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EFFICIENCY COMES FIRST

Postmaster General Cortelyou's Theory in Regard to Postal Service.

DEFICIT A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION

Some Features of the Service as Shown by His Annual Report Just Made to the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The annual report of the postmaster general reviews the work of the department for the last year, gives in detail the postal revenue and expenditures, discusses important changes that have been made in departmental organization and in the method of appointing postmasters, and makes such suggestions and recommendations as appear to be warranted.

After referring to the fact that there is shortly to be celebrated the 30th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, who was for more than twenty years deputy postmaster general, for the colonies and who was at the head of the postal service under the confederation, the postmaster general says:

What a contrast between the service of his day and that of the present time! From seventy-five postmasters in 1790, the year of Franklin's death, the number has grown in 1905 to 12,000, and now is 12,131; from receipts of \$17,000,000 and expenditures of \$22,000,000 in the same period to receipts of \$125,500,000 and expenditures of \$127,500,000; from a total force of about 600 to a total force of about 280,000.

Not infrequently public criticism is directed against our postal service and unfavorable comparisons made, as to certain features with the postal systems of foreign governments. Much of this criticism, however, overlooks the unusual conditions existing in this country, its great extent of territory and its widely scattered population. With the introduction of rural free delivery, postal development in some sections is more nearly perfected. In other words, it is believed that the greatest extent of service can be more profitably devoted to an improvement of the service already established than to an immediate consideration of such questions as the reduction of rates of postage, parcels post, postal savings deposits, a postal telegraph and telephone, and kindred subjects, and what I say in this report is predicated upon that conviction. In due course full consideration should be given to these other questions, in favor of some of which very strong arguments can be advanced.

It is sometimes said that the Postoffice department should be self-sustaining. Such a condition would be gratifying, but I am less concerned about the deficit than I am about efficiency of administration.

Some Significant Facts.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1904, 1905. Rows include Appropriation for support of Postoffice department, Expenditures, Total, Deficit, Number of post-offices, Number of employees, Number of letters, etc.

THE TEA PENALTY.

A Strong Man's Experience.

Writing from a busy railroad town, the wife of an employe of one of the great roads says:

"My husband is a railroad man, who has been so much benefited by the use of Postum Food Coffee that he wishes me to express his thanks to you for the good you have done him, and he has no more to say than to say that he has no time to write himself."

"He has been a great tea drinker all his life and has always liked it strong."

"Tea has, of late years, acted on him like morphine does upon most people. At first it soothed him, but only for an hour or so, then it began to affect his nerves so that an extent that he could not sleep at night, and he would go to his work in the morning wretched and miserable from the loss of rest. This condition grew constantly worse, until his friends persuaded him, some four months ago, to quit tea and use Postum."

"At first he used Postum only for breakfast, but as he liked the taste of it, and it somehow seemed to do him good, he added it to his evening meal. Then, as he grew better, he began to drink it for his noon meal, and now he will drink nothing else at table."

"His condition is so wonderfully improved during these four months that he could not be hired to give up Postum and go back to tea. His nerves have become steady and reliable once more, and his sleep is easy, natural and refreshing. He owes all this to Postum, for he has taken no medicine and made no other change in his diet. His brother, who is very nervous from coffee drinking, was persuaded by us to give up the coffee and use Postum, and he also has recovered his health and strength." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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EXPECT MOVE FROM BROWN

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If Such Should Prove to Be the Case Amendment to Revenue Law Will Afford Opportunity to Bring It Up.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Should Attorney General Brown consider it expedient to institute proceedings against county assessors who made inadequate assessments and the taking into custody by the police officers of the daily papers, it appears that there has been formed a "line collar" brigade among these students in opposition to the "rubber collar" men—students wearing celluloid or paper collars. The line collar men decided that the rubber collars must go and when a rubber collar appeared it was either peacefully removed by the wearer or it was forcibly torn off. But soon the rubber collar men became a bit too numerous and there was an issue. The wrangle, in which over 100 students took part, led to the street, where it reached the stage of a riot and several of the boys were bleeding when the thing was over. The two arrested were given a strong talk by the police judge and dismissed.

Speculating on Route of Road.—STROMBERG, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Since the daily papers have announced the fact that the Union Pacific will extend its line from here to Central City, much interest has been taken as to the survey the road will use. There are two old surveys and the idea seems to prevail that the south one will be followed, which will locate the town west of here, near Arbovillo, and that the town then will consume the town of Arbovillo. The proposition is that only two towns will be located between here and Central City, and that will be agreeable to the business interests of this city at this time.

Deficit Comes In.—During the last fiscal year the total weight carried at 1 cent a pound and free was 93,172,28 pounds. If it cost the government only just to say that from such a haul in the mail, it will be seen that the amount paid out was \$33,153,450. The rural revenue of the department is the statute in relation to this class of mail is inherently wrong. In many particular it is wrong. The proper administration depends too much upon the district postmaster. There can be no doubt that the interests of all concerned will be best served by the postmaster in the office, but the postmaster is to enter the mails without recourse to the department for the settlement of such questions as the rates of postage, etc., enumerated.

