

NEW PENNY POSTAGE

Two Cents an Ounce to Great Britain the New Rate.

BE OPERATIVE NEXT OCTOBER

Postoffice Officials Believe Increased Commercial Intercourse Will Be the Result.

Washington, June 4.—Postmaster-General Meyer announced today that an agreement had been reached with the British government providing for letter postage of 2 cents an ounce between the United States and Great Britain and Ireland, to become operative October 1, 1908.

The matter of "penny postage," as it is called in England, has been under consideration for some time, and as far back as last July President Roosevelt approved Mr. Meyer's course in urging a "restricted union with England."

On October 1, 1907, the Universal Postal Union, which governs the international postage transactions of the various civilized countries, reduced the rate of letter postage from 5 cents a half-ounce flat to 5 cents per ounce, and 3 cents each additional ounce, which is the present rate between the United States and countries with which we do not have direct steamship communication, but on mail on which we have to pay an additional charge to countries through which it passes in transit. Under the articles of the Universal Union, however, any two states can form a restricted union. Examples of restricted unions are those now existing which permit a 2-cent an ounce letter rate between the United States and Canada.

Postmaster General Meyer believes this reduction in the rate to the United Kingdom ultimately will result in an increase in receipts, because it has been found that a reduction in the letter rate resulted finally in increased revenue. He is also of the opinion that a lower postage will lead to a freer commercial intercourse. Manufacturers, he says, are increasing their sales in England and must rely to a great extent upon mails for orders and increase of trade.

"Further," he stated, "this will be a great boon to our adopted English-speaking citizens and their connection here, as it will enable them to keep up correspondence with their relations and friends in the old country at domestic rates."

PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY.

Heney Fears Enemies May Get Gallagher and Plans Accordingly.

San Francisco, June 4.—Convinced that the "higher-ups" have determined to kill former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney announced yesterday that he will dismiss the case in which Abraham Ruef is charged with bribing former Supervisor J. J. Furey, because Gallagher's testimony before the grand jury led to the indictment.

The testimony of a dead man given before a grand jury cannot be used in future action. Repeated attacks on Gallagher's property with dynamite and continuous threats against his life have led Heney to take steps to prevent the loss of Gallagher's testimony through his death.

It is Heney's purpose to file a new information against Ruef in the same premises and call Gallagher as a witness at the preliminary hearing. If his testimony is taken in this way, it will be on record.

The necessity for such unusual methods is believed to be urgent by the members of the prosecution, who fear for their own lives as well as for that of Gallagher.

This probably will be the next procedure against Ruef in the graft cases, and it is proposed to take it as rapidly as possible, as the prosecution believes that the "higher-ups" are becoming more desperate every day.

Scores Perish in Tornado.

Wichita Falls, Tex., June 4.—Scores of persons are believed to be dead in the path of a tornado which is sweeping Texas today. Reports indicate that it is the most terrific of all the storms which have visited this part of the country in the last month. Communication from most of the damaged area is cut off. Wires are down and railroad tracks are blocked. Many small towns are known to have been struck by the twister, but no definite information could be obtained as to the extent of damage this afternoon.

Mississippi on Annual Rampage.

St. Louis, June 4.—The Mississippi river above Quincy, Ill., is rapidly rising, and hundreds of homes have already been abandoned in that vicinity. Great damage to property is reported, but so far no deaths are known to have occurred. The inhabitants who have left the homes which probably will be swept from their foundations if the floods increase, are fleeing to the high elevations to remain until the trouble subsides. The Illinois river bottoms are reported to be inundated.

Steamer Long Overdue.

Norfolk, Va., June 4.—The steamer Europa, which sailed for Hamburg, Germany, 45 days ago, bound in return for Norfolk, loaded with fertilizer, was expected to make the trip within 21 days. Nothing has been heard from her, however, in 41 days.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STOPPED.

Entire State of Montana a Vast Waste of Water.

Helena, Mont., June 5.—With the greatest rainfall in 22 years, Montana is experiencing the most complete demoralization of railroad traffic since the first train crossed the Rocky Mountains in this state.

Thousands of passengers are marooned. Six persons are reported drowned; railroad tracks are washed out in every direction. Land slides are reported on the Great Northern near Kalispell and the rivers are rapidly rising. This is the situation briefly summed up:

The property damage to railroads will run into the thousands and many of the big mountain trestles are endangered. There is, as yet, no prospect of a let-up in the downpour. Last night's precipitation is estimated at more than two inches.

It is believed that at least six persons have lost their lives as a result of the high water.

