

WORK OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Some Interesting Figures Concerning Volume of Business Handled.

Thirty-one railroad trains, each one mile in length, carrying 745,000,000 pounds of correspondence a distance equal to 203 times the circumference of the earth at the equator—such is the graphic manner in which M. G. Cuniff pictures the magnitude of the postal service in this country in the current issue of World's Work. There is an average of sixty-one letters, thirty-one newspapers or periodicals, and fourteen packages carried and delivered for every man, woman and child. Is there any branch of the national government that touches the people more closely in their daily lives? Yet, as Mr. Cuniff points out, there is no Federal department over which the people have less control, none in the management of which they are less considered. In the ultimate analysis, the control of the post office department is in the hands of interests. Like other departments, the postal has been built up by successive additions to meet increasing demands. The organization is based upon a bulky volume of laws that has grown from the simple enactment of 1794 to its present dimensions. Changes of organization, attempts at systematization must be by law, but the law must be passed by congress. In congress, the authority on postal matters is the house committee on post offices and post roads, and in that committee is the ultimate official authority in the post-office department. Heads of departments may suggest, the postmaster-general may recommend, but it is the house committee that must act before anything can be done. The house committee is the ultimate official authority, but behind this there is a higher power. "Every plan that has ever been presented to congress for improving the postal service," said a high post-office official, "has been scrutinized by interests. Do you suppose we can have a revision of the present rates paid railroads as long as some of the most prominent senators and congressmen are identified with transportation interests, or establish a parcel-post as long as T. C. Platt, president of the United States Express Company, is United States senator?"

The post-office department conducts an immense business. The people pay nearly \$130,000,000 for the service each year in the form of postage. The money-order department handled more than \$13,000,000 last year. Throughout the country are 75,324 branches of the central office. At all hours of the day and night, in every county in every state, mail is shooting, dashing, jogging, crawling along. Yet this immense business is conducted without any business organization to handle it. At the head the Spoils System, and below the Merit System, both serve to render it inefficient. An assistant postmaster stated that "if a man attends closely to his work he can learn to manage one of these departments in about four years." Yet four years is the term of office of the heads of the postal department. Their duties consist almost exclusively in affixing their signatures to stacks of documents attested only by the initials of some subordinate. There has been a little more care in this direction since the "A. W. M." of Mr. Machen, or the "G. W. B." of Mr. Beavers was all-powerful, but the supervision is still defective. Under the civil service law a subordinate is removable only for gross inefficiency or neglect. So long as he does not antagonize an interest his berth is safe, so "not too much zeal" has become the watchword. A further source of weakness is the illogical division of authority. The superintendence of the enforcement of the postal laws is in the department of the attorney-general; the accounts are audited in the treasury department.

The countries of Europe have much to teach us in the postal business. In a German city there is a post-office every few hundred yards. A network of underground tubes connects all but the very smallest. Ordinary mail goes from station by wagon, but a special delivery stamp, costing less than eight cents, will cause the message to be shot by tube anywhere in the city. A carrier delivers it immediately and waits for an answer. Message and answer in Berlin take about two hours. One may send a postal money-order with a message written on the back, and a messenger will deliver it and pay the money on the spot. Of the parcel-post, Mr. Cuniff says "I know a resident of Berlin who has a package of meat mailed to him every Saturday from a point one hundred and fifty miles away in Silesia for a little more than twelve cents—the rate for a twenty-pound parcel." The English post-office sends twelve-word telegraphic messages all over Great Britain and Ireland for twelve cents, conducts a parcel-post and a savings bank. All of this pays. The United States gives no such service, and the deficit in the postal department last year was four millions of dollars. It would be impossible in any city in this country to send a letter, receive an answer, send again and receive a second answer, as can be done in London, in a day. A four-pound package mailed from San Francisco to New York costs 64 cents; a ten-pound package from Germany to San Francisco costs a trifle; in the reverse direction, prohibitory letter postage rates would be charged. A dress-suit case was mailed from New York to New Haven at a cost of \$3.68; if it had gone by way of Germany it would have cost \$1.05.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD HIM Hitchcock Suspends Arbitrary Ruling Concerning Land Entries.

Through the intervention of Senators Mitchell and Fulton, President Roosevelt has caused Secretary Hitchcock to revoke his recent severe ruling with reference to the practice that has been in vogue for more than a year past of suspending all entries made under the Washington and California. This action was taken by Hitchcock at the direction of President Roosevelt following an interview that was had with Senators Mitchell and Fulton, of this state, who showed to the Chief Executive that the enforcement of the hard ruling of the department was working an inexcusable hardship on bona fide settlers. Under the new policy all timber entries will be examined by a special agent within the ninety day period required to elapse before final proof is made. The announcement of Secretary Hitchcock's revocation of his policy was received with welcome in this city, where many interested claimants reside. At the Oregon City Land Office there are pending probably two hundred cases in which final proof to timber and stone land entries have been made but under the instructions of the department of Washington these proofs have been held up, and in many cases rejected. Under the new policy, patents will issue to all lands on which valid proof has been made.

