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INAUGURATE FREE DELIVERY NEXT FRIDAY

INSPECTOR CAN YET STOP PROMISED SERVICE.

Unless the government inspector throws cold water on the project when he arrives in La Grande, the free mail delivery service will be put into action next Friday morning.

There are but two things that can forestall the service at this time, and they are: sidewalks and the house numbers.

The latter problem is not so far off from requirements, but sidewalks in various parts of the city that come within the boundaries of the service, are dilapidated and need improvement. In fact, it behooves the city authorities to take immediate steps to enforce both house numbering and sidewalk ordinances.

Inspector Here First.
According to advices received by Postmaster V. J. J. they, the government will send an inspector here before Friday to give final voice on the system and decree whether or not the city has done its share toward bringing the service. If he finds that the condition of sidewalks and numbering of the houses are not satisfactory, it is expected that he will put a quietus on free delivery in La Grande until the requirements are met. The plan of placarding the streets has been followed to a successful end, as required by former inspectors, and were the sidewalks and numbers all in proper

shape now, we could say for a certainty that the service would start next Friday.

Posts Are Up.
Twelve posts, on which will be affixed as many mail boxes, are now up in the various parts of the city where residents can mail letters to be picked up by the carriers.

Ball and Stoddard Carriers.
At this time, the local office has not been notified who the two substitute carriers will be, but the regulars who will start out with Uncle Sam's mail next Friday are Clinton Ball and David Stoddard. The carriers' substitutes will be announced when the recent examination papers are graded.

A Voluminous Task.
A monumental task faces the inspector and the postoffice department in arranging the schedule of routes. The boundaries have been fixed for some time and will be announced next Friday, but the hours of delivery and the arrangement of the routes is another question. It is one which is causing considerable study by the office authorities and is also one which the citizens are anxious to ascertain. According to the present train schedule, it seems that it will be quite late in the day before the outlying sections of the city will be reached by the carriers. Though the system goes into effect next Friday—eliminating unforeseen obstacles, which can partially be remedied by the city authorities at the eleventh hour—it will require considerable time, doubtlessly, before the intricate machinery gets to working properly.

The inspector is expected on every train.

Weaver Likes Bryan.
Des Moines, Iowa, July 27.—James B. Weaver, the populist candidate for president in 1892, greeted Bryan when the latter arrived here today on his way back to Lincoln from Chicago. Weaver announced his intention to support Bryan.

Aerial Artist Well Paid.
New York, July 27.—Henry Farman, the world's champion aerial navigator, is here preparing to make 15 flights on the Brighton Beach race track, for which the Aero Club of America has agreed to pay him \$24,000.

HISGEN CHOICE OF INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE AS STANDARD BEARER

LEADERS FEAR BRYAN WILL CAPTURE THE CONVENTION WHEN IT MEETS TONIGHT.

Leaders of Willie Hearst's Party Hold Early Meeting and Decide on Thomas L. Hisgen for President—Southerner Will Be Running Mate—Presidential Nomination Will Be Made Tomorrow, But Convention Meets Tonight.

Chicago, July 27.—At a conference of leaders of the Independence league party at the national convention opening tonight, it was practically decided that Thomas L. Hisgen of Massachusetts, will be the candidate for the presidency and that a southerner, as yet not chosen, will be the vice-presidential nominee.

Delegates are arriving from almost every state.

It is understood there is fear that

an attempt will be made to capture the convention for Bryan. W. R. Hearst has declared today that there will be no compromise with the democrats, and that any attempt to endorse Bryan will be futile.

The convention will be called to order tonight at 8 o'clock by Charles A. Walsh of Iowa, secretary of the national committee. Presidential nominations will probably be made tomorrow.

FOUGHT DEATH FOR 16 DAYS.

TERRIBLE AGONY AND SUFFERING ENDS AT LAST.

