

SENTINEL AGENTS.

The following named persons are authorized to act as Agents for this paper in the places named: L. P. FISHER, 20 and 21 New Merchants' Exchange, SAN FRANCISCO.

TRUSTEE MEETING.—The Board of Town Trustees will hold a special meeting on Monday evening next.

CATHOLIC SERVICES.—Rev. Father Blanchet will hold divine services at the Catholic Church to-morrow, (Sun Day), at the usual hour.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. N. H. Starr will hold divine service at the M. E. Church in this city on Sunday next, at the usual hour, morning and evening.

FOR CITY MARSHAL.—As will be observed by his card, Jacob Roubush is a candidate for the office of City Marshal. As he is an old and respected citizen it will take a strong pull for any one to beat him.

FIRE AT ASHLAND.—A fire broke out yesterday, about 11 o'clock, in a building owned by Mr. J. M. McCall, and occupied by the telegraph office and Wm. Griffin. It was speedily extinguished, and the loss slight. Mr. Griffin lost his clothing, and the damage to the building was probably \$50.

IN TOWN.—Capt. O. C. Applegate, the author of "Arnold Bray," was in town during the week and paid us a friendly call. He was in command of a Company in the battle of the Lava Beds, and his visit here was to procure and fill out the proper discharge papers for his men, whose terms of enlistment have expired.

ARMY SUPPLIES.—We don't know that any considerable number of our readers will feel an interest in the perusal of Uncle Sam's propositions published in this issue, but there are some who will read it with satisfaction, we know; and for those persons we give it room, hoping always for ourselves that the list may be long.

GRAPE VINES.—Read the card of Mr. O. Coolidge, nurseryman at Ashland, and govern yourselves accordingly. We are among those who believe in patronizing home institutions, and as the Ashland Nursery is a fixture among us, and a worthy one, we ask the more earnestly that attention be given to the suggestions of the proprietor, in another column.

GONE TO ROSEBURG.—Mr. L. Zigler, a long time and popular citizen of our place has left us for a home in Roseburg, where he has taken charge of the Metropolitan Hotel. Mr. Z. is well acquainted with the business, is a good man, and will make the house a popular one. We can cheerfully recommend the Metropolitan to the traveling public, and wish the new landlord all possible success.

WINTER NEAR US.—From parties just from there we receive the information that the snow in Illinois Valley, about 60 miles southwest of here, in Josephine county, is sixteen inches deep, and the thermometer near to zero. On the mountains in sight to the East and North of us the fall appears quite heavy. In Rogue River Valley the weather is clear and pleasant, with no prospect of a change.

DIDN'T MEAN THAT.—Some fun-loving ladies in town were on the roof of a house, having high fire walls, throwing snow balls at some male friends, when a Teutonic passer-by was struck by a stray shot, and taking it as a banter, took a hand in the fight. The gents complained of their disadvantage by reason of the walls, when one of the ladies, a buxom lass of well-developed physique, whose hands had become cold, rolled them up in her apron, folded them across her breast and sprang upon the wall. Mynheer, who was just in the act of throwing a ball, stopped at this maneuver, threw down the ball with the remark, "Jim, its no use; ve can't vip dem." "Why?" was the response. "Vy, don't you see, dey's got so much bigger breastworks as ve have!" With a titter the ladies disappeared, when Mynheer suddenly appreciated the liability of a misconception, and called to them, "Ladies, coom back; I didn't mean dat!" But it was no use. He had fired a heavier shot than a snow ball, and the battle was over. He swears he had reference to the fire wall, and is willing to call it a drawn battle.

Why Endure What is Curable?