Nine Northern Pacific trains which were held up in the eastern part of the state since last Sunday arrived yesterday and left over the Great Northern tracks. These trains are now stalled at Great Falls, Havre and other points in Northern Montana. On the east of Helena the Great Northern tracks are washed out near Basin and both the morning and evening trains from Butte are held up there.

West of Garrison the tracks were washed out several days ago and no trains have been able to get through for a week. This cuts off all means of transportation to the coast, since the Great Northern trains cannot get through from the north.

One of the leading theatrical companies is held up in Helena now and the probabilities are it will have to remain here a week. The company has cancelled all its dates for several days ahead.

SHOOTS AT DREYFUS.

Military Journalist Seeks Revenge for Insult to French Army.

Paris, June 5.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon yesterday, when the president of France, the premier and a host of ministers of state were taking their departure, Louis Antheno Gregoris, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point-blank at Major Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won.

Men distinguished in all walks of life filled the Pantheon and, when the shots rang out, there was great excitement in fear that the president had been assassinated, but even the attempt on the life of Major Dreyfus created a profound impression. Soldiers speedily surrounded Gregoris and he was taken to jail, bruised and bleeding, with his clothes almost torn from his back.

Major Dreyfus was not seriously injured. A bullet entered his forearm, but did not injure the bone. At a late hour the official statement was made that his condition was very favorable and that no complications were feared.

With regard to the reasons for Gregoris' act, the opinion prevails in Paris that there is much truth in his avowal that he was driven to the deed by the appeals to hatred with which the anti-Semitic papers have been filled since the government resolved to place the body of Zola in the Pantheon.

PLANS TO HONOR FLEET.

Festivities in Auckland Will Continue Four Days.

Auckland, N. S. W., June 5.—Festivities to last over four days have been arranged for the entertainment of the men of the American battleship fleet and the governor of New Zealand, all the federal officials, the mayors and the municipal authorities are to participate in the welcome. On the arrival of the fleet August 8 there will be an official reception and a review of the volunteers, to be followed by a dinner to the admirals and officers of the fleet in the evening.

A municipal welcome will be given the following day and will include a reception by the mayor of Auckland. August 12 and 13 will be devoted to a visit to Rotouaqua Lake, where there will be entertainments by the Maoris.

The governor will entertain the visitors August 14 and this function will be attended by the members of the legislature.

Frost Damages Potatoes.

Stockton, Cal., June 5.—Jack Frost has damaged thousands of acres of potatoes on the islands west of Stockton, and consequently the price of the tubers will be high this season. Only a few days ago a large acreage was ruined by frost, and the growers were compelled to replant. The loss is especially heavy because most of the acreage damaged the first time has been ruined again, and because the growers had to purchase seed and pay for the cost of replanting. The total yield will be much reduced.

McClellan Gains Five.

New York, June 5.—A net gain of four votes for Mayor McClellan was the result of the ballots in the first nine boxes opened yesterday in court in the contested mayoralty election of 1905. The contents of 35 boxes in all were examined during the day and another vote was added to the McClellan total, the mayor's net gain for the day being five votes. From 112 boxes so far opened Hearst's net gain is 118, as against 123 when yesterday's counting was begun.

Typhoon Off Australia.

London, June 5.—A typhoon off the west coast of Australia is believed to have wrecked 40 boats and killed at least 275 sailors. The meager reports received here concerning the supposed sea tragedy say that the boats comprise the great pearl fishing fleet.

CHAMBERLAIN WINS

Plurality Over Cake Will Reach 1,000 or More.

UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION SAFE

Statement No. 1 Has a Safe Lead—Hawley and Ellis for Congress—Many New Dry Spots.

United States Senator—George E. Chamberlain, Democrat. Representative First Congressional District—Willis C. Hawley, Republican.

Representative Second Congressional District—W. R. Ellis, Republican. Justice of the Supreme Court—Robert S. Bean, Republican.

Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. Bailey, Republican.

Railroad Commissioner, First Congressional District—Thomas K. Campbell, Republican.

Railroad Commissioner, Second Congressional District—Clyde B. Aitchison, Republican.

