

# POSTAL PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

### Speakers at Convention of Postmasters Urge Close Study of Regulations.

## NEEDED TO AVOID ERRORS

### Longer Terms of Office and Pensions After Certain Age Are Among Steps Recommended at Annual Conference.

"I should like to ask Postmaster Ambler what he would do if an unstamped letter addressed to Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Princeton, N. J., should be posted in his office," inquired W. B. Hinman, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Salaries and Allowances of the Postmaster-General's office.

"I should address a letter to Mrs. Cleveland and inform her such a letter had been deposited in my office and that I would forward the same on receipt of a 2-cent stamp," responded the rural postmaster.

"Well, that merely serves to illustrate how little the average postmaster knows of the technicalities of his work," replied Mr. Hinman. "For there is a provision in the department rules and regulations which provides that postage is not required on letters addressed to the wife of a deceased President."

### Ambler Caught in Trap.

This incident occurred yesterday in connection with the annual convention of the Presidential Postmasters' Association in the Portland Commercial Club. Following an interesting discussion of "Common Errors" by Postal Inspector O. C. Riches, several of the visiting postmasters told their troubles. Finally Mr. Ambler, who is postmaster at Mount Angel, Marion County, took the floor and mildly criticized the postmasters themselves for many of the errors that resulted.

Mr. Ambler insisted that if the men in charge of Uncle Sam's postal offices would read the rules and regulations and other instructions issued by the Postoffice Department, a minimum of mistakes would be the result. As he was in the great majority of the mistakes were due to ignorance of the requirements of the department.

After being trapped himself by Mr. Hinman, the Mount Angel postmaster began to explain that he by no means considered it impossible for him to learn more about the work of the postal department. He said that he would be glad to come to the convention for what he would be glad to do. He still insisted that the postmasters were liable to continue for inattention to their postal department.

The convention was called to order yesterday morning by Postmaster J. W. Minto, of Portland, president of the association. Aside from the appointment of a committee on resolutions, which will report today, no business was transacted. This committee consists of Squire Farrar, of Salem; C. G. Coad, Dallas, and W. W. Emsed, Heppner. During the noon hour, Mr. Minto entertained about a score of the prominent officials attending the convention at luncheon in the Commercial Club.

The convention assumed active proportions upon convening at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, made the visiting postmasters feel at home by his very cordial address of welcome. In the absence of T. P. Randall, of Oregon City, who was detained by illness, Addison Bennett, of Irigoin, responded.

Ed Hostetler, postmaster at The Dalles, presented the first paper of the afternoon, the subject being "Postoffice Management." Among the recommendations made by Mr. Hostetler was an arrangement by which it would be possible for the Postal Inspectors more frequently to visit the different offices.

### Two Needs of Service.

John Hahn, of Astoria, continued the discussion and pointed out that the efficiency of the postal service frequently was crippled because postmasters were changed too often and for the further reason that in some instances these officials were appointed through political influence and without regard to their qualifications. Mr. Hahn said that in Germany public officials had the advantage of military discipline which tended to make them better public servants. He favored a law patterned after that in Germany where military service is a condition precedent to appointment to a Government position. He believed such a plan would elevate the standard of public officials. Mr. Hahn also advocated some plan for pen-

sioning postmasters after they reach a certain age.

Following the remarks of Mr. Hahn, the discussion took a wide range, including practically every department of the postal service. Among those participating were: E. W. Johnson, of Corvallis, secretary of the association; J. C. Hodson, Newberg; Ed Hostetler, The Dalles; J. S. Van Winkle, Albany; H. A. Snyder, Aurora; and John Butterworth, local president of the Railway Postal Clerks' Association.

### Urged to Study Rules.

"The postmasters," was the advice of Postal Inspector O. C. Riches in his address on "Common Errors." He urged postmasters to familiarize themselves with the organization of the postal department so that whenever any question arose affecting the administration of their office they would know just which particular department of the Postmaster-General's office it should be referred. He cited several instances that had come under his observation as Postal Inspector, all tending to show that the average postmaster was unacquainted with the work of the department as it was organized. Mr. Riches referred to the methods that were employed by many postmasters and suggested the adoption of some systematic plan by which the management of their office should be improved. He more satisfactory to the postmaster himself as well as to the representatives of the Government who were required periodically to make a thorough inspection of these offices.