"What can't be cured must be endured," says the proverb; but indigestion can be cured, and therefore it is the merest stupidity to endure it. Dyspeptics have certainly a right to continue dyspeptics to the end of their days if they choose, but as it is not supposed that any rational being prefers physical torment to ease and health, the probability is that if all sufferers from indigestion were convinced that an absolute, infallible remedy for their complaint existed, they would with one accord resort to it. We most emphatically declare that such a remedy does exist, and that its name is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The record of its success extends over a period of more than twenty years, and it is fearlessly alleged that during the whole of that time has never failed to afford permanent relief in any disorder or derangement of the stomach that was not organic, malignant, and incurable. The testimonials that go to establish this important fact can be counted by the thousand. Stomach complaints that had been aggravated by a total disregard of all dietary rules, and intensified and rendered chronic by medicinal treatment or drastic purgation, have in hundreds of instances been cured within three months by the systematic use of this celebrated stomachic and alterative. It should be remembered that weakness of the digestive organs involves many other ailments. Biliousness, headache, nervous debility, spasms, palpitation of the heart, rush of blood to the head, vertigo, nausea, and sleeplessness are among its concomitants and results; and for all these the great vegetable tonic is a specific. It acts first upon the stomach, and through the stomach upon the secretory and nervous systems and the bowels, its general effect being always genial and beneficial.

SOLDIERS ENROUTE.—On Tuesday about 50 men of Battery "E," 4th artillery, passed through town, under command of Lieut. Col. M. P. Miller, on their way to the Klamath Lake country. They are a fine looking set of men, and behaved themselves like gentlemen while among us. We wish them no bad luck, but hope they may have a "bout" with Jack, and clean him out, too.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Tern of Life.—Armed with this great antidote, the fiery ordeal is passed through and the sufferer once more restored to the possession of unimpaired health. These Pills are equally efficacious in all female complaints, and obstructions at the dawn of womanhood. Sold everywhere. 35 cent per box or per.

DENTISTRY. D. W. JACKSON DENTIST, JACKSONVILLE. All styles of Plate Work made, such as Gold, Silver, Platinum, Aluminum and Rubber. Special attention given to Children's Teeth. Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) used for painless extraction of Teeth. Will visit Ashland annually on the 1st of March; also, Klamath Falls on the 4th of May; and Roseburg on the 1st of June. Call and examine specimens Work.—23 OFFICE—Corner of California and Fifth Streets. Residence opposite the Court House. Tel. No. 721.

Catarrh, Consumption and Rheumatism. IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND PERMANENT CURE GUARANTEED IN EVERY CASE. Particulars sent free. Address: CLINTON MEDICAL INSTITUTE, 147 East 15th St., N. Y. n431.

PLANTATION BITTERS. S. T. 1260-X.

This wonderful vegetable restorative is the sheet-anchor of the feeble and debilitated. As a tonic and cordial for the aged and languid it has no equal among stomachics. As a remedy for the nervous weakness to which women are especially subject, it is superseding every other stimulant. In all climates, tropical, temperate or frigid, it acts as a specific in every species of disorder which undermines the bodily strength and breaks down the animal spirits.

Mexican Mustang Liniment! FOR MAN AND BEAST.

Probably few articles have ever had so extensive a sale, while none have been more universally beneficial than the celebrated MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT. Children, Adults, Horses, and Domestic Animals, are always liable to accident, and it is safe to say, that no family can pass a single season without some kind of an emollient being necessary. It becomes a matter of importance then to secure the best. Over three hundred livery stables in the city of New York alone are using the MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT, in all of which it gives universal satisfaction.

CAUTION.—The genuine is wrapped in a fine Steel Plate engraving with "G. W. Westbrook, Chemist," and "Trade Mark, MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT," engraved across the face of each wrapper. The whole bears the proprietor's private United States Revenue Stamp, and not a common stamp, as used by druggists. LTON MANUFACTURING Co., 53 Park Place, N. Y.

ASHLAND ACADEMY.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT the Ashland Academy is rapidly approaching completion, and will commence its first term on the first Monday of next October. No expense or pains will be spared to make its rooms inviting to all; and in situation, for health and beauty, we believe the Ashland Academy is not surpassed by any school in the land. It will be fully furnished with Maps, Charts, Pianos, Organs, Philosophic apparatus, &c., and much care will be taken to secure for it a competent Board of Instructors.