Portland, June 4.—Governor Chamberlain's plurality over Cake for United States senator will be about 1700. He now has 1546. Complete returns from a large number of counties increase previous estimates. For example, Malheur, which had previously been in the Chamberlain column by 100, nearly doubles that plurality by giving him 196, with five small precincts still to hear from. Cake's previous lead of 18 in Benton county is cut down to eight, while in Clatsop the full vote raises the Democrat's plurality from 300 to 357. Crook county, too, gives Chamberlain a lead of 224 over his competitor. The full vote of Douglas shows that each senatorial candidate has 1890 votes. If this is correct, it shows a slight loss to the Democratic candidate. Gilliam county comes in with only 20 for the Republican nominee, while Lake, hitherto in dispute, adds 70 to the Chamberlain column. Lane county, however, as the country precincts are heard from, continues to add to the Cake figures. In Wallowa county, with 11 out of 20 precincts, Cake has a lead of 113, which will probably reach 200. Marion, with every vote counted, shows just 11 for Cake, while Multnomah, with the count complete and a total of more than 25,000 for the two candidates, shows just 991 for the governor.

Mr. Cake has carried 19 counties and Mr. Chamberlain 13, counting Douglas a tie. The state at large, outside of Multnomah, on the vote so far at hand, has given Chamberlain a plurality of 652. Seventeen counties out of 33 are complete, and most of the others are practically complete. It is not probable that the final returns will make a difference of more than 100 votes in Governor Chamberlain's plurality one way or the other.

Hawley, Republican, is elected to congress in the first district by 15,000 or more, and Ellis, Republican, by 15,000 or more in the second district. Bean, Republican, for supreme judge, has a very large vote, having no opposition, while Bailey, Republican, for food and dairy commissioner, wins by 25,000 to 30,000. Campbell, Republican, is successful for railroad commissioner in the first district, and Aitchison, Republican, for railroad commissioner, for the second district, has 5000 or more plurality.

Fifty-two members of the legislature are for Statement No. 1, including Kay of Marion and Bonebrake of Benton, who are pledged conditionally. A majority of the legislature is 46.

Forty saloons voted out. Pendleton, June 2.—Practically complete returns from the county show that Cake has a plurality of 250, and that the county has gone dry by 700, putting more than 40 saloons out of business, 25 being in Pendleton.

Cake Loses Linn.

Albany, June 2.—Chamberlain has carried Linn county by 417 votes. The complete unofficial count on the state ticket in Linn is as follows: Chamberlain, 2369; Cake, 1952; Cooper, 188; Amos, 89; Hawley, 2311; Whitney, 1650; Richards, 250; Staver, 94; Bean, 2938; Brix, 308; Bright, 187; Bailey, 2283; Emery, 1621; Hoskins, 212.

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Crook Goes Dry.

Prineville, June 2.—With two small precincts to hear from, Crook county has gone dry by nearly 600 majority. Even Prineville has gone dry by three votes. Chamberlain is well in the lead of Cake for senator, having a majority of about 100.

Chamberlain Leads in Douglas.

Roseburg, June 2.—The count for Douglas county is not yet finished, two large precincts remaining to be heard from. Chamberlain will have the lead over Cake by not over 75. Hawley leads Whitney, the vote being 1983 to 1026. The university of Oregon appropriation bill will carry by a good majority.

Jackson Votes Out Saloons.

Medford, June 2.—Official count from 21 of Jackson county's 33 precincts, Medford not included, gives Cake 874, Chamberlain 1008. Prohibition has 1154, and anti-prohibition 881. The Medford count cannot possibly change the result, though there will be a majority in favor of the saloons.

At the Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., June 2.—Commencement week at the United States naval academy was ushered in yesterday with the official reception to the board of visitors. During the next few days the midshipmen will be kept busy with dress parades, drills, athletic contests and other features incident to the "June week" celebration. The program will culminate Friday with the graduation exercises, when the embryo admirals will receive their diplomas.

United States China's Ally.

San Francisco, June 1.—Give China 10 years more of peace and at the end of that period China and the United States could make a combination of power that would command and insure the peace of the world." Ng Poon Chew, editor of a Chinese newspaper, said this and more about the relations of his native country and America in delivering an address on "Progressive China" before the men's assembly at the Hamilton Square Baptist church.

Result Close in Marion.

Salem, June 2.—Complete returns from 33 precincts in Marion county give Cake 2901 votes and Chamberlain 2937. The remaining precincts are not expected to change the relative positions of the senatorial candidates very materially. Returns today confirm the report of yesterday that all other Republican candidates have received substantial majorities.

Josephine for Chamberlain.

Grants Pass, June 2.—Returns are now in from 13 precincts out of 16 in this county, and the Democratic party has, so far as these returns show, captured United States senator on the state ticket and county senator, sheriff and treasurer. The county as a whole goes dry by a vote of about 300.

Cake's Plurality Only 20.