An interesting and instructive discussion followed on the subject of "Postoffice Mail." Several of the postmasters from different parts of the state expressed their views but it was generally agreed that the card system, by which the mail is carried, was the most satisfactory means for meeting this problem. Ed Hostetler, of The Dalles, Postal Inspector, Riches, of Portland; William M. Yates, of Hood River; J. L. Page, of Eugene; W. W. Emsed, of Heppner; and Squire Farrar, of Salem, were among those taking part in the discussion.

### Mundelle Is Not Present.

The postmasters were disappointed yesterday in the failure of Mr. Mundelle, of Indiana, to reach the city. Mr. Mundelle is connected with the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General and was scheduled for an address yesterday afternoon. He did not reach Portland until late last night and will be the principal speaker at this morning's session. In addition to the address of Mr. Mundelle, the programme for today will be as follows:

10 A. M.—Address, "Postmasters of the Fourth Class," by the visiting postmasters of the Fourth Class, remarks "Good of the Country," by J. W. Minto, Portland; address, "Railway Mail Service," F. E. Whitney, Portland, Or., chief clerk, railway mail service.

### Four Women Attend.

Four women, commissioned as postmasters, are attending the convention. They are: Mrs. W. N. English, Deer Island; Mrs. F. A. Fowler, Goble; Mrs. I. McColl, Gresham; and Miss Rose Ingram, Monroe. Miss Lola Watters, clerk in the office at Stayton, Marion County, also is in attendance. Among the postmasters in attendance are: J. W. Minto, Portland; E. W. Johnson, Corvallis; H. A. Snyder, Aurora; J. C. Hodson, Newberg; J. S. Van Winkle, Albany; T. L. Ambler, Mount Angel; John Hahn, Astoria; W. J. Clarke, Gervais; W. Z. G. Riebel, Knappa; M. E. Page, Clatskanie; E. E. Horberg, Fishhawk; C. T. Spaulding, Woodstock; W. E. Walters, Stayton; George W. Dannel, Grants Pass; W. H. Hestner, Irigoin; Ed Hostetler, The Dalles; E. G. Perkins, Ione; C. G. Coad, Dallas; M. Thompson, Falls City; C. E. Hassard, Dixon; J. L. Page, Eugene; W. W. Emsed, Heppner; T. C. Watta, Reuben; T. B. Horton, Troutdale; Squire Farrar, Salem; F. E. Roberts, Springfield; A. Bennett, Irigoin; A. Whitehouse, Arlington; J. R. Casey, Ashland; William M. Yates, Hood River; F. W. Valentine, St. John; P. R. Meing, Sandy; W. C. Morand, Boring; W. E. Tait, Wasco.

M. E. Page, of Clatskanie, president of the Oregon Association of Postmasters of the Fourth Class, has called a meeting of all fourth class postmasters to be held at the Commercial Club at 8:30 this morning. The purpose of the meeting is to further perfect the organization of the postmasters of this class.

## BAND CONCERT FOR ALBINA

Music at 8 o'clock tonight at Rodney Avenue and Knott Street.

Signor De Caprio's band will furnish musical entertainment at 8 o'clock tonight at Rodney Avenue and Knott Street. The programme:

March, "Chicken Charlie"..... Ballou  
Waltz, "Lullaby"..... Ballou  
Overture, "Der Tambour des Gardes"..... Till  
"La Paloma"..... Gardier  
Selection, "The Little Dutchess"..... De Koven  
Intermission  
Fantasia, "A Little Dutchess"..... Buralosse  
Intermezzo, "Eldorado"..... Van der Meulen  
Dance, "Africaine"..... Glider  
Selection, "Boccherini"..... De Koven  
March, "Ben Hey"..... Joedogus  
A. de Caprio, director.

In China the salt tax is a government monopoly. It on the principal revenue of the empire, yielding about \$9,000,000 a year.

# PARK BOARD MAY BUY KING TRACT

### Members Will Meet Today to Inspect Acreage Adjoining City Park on South.

## LANG FAVORS PURCHASE

### Charter Revision as Relating to Public Parks Will Be Discussed at Next Regular Meeting.

Charter revision as relating to public parks and boulevards will form the principal feature of the next regular meeting of the City Park Board, which is scheduled for this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the City Park on South. After a communication from City Attorney Kavanagh was read, it being an opinion that the city can condemn for park purposes, the members of the Board voted to discuss this important matter in detail when they meet again.