TUITION, PER TERM. Primary, per term \$4 00; Preparatory, 5 00; Sub Junior, 6 00; Junior, 7 00; Senior, 8 00. EXTRAS. Languages, each, per term \$3 00; Penciling, " " 3 00; Painting, " " 10 00; Instrumental Music, " " 10 00; Use of instrument, " " 3 00; Book keeping, single entry, " " 3 00; Book keeping double entry, " " 6 00.

Board can be had in private families, or with the Principal's family for \$3.50 per week, exclusive of washing. We believe that no academy in the State offers like inducements at such low rates. If further information is desired, it may be obtained by calling on Rev. J. H. Skidmore at Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon. July 13

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY. CONDUCTED BY The Sisters of the Holy Names, Jacksonville, Oregon.

Board and Tuition per Term \$40 00; Entrance fee, only once 5 00; Piano 15 00; Drawing and Painting 8 00; Bed and Bedding 4 00. SELECT DAY SCHOOL. Primary, per term 6 00; Junior, 8 00; Senior, 10 00.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's FURNISHING & FANCY GOODS.

AND BOYS & GIRLS CLOTHING, READY MADE AT REDUCED PRICES.

E. JACOBS. IN ORTH'S NEW BUILDING. JACKSONVILLE, [aug10] OREGON.

WM. BOYER, CALIFORNIA STREET, First Door West of White & Martin's DEALER IN GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Fruits, in Season; PLAIN AND FANCY CANDIES ETC., ETC., ETC.

Produce taken in Exchange. GIVE ME A CALL. Jacksonville, Dec. 14, 1872.

H. P. JOHNSON, P. A. HEARN. JOHNSON & HEARN SUCCESSORS TO Rantzen & Shaw and Comstock & Martin, FORWARDING AND Commission Merchants, REDDING, CAL.

Mark your Goods Care of J. & H. By close attention to business we hope to merit a continuance of the patronage heretofore extended to the old firm. Redding, October 5, 1872

GRAPE VINES. I HAVE FOR SALE, AND READY FOR delivery, about 3,000 Yearling Grape Vines.

These vines are with roots, and for that reason are greatly superior to Cuttings, as they are hardy, and reach the bearing age earlier. My prices are: Single roots, 25 cts; by the hundred or thousand, \$20. Call at the SENTINEL office. FRANCOIS LORRAINE. Jacksonville, Jan. 19, 1873.

I. O. O. F. JACKSONVILLE LODGE No. 10, I. O. O. F., holds its regular meetings on Saturday evening, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. ISAAC SACHS, N. G. KASPER KULL, Secretary.

Wanted. A SITUATION AS TEACHER, BY A GEN.leman of several years' experience, and who has a first-class certificate. For particulars apply to Mr. Stanley, School Superintendent, Jacksonville, or at this office. n1m1.

Warren Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., HOLD their regular communications on the Wednesday Evenings or preceding the full moon, in JACKSONVILLE. OREGON. T. G. REAMS, W. M. MAX. MULLER, Secy.

RAILROAD NEWS!

ANNOUNCED. SACHS BROS., OF THE POPULAR TEMPLE FASHION STORE. Have received their large Fall and Winter Stock.

The community at large will be peculiarly benefited by THE FAIR NOTICE!

Hereby give to our numerous customers desiring bargains. We have no hesitation in saying that the public will find not only a much Better Stock to Select from Than usual, but much lower prices. We mean through this Winter to effect a rapid reduction of our immense stock on hand, and shall resort to a LOWER RANGE OF PRICES! As the means of accomplishing our purpose. Old and regular customers, as well as new ones, will find, on examination of our Stock and Prices That we not only say so, but demonstrate, as we invariably do, The Truth of Our Sayings.

SACHS BROS., JACKSONVILLE. (Oct. 10, 1872.) Latest Dispatch to the Ladies! MISSES A. F. & L. A. KENT.