Mountaineer Falls and Breaks Leg—Each Day of the Sixteen He Wrote in Diary—Dragged Himself Through Wilderness Seeking Aid, But Found None—On Sixteenth Day He Penned His Last Word—Saw Help But He Could Not Attract Their Attention.

Helena, Mont., July 27.—After living through terrible torture and agony for 16 days, alone without food, death finally came to the relief of W. H. Gulliver in the mountains near

Olive station in Sanders county. The only thing known about the man is contained in a diary kept by him while he was slowly dying.

The first entry made reads: "Notify my people. My name is W. H. Gulliver, and my home is in Birmingham, England. Notify my wife, mother and child at K and East South street. I fell down the mountains and broke my leg."

The next memorandum was made the following: "I dragged myself through miles of wilderness with a broken leg dangling behind." On the seventh day he wrote: "Could see section men across the river on a hand car. I yelled and am sure they heard me." On the twelfth day he wrote: "Two young men passed me and promised to go for help, but they never returned." It is thought this last note is an hallucination.

On the sixteenth day he still had sufficient vitality to write: "This is my last day."

His body was found in a state of decomposition. He was about 39 years of age.

BURIED WITH HIS HORSE.

Rich Farmer Prefers Boneyard to Fashionable Cemetery as Resting Place.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 17.—The body of Warren W. Phillips, a rich farmer, lies in a grave with his horse, "Phil Sheridan," which died nine years ago. Preparations were made to bury Phillips in a fashionable cemetery, but when his will was read it was found that he provided that he be interred with the dead horse. For years Phillips has hated society. Just before his death he told the executor of the will that the old horse was his best friend, and at the same time said:

"I would rather go to hell direct, than be buried in a cemetery."

GROSSCUP DENIES RUMOR.

Indignant Over Statement That He Had Dinner Invitation From Oil Men.

Pittsfield, Mass., July 27.—Indignation is expressed by Judge Grosscup today while discussing the story that E. Parmelee Prentice, son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, invited him and Attorney General Bonaparte to dinner at the Prentice home here. Grosscup is the judge who read the decision in the oil case.

He denied that he received the invitation.

DOUBLE AUTO SOMERSAULT.

New Circus Thriller Relegates Those of the Past to the Kindergarten.

Circus thrillers of the past are as tame as a chalk-talk in comparison with the latest thing by the Barnum & Bailey show. The act is called "Autos that pass in the air," and just as the name implies, two automobiles, each with a girl on the seat, are plunged into mid-air by a dash down a steep incline; they circle each other and land, in reversed order, one behind

the other, on a short and narrow ground platform.

The start of this awful act is made from the dome of the tent. The cars ride on the same platform, one behind the other, being released simultaneously. One car is red and the other blue that their separate flights may be followed by the eye that dares to look. The leading auto arches gracefully across the wide gap, being encircled as it does so by the rear car. They land at the same instant.

From the time the cars are released at the top of the incline to the landing below on the platform, just four seconds elapse. Those who have seen the act say it amounts to four years when you figure the jolting of the nerves.

Taft Gives Flashing Touches.

Cincinnati, O., July 27.—Wm. H. Taft spent the morning today in conference with the arrangements committee, which has charge of the notification ceremony tomorrow. This afternoon he attended a meeting of the state central committee, called for the purpose of infusing harmony into the Taft campaign in Ohio.

ADOPT "BRYAN" AS THE SLOGAN

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS IN CONFERENCE AT TACOMA.

Report That Plain People of Washington Are Enthusiastic for Bryan—Will Warm Up Campaign by Adopting Commoner's Name as Slogan—Six Prospective Gubernatorial Candidates in Washington Attend Democratic State Committee Session.

Tacoma, Wash., July 27.—Twenty-five of the 37 county members of the democratic state central committee attended the conference in the Tacoma hotel in this city today. It is evident that Bryan's name will be employed as a campaign slogan to arouse voters to aid the party. Canvassers report a great uprising of the plain people for Bryan. Chairman George Wright called the meeting to order.