Condon, June 2.—Unofficial returns give Cake a lead over Chamberlain of about 20 votes in Gilliam county. Condon gave the governor a majority of five.

Clackamas for Chamberlain.

Oregon City, June 2.—Very fragmentary returns are being received in Clackamas county, and while the returns are in from every precinct save one, the figures are far short on the amendments, and some of the offices. Chamberlain has carried the county by about 500 votes, receiving 2593, to 2108 for Cake. Hawley's vote is 2329, to 992 for Whitney.

Lane Gives Cake Big Vote.

Eugene, June 2.—Lane county returns, three-fourths in, give R. S. Bean a lead of 20 to 1 over both competitors, Bailey 2 to 1 over Emery. Cake leads Chamberlain 650, which will likely be over 700 plurality. Hawley beats Whitney 2 to 1. T. K. Campbell, for railroad commissioner, and Edwin Bryson, for prosecuting attorney, are polling a big Republican vote.

Cake in Washington by 160.

Hillsboro, June 2.—The unofficial vote gives Cake a plurality of only 160 over Chamberlain. Hawley carries Washington county by over 1000, although the exact figures are unobtainable. The entire Republican legislative ticket is elected.

Chamberlain in Lake.

Lakeview, June 2.—With several precincts yet to report, the vote in Lake county is as follows: Cake, 297; Chamberlain, 378; Hawley, 368; Whitney, 109. Other Republican candidates are ahead in the same proportion.

Cake Plurality in Yamhill.

McMinnville, June 2.—Returns from 22 of the 23 precincts, of this county, though incomplete in some instances, give Cake 1663, Chamberlain 1522, Bailey 1326, Emery 770, Hawley 1623, Richards 232, and Campbell, for railroad commissioner, 2018. Judge Bean leads all other candidates, his total vote being little short of 2500.

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Baker Favors Chamberlain.

Baker City, June 2.—With only one small precinct to hear from, Baker county gives Cake 1554, Chamberlain 1861, Cooper 246; for congressman, Ellis 1580, Jeffrey 1116, Sanders 279, Shaffer 113; for justice of supreme court, Robert S. Bean 2016, C. J. Bright 129, C. C. Brix 315; railroad commissioner, Aitchison 1528, Hamilton 708, Newell 724, Young 974.

Cake Ahead in Wasco.

The Dalles, June 2.—Wasco county, with three precincts to hear from, gives Cake 1439, Chamberlain 1305; Ellis 1837, Jeffrey 621; Aitchison 1223, Young 562. For prohibition 1418, against 1616, making this the only wet town on the O. R. & N.

Chamberlain Ahead in Union.

La Grande, June 2.—With all but one very immaterial precinct in, Union county is in position to give a careful estimate of the line-up of politicians in this election. Chamberlain carries the county by a small margin. The votes complete from 20 to 21 precincts give Cake 1340, Chamberlain 1422.

Cake Leads in Benton.

Corvallis, June 2.—Cake's majority in Benton, complete, but not official, is 18. Incomplete returns from nine out of 16 precincts give Hawley, for congress, and other Republican state ticket, a probable plurality of 500. Corvallis precincts gave the university appropriation a strong vote, breaking nearly even, but outside precincts went heavily against it. Returns from four precincts give a vote of more than four to one against single tax.

Grant Goes for Cake.

Canyon City, June 2.—Complete unofficial returns show the following results in Grant county: Cake 689, Chamberlain 652. Prohibition carried by about 20 votes. Result on amendments has not been tabulated.

Cake Loses in Polk.

Dallas, June 2.—Unofficial returns from all precincts in Polk county but one give George E. Chamberlain a majority of 178 votes over Cake for the United States senatorship. Otherwise the state ticket is running from 300 to 500 votes Republican. The prohibition vote leads by about 200, and the county will probably go dry by a 300 majority.

Cake Carries Tillamook.

Tillamook, June 2.—Hawley 689, Whitney 195, Cake 546, Chamberlain 451, Bean 774, Bright 73, Brix 137, Barrett 801, Kuykendall 185, Beals 504, Loughlin 420, prohibition 536 for, against 466; county high school defeated; university, for 200, against 332; woman suffrage, for 368, against 351. The entire Republican ticket has carried, with the exception of treasurer.

Harney is for Cake.

Burns, June 2.—Eleven out of 19 precincts in Harney county, four-fifths of the entire vote, give Cake 397, Chamberlain 296; Ellis 462, Jeffrey, 210.

Cake and Prohibition in Wheeler.