HAVING REMOVED NEXT DOOR to E. C. Brook's Jewelry Store, California Street, take pleasure in announcing to the ladies that they have a Full Fall Stock of MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS, INCLUDING—Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, Trimmings, Chignons and many other articles, selected with care and of the VERY LATEST STYLES. Please give us a call. Jacksonville, Oct. 14, 1871-3m

Notice. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Oregon, January 25, 1873.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by John A. Mills and Q. N. Anderson against James Brown for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 825, dated May 27, 1868, upon the Lot No. 6, Section 18, Township 38 S., Range 1 West, in Jackson county, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 31st day of March, 1873, at 1 o'clock P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. W. R. WILLIS, Register. BIRCHER HERLMANN, Receiver. January 25, 4v.

Chopped Grain. G. NAYLOR takes this method of informing the public that he is prepared to chop Wheat and Barley for the 12th bushel, or (7) seven cents cash, and will grind corn for the 8th bushel. His mill is on Ashland Creek, one-fourth of a mile south of Ashland. October 12, 1872.

\$5 to \$20 PER DAY! Agents wanted! All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments, or all the time, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine. [sep21, '72]v1.

Errors of Youth. RULES & PRESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL cure any case of Seminal Weakness, Emissions, &c., and restore lost manhood to perfect health. Sent free to all, by one who has suffered and is now cured. Address with postage stamp, EDGAR TREMANSK, Station D., New York. nov30 '72]v1.

Love and Matrimony. THE AFFECTIONS MAY BE GAINED by following simple rules, and all may marry happily without regard to wealth, age or beauty. Address, with stamp, MANAM LUCILLE DENABRE, Bible House Station, N. Y. n431.

J. G. WALL, Forwarding and Commission MERCHANT, CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA.

MARK your goods, care of J. G. W., Crescent City; send bills of lading and shipping receipts for all of goods sent; freight and charges payable in Crescent City, on delivery of goods. My warehouses consist of two brick and one stone buildings. Assuring my patrons that no pains will be spared in looking to their interest, I ask for a continuance of their past favors. J. G. WALL. Crescent City, March 2, 1872.-1f

CITY BREWERY! VEIT SCHUTZ, Proprietor.

THE PUBLIC IS RESPECTFULLY informed that they can find, at any time, at the CITY BREWERY, the best of Lager Beer, in quantities to suit the purchaser. Jacksonville, Jan. 15, 1870-1f

U. S. MAILS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, Dec. 1, 1872. PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 P. M. of March 3, 1873, for conveying the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1873, to June 30, 1874, in the State of OREGON.

on the routes and by the schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified. Decisions announced by or before March 30, 1873. (Bidders will examine carefully the laws, forms, and instructions annexed.)

The letters (n. o.) indicate that there is no postoffice at the place named. Service will not be let where no office exist.

OREGON. 15162 From Roseburg by Looking Glass, Brewster Valley (n. o.), Burton Prairie (n. o.), Coos City (n. o.), and Marshfield, to Empire City, 80 miles and back, once a week. Leave Roseburg Monday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Empire City next day by 6 p. m.; Leave Empire City Wednesday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Roseburg next day by 6 p. m.

15163 From Eugene City, by Willamette Forks, to Pine, 15 miles and back, once a week. Leave Eugene City Tuesday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Pine by 12 m.; Leave Pine Tuesday at 1 p. m.; Arrive at Eugene City by 6 p. m.

15164 From Jacksonville, by Central Point, Table Rock, Big Meadow (n. o.), Little and Big Butte Creek (n. o.), and Sam's Valley (n. o.) to Jacksonville, equal to 36 miles and back, once a week. Summer Schedule—From May 1 to October 31. Leave Jacksonville Monday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Jacksonville next day by 6 p. m. Winter Schedule—From November 1 to April 30. Leave Jacksonville Monday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Jacksonville Wednesday by 6 p. m.

