

HITCHCOCK WILL CUT THE EXPENSES

Cut in Deficit Without Impaired Service, Goal of Postmaster-General.

SALARIES ARE TO STAND

Head of Federal Department Speaks at Postmasters' Convention and is Guest at Luncheon at the Commercial Club.

Retrenchment in the postal department without impairing the efficiency of the service is the main problem which Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, Portland, tackled yesterday. It is the purpose of Mr. Hitchcock to effect a reorganization of the postal service and, by applying the pruning knife to needless expenditures where they may be discovered, eventually to wipe out the deficit of \$20,000,000 which was reported last year from the postoffice department.

Item Will Add Million.

The increased receipts from this revenue alone are expected to add at least \$1,000,000 annually to the postal receipts for the country. Reduction of salaries are not contemplated as to any of the employees in the postal service, but it is my firm determination to effect a retrenchment in the cost of maintaining this service without sacrificing its efficiency to the public.

West's Needs Are Heeded.

"Frequently have I visited the Pacific Northwest, with the result that I am disposed to consider myself a Western man. I am most favorably impressed with the section of the country and by reason of my natural interest in your people, their prosperity and the development of their promising country, I shall recommend some legislation to remedy this condition.

SUIT SAVED BY BIG HAT

MUSHROOM SHIELDS DRESS FROM PAINT DELUGE. Headgear of Extreme Pattern Can Be Useful on Occasion.

At last the mushroom hat has come into its own. It is the official headgear of the department of the state, of whom probably 50 of the 80 first-grade postmasters were in attendance at the Commercial Club luncheon for which 65 covers were laid. In the afternoon he visited the Portland postoffice and personally met the heads of the different departments as well as many of the clerks and carriers.

Leaves for Butte Meeting.

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Scott, John C. Young, Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, C. S. Jackson, John F. Carroll, F. W. Mulkey, T. B. Wilcox, John W. Minto, W. R. Ellis, W. C. Hawley, John W. Gearty, C. N. McArthur, A. B. Beckwith, Frank W. Williams, Tom Richardson and F. J. Shardt, vice-president of the National Association of Railway Mail Service.

T. T. STRUBLE IS DEAD

AGED CITIZEN ONCE SERVED ON SCHOOL BOARD.

Was Veteran of Civil War and for Some Time Official of Portland Water Company.

Thomas T. Struble, a resident of Portland since 1872, died at his home at 229 Sixth street at 6 o'clock last night, after a lingering illness, from Bright's disease. Mr. Struble was born at Sprout Hill,



The Late Thomas T. Struble.

Sussex County, N. J., May 1, 1834. At an early age his family took up its residence at Chasterville, Ohio. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was a member of the Ohio National Guard. At Camp Chase he was mustered into service on May 11, 1864. He was assigned to Company F, 15th Ohio Infantry, and served through out the tedious campaigns in the defenses south of the Potomac until the close of the war. He returned to Ohio, where he married Elizabeth R. Shipley, a sister of an ex-Assistant Postmaster Shipley, of this city.

A few years later Mr. Struble moved West and took up his residence in Portland, where he followed his vocation as accountant with Stimson & Company and the Portland Water Company. He was subsequently elected a member of the Board of Education of Portland. While serving in his capacity as superintendent of supplies and distribution with the Portland Water Company Mr. Struble became actively engaged in the real estate business. He was prominently identified with several fraternal orders and was a member of Lincoln-Gardner Post, No. 3, G. A. R., Pacific Lodge, No. 11, A. O. U. M. and Portland Lodge, No. 85, A. O. U. M.

W. C. PARKER IS BURNED

Portland Man Injured in Fire in Battleground Hotel.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The first serious fire which has visited Battleground, this county, destroyed the hotel at that place this morning. The building, two stories in height, was discovered in flames at 3 o'clock by William Russell, who lives near. He sounded the alarm, but before the citizens could be aroused the hotel was doomed.

W. C. Parker, who lives at 671 East Seventeenth street, Portland, was in one of the upper rooms and, becoming alarmed by the flames, jumped on to a porch and thence to the ground, sustaining painful injuries. Four hours after he was sent to his home in Portland, being accompanied by two members of his lodge from Vancouver. He was burned on his head, face and hands, and his feet were cut by the broken window glass.

CURIOSITY HIS UNDOING

Habitual Court Lounger Ordered Under Arrest by Judge Bennett.

Court loungers may in the future wisely beware the Municipal Court for they are offenders in the eyes of Judge Bennett, and may be arrested as was Joe Ruhl yesterday morning. Ruhl has been a constant attendant at the Police Court for many weeks, arriving early in the morning and occupying a chair well to the front where he could hear and see all that transpired. Being unknown to any of the court attendants and never appearing as a witness in any of the cases, his presence finally attracted the attention of the judge. On several occasions the court builder asked him if he

PRECEDENT SET BY JUDGE

Judge Williams Rallies From Surgical Operation.

RAPID RECOVERY EXPECTED

Distinguished Jurist Passes Through Treatment Satisfactorily and His Attending Physicians Are Exceedingly Hopeful.

Rallying from a surgical operation performed yesterday morning at Good Samaritan Hospital, Judge George H. Williams was reported in a condition late last night that forecasts a rapid and entire recovery from his present illness, which has for the past few days alarmed his relatives and friends.

ASK FOR ARBITRATION

UNCLE SAM'S ADVICE SOUGHT ON STEEL BRIDGE SITE.

Property-owners and O. R. & N. Representatives Argue Question of Changing Location.

The Government will be asked to arbitrate the matter of the location of the proposed steel bridge across the Willamette from Glisan street, on the West Side, to Oregon street, across the river. Since the announcement of the intention of the O. R. & N. to erect the bridge, scores of property-owners with holdings immediately adjoining the river on Holladay avenue, entered a vigorous protest.

CITY TAGS 1230 DOGS

GREAT RUSH MADE FOR FAVORITE LICENSE NUMBERS.

No. 13 Brings Councillman Watkins Luck—There's Always Big Demand for No. 1.

Since September 1, which opened the present year for the sale of dog licenses, there have been 1230 licenses issued, and yesterday afternoon was the first lull in the sale of dog licenses, a number of peculiar characteristics have been brought to light, according to statements made at the City Hall yesterday.

RAIN AND COOLER TODAY

Decided Change in Weather Predicted by Local Forecaster.

Rain and cooler weather are predicted for today by the Weather Bureau. Yesterday there is a deficiency of 0.71 inches in rainfall and after the Summer weather of yesterday and the day before the rain will be a welcome visitor.

ELKS' HERD REVELS

High Jinks Draw Visitors From All Over State.

WILL JOIN TAFT PARTY

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The entertainment opened last night with the presentation of the stages of the 12 invited delegates who represented the local lodge at the recent convention in Los Angeles, and who have become leaders in the campaign for bringing the National convention of 1912 to Portland. After being formally presented, the delegates served the first installment of refreshments for the evening.

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Laurelhurst advertisement. The Addition with Character. SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE CHOICE OF A HOME. IMPROVEMENTS ORDERED MADE. PRICES OF LOTS. BUNGALOW THEATRE. STAR THEATRE. BAKER THEATRE. LYRIC THEATRE. VOCAL RECITAL. BASEBALL. SKETCHES.

Various small advertisements and notices including 'The Grand', 'Pantages Theater', 'The Orpheum', and 'The Lyric Theater'.