The Park Board also voted to meet in the City Park this afternoon at 2 o'clock and inspect the King tract, lying to the south, with a view to recommending its purchase by the City Council for an addition to the City Park. Mayor Lane, as chairman, will accompany the other members. This is a project initiated by Laurence Lang, a member of the Board, who is very enthusiastic over the subject.

### Now Is Time to Buy.

"If we wait to purchase the land, now is the time to do it," said Mr. Lang yesterday, when discussing the subject at the meeting of the Board. "If we wait we will lose it, or be obliged to pay a much higher rate. I am in favor of either buying it or not buying it, and whatever we do, to act immediately."

The City Park is said to be crowded, and it is believed by many that it would be wise to add the tract lying to the south, which has never been opened up and laid out into streets.

When the subject of drinking fountains came up, it was said that those recently installed about the city by the Oregon Humane Society are in poor condition; that they leak and are apparently inferior in make. It was said, however, that repairs are soon to be made. Mayor Lane said that the fountains are serving a good purpose. He said they furnish water for the Italian vegetable peddlers to wash their wares and he favored continuing them. Some present regarded this as a bit of sarcasm, and there was a general laugh.

### Columbia Park Plan.

Parkkeeper Mische submitted to the board a plan for Columbia Park, which he recommends shall be made largely into a playground. It consists chiefly of cleared ground for children and shaded lanes and plots for rest and cooling in the heat of the day. The plan was not adopted, as the board voted to meet in special session to discuss it before taking any action. The board voted to recommend to the City Council the purchase of a strip of ground 60 feet wide and 750 feet long, adjoining the park, to be added to it. Parkkeeper Mische reported that the public baths have not been permanently located yet, and that the establishment is in bad condition. In his opinion, the building will not last much longer, and it seems to be an expensive institution.

## COTTEL WANTS KAMM TRACT

### Ideal Location for Children's Playground, Councilman Declares.

To obtain for the city the tract of land owned by Jacob Kamm, bounded by Fourteenth, Seventeenth, Taylor and Jefferson streets, is the plan advocated by Councilman Cotel. He recommended this scheme to the Council street committee, of which he is a member, during its session yesterday afternoon. No action was taken, but some were favorable to it. The subject will be discussed later.

"The Kamm tract would make an ideal place for a downtown park and playground," said Councilman Cotel. "I have for some time been thinking over the question, and I have come to the conclusion that the city should not open any streets through the property, but that the Council should secure the land and make a park of it, especially for children. It is more centrally located than any other piece of available property, and could be worked over and made into a magnificent recreation ground. A baseball diamond could be fitted up, and an athletic field for school children could be provided,

as the tract is large enough. That action should be taken to purchase this ground is my firm conviction. It may be possible, too, that Mr. Kamm, being a public-spirited man, will donate the tract to the city for this purpose, if the Council expresses a desire to fit it up for a public park."

Councilman Baker recently introduced before the City Council a resolution, opening up and improving Taylor street, from Fourteenth to Chapman, and Seventeenth street, from Morrison to Jefferson, through the tract now in that form, the Council having adopted the resolution, and, if the Cotel suggestion should receive attention, these proceedings would have to be reconsidered. The tract is one plot in the downtown section of the city which has never been improved, and is covered by fir trees and shrubbery, with a few houses of old style. It is property that, if opened, will require costly fills, in case the city decides to improve the whole district lying west, and which is, in fact, part of the original plot of ground.

Should the city decide to take over the tract for a park it could condemn the ground under the laws of the state, and by provision of the city charter, and pay whatever the courts should determine. He says he sees it to make a donation of it, as a lasting testimonial of his public spirit, as suggested by Councilman Cotel.

## PLAN OF COUNCILMAN WILLS

### Advocates Purchase of Many Small Tracts for Parks.

Councilman Wills, of Sellwood, favors the purchase of a number of small tracts for parks, and he would have them placed where they can be easily reached by the people. He says he would secure a tract at Sellwood, near the Willamette River; one at Midway, Brooklyn, on Hawthorne avenue, Mount Tabor, Irvington, Vernon and Piedmont. The Peninsula he considers supplied with Columbia Park.