15165 From Pendleton, by Pilot Rock, Forks of Birch Creek (n. o.), Butler Creek, Willow Fork, and Rock Creek, to Scott's, 100 miles and back, once a week. Leave Pendleton Monday at 10 a. m.; Arrive at Scott's Wednesday by 6 p. m.; Leave Scott's Thursday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Pendleton Saturday by 3 p. m.

15166 From Union to Gem City, 42 miles and back, once a week. Leave Union Monday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Gem City by 6 p. m.; Leave Gem City Tuesday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Union by 6 p. m.

15167 From Baker City to Wingville, 8 miles and back, once a week, by a schedule making connection with stages at Baker City. Proposals invited for twice, also for three-times-a-week service. 15168 From The Dalles, by Fifteen-mile Creek (n. o.), Tygh Valley (n. o.), Mount Hood, Oak Grove (n. o.), Warm Springs (n. o.), Willoughby, Reservation (n. o.), Willow Creek (n. o.) and Prine, to Upper Ochecho, 130 miles and back, once a week. Leave The Dalles Monday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Upper Ochecho Wednesday by 5 p. m.; Leave Upper Ochecho Thursday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at The Dalles Saturday by 6 p. m.

FORM OF PROPOSAL, GUARANTEE & CERTIFICATE. Proposal. The undersigned, whose post-office address is, county of, State of, proposes to convey the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1873, to June 30, 1874, on route No. between, under the advertisement of the Postmaster General, dated December 1, 1872, "with celerity, certainty, and security" (law of June 8, 1872), for the annual sum of dollars. This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service; and, also, after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail service; and of the provisions contained in the act of Congress of June 8, 1872. Dated, Bidder.

Guarantee. The undersigned, residing at, State of, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. be accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder will, prior to the 1st of June, 1873, enter into the required obligation, or contract, to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient securities. This we do, understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantors. W. R. WILLIS, Register. BIRCHER HERLMANN, Receiver. January 25, 4v.

Certificate. The undersigned, postmaster at, State of, certifies, under his oath of office, that he is acquainted with the above guarantors, and knows them to be men of property, able to make good their guarantee; and that bidder and guarantors are above the age of 21 years. Bids of \$5,000 and upward must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, on some solvent National Bank, equal to 5 per centum on the present annual pay on the route or in case of new service, not less than 5 per centum of one year's pay proposed in bid.—(Section 253, Act of June 8, 1872.) The postmaster must sign the certificate until the sum of the bid is inserted and the bid and guarantee signed by all parties, and dated.

FORM OF PROPOSAL, ETC. Oath required by Section 246 of an Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1872, to be affixed to each bid for carrying the mail, and to be taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths. I, of, bidder for conveying the mail on route No. from, do swear that I have the ability pecuniarily to fulfill my obligation as such bidder; that the bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case said bid shall be accepted; and that the signatures of the guarantors thereto are genuine, and that I believe the said guarantors to be peculiarly responsible for and able to pay all damages the United States shall suffer by reason of my failing to perform my obligations as such bidder. Sworn to and subscribed before me, for the day of, this day of, A. D. 187, and in testimony thereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal the day and year aforesaid. [Seal]

