

POST OFFICE WILL BE SHUT SUNDAYS

New Ruling Gives Employees Chance to Rest One Day in Week, if Work Is Done.

COLLECTIONS TO BE MADE

Order Effective April 9 Includes All Substations in City—General Delivery Window in Main Office Open Hour.

Beginning April 9 the Portland Post-office and all substations will be closed Sundays, with the exception of the general delivery windows at the main office, which will be open to the traveling public between 10 and 12 o'clock. This order was issued by Postmaster Merrick yesterday.

Of the 110 carriers now employed in the city delivery service, only about 18 will be obliged to work Sundays under the new rule, provided the 100 can sort and route their mail in the specified time Monday morning. If they cannot they will be obliged to work for a short time Sunday in sorting the mail for Monday morning's delivery. Postmaster Merrick is not yet sure how this detail will work out.

Collection to Be Made.

The 10 carriers who will be obliged to do regular duty on Sunday will be required to make the collection from street boxes, a letter which Mr. Merrick received from First Assistant Postmaster General Grandfield saying that the collection is not to be dispensed with by the new order.

Mr. Merrick says he has received 17,000 cards asking that the Postoffice be closed Sundays, and that between 2,000 and 1,000 petitions have also been sent him. Attorney Charles J. Schnabel wrote him, he said, saying the office ought not to be closed Sundays any more than the streetcars should not be operated.

With the letter authorizing Sunday closing was another from Mr. Grandfield saying that complaint had been made to the department against carriers in uniform circulating petitions for Sunday closing and impugning residents on their routes to sign them, to the neglect of the carriers' duties and the annoyance of patrons.

Circular Is General.

The Sunday closing order appears to be a circular for the benefit of all postmasters in the country. It reads: "My dear sir—As you know the Postmaster-General is deeply interested in the welfare of postal employees, believing liberality with respect to compensation on other conditions of employment to be the best policy. He has recommended repeatedly that a law be enacted authorizing him to extend the annual leave of absence with pay for postoffice clerks and city letter-carriers from 15 to 20 days. Although provision to this end was made in the appropriation act for the next fiscal year as passed by the conference, section 3 of the act, however, provides for allowing clerks and carriers compensatory time off for Sunday work as follows:

Substitutes Not Included.

"That hereafter for services required on Sundays of supervisory officers, clerks in the postoffice, letter-carriers, and city letter-carriers, compensatory time off during the working days is amount equal to that of the Sunday employment of the individual carrier, as prescribed by the Postmaster-General may prescribe; but this provision shall not apply to auxiliary or substitute employees."

Conditions Are Named.

"In a large number of offices the department has authorized the discontinuance of Sunday service where the amount of mail is so small that it is not justifiable to keep the office open. It is believed, therefore, that the discontinuance of the Sunday delivery, through the carriers' window at least, can be accomplished without inconvenience to the public and with great benefit to the officers and employees of the postoffice under the following conditions:

Early Reporting Required.

"To prevent any delay in the first delivery Monday morning carriers should be required to report a little earlier on that day to route their mail. The only alternative in the case of carriers failing to route their mail within the prescribed time on Monday morning would be to require such carriers to serve a sufficient line on Sunday to perform this work. The Sunday collection from street boxes should be discontinued.

Early Reporting Required.

"The department requests your earnest co-operation to bring about this Sunday closing, and suggests that if you have any doubt as to the attitude of the public on the subject you take the matter up with the press of your city, with the ministers and religious associations, and with commercial bodies, and that you report to the department the result and whether the plan outlined in the letter cannot be put into effect immediately. Yours very truly,

W. P. GRANDFIELD, First Assistant Postmaster-General.

DEBATING TEAMS OF THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WHO WILL MEET TEAMS OF THE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOLS TOMORROW NIGHT



Affirmative Team (Reading From Left to Right) Top Row—Russell Burs, Clarence J. Young and Earl Godey. Negative Team (Reading From Left to Right) Bottom Row—Albert Geatner, Richard Case and Carlyle Geisler.

HORN HEARD ONCE

Chief Cox Puts Check on Exposition Publicity.

NOISE PENETRATES WALLS

Negro Travels From San Francisco to Blow for Panama Fair, but Permit to Stir Portland Echoes Is Refused.

FORENSIC CONTEST IS ON

INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATES TO BEGIN ON FRIDAY.

GULCH FILL TO BE TOPIC

PANAMA-PACIFIC FAIR "BOOSTER" FORBIDDEN TO BLOW FAMOUS COACH HORN IN PORTLAND

White Slave' Cases' Up.

BRIDGE ACTION UPHHELD

City Attorney Can Maintain Suit Against Street Railway.

SOURCE OF DRUG SOUGHT

Death of Mrs. Grace Blosser to Be Investigated.

HOLZMAN SUSPECT FOUND

FATHER OF 5 TO ROCKPILE

INFLAMMATION AND PAIN

SALE LATE U. S. Army Goods

Things to Please Ladies, Too

Other Goods and Curios Galore

Sale Closes Next Week

POSTUM Instead of Coffee— Means Better Nervs to thousands— "There's a Reason"

WILLIAM HOOPER.

