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THE POSTOFFICE.

While it looks very much as though J. H. Pearce had the inside track in many ways on the La Grande post-office, the Observer in an editorial last evening treated the transaction as closed, when in reality it is not closed.

Summing up the situation as it stands Mr. Pearce has the endorsement of Congressman Sinnott and National Committeeman Williams which endorsement has been filed with the department. Mr. Richey, the present postmaster, has the recommendation for re-appointment of Congressman Lafferty and the established precedent of the department's endorsement where satisfactory service has been rendered, and in this case the service has been in every way satisfactory.

Now, it appears that Sinnott and Williams are for Pearce and Lafferty and the department purpose standing on the precedent of re-appointing the present incumbent, which sends the whole matter to the president. It is up to President Taft to choose. The attitude of the president in the past has been to look with favor upon the department's recommendation regarding the service, although claims are made that in this case he will abrogate his rule and appoint Mr. Pearce.

Many believe whether either Postmaster Richey or Mr. Pearce is appointed the tenure of office will be short, for it is said the Democrats will block confirmation and after the Fourth of March a Democrat, presumably, General Bragg, will be installed in the La Grande office. The whole matter is interesting to the patrons and we give this revised statement of the exact situation in order that friends of all parties will understand the true status of the case.

Later—Since writing the above editorial, President Taft has submitted Mr. Pearce's name to the senate.

Parish to Meet.

The annual business meeting of the Parish and Missionary society of Zion Evangelical Lutheran church will be held at the home of Mrs. N. Nelson, 501 Wash., Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Because this is the annual business meeting all members are urged to be present. 1-14-2t Mrs. O. R. Stageberg, Pres.

STEVENSON'S REGRET.

The Author's Picture of the British Throne at Washington.

Mrs. Osbourne gives an interesting glimpse of Robert Louis Stevenson in conversation in the following account of his second call on Mrs. Virgil Williams:

"He had a peculiarly beautiful voice, with a rich, round, but not provincial Scotch accent. While he conversed with Mrs. Williams he paced up and down the floor in his usual fashion, with rapid and graceful motion, or hung on the mantelpiece. It was not strange that the conversation turned on the subject of the relations of America and Great Britain.

"Stevenson regretted that England had lost the colonies. He pictured the states under British rule, with America the seat of government of the whole empire. He dwelt upon the benefits that would have accrued to the whole English speaking race from such a union and to all mankind, with Great Britain and America ruling the world for peace and righteousness. In a flight of fancy and with all the richness of language that was his he pictured the actual transporting of the royal family and all the paraphernalia of government across the Atlantic, the pageantry of the ships and the gorgeous landing and the setting up of the throne at Washington.

"While Stevenson was talking Mr. Williams came in. He looked doubtfully from Mrs. Williams to the stranger, for, as he told his wife afterward, he thought a tramp had got in and she could not get him out again. But it was only for a moment, and soon the two men were talking with all the interest and pleasure of those who feel much in common, and from that day began a friendship that never ended until the death of Virgil Williams."—Bookman.

POISONING BY TEA.

When the Cup That Cheers May Become a Menace to Health.

It is only in comparatively recent times that tea drinking has been at all prevalent in this country. Coffee is the national drink and is more largely consumed by far than any other beverage. But tea drinking is making great strides, the reason for which is not hard to find. The advantages of tea over coffee as a stimulating and cheering drink do not consist in a superiority of its component parts, but in the fact that a good tea can be more easily produced than a good coffee and that it is more easily made than coffee.

A very great deal of the virtue of coffee consists in the manner in which it is converted into a beverage, and seldom is the art carried out efficiently. Many of the concoctions which are sold as coffee in restaurants and consumed in private houses are not worthy of the name. On the other hand, tea is easily made, the chief point being that the water used for the infusion boils and that the infusion is drunk when fresh and not allowed to stand.

However, there are occasions, and these not infrequent, when tea drinking is harmful. Tea poisoning is a more or less common condition in those countries in which the habit of drinking tea is prevalent, as in England, for instance. Among the working classes the women often become addicted to the tea habit and not only drink to excess, sipping tea throughout the day, but drink it in such a state that the poisonous properties are most evident. The tea is in a stewed condition, the pot being kept on the stove the whole day. Men, too, who work at indoor trades and at trades which from their nature tend to create thirst often become excessive tea drinkers.—Medical Record.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Great Skill Shown by the Coburg Glassblowers.

