

POSTMASTER FEARS TIE-UP FOR PARCELS

UNPRECEDENTED BUSINESS
MAKES HEAVY DEMANDS
ON DEPARTMENT.

LOCAL FORCE SUFFICIENT

Post Cards to Be Sent out Advising
Consignees of Arrival of Parcels—
No Tie-up Here—All Work Over-
time.

Washington, Dec. 19.—With the parcels post swamped everywhere, Postmaster Burleson intimated that the government would be unable to deliver more than one-third of all Christmas parcels next week. Post-offices everywhere are demanding more clerks. Burleson is up against it and will intimate to the public that they take the matter quietly as it is owing to the newness of the system and the inadequate facilities. He proposes to send out post cards to all persons to whom packages have been sent advising them of the fact that they are at the postoffice and that on account of the pressure of business they could not be delivered in time. It is thought the nation will, in view of the lowered rates take into consideration the fact that the volume of this year is in excess of anything dreamed of. All employees of the department have been permitted to work overtime to handle the millions of parcels that have been turned over to the department for delivery.

LOCAL SHIPMENT IS HEAVY.

Local Postoffice Employees Will Be
Able to Handle Matter on Time

Postmaster E. E. Bragg this morning said that yesterday's shipment of parcel post matter would be in the neighborhood of 40 bags and that from now until Christmas it would be 50. But the local office will not experience any tie-up on account of the increase in business, and the regular force will be enabled to handle all parcels. All of the men of the local office have been granted leave to work overtime during the rush and this will enable them to get all parcels out on time.

In view of the great increase in business Mr. Bragg is of the opinion that all of the rural carriers will be compelled to get larger wagons to handle the increase in trade.

Three clerks will be at the window during the afternoon to weigh and stamp parcels and no delay will be occasioned on this end of the line.

CRAWFORD BILL DEFEATED.

Final Vote This Afternoon, then Adjournment Till January 12.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Crawford amendment to the currency bill forbidding interlocking directorates, and proposing that no member be allowed to be a director of more than one bank was defeated in the senate today. The Cummins amendment, protecting the borrower from black-listing by member banks went down to defeat. It is expected the final vote will be taken this afternoon. When the bill passes both houses congress will adjourn until January 12, 1914.

Wappenstein Gets Pardon.

Olympia, Dec. 19.—Governor Lister today signed the papers whereby former Chief of Police Wappenstein of Seattle, was given an unconditional release from the state prison. Wappenstein was sent to the lockup for receiving a bribe for protection of the underworld and the saloons.

Better Walks Now In Store

DOWN TOWN ZONE MUST KEEP
WALKS CLEAN.

PLOW PUT ON STREET

Residents Expected to Assist the City
—Business Men Under Law.

The coming winter will see more attention to snow-covered sidewalks than has been given in the past. Two horses and a snow plow will clean the residence districts so far as the principal streets are concerned, and strict enforcement of the snow cleaning ordinance where it applies will be made. Last winter many of the business houses allowed snow to pack to ice in front of their stores until it was dangerous for the most agile person to cross and extremely dangerous for the aged and infirm. The downtown zone where arrests and fines will come in case of neglect was described by blocks in the Observer yesterday.

In the residence districts the residents are expected to assist the street department in every way, and efforts to keep all walks in the city free from snow will be rigidly kept up.

ELGIN TRAPPER IN TROUBLE

BILLY HESS IS ARRESTED FOR
THEFT.

Furs Shipped By Him Are Identified
as Stolen Ones.

The shop of the Elgin Fur company, owned by Barnes & Lyman, was entered on the 8th of the month, and 15 mink, 32 muskrat and 10 weasel hides stolen. Entry to the building was obtained by forcing a window.

A short time afterwards Billy Hess, who is engaged in trapping near here told Glen Barnes that he had just started a consignment of hides by parcels post to a hide buyer in St. Louis. Barnes had talked with Hess a short time before in regard to hides and what he had been catching, and thinking that there was a difference in the tales that Hess had been telling he suspected that the shipment contained some of the hides that had been stolen from the fur company. A search warrant was procured for the postoffice, but when the officers got there with it they found that Uncle Sam did not allow anyone to inspect the mail.

Marshal Christianson went to Hess and told him that there had been some question raised about the package, and Hess went and secured the package from the postoffice for the officer, as he was the only one to whom Postmaster Mays had any authority to turn it over. The package was opened and 10 mink hides found in it, two of which Barnes identified as a part of the lot that was missing from the taxidermists shop. He described accurately a number of peculiarities of these two hides before the package was opened.

Hess was taken before Justice of the Peace Weiss, and given a preliminary hearing, which ended in his being held under \$500 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. The bonds were furnished, and Hess is busy trapping on the Grande Ronde below Rondowa. The next session of the grand jury will probably be at the regular February term.