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The legislature concluded its work and adjourned sine die at 11:15 o'clock Wednesday night. Both houses passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for securing a right of way for the Celilo canal, and also a number of bills of minor importance. Killing of Chinese pheasants has been prohibited until 1906. Ten per cent has been fixed as the maximum rate of interest to be charged upon property sold for taxes. No person, except the person paying the same, will be permitted to maintain a suit to recover fees paid to county recorders under the invalid fee law. A law has been passed permitting owners of water rights to condemn and appropriate the property and water rights of others for a public use. The total cost of the session has been about \$7500, for the payment of which an appropriation was made. Salaries of circuit judges in Multnomah county have been raised from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. Salaries of district attorneys and deputies in the eighth and ninth judicial districts have been changed, entailing an additional cost of \$200 per year. The new barracks at the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg will be furnished at a cost of \$2500. Owners of stallions are given a lien upon mares for the value of service. The car-shortage bill, which required railroads to supply cars within a specified time after demanded, failed to get the necessary number of votes in the lower house, where it originated. The house passed a bill making gambling a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, but the measure did not reach the senate. Kay's flat salary bill passed the house, but failed in the senate. The legislature memorialized congress in favor of the Brownlow road bill which, if passed, will bring an appropriation of \$250,000 to Oregon, and also in favor of increasing salaries of rural mail carriers from \$600 to \$800 per year. A bill appropriating \$40,000 for Indian war veterans, to make up a deficiency, failed to get through the house.

MASONS CELEBRATE AT BANQUET

Local Lodge Has Wiped Out a Debt of Several Years' Standing.

In celebration of the satisfaction of all outstanding indebtedness, Multnomah Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of this city, being the oldest Masonic Lodge west of the Missouri river, held an elaborate banquet last Saturday evening at its hall in this city. A number of the pioneer members of the Masonic order in this state were in attendance, including F. X. Matthieu, of Butteville, and Wm. Barlow, of Barlow, both of whom have been for more than fifty years members of Multnomah Lodge. Among those present who have belonged to the order for 45 years, were Captain George Pease, Captain J. T. Apperson, George Clark and C. W. Ganong. Preceding the banquet the election of officers took place with the result that the present corps of officers was retained for another year. They are: R. C. Ganong, W. M.; James Lynch, S. W.; J. P. Keating, J. W.; John Humphrey, secretary; Linn E. Jones, treasurer. When the election had been concluded, Past Master C. W. Ganong, on behalf of the lodge presented the present W. M., R. C. Ganong, his son, with a P. M.'s jewel. The banquet followed and for this spread 90 covers were laid. F. T. Griffith, of this city, served as toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to: R. C. Ganong, "Financial Statement"; J. T. Apperson, "Early Struggles"; J. H. Walker, "The Freedom of Being Out of Debt"; P. K. Hammond, "The Masonic Man and Other Men"; George Clark, "The Cornerstone"; Captain Pease, "Trials of the W. M."; J. P. Keating, "Masonry as I Have Found It"; J. E. Hedges, "Masonic Obligations"; T. F. Ryan, "Crossing the River"; C. W. Ganong, "The Lodge Past and Present"; W. E. Carl, "Masonic Charity"; G. L. Hedges, "The Personal Equation"; R. A. Miller, "The Philosophy of Masonry."

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and the minor possessions of the United States in the Pacific Ocean, the map showing the last named land being larger and more useful than that on the preceding page. Arranged in alphabetical order on this page are also the counties and towns of the state of Idaho, together with their location and population. The combination of these maps is worth the \$2.50 for which it retails. They are printed on good map paper and will last a long time. The various drawings are richly colored and the map is a very creditable production. We will furnish these maps to Clackamas county people at \$2.25 and include with them a subscription to the Enterprise and the Weekly Oregonian for one year in advance. This is a rare offer and one that will probably not be duplicated again. Call at the Enterprise office and see the map or mail us your subscription anyway. You will be sure to be pleased with the premium you will receive. Start the New Year off right by signing for the Enterprise, the best county paper, and the Oregonian, which for general news is not equalled in this section. Send in your subscriptions at once. We cannot guarantee to prospective subscribers that this offer for the Oregonian and the Enterprise with the map as a premium, will hold good after January 1, next. So send in your subscription at once and take advantage of this unusually liberal offer that will probably not be duplicated again.

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The Intermediate basket ball team of the Oregon City Y. M. C. A. will go down to Portland on Christmas Eve to play with the Boys team from the association at that place. During the past two years these two teams have played four games, of which Oregon City has won three. Both teams have improved a great deal since their last game, and it would be difficult to pick the winner this season. On New Year's Eve the Portland team will play in Oregon City, and much interest is being manifested by the locals as to the outcome. Following the basket ball games there will be a union watch night service in the parlors of the association. This service will be of a religious character, and the various pastors of the city will participate. All are welcome to this service and it is hoped that the rooms will be crowded to their full capacity. Immediately after the holidays classes are organized in bookkeeping, shorthand, arithmetic, etc.; also a gymnasium class for ladies. Much interest has been manifested in the association work thus far, and it is expected that notwithstanding the lateness of the opening there will be a good work carried on.

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