From Coburg, Germany, a little railway only twenty-five miles long leads into the heart of the Thuringian forest ranges, terminating at Lauscha, where Christmas ornaments are made. Nearly every house and but is the home of a glassblower, and the smallest child that can use its hands understandingly has some part in the work.

The blowers make all their work from glass tubes of varied diameter and thickness, which are cut to convenient lengths by scratching them with a file and breaking them at the cleavage. A burner consisting of two, four or more flames issuing from tiny gas jets converges its fires upon a metal plate, which usually supports a piece of dry wood or charcoal whose slow but fierce combustion under the blue flame of the blowpipes rapidly melts the hardest glass. Driving the blowers with his feet, the operator turns out with deft swiftness balls, stars, pendants and larger ornaments of almost every conceivable shape and size.

His good wife is perhaps injecting a spray of gilding or silvering solution into a great basketful of the tiny balls, used to festoon windows and Christmas trees, or, perhaps, with greater skill is coloring with deft fingers the interior of a larger ornament.

The eldest boy may himself be a skilled operator and perhaps excels his father in creating miniature reindeer, with great spreading antlers, spirited horses, coursing hounds, fragile airships and balloons and, most wonderful of all, roses, carnations, tulips and other flowers, each of whose parts is made of colored glass of the proper color and fused in place with a delicacy of touch that far exceeds ordinary painting.

So light and fragile are these goods that they are packed in cotton and cartons divided into compartments and to a very great extent are shipped away from Lauscha by parcels express. So generally is this done between the middle of November and Christmas week that the postoffice force and a number of mail cars are furnished to meet the demand for parcels transportation.—National Magazine.

Automatic Fire Doors.

The construction of a fire door and its installation may be standard in every way; but for the door to be of service it must be closed at the time of fire. As employees of a plant cannot always be depended upon to close the doors of the plant, because of panic or other reasons, fire doors should be either self-closing or automatic. A self-closing door is one which closes by itself as soon as a person has passed through. This door is normally always closed and never should be allowed to be blocked open. The automatic type is held open by means of a weight or catch, which is connected with it a series of fusible links. In cases of fire the solder on one or more of the fusible links melts from the heat, releases the weight or catch, and the door closes. This type of door should be employed wherever it is necessary for the door to be kept open at times, but otherwise the self-closing door is preferable.—F. F. Walliter in the Engineering Magazine.

Sartorial Genius.

The genius in tailoring accomplishes without effort things that refuse to yield to the most determined effort of the ordinary mortal. He apparently creates out of nothing. His touch transforms the shape of the customer and the set of the garment. He molds the ungainly form into an Apollo, and the misfit garment falls into natural place in his hands. The lines of his draft are unapproachable, and his system is infallible. He knows just when the shoulder is to be advanced or receded. He understands intuitively just how much the waist is to be suppressed or filled in and how much spring is required. He never makes a mistake, and if the journeyman ruins a garment beyond repair in the making the genius sets it right with a few touches, even though to repair it is beyond the ordinary cutter's skill.—Tailor and Cutter.

Dickens' Den.

Dickens' care for his material surroundings did not end with his bedroom. His favorite writing place at Gadshill was a Swiss chalet in the shrubbery, and this he fitted up in a most ingenious fashion. "I have put mirrors in the chalet where I write," he says in one of his letters, "and they reflect and refract in all kinds of ways the leaves that are quivering at the windows and the great fields of waving corn and the sail dotted river. My room is up among the branches of the trees, and the birds and the butterflies fly in and out, and the green branches shoot in at the open windows, and the lights and the shadows of the clouds come and go with the rest of the company. The scent of the flowers and indeed of everything that is growing for miles and miles is most delicious."—London Chronicle.

Judging the Colt.

The Arabs have two methods of estimating the height to which a colt will grow, the first being to stretch a cord from the nostril over the ears and down along the neck and compare this measurement with that from the withers to the feet and the other method being to compare the distance between the knee and the withers with that from the knee to the coronet. In the first method it is considered that a colt will grow as much taller as the first measurement exceeds that of the second, and in the second method, if the proportion is as two to one, the horse will grow no taller.

Pedestrians.

A teacher in a primary school was endeavoring to make clear to her class the meaning of the words "equestrianism" and "pedestrianism" when she put this query to one small boy: "What is a pedestrian?" "He is one of those fellows," said the boy "who makes an awful kick when an automobile runs him down."—New York Press.

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