NOTE.—When the oath is taken before a justice of the peace, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record should be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is a duly qualified justice of the peace.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS. Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the Contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper. 1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails. 2. On routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the Postoffice Department, also postoffice blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge. 3. "Way bills," or receipts prepared by postmasters, or other agents of the Department, will accompany the mails, specifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters, to insure regularity in the delivery of bags and pouches. 4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier, three times the pay of the trip will be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with departing mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof, and the importance of the mail, may be made. 5. For leaving behind, or throwing off the mails, or any portion thereof, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted. 6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained, by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from or deliver it into, a postoffice, for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, a car, coach, or steamboat on a route. 7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the postoffice laws, or disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier, when required by the Department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail. 8. The Postmaster General may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a pro rata increase on the contract pay. He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to the instructions of the Department, without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged. The Postmaster General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route superior service, or whenever the public interest, in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing as full indemnity to contractor one month's extra pay on the amount of service discontinued with railroads, and a pro rata amount of the amount of service retained and continued. 9. Payments will be made by collections from, or drafts on, postmasters or otherwise after the expiration of each quarter—say in November, February, May and August, provided that required evidence of service has been received. 10. The distances given are believed to be substantially correct; but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be related are expressly stated. Bidders must inform themselves upon this point, and also in reference to the weight of the mail, the condition of hills, roads, streams, &c. and all toll bridges, turnpikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred. No claim for additional pay, based on such ground, can be considered, nor for alleged mistakes or misapprehension as to the degree of service; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions causing or increasing distance or expense occurring during the contract term. Offices established after this advertisement is issued, and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay, if the distance be not increased. 11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named (3 p. m., March 3, 1873) for bids received after that time will not be considered in competition with bids, of reasonable amount, received in time. Neither can bids be considered which are without the guarantee required by law, and a certificate of the sufficiency of such guarantee, and the oath of the bidder according to section 246, act of June 8, 1872. 12. Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to the advertisement, and then, if they desire, separately for different services; and if the regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered. 13. There should be but one route bid for in a proposal. Consolidated, or combination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") cannot be considered. 14. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bidder (that is, his usual postoffice address), and the name of each member of a firm, where a company offers should be distinctly stated. 15. Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable, the printed proposals, furnished by the Department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of the same. Altered bids should not be submitted; nor should bids once submitted be withdrawn. No withdrawal of a bidder or guarantor will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty-four hours previous to the time fixed for opening the proposals. Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons. The bid and guarantee should be signed plainly with the full name of each person. The Postmaster General reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant; and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders. (Act of June 8, 1872 section 249.) 16. The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of Oregon," addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office," and sent by mail, not by or to an agent. Bids of \$5,000 per annum and upward must be accompanied by a certified check or draft on some solvent national bank, equal to 5 per cent of the amount. (See law of Congress of June 8, 1872.) 17. The contracts are to be executed and returned to the Department by or before the 1st day of June, 1873, otherwise the accepted bidder will be considered as having failed, and the Postmaster General may proceed to contract for the service with other parties, according to law. Transfers of contracts, or of interest in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed. Neither can bids or interest in bids, be transferred or assigned to other parties. Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the service awarded to them through the whole contract term. 18. Section 249 of the act of June 8, 1872, provides that contracts for the transportation of the mails shall be "awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for the faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security thereof." Under this law bids that propose to transport the mails with "celerity, certainty and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail, however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "celerity, certainty, and security," and have the preference over all others, and no others are considered, except for steamboat routes. 19. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received, so as to interfere with regular competition. Making a new bid, with guarantee and certificate, is the only way to modify a previous bid. 20. Postmasters are to be careful not to certify to the sufficiency of guarantors without knowing that they are persons of sufficient responsibility. (See section 267, act of June 8, 1872.) They must not sign the certificate until the sum of the bid is inserted, and the bid and guarantee signed by the bidder and (two) guarantors; a disregard of this instruction by postmasters will subject them to immediate removal, and to severe penalties. 21. Postmasters are also liable to dismissal from office for acting as agents of contractors or bidders, without their consent, in any business, matter, or thing, relating to the mail service. They are the trusted agents of the Department, and cannot consistently act in both capacities. 22. All bidders, guarantors, and sureties are distinctly notified that on a failure to enter into or perform the contract for the service proposed for in the accepted bids, their legal liabilities will be enforced against them. 23. Preferred contractors, and persons known at the Department, must, equally with others, present evidence and certificates of their sufficiency, substantially in the forms above prescribed. The certificates of sufficiency must be signed by a postmaster. J. V. A. J. CRESWELL, Postmaster General.