"I don't care if these parks are only a few blocks," said Mr. Wills, "so they can be easily reached by the public. The people want places where their children can go and have playgrounds. I am opposed to purchasing large tracts anywhere, but am a firm believer in small parks and as many of them as we can get hold of. The boulevard system, as proposed, is good, but in my judgment the \$1,000,000 would be a fraction of what would be needed to work it out and carry out the plan. It would cost \$19,000,000 to construct the boulevard as proposed. The \$1,000,000 would not go very far if used on the proposed boulevard. The people want parks and plenty of them, and they are going to have them."

## CAMPMEETING AT AN END

### CHURCH CONVENTIONS AT JENNINGS LODGE ADJOURN.

### Effect of Sessions Is to Strengthen Bond Between Two Evangelical Bodies.

The union Evangelical conventions and campmeeting held at Jennings Lodge by the ministers and delegates of the two Evangelical churches of Oregon came to an end Thursday night, and camp was broken yesterday. There is general satisfaction over the result of these joint meetings. It is conceded they have brought together the two branches of the Evangelical Church as closely as they can be in advance of official organic union throughout the United States. Fraternity, harmony and a brotherly spirit were manifested all the way through the meetings, as the following resolutions unanimously adopted will show:

Whereas, in ministerial union, conference conventions and campmeetings of the Evangelical Church the spirit looking toward organic union has been so strongly manifested showing a healthy growth, and since we believe that the spirit is of God and should be carefully nourished and fostered, and since we firmly believe that God has put his seal of approval on this movement by the manifestation of his power in our first union conventions and campmeeting held at Jennings Lodge campground, July 28 to August 7, therefore be it

Resolved, that we will continue to cultivate the spirit and most earnestly hope and pray for ultimate organic union, and since we believe that every possible step to further this movement should be taken, therefore be it further

Resolved, that we give Dallas College our moral support and encourage our young people to attend this school in preference to other coast colleges.

Dallas College is the denominational school for the United Evangelical Churches of Oregon and Washington, and this indorsement comes from the Evangelical Association. The association was invited to nominate a member of the board of trustees of the college. Rev. L. C. Hoover was nominated and will undoubtedly be elected. It was decided to hold all future union conventions and campmeetings at the Jennings Lodge ground.

The Campmeeting Association, which holds the ground, decided to erect a tabernacle on the ground this fall that will seat 1000 people, to be used for future conventions and campmeetings. Also the association will erect a large boarding-house on the ground.

# WAR DECLARED ON PAVING CONCERN

### Warren Construction Company Accused of Appropriating Belgian Blocks, AND CHARGING FULL PRICE

## Council Will Investigate and Perhaps Rescind Franchise Permitting Concern to Lay Its Pavement in This City.

The Warren Construction Company, a Portland paving company, came in for much unfavorable discussion at the regular meeting of the street committee of the City Council, yesterday afternoon. The corporation was charged by Mr. Friendly, of the Rosenthal Shoe Company, and by Jacob Rosenthal of appropriating Belgian blocks from property once improved and charging full price for a contract job, the property-owner thus being beaten out of his own goods.

Councilman Kellaher, at the same session, introduced an ordinance, the terms of which rescind the present ordinance, which gives this firm the right to lay its "patent" pavement in Portland. The Kellaher measure was discussed briefly and at first was recommended for passage by a small majority, but was later reconsidered and laid over for two weeks, during which time the Councilmen are to investigate.

This formally opens the war on the Warren Construction Company, which is charged by Councilman Kellaher with having an absolute monopoly on its paving material. He will also contend that its mysterious ingredients are bogus, and that it is nothing out of the ordinary kind of paving, although great things are claimed for its qualities and it is supposed to be composed of some wonderful stuff, for which an exceedingly high price is charged. Mr. Kellaher's chief objection is that it is exclusive; that it is an absolute monopoly, and as such is contrary to the plain provisions of the charter, which specifies that all city work must be done upon open and competitive bids.