Recommendation of a thorough review of this whole subject by the congress and enactment of a statute to take the place of those existing which will render unnecessary in the department of the post, which any mail matter belongs, the consideration of such questions as the rates of postage, etc., second-class matter now depends upon the delivery of mail by carriers in the rural districts. The rural revenue of the department began October 1, 1886, with the establishment of one route from Lincoln, one from Hamilton, and one from Lincoln, Va. During that fiscal year eighty-three routes were installed in twenty-nine states, at a first cost of \$200,000, but at the close of the year the salaries of the carriers ranged from \$150 to \$200 per annum.

In the act of making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, the rural revenue of the department was segregated for the first time. Provision was made for fixing the salaries of the various employees and the word "perennial" was dropped. Up to October 1, 1905, the salaries of the rural carriers and including cases in which petitions were adverse action, numbered 56,386, of which 33,486 have been advanced, leaving 22,900 cases pending. Routes which have been discontinued are included in the total number of routes.

Rural Service Reorganization.—There is already a decided improvement in this service over the old conditions when it was weighed in with the rest of the work of reorganization and inspection must be still further prosecuted. I am confident that the future will be a better one, and that the policy for the future contemplated.

When the time comes for the county boards of the counties to equalize for 1906, it is likely that some state board will take steps to insure that the reality in the counties where it has been testified to be low is raised to the proper figure. Should that fall, the state board can, under its power to equalize, by classes, adjust the necessary percentage to the valuation of the real estate of each county. It has been the unfulfilling purpose of Governor Mickey and other members of the state board to insure that all of the property of the state was assessed according to its value, and with a proper view to the equality of taxation.

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Some small addition may be made to this total by reason of suspended routes that were discontinued in a few months a thorough investigation of the rural free delivery service has been made, and it is believed that the adoption of certain of the recommendations in their report, together with the plan now followed under the supervision of the fourth assistant postmaster general, will materially aid in increasing the rural free delivery service upon a business basis.

The department is giving attention to the relations of the star route box delivery to rural free delivery, with a view to consolidating and surrounding this new rural service with proper safeguards.

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Health Calumet makes light, digestible wholesome food.

Economy Only one heaping teaspoonful is needed for one quart of flour.

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You Sometimes Annoy Your friends with that hacking cough. Why not accept a suggestion of a remedy? LA GRIFFE COUGH SYRUP. Will be a relief and the relief begins with the first dose.

BOYD'S Woodward & Burgess Managers. Friday Night—W. H. Crane, in "The American Lord." Saturday Night—CALVE, in Concert. Prices, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10. \$1 Seats on sale today.

Headaches and Neuritis from Colds Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cold and Grip remedy, removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove.

Killed by Boiler Explosion. CHANTE, Kan., Dec. 10.—Herbert Shannon of Merwin, Mo., and John Turner of Chanute, oil drillers, were blown to pieces by the explosion of a boiler on the Burkhardt lease, seven miles east of here, today. The bodies of the two men were literally scattered over the ground.

Women who have the care of children and household duties find the strain upon their vitality so great that they very often become nervous, weak, and the loss of vitality causes headache, backache, sleeplessness, irritability, anxiety, etc., and frequently results in various forms of female weakness.

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine which acts directly upon the nerves, refreshing and strengthening them. It is a nerve food and tonic, which soothes and relieves the tension of the tired nerves and brings rest and refreshing sleep.

Another Crisis in Russia. (Continued from First Page.) In the Russian revolutionaries tonight in the streets of Moscow. It is impossible to verify the rumor, as the authorities refuse admission to the fortress.

KRAUS HAS FAITH IN COURT WITTE. President of B'nai B'rith Sees Hope for Jews. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 10.—A universal central organization of Jews is not necessary to correct wrongs committed upon the people of Israel; it was the emphatic declaration made by Adolph Kraus of Chicago, international president of B'nai B'rith.

TABLE ROCK—Funeral services for the late James Hood, who met death in such a tragical way on the farm on Thursday, were held at the family residence, a couple of miles northwest, yesterday, conducted by Rev. Jamison and B. McCready of Pawnee City. The latter had been his pastor for more than a quarter of a century. The body was brought here and taken to Monmouth, Ill., for burial.

OSCEOLA—The Union Pacific railroad was summoned to come into court before County Judge F. H. Ball the past week for the reason that it refused to pay the value of transportation to James F. Farris from South Omaha to Osceola. Mr. Farris had shipped some cattle to South Omaha and the Union Pacific agent refused to carry the cattle to Osceola, so the suit was brought. The railroad company appeared by their local attorney here, paid Mr. Farris \$10 for his ticket, the costs of court, \$3.50, and the attorney fee of \$10.00, making \$23.50 in all.

Much-Wanted Man Arrested. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—A special to the Journal from Alamo, Kan., says: Sheriff C. C. Erickson today has in his custody a man believed to be H. E. Spencer, wanted on a charge of having smugged arms and explosives across the border into this country. The man failed to give his real name at the penitentiary at Jefferson City. The man gave his name as William Campbell, claimed to be from

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