Hess has always had a good reputation here and has a large number of friends who will hope to see him come clear of the charge now hanging over him, as there is always the possibility of a mistake being made in such a matter.—Elgin Recorder.

BOURNE SAYS OWNERSHIP OF LINES WOULD BE FOLLY

Washington, Dec. 19.—The plan to take over the telephone and telegraph lines is not going to have smooth sailing if Senator Jonathan Bourne can do anything to halt its progress.

Bitter criticism of the government's plan was voiced by him in an interview to the United Press in which he had the following to say: "This talk about government ownership is all rot. It will result in a bureaucratic paternalism and would lead to the dissolution of the government in a century. Under the proposed plan, the government would employ more than three million men more than it now employs, a number sufficient to control the government machinery under the present system."

Senator Lewis, however is not alarmed by the outcry of Bourne and will work for the measure which the

government intends to introduce after the Christmas holidays. Postmaster Burleson will not relent in his stand for the ownership of all telegraph and telephone lines, of intelligence communication as pointed out yesterday. It is the opinion in administration circles that the caucus method will be able to present a united front in behalf of the bill once it comes up for debate in the senate. Senator Lewis of Illinois has not become peeved by reason of the interference of the postmaster general to make the measure an administration measure and has signified a willingness to stand behind any reasonable scheme to effect the purpose for which he intended to introduce a bill of his own.

It is the talk of officials, and is sharing the thought with Mexican affairs.

BIG HASENPFEFFER ENJOYED.

Seventy-Five Guests Sit Down to a
Big "Feed" at Foley Grill.

Great steaming platters of rabbit shanks, yellow noodles, a la Herman Roesch, foaming tankards of ale and a good crowd! What more could be added to make the feast prepared by the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club a success? One would have thought all the rabbits of Telocaset had been put into the tempting juices to judge by the heaps that lay on the china at the opening of the banquet. At the close one would have thought there were 500 guests, judging by the empty platters of rabbit and noodles. But neither of these snap judgments is correct, for there were exactly 50 rabbits put into the stew and 75 guests ate them. There is no telling how many yards of noodles there were but it is safe to assume that there must have been in the vicinity of 7,500 yards.

Many of the business men of the city were in attendance and have now become active members of the club. Speeches were made by most of the Websters and all told it was one of the polliest times of the season.

HETCH-HETCHY BILL SIGNED.

San Francisco Will Get Water From
Yosemite Park.

Washington, Dec. 19.—San Francisco is to get water from Yosemite park. The president today signed the Hetch-Hetchy bill whereby the exposition city obtains the right to secure water from a government reserve. The bill has been in congress over three months and comes after a stern fight to prevent what was considered a precedent of dangerous proportions. The bill was signed without an yeceremony.

MRS. JOSEPH G. EATON.
Widow of Rear Admiral
Eaton Tried For Murder.



A GOOD SAMARITAN.

Citizen Picks up Almost Frozen Man
and Resuscitates Him.

Some will doubt occasionally that there is not much of the charity in this world that will take in the man who has fallen and help him come to a realization of his waywardness and try to help him come thartdauntant try to help him to a new life.

Once in a while a little incident happens to show that there are still men in this world of money who have that human touch that makes the world kin, men who can overlook a fault in a stranger as they can in their own children.

Last night when Charles McCorkle, employed in the city service was going to his home on Cherry street, he discovered the prostrate form of a man lying in the snow beside the track.

The man had evidently been drinking but was getting stiff from the exposure and would no doubt have succumbed to the cold but for the timely coming along of Mr. McCorkle. Instead of calling the police he took the nearly unconscious man to his home and there worked on him until he came out of the stupor, fed him and cared for him until he was able to go about his business. An act of this kind is charity. There was nothing in it for Mr. McCorkle but the profuse thanks of a warm-hearted fellow.

SUICIDES FROM FEAR OF ARREST

ATTORNEY FOR DYNAMITERS
READS OF CHARGE.

Throws Self Before Swift Train and
Is Ground to Pulp.

Galva, Ill., Dec. 19.—Henry Nowland, attorney for several of the labor leaders involved in the conspiracy to dynamite buildings throughout the United States, many of whom were convicted on the charge of transporting the explosive illegally, committed suicide this morning by stepping in front of a swiftly moving train. His body was mashed beneath the wheels of the pilot and life was extinct instantly. He had just read in the newspapers that an indictment had been issued for his arrest on the charge of forgery. Throwing the paper to the wind he plunged headlong before the train and in the twinkling of an eye was reduced to pulp. Nowland was on his way from Peoria to Kansas City. He was much in the public eye, and was considered one of the best criminal lawyers in the state of Illinois. This act is taken as a confession of guilt.

Storm Blasts Hit Colorado

TRAFFIC IN DENVER TIED UP
EFFECTIVELY AGAIN.

GRIPS MANY STATES

From Iowa to Colorado and South to
New Mexico.