### Action Delayed Two Weeks.

There was a small attendance of Councilmen at the session, and for this reason, it was thought best to lay the matter over. Those present were Councilmen Vaughn, chairman; Cotel, Wallace, Driscoll, Kellaher and Dunning. However, when the paving matter was up for action, not all of those named were there. When the vote was taken on the question of rescinding the right of the company to lay its pavement, it resulted in a vote of three to two. Those voting to rescind were Cotel, Kellaher, Vaughn; those voting to uphold the ordinance were Driscoll, Kellaher and Dunning. Reconsideration nullified this vote and it lay over for two weeks.

The proposed ordinance is certain to create a big fight before the matter is settled. The Warren Construction Company is a powerful concern, backed by large capital, and has its friends among the Councilmen. It is admitted that its product is good, but it is alleged that the charge is excessive and that the material is monopolized by the corporation. It has been doing an immense amount of work in Portland, and the volume is constantly growing. The demand for hard-surface streets is so pronounced that at this time the laying of 11 miles of bituminous concrete is contemplated.

Occasions are frequent where property-owners come into the Council with petitions to proceed with the laying of bituminous concrete, and the volume is constantly increasing. Citizens declare that the cost of the improvement is more than offset by the excellent results that follow, and they often win their desires by the Executive Board of the city award of contract, saying they are willing to pay, if they can only secure the work.

### Price Declared Exorbitant.

It is the contention of Councilman Kellaher and others that there is no need whatever for the prevailing prices for this pavement. That exorbitant rates are charged, is said to be a fact, and it is the purpose of the Kellaher ordinance to remedy this evil and to compel the Warren Construction Company, if its officers wish to continue in business here, to readjust its rates and also to lift the monopoly on its product and sell its material to any who may wish to go into the street improvement work in the city.

The charge made by Mr. Friendly and Mr. Rosenthal, that the Warren Construction Company has been and is now using Belgian blocks on various contracts that have been used in previous improvements and paying nothing therefor, is a new feature in the war, which only developed yesterday, when those

men appeared before the committee and laid before the members their grievances. After consideration, the committee voted to instruct City Engineer Taylor to check up on the company's work and make a report on this matter.

"If the Warren Construction Company has been using the Belgian blocks previously paid for, and then charging the same rate for its work, we ought to hold up its payment until it adjusts the matter," declared Chairman Vaughn, after Mr. Friendly stated his case. "It is simply a dishonest business, and we ought not to permit it for a minute."

"The Warren Company is getting bold enough to do anything," was Councilman Kellaher's comment. The company was unrepresented during the session.

## FRUIT DEALER ARRESTED

### Harry Arakelian Accused of Violating Pure Food Ordinance.

Harry Arakelian, an Armenian, who conducts a brokerage and commission business at 148 Front street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Hyde, on four warrants, each charging him with violating the pure food ordinance passed by the City Council in December. The complainants against Arakelian are A. Karson, S. Fox, H. Fendel and S. Hoffman, all hawkers. These four men bought a carload of oranges from Arakelian and found them to be decayed. The arrest was made at the instigation of Mrs. Sarah Ann Evans, market inspector, who has suspected Arakelian of evading the law in the conduct of his business for some time past.

Arakelian was taken to the police station and held until this morning, when he was released on \$1000 bail. Mrs. Evans, the arrested commission merchant had been in the habit of having carloads of fruit shipped into the city and side-tracked at some place away from his place of business. He would then open the car and dispose of the fruit some time early in the evening, and thus evade the regular inspection imposed upon all his competitors in business during the regular business hours. By this means he was able to get undesirable fruit on the market without a check-up on all his competitors in business on the street and questioned them as to where they got the fruit they did not want to sell, but under the regular inspection imposed upon Arakelian had sold it to them. Mrs. Evans then compelled them to go to Arakelian and get receipts for the melons, which she then filed with the four hawkers then filed complaints against Arakelian to escape being prosecuted themselves.

## FALL MAY PROVE FATAL

### Carpenter Is Seriously Injured When Scaffolding Breaks.

W. B. Taylor, a carpenter, was probably fatally injured yesterday morning while at work with J. M. Florer, another carpenter, on a building being erected as a dwelling by Contractor George Oliver at 121 Sixteenth street. The scaffolding upon which the two men were working at a height of about 18 feet gave way and precipitated both of them to the ground.

Both men were stunned and were removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Holman's ambulance. Here it was discovered that Taylor had broken one of his ribs and his collar bone and sustained serious internal injuries, from which he may not recover. Last night he was said to be in a very critical condition.