Fossil, June 2.—Cake has carried Wheeler county, probably by 100 votes. With three precincts to hear from, the result now stands: Cake 382, Chamberlain 300. The university appropriation has carried well in the county.

Columbia for Cake by 150.

St. Helens, June 2.—Incomplete returns show Cake has a plurality in Columbia county of 150. Prohibition has been defeated by 80 votes. The Republican ticket is successful, with the exception of county judge and assessor, which have been captured by the Democrats.

Wallowa Remains Dry.

Joseph, June 2.—Partial returns from Wallowa county, covering, however, a majority of the vote, give Cake a slight lead over Chamberlain. The county remains dry as a whole. Enterprise retains the county seat, Wallowa falling by a small margin to wrest it away, though it made a fight so hard that it ended with an offer representing \$15,000.

Increases Lead in Multnomah.

Portland, June 3.—As the count progresses in Multnomah county Governor Chamberlain maintains his lead over Cake, and will probably carry the county by 800 to 1000. At an early hour this morning complete unofficial returns from 103 precincts and in complete returns from 13 of a total of 114, give the following results: Cake, 11,127; Chamberlain, 11,932; Chamberlain's plurality, 805.

The pluralities of the other Republican nominees for the contested offices are increasing as the count progresses. With the exception of four precincts, including Fairview and St. John, every precinct on the East Side in which a local option election was held went "wet" by a heavy vote.

Chamberlain's Lead in Jackson.

Jacksonville, June 2.—Twenty-one out of 32 precincts in Jackson county give Chamberlain 1177, Cake 966, Hammersley, Republican, and Miller, Democrat, are elected to the legislature. Prohibition carries 21 precincts by 366. University of Oregon appropriation has 450 majority. Amendments raising salary of legislators, changing seat of public buildings, equal suffrage, fisheries bill and the recall have all lost.

'Plaster Portraits Popular.

London, June 2.—Plaster portraits are the fashionable form of "counterfeit presentment" in London. They are done in the form of miniature busts or bas-reliefs, at the low price of half a guinea (\$2.50) apiece. They are modeled by clever artists from the sitter in 45 minutes. In these tiny pieces of sculpture—they are only about six inches high—the details of costume are modeled with charming delicacy. Many society people have started collections.

FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC

Montana Cut Off From Outside, Ragging Rivers.

RAILROADS LOSE MUCH TRACK

Great Steel Bridges Washed Out, Wires Down on All Sides—Deluge Continues.

Missoula, Mont., June 6.—At 5 o'clock last evening the flood situation in western Montana was growing more serious each minute. Helena is cut off from the outside world. She is without news, telegraph or telephone communication. For a short time in the afternoon there was a telephone connection, but at the time it was learned that all the streams in Helena and vicinity are overflowing, and that there has been much damage to farms and considerable loss of livestock.

The Great Northern's branch line are out of service, and the main line in northern Montana is cut in several places. The first train started eastward out of Spokane over the Great Northern is now tied up. There is no communication either by rail or telegraph.

All streams continue to rise. The Big Blackfoot river is nearly its highest flood mark.

The Northern Pacific has lost several miles of track east of here during the day. At Bonita, Nimrod and Bonmouth the telegraph operators have been compelled to leave their posts driven out by the rising waters. Garrison nearly all the residents have fled from their homes and are camped upon the hills in the rain.

None of the dams on the river have given way, though the power dam owned by ex-Senator William A. Clark above Missoula, is reported to be in critical condition.

Yesterday afternoon the Northern Pacific released by wagon transfer 200 of the passengers that have been marooned east of here. They will be sent to Spokane on a made-up train.

The damage to the new roadbed on the St. Paul line between Missoula and Butte will not fall short of a million dollars, and it is becoming greater all the time.

The Northern Pacific has assembled on this division all of the pile-drivers from the west that it can get; it has taken from its own western divisions and borrowed from other roads. The fight against the water is being carried on by 10,000 men, but the water is gaining steadily, and the rain continues to fall in torrents. The Missoula river at this place is but a few feet below the highest mark ever registered. The expensive city bridges are in danger, and are guarded to prevent their use, so dangerous are they considered.

West of here the Northern Pacific has no trouble as yet.

At midnight the Northern Pacific has surrendered the fight against the water east of Missoula for the present. Unless the rain stops soon, there will be very little left of 150 miles of the most expensive road on the line. Two steel bridges have been washed out, but it is not understood that they are destroyed.

The serious feature of the situation is the fact that the high water has extended west of Missoula, and is attacking the track between Missoula and the west end