Denver, Dec. 19.—Denver is in the grip of another storm, the second within a fortnight. It began at 4 A. M. and up to noon four inches had fallen. Forecaster Brandenburg of the government department predicted that it would continue throughout the night. He did not believe though that it would be as severe as the last one. From present indications however it is commonly believed that it will be worse. Freshly fallen snow has banked on top of that which had previously fallen and the streets have become almost impassable. Though the street car company had 20 snow plows working fully half of the system is tied up and outlying portions of the system are gradually becoming blocked.

It is thought that by night not a (Continued on Page Eight.)

HEAVY STORMS FOR JANUARY

WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR
FIRST MONTH OF YEAR.

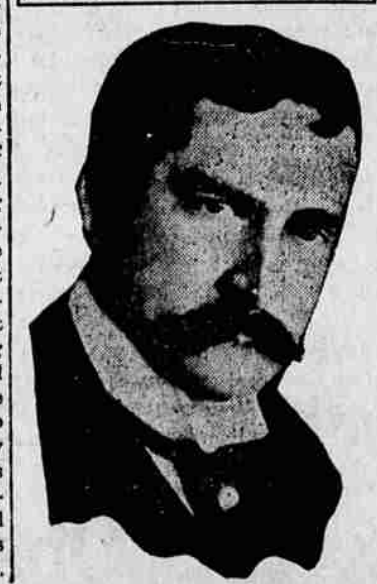
Change Is to Be Violent throughout
Northwest, Much Snow.

Rapid and radical changes both in atmospheric pressure and temperature will be the principal meteorological feature of next month. The first marked by stormy weather and four days of the month will be moderate to heavy rains over the south and severe snow storms and blizzards in the western, northern and eastern sections. A general cold wave on the 5th and 6th. Warmer on the 7th and 8th, with local rain and snow. Fair and colder on the 9th and 10th. Rising temperature with more rain or snow on the 11th and 12th. The Venus and Mars periods are central about this time, hence look for some very rough winter weather. Cold and fair from 15th to 15th. Severe storm period, 16th to 18th. Heavy rains over the south; rain, turning to snow and blizzards, in middle and northern districts. A cold wave follows on the 19th and 20th. Fair and warmer on the 21st. Easterly winds, from 22nd to 24th, expect more unsettled

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THOMAS W. LAWSON.

Financier and Stock Plunger Who
Urges Stock Exchange Reform.



WASHINGTON MUCH ALARMED ABOUT MEXICO

VILLA HAS MOVED ON CAPITAL
AND BATTLE IS EXPECTED
ANY MOMENT.

ZAPATA RULES IN SUBURBS

Biggest Bank of Mexico Is in Straits
—Run on Bank Has Caused the
Finances to Fall Below Legal Re-
quirement—May Close Doors.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Dispatches to the effect that Villa had started to move towards Mexico City have been received here from Chihuahua City.

It is said that he would neither abandon Chihuahua nor Juarez, but would leave a sufficient force in both places to garrison the cities and prevent the federal troops from re-taking them.

Washington Concerned.

Washington is seriously concerned for the safety of foreigners in the city of Mexico and vicinity. With General Zapata encamped in the suburbs of the capitol, quick changes in the situation are momentarily expected. It is feared that these changes will be attended with danger to Americans and foreigners, as well as Mexicans. The situation has become so precarious that it was decided to send the hospital ship Solace to Vera Cruz. This boat is on its way and is due to arrive there today. That there will be a battle there soon has been regarded as almost certain. The cabinet at the call of the president, met to discuss the situation.

BIG RUN ON PRINCIPAL BANK

Biggest Financial Institution May
Have to Close Doors.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—A determined run is being made on the bank of London and Mexico, the largest local financial institution of money in the republic. The condition of the bank is the worst of any time in the recent history of the government. The official bank reports show that the holdings are 10 to 20 per cent lower than the legal requirements. Men versed in banking matters predict that this bank will in a short time be compelled to close its doors, owing to the heavy drains that have been made on it in the last few weeks. All depositors are not going to run the risk of having the rebels come into the city and take command of the financial institutions to rehabilitate themselves. They feel safer in having their savings in their own possession. Much money is being sent to the United States for deposit. If the London end of the above bank cannot come to the rescue of the tottering institution it is said to be doomed.

MRS. F. S. BFAMWELL BETTER.

Appendicitis Operation Necessary,
and Patient Rents Well Today.

Mrs. F. S. Bramwell, who a few nights ago was taken suddenly ill with what seemed to be inflammation of the intestines, was last evening taken to the Grande Ronde hospital, suffering from appendicitis. An operation was necessary. She is progressing very satisfactorily today.

INDUSTRIAL ISSUE TOMORROW.

Tomorrow evening every home in La Grande is to be supplied with a copy of the annual Observer Christmas number. The edition of 28 pages, is being run off today and orders for special copies must be placed early as the quantity is limited. Each number 10 cents.