Taylor is a single man and had been living at a North End rooming-house. Florer escaped with a bad shaking up and a few bruises. After recovering his senses he was able to leave the hospital and proceed to his home, which is in Lentz.

## REID CANNOT RAISE BAIL

### Boy Murderer Still in Charge of Sheriff Stevens.

Jackson Reid, the boy who shot Charles F. De Mars, at the old Exposition grounds, still remains in the custody of Sheriff Stevens in the library of the County Jail. His friends have not yet been able to raise the \$5000 bail demanded. In case this cannot be secured, the boy must remain in custody until his trial. The preliminary hearing is to be held Monday and the regular trial later.

Should Reid be remanded to the Circuit Court for trial like an ordinary criminal, it would be necessary for him to await a hearing by the grand jury, which sits for the first session in September. On the other hand, if he is tried in the Juvenile Court, under Judge Gantenbein, or by a jury of six men, it is probable that he will come to trial soon.

Life Pence has been endeavoring to secure bond for the lad. He will himself sign the bond, but his signature alone is not sufficient.

### Increase Assessment Values.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Board of Equalization was in session here three days this week and decided to raise the assessment of logged-off lands from \$1 per acre to \$2.



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## LAND OPENED TO SETTLERS

### MILITARY ROAD GRANT CUT INTO SMALL TRACTS.

### Oregon Valley Land Company Brings Homeseekers to Lake and Harney Counties.

Three hundred thousand acres of land in Lake and Harney Counties have been thrown open to purchase and settlement by the Oregon Valley Land Company. This tract is a portion of the Oregon Military Road land grant and has been platted into 11,992 farms, ranging from ten to 1000 acres each, all of which are being sold for the uniform price of \$200. The distribution of the tracts among the purchasers will be made some time next year. The project is expected to increase the population of the state by about 50,000, since at the rate the sales are being made fully 90 per cent of the total acreage will be purchased by homeseekers residing in the states of the Middle West.

The large tract has been platted into farms of various sizes. There are six farms of 1000 acres each, 12 of 500 acres each, 400 of 100 acres each, 200 of 80 acres each, 1020 of 40 acres each, 4000 of 20 acres each and 5374 of ten acres each.

The larger farms are suitable for grazing purposes only and are considered desirable sheep lands, while the smaller tracts are adapted to diversified agricultural pursuits. The company placing this land on the market has platted 11,992 lots at Lakeside from land it owned and will present the purchaser of one of the farm tracts with a warranty deed to one of these lots.

The company now has its chief engineer on the ground and he is making preliminary arrangements for irrigating about 60,000 acres of the tract in accordance with the survey of the premises that was made by Carl Stradley, engineer for the Oregon Short Line.

The water for irrigation purposes will be taken from Cottonwood River and will be adequate for watering all of the smaller tracts, which will be devoted to fruitgrowing or agricultural pursuits, each 400 of 100 acres each, 200 of 80 acres each, 1020 of 40 acres each, 4000 of 20 acres each and 5374 of ten acres each. Most of the land is located in a series of valleys and much of the soil is immensely productive. With the irrigation project that has been started it is considered by the promoters that unfailing crops will be assured.

C. M. Hyskell, of this city, secretary and local representative of this company, leaves today for San Louis Valley, Colo., where he will assist next Tuesday in the distribution of about 7000 acres of the same class of land among purchasers.

If all the inclement dwellers in the lower East Side of New York City should be in the streets surrounding their homes at one time they would be so crowded as hardly to be able to move.

## MEMBERS ATTENDING SESSION OF PRESIDENTIAL POSTMASTERS' ASSOCIATION



In the front row, standing seventh from the left, is Postmaster J. W. Minto, of Portland, president of the Presidential Postmasters' Association. Standing immediately behind him and to the right is Squire Farrar, Postmaster at Salem. In the second row, E. C. Clement is standing beside the pillar at the right of the picture. J. S. Van Winkle, Postmaster at Albany, is the second man to the right of Postmaster Minto. In the extreme rear and at the right stands A. H. Snyder, Postmaster at Aurora. To the right of the center of the group and in the rear stands Ed Hostetler, Postmaster at The Dalles. Several of the women in the picture are Postmasters and others are wives of Postmasters.