WHOLEN FREE OF FEDERAL CHARGE

Government Fails to Prove Saloonman Stole Bullion From Mails.

STATE CASES ARE PENDING

Mailing Clerk at Station F Is Indicted on Eight Counts Accusing Him of Rifling Letters.

Because the Government could not connect James Whalen, saloonkeeper, with disposing of gold bullion once in the mails, the United States Government yesterday brought in "not a true bill" against the suspect.

This action clears away the only Federal case pending against Whalen in connection with the theft of \$84,000 in gold bullion which formed a shipment from Alaska on the steamer Humboldt in September, 1910.

Agent Sees Mayor.

Hooper did not see Lawson after his conversation with him, but it was learned that Lawson went to Mayor Simon, and the Mayor referred him to the Chief of Police, who refused to grant a permit. Not hearing from Lawson, Hooper said, he hurried from the Y. M. C. A. to the police station to see the Chief himself.

While waiting for the Chief, Hooper explained to the officers present his mission and the special construction of the horn, which maintained a high key and gave it "rip." All were anxious to hear and persuade Hooper to try it. Hooper cautioned the officers that it would make the windows vibrate and reluctantly placed the mouthpiece to his lips. Then the notes pealed out, rich and clear, and that was the first and last time the horn will be heard in Portland.

Whalen is confined in the Multnomah County Jail under bonds of \$2,000. Three state charges are filed against him, including the theft of the bullion, swindling and cashing a bogus check on the Merchants National Bank. On the last charge bonds were fixed at \$10,000.

The letters were addressed to the Smith Ingram Company, Kansas City; International Remedy Company, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Burton Mack, East Randolph, N. Y. Gay is charged with having intercepted, opened and returned the letters to the Chief of Police. The indictment does not accuse him of taking money from this one. But he is alleged to have taken a \$5 certificate of the Mechanics & Farmers Building and Loan Association, of South Carolina, and \$9 cents from the Indianapolis letter and \$1.50 from the letter to Mrs. Mack. The offenses were committed on December 3, the indictment avers.

With the 34 indictments and four not true bills returned yesterday afternoon the grand jury submitted to Judge Wolverson its final report. It began its deliberations March 14, and through the good management of United States District Attorney McCourt was able to consider more than 66 cases and to return 39 true bills and 16 not true bills. In the 15 days 156 witnesses were examined.

The white slave traffic occupied a part of the grand jury's time, four indictments against persons accused of violating the law against the traffic being returned last night. Peter Laviole is accused of violating the white slave law by transporting Myrtle Lovelace, September 8, 1910, from Portland to Canada, where she was sold to a man in Los Angeles to Portland January 31, the grand jury returning five counts against him.

Alvin Patterson is alleged to have enticed Emma Lane from Portland to Kelso, Wash., on December 2.

Selling liquor to Indians was another question to which the grand jury gave attention, owing to complaints of violence among the Indians recently made. Among those indicted were: W. Ruel, Alfred Slade, Bell Masterson, Elmer Hammer, Dave Kramovich, E. J. Frazer, Patrick McCormick, James Aikens, Carl Lawson, Harry Kee, T. W. Kilmer, G. L. Stedee and William Burgess. The most of these live at Madras. Kilmer lives in Crook County and Aikens at Wapinitia.

The grand jury found insufficient evidence against Sam Scheffs to justify an indictment charging the smuggling of 230 5-tael cans of contraband opium. A not true bill was also returned against Newton Sutton, accused of assaulting Ira Strong with a knife, and against Nick Cosmos, accused of participating with Peters in bringing Minnie Hill from Redding to Medford.

Hugh Hought was arraigned before Judge Wolverson yesterday on a charge of selling liquor to Indians and will plead April 5. Leticia Flabella, alleged to have maintained a still at Batacads

Charles Peters is also held under a \$3,000 bond, having been indicted for transporting Minnie Hill from Redding, Cal., to Medford. The girl was recently sent to the Salem Insane Asylum.

W. E. Dunlap was indicted for the alleged transportation of 300 lbs. of opium from Los Angeles to Portland January 31, the grand jury returning five counts against him.

White Slavers' Are Accused.

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Contention of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company that City Attorney Grant had no right as a citizen to institute quo warranto proceedings against the company to determine by what right it was using the Hawthorne bridge, as made in the demurrer of the company, was overruled yesterday by Presiding Judge Gantenbein, and the case must now go to trial on its merits.

The case, when settled, will determine whether the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will have to pay \$100 a month, as it did on the old Madison bridge, for the right to operate its cars across the bridge, or will be compelled to pay \$15,000 a year for the privilege, as required by the act passed by the people, authorizing the construction of the new bridge.

Ten days have been given the company to prepare and file its answer in the case. Following this the case will take its regular course for trial.

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Advertisement for Remington-Wahl adding and subtracting typewriter, with text 'The Remington-Wahl Adding and Subtracting Typewriter will do all your writing and adding in Your Way'.

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