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POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT

The following excerpts are taken from the 1908 annual report of the fourth assistant postmaster general, showing especially the growth of the rural delivery, estimated requirements for 1910, and recommendations:

Division of Rural Delivery.

The number of petitions for rural delivery service filed during the past fiscal year aggregated 4654, an increase of 1510 over the previous year. Of the petitions filed, 2931 have been accepted for investigation and 184 are still under consideration.

On June 30, 1908, the service was in operation on 38,277 routes, and 39,143 carriers were employed. On 658 routes the service was tri-weekly, a decrease of 39 as compared with the previous year.

During the year 1672 new routes were established, 17 routes discontinued, leaving the net increase in the number of routes in operation 1549.

Road Improvement.

Rural delivery is in operation on 943,987 miles of road, over which carriers are required to travel daily. Thirty-five thousand miles of these roads are macadam, the remainder being earth, sand, or gravel. Postmasters at rural delivery offices were recently required to furnish the department with detailed reports on roads covered by rural delivery, compilation of which shows that since the service was first established \$70,632,162 has been expended on roads traversed by rural carriers.

Recommendations.

For the Postmaster General to prescribe a uniform dress to be worn by letter carriers in the city delivery service, be extended to letter carriers in the rural delivery service.

That legislation be enacted providing for delivery, at a special rate of postage, of packages not exceeding 25 pounds in weight, to be effective between the distributing postoffice and the patrons of any rural route emanating from such postoffice.

Appropriation Needed for 1910.

The estimate of \$36,246,000 has been submitted for the fiscal year 1910.

Spokane is offering \$10,000 in cash prizes at the National Apple show to be held there December 7 to 12, inclusive. In addition to the cash many other valuable prizes are to be awarded to exhibitors. The northwest is today one of the greatest apple-producing countries and it is just beginning. What the future has in store few can predict. The northwest grows the fruit the people demand.

Everybody gird up their loins and go out after this irrigation project. Conditions which thwarted active work among many of our business men, are now out of the way and renewed activity is now the order of the day. Think of it, apparently without any effort, one-half of the required acreage has been subscribed. This entire amount will all be signed up by the first of the year if every one does just a little.

November, as a whole, was a delightful month, neither too warm nor too cold; the precipitation just a trifle over one-half inch. The entire fall has been ideal. The agriculturist and horticulturist could not have scheduled better conditions. The crops were all garnered without loss, and the fall work and seeding is advanced to a greater extent than usual.

Give the matter of another school

building your careful consideration and investigation, so you may vote intelligently. Do not let a half dozen votes decide so important a question. As a rule, only about six or eight attend our tax levying school meetings.

The nearer the time for the meeting of the legislature, the less we hear about side tracking statement No. 1.

Every mite helps. Remember this when given an opportunity to swell the park fund.

You never can tell by looking at a man what is under his hat.

HIS MIND DERANGED

J. M. Thompson, who for several weeks has been operating in the county, purchasing fruit, was taken sick at Hot Lake and on account of his peculiar actions, Sheriff Childers was notified and he brought him here this morning, and before a hearing before Judge Henry, was adjudged insane. The asylum guards have been notified and they are expected to arrive soon. Thompson, on many subjects, talks perfectly rational. He thinks some one is trying to kill him, and while in the court room the clicking of the typewriters agitated him. He thought some one was cocking a gun. Whiskey and cigarettes are given as one of the causes of the derangement of his mind. His family lives in Denver and consists of a wife and two children.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Short periods are long enough for the endurance of hard knocks.

Current Topic Club.

The Current Topic club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred B. Currey. A full attendance is desired.

Boy in Burning Building.

Seattle, Dec. 1.—Returning to his home last night at Georgetown, Martin Hauman and wife found that their only child, a boy of 5 years, imprisoned in the burning building. The mother fainting while the father crawled through a window and rescued the lad. A moment later the roof fell.

A man near Bandon will plant 15 acres to cranberries.

Fatally Kicked by a Horse.

Bellingham, Dec. 1.—Angus Young was kicked by a horse this morning, the hoof crushing the jawbone. The lower part of the face is hanging loose from the head. He was found unconscious under the animal. There is practically no chance for recovery.

RACE HORSE MAY DIE

Commonwealth, the valuable racing stallion owned by N. K. West, met with an accident that will undoubtedly mean the animal's death, if the fears entertained materialize to facts. Late this afternoon a phone message from the Island City track notified Mr. West that Commonwealth had slipped and fallen during exercise in the corral. At press time no veterinary has reported. The employees of the track believe a leg is broken.

Commonwealth is well known all over the Pacific northwest as a horse of remarkable speed and beauty. The financial loss, if the leg is broken, and the horse killed, will be heavy.

Each person lives best who does his best for one day at a time, and then refreshes himself for his level best the next day.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or., November 23, 1908.

Notice is hereby given JOHN W. M'ALISTER,

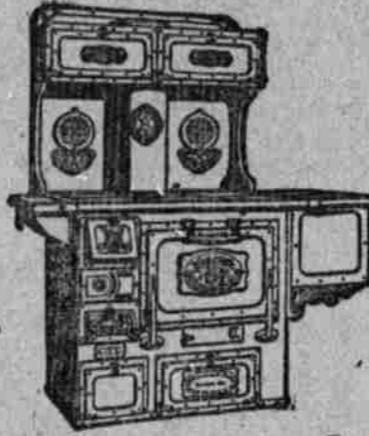
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of La Grande, Oregon, who, on November 16, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 02331, for E 1/2 SE 1/4, section 29; NE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 32, and NW 1/4 NW 1/4, section 33, township 4 south, range 38 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver, at La Grande, Ore., on the 9th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Santos, Clyde Santos, Aaron Murphy, John Steinbeck, all of La Grande, Ore.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Ore., November 25, 1908. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by HUGO A. BECK,

contestant, against H. E. No. 11056, serial No. 02456, made February 7, 1902, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, section 10, township 4 south, range 35 E. W. M., by Ernest R. Copeland, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Ernest R. Copeland has wholly abandoned the above described tract for more than six months last past, and that he never built a house or established residence or made any improvements on said tract at any time for or at all, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, said parties.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 25, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication as hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 31, 1908, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. J. T. WILLIAMSON, Attorney for Contestant.

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U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., September 21, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that MARTHA LANGDON, of La Grande, Oregon, who, on September 3, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 01333, for

W 1/2 NE 1/4, section 18, township 2 south, range 38, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on

the 9th day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Chas. C. Givwell, of Perry, Ore.; Harry Colwell, of Perry, Ore.; Edward Lovely, of La Grande, Ore.; W. R. King, of La Grande, Ore.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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