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Many Christmas Presents Lost Through Carelessness of the Senders.

Too much care cannot be exerted in seeing that the Christmas packages which are sent through the mails are securely fastened, the address plainly written and a return placed at one corner of the package to avoid its being sent to the dead letter office should no one claim it.

Thousands of Christmas packages are lost every year because of the carelessness of the sender. The loss is an unnecessary one and not at all desired by employes of Uncle Sam, for it makes them do over many times what should be expected only once for the amount of money the gifts they wish to send to friends spent in postage fees.

Every year there are a number of articles, each telling a story of its offices.

The boxes in which they had been placed were shattered by travel through the mails, and only enough of the wrapping remained to tell that they were destined to friends here. A member of the United States

Postal Service has issued the following instructions:

"It is a common practice for people, during the Christmas season, to purchase presents that are hurriedly tied up by the clerks, scarcely se cure enough to be carried home. In this condition they are presented at the postoffice for malling, probably to go hundreds of miles-plled up with tons of other mail-and thrown on or off fast going trains, they are apt to reach their destination in anything but a presentable condition.

"When purchases are intended for mailing, the persons wrapping them should be informed that the ar ticles are to go in the mails without other sealing. A still better way is to take home, wrap, and address them properly, always making sure that your return address is plainly written on the package. Valuable packages should always be registered, as such are never lost except by wreck or fire. The registry fee is 8 cents with ordinary postage added.

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With a package of the fourth class prepaid at the proper rate, the sender may inclose any mailable matter of the third class, a single card bearing the name of the sender, and any such inscription as "Mer-



Packages From Coos Bay Has Started.

The famliar sign announcing that the mail has not arrived" was exhibited all forenoon in the Marshfield post office today, but this did not prevent the employes of the of-

fice being busy. The Christmas rush has started and in fact has been on for the past three days.

It is likely that the business of sending away Christmas gifts starts on Coos Bay about as soon as any place because of the slowness of the mails in getting in and out, and already the people are getting mailed far distant.

The Christmas mail means a lot of work for the postoffice officials. own and in some cases a pathetic There is weighing of packages to be one, left uncalled for at the post done and stamps to sell and a large number of packages of all sizes and

kinds to handle. According to preswill be as great as usual.

The irregularity of the incoming nails the past few days does not office people.

APPLE CAUSES FALL.

osts Private Thompson Three Months at Hard Labor With

Loss of Pay. CHICAGO, Dec. 17. - Three nonths' imprisonment and the loss f pay during that period is the price which James R. Thompson, private n Company C, Tenth Infantry, will bay for eating an apple. The findngs of the court-martial, which ried the case, were approved yesterlay at army headquarters.

Private Thompson's offense was committed near Dublin, Ind., while ifs company was on practice march o Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Members of the company had been autioned against foraging enroute, out, like Adam, Thompson fell to the plandishments of a red ripe apple in farmer's orchard.

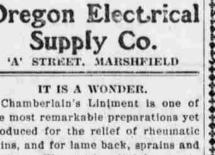
"Throw that fruit down." Lieutenant Caldwell commanded. Thompson grinned, took another big bite and replied: "I'm not taking orders from you."

That settled it. First came the guard house, then the court-martial and now the three months' imprisonment at hard labor.



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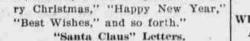
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Postmaster-General Meyer has not decided whether he will issue an order similar to the one he issued on December 13 last, which provides that letters unmistakably to "Santa Claus" may be delivered to any regularly organized charitable society The Postmaster-General has received numerous communications both for and against the reissuance of the order and is now giving consideration to them.

THIS FISH IS COMBINATION OF MANY OF FINNY TRIBES

Remarkable Creature Caught In Mississippi Resembles Fish, Whale, Shark, Bullfrog and Eel.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17 .- The Raband to theaters.

Pharmacy, 1730 South Eleventh street, has a combination fish, whale, shark, builfrog and eel that is puzzl- ed to leave threatened to kill himing fishermen. The fish was found self. She gave him \$100 to promin a 10-pound catfish caught at the lise not to do himself bodily harm, foot of Soulard street by W. Tokor- and then stopped payment on the ni. It was alive when taken from check

the larger fish, but died almost immediately. It has no eyes, but has eight objects resembling ears on each side of its body, extending about half the 12 inches of its length. Its mouth is probably the most peculiar thing about it, for it is located on what. Its tooth are prongs, like in the sum of \$350,000. those of a shark and curve back ward toward its throat.

BAR GOSSIP ON PHONES.

Caught.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17 .---For the offense of "rubbering" on its \$200,000 profit.

Singing, whistling or playing musi- touring companies. cal instruments over the line is prohibited. A severe penalty is attached to interrupting any one who is using office. Five cents a bundle, the line.

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WIDOW GETS INJUNCTION AGAINST UNWELCOME WOOER

Toledo Woman Gave Persistent Snit or Check For \$100, Not to Kill Himself, Then Stopped Payment TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 17 .--- Judge Brough granted a temporary injuncion asked by Mrs. Elisie Smith, which enjoins William C. Ragan from lavishing upon her his unwelcome affections. Mrs. Smith asks that the court forever enjoin Ragan from courting her.

In her petition the widow says that for two years Ragan has forced his attentions upon her and refused

to accept her dismissal. Although she told him he was distasteful to her, she says, by sheer persistence, he induced her to accompany him

The climax came she alleges, when he called upon her and when order-

PROFITS OF "MERRY WIDOW." "omposer's Royalties \$350,000 -London Paid \$750,000 for Seats. LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Franz Lenar. he composer of "The Merry Widow," the side of the head and runs length- is stated to have received royalties It is safe to say that in the history

of the comic opera stage there has never been a greater money-making piece. One of the directors of the Ander Wien theater, where "The Vancouver Company to Fine Those Merry Widow" was produced on January 3, 1906, acknowledged re-

cently that he had made more than

lines, the Minnehaha Cooperative George Edwards, who brought it Telephone company, operating lines out in London on June 8, 1907, has into this city, will impose a fine of sold more than £150,000 worth of \$5.00 on any one caught. The com- seats at Daly's theatre alone, withpany rules are printed in red ink. out counting receipts from provincial

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