second Broad landed several jabs and only landed once on the kidneys. The Mexican played a waiting game, while Broad was eager to rush matters. In a mix up he got in an uppercut on the Mexican, but that was the last blow he scored. Herrera let out a right swing in the third that made Broad more cautious. In the fourth the Mexican bore in closely and kept himself well protected from Broad's rushes. The latter was pounding away at Herrera's gloves and arms. The Mexican then cut loose and with one of his noted right swings, caught the Cleveland boy squarely on the jaw and floored him. Broad was completely dazed while the Mexican danced around him. Broad took the count and then got up staggering when Herrera was on him like a tiger and with a hard smash on the jaw Broad went down again. He got on his feet before the count, however, and Herrera gave him another hard left jolt on the jaw and Broad was out for keeps. He remained out seven seconds after the count and had to be carried to his corner. Herrera did not receive a mark. Half a dozen challenges to fight the winner were received, including one from McGovern. This was Broad's 106th battle and the first time he was ever completely knocked out.

Challenger Across Ocean.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The De Forest Wireless Telegraph company's station at Coney Island reports at midnight being in communication with Erin, which then was about ninety-five miles off Sandy Hook. Erin was towing Shamrock III. All four boats were together, Erin, Shamrock III, Shamrock I and its convoy, Erin reports a stormy passage, but all well. The boats should reach Sandy Hook about 6 a. m.

Bonesteel Wins from Stuart.

BONESTEEL, S. D., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Bonesteel's new ball team defeated Stuart, Neb., here today in a good game. Score:

Bonesteel	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	*	—5
Stuart	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—1

Batteries: Bonesteel, Cheatwood and Graham; Stuart, Hunt, Ritney and Zinck. Time: 1:30. Umpire: Backus.

Indians Are Defeated.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The Genoa Indians were defeated in a well contested game today by the local team. Score:

Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	—4
Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—2

Batteries: McIntosh and Peterson; Mundue and Beaulleau.

Races for the Fourth.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 13.—(Special.)—The Beatrice Driving association held a meeting last night and decided to commence the erection of stalls and buildings on the new race course at once. It is the intention to have the buildings completed by the Fourth of July, at which time some good races will be pulled off by our local horsemen.

Rain Stops Cricket Match.

LONDON, June 13.—The visiting Philadelphia cricket players today scored eighty-six runs for eight wickets in their second inning against Oxford university. Rain stopped further play and the match was abandoned.

Sioux Falls 4, Lemars 0.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The Sioux Falls team of the Iowa-South Dakota league, on the local grounds this afternoon, defeated Lemars by a score of 4 to 0.

White Sox Get Holmes.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Ducky Holmes was released by Washington today and immediately signed with the Chicago American league club.

Redden Michigan Ball Captain.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 13.—Curtis G. Redden of Rossville, Ill., was elected captain of the University of Michigan base ball team here today. Redden is also Michigan's foot ball captain for next fall.

GENERAL WESTERN NEWS

Women Disarm Bad Men.

MITCHELL, S. D., June 13.—(Special.)—What might have terminated in a tragedy on a farm near Militown in Hutchinson county, last night was ended in rather an abrupt and ignominious way for William Mayhew. He had some disagreement or trouble with his wife and father-in-law, and in an instant he whipped out a revolver and commenced shooting, one bullet passing through the hand of the latter and his wife was shot in the foot. Mayhew made his escape, but a few hours later he returned to finish the job of shooting both and putting them out of existence. The mother-in-law and wife took the matter in charge and before Mayhew knew what had happened to him they had disarmed him and marched him to a tree. There they bound him securely and he was left all night until this morning, when the officers came out from the county seat and took possession of the prisoner.

Walking Delegate is Released.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 13.—(Special.)—The Carpenters' union of Cheyenne has decided to get along without Walking Delegate Cassidy, and hereafter the men will deal with the bosses through their regular officers. Cassidy drew a salary of $21 weekly, and it was to save to the men this money that the change was decided upon. It was also believed that the recent action against a well known lumber dealer was ill-advised. Many of the men believe that there will be no cause for dissatisfaction from now on. They are receiving good wages and with all cause for friction removed no further trouble is anticipated.

Has Offer of Steel Trust Job.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 13.—(Special.)—John Clay, jr., who owns a controlling interest in the Stock Growers' National bank, is in the city, and it is said his visit is connected with the contemplated resignation of State Treasurer Henry G. Hay, who is also president of the Stock Growers' bank. Mr. Hay has not yet resigned and it is not known when he will do so. He has been offered the position of deputy treasurer of the United States Steel corporation in New York.

Shriners' Day at Deadwood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., June 13.—(Special.)—The Shriners held the town today and tonight. There are 200 visiting Shriners present. Twenty-nine candidates were put through. This ends the ceremonies of Masonic week in Deadwood.

Low Summer Tourist Rates.

Via Chicago Great Western Railway. Round trips to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Superior, Ashland, Duluth and other Minnesota resorts. Tickets on sale daily to September 30. Good to return October 31. Also to Colorado, Utah, Black Hills, New Mexico and Texas points, with stopover privileges. For full information apply to any Great Western Agent, or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

FIRE RECORD.

DEADWOOD, S. D., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire was discovered in the cyanide plant of Hall & Co., situated on the outskirts of Deadwood, near the big Kildonan mill of the Horseshoe plant. The mill was completely destroyed. The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin, as there has been no fire under the boilers for several weeks. Loss, $10,000.

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Steinway & Sons, Steger & Sons, Emerson, Mason & Hamlin, Vose & Sons, A. B. Chase, Hardman,

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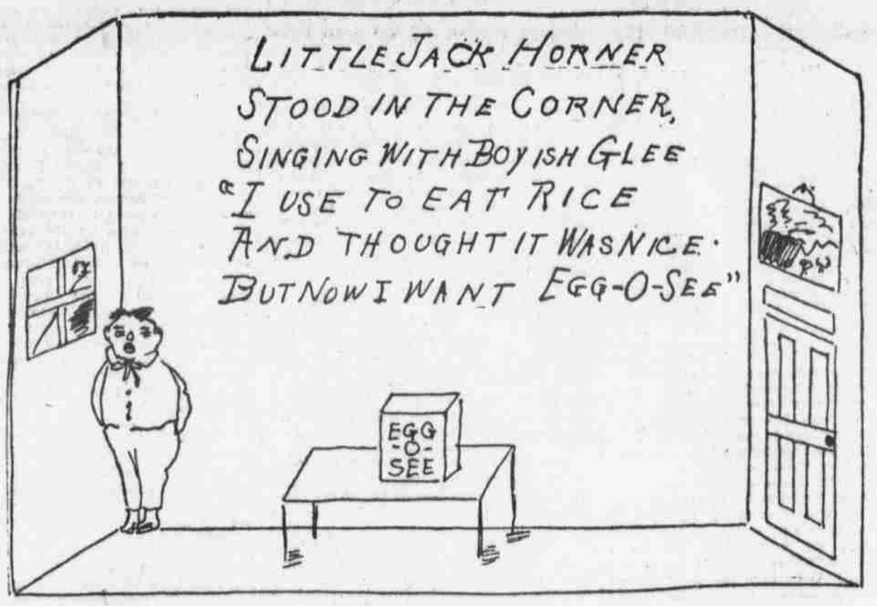

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