The only business of the morning session was the acceptance of the resignation of Tom Vance of Olympia, as candidate for presidential elector; Robert B. Turnstall being elected in his place.

Six prospective gubernatorial candidates were heard from. They are: John Pattison of Colfax, Col. W. H. Dunphy and Jack Splawn of North Yakima, M. M. Goodman of Seattle, William Blackman of Spokane, W. H. Kneeland of Olympia. The real work of the meeting was done this afternoon.

Baseball Scores.

Portland, 6; Oakland, 2.
San Francisco, 7-6; Los Angeles, 1-7.

HOLLAND ANGRY OVER CASTRO'S BRAZEN INSULT

DUTCH SHIPS TO BOMBARD VENEZUELAN PORTS.

President Castro Overstepped Bounds of Diplomacy—Dutch Minister Out of Office—Open Warfare is Only Thing That Can Bring Castro to His Senses—Several Venezuelan Coast Towns to Suffer Bombardment.

Amsterdam, July 27.—In retaliation for the summary expulsion of Minister Deruers, it is officially announced today that all Dutch warships in Amsterdam waters have been ordered to make a demonstration against Venezuela, unless President Castro makes immediate apology to this country. It is probable that the Dutch ships will bombard Laguayra, Puerto Cabello and other principal coast towns.

In Venezuela the opinion is freely expressed that Castro exceeded all bounds in international insults, and that nothing but an actual attack upon Venezuela will bring him to a proper recognition of the rights of other nations.

Cruiser to Protect Dutch.
Willemstad, Curacao, July 27.—The Dutch cruiser Galderland arrived here today bearing Minister Deruers, who was expelled from Venezuela. The cruiser received orders to return at once to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests and be prepared for any emergency. Deruers will remain here pending orders from his government.

Uncle Sam is Worried.
Washington, July 27.—The announcement that the Netherlands has decided to make a hostile demonstration against Venezuela was received with great interest at the state department today. The department realized that something had to be done to prove to Castro that he is not above international law.

President Meets Casar.

Reval, July 27.—Profound diplomatic significance is attached to the meeting today of President Fallieres of France, and Emperor Nicholas of Russia, which took place on the Russian royal yacht Standart. Tomorrow the czar will return. President Fallieres' visit and will dine on board the French battleship Verite, on which the French executive is making his foreign tour. The Verite is escorted by the armored cruiser Dupetit Thouars and three destroyers. President Fallieres will go from here to Christiania, the last stop on his northern itinerary. It is believed that the visit will result in strengthening the ties which now bind France, Russia and Great Britain in a peaceful understanding.

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Greatly Underpriced for This Week.

Hundreds of Garments of the "Royal Make"—Undermuslins splendidly made, of the very best of materials, perfect in fit and finish to the minutest detail—Dainty, desirable garments at a liberal saving this week.

85c Ladies Gowns 68c

Made in circular and V-shaped yoke, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertions and tucks; extra good values at regular price. Special this week 68c

\$2.50 Ladies Gown 1 98

Made from fine Nainsook, with square and circular yokes and short sleeves, trimmed with Swiss Embroidery and Silk Ribbons. Special this week at \$1.98

75c Corset Covers 58c

From fine quality Muslin, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertion, and interlaced with silk ribbons 58c

\$1 Ladies' Muslin Skirts 79c

Made from good quality Muslin, 19-inch embroidery founce, with 8 rows of tucking. Special this week 79c

75c Ladies' Short Skirts 58c

With fine India Linon flounces, with clusters of tucks and hemstitched hems. Special 58c

50c Ladies Muslin Dra's 39c

From good quality Muslin, with 8-inch flounces, tucked and hemstitched; positively worth 60c; this week 39c

Misses' and Children's Undermuslins at Special Prices This Week

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Ladies' White Suits

In neat Tailored effects, made from Indian Head Linens. Choose now at only \$2.50



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