

MANY NEW "HELLO" JOBS OPEN FOR WOMEN

Railways Are to Use Phone in Place of Telegraph After March 1.

OPERATORS TO BE LET OUT.

Block Signals Also Will Be Installed and Many Small Stations Closed.

A new field of employment for women is to be opened by the railways. This does not mean that the roads will employ women telegraphers, but on the contrary their employment will be for the purpose of taking the place of telegraphers already in the service. The future woman railway operating employe will be engaged at the smaller stations taking train orders over a telephone, where formerly such orders were transmitted and received by telegraph. This new field will be open to women when the new nine-hour day law governing the working time of railway telegraphers goes into effect on March 1.

It was confidently expected that this law would work a revolution in railway operation, and it was with this end in view that the Order of Railway Telegraphers procured its passage despite the determined opposition of the railway managers and even against advice direct from the White House. The revolution is coming, all right, but it will be a revolution which will relegate the telegraph to a back seat as an adjunct to railway operation and will throw thousands of operators out of employment and annually will decrease their number until they will almost disappear from American railways.

It was expected that the reduction in the working hours of railway telegraphers to nine hours would compel the railroads to employ at least 8,000 additional men at once. It was also known that it would be impossible to secure this number of men when needed, and it was therefore hoped by the men that an increase in wages would be a part of the revolution planned.

Changes to Result.

The railway managers at first took a similar view of the situation, but it soon was discovered that it would be impossible to supply the demand if all existing telegraph offices were to be maintained after March 1. As a result of a careful study of the situation the nine-hour day for telegraphers will bring about the following changes:

1. The abandonment of all stations as telegraph stations except division headquarters and junction points.
2. The substitution of telephones for the receipt and the transmission of orders and messages.
3. The employment of women as agents in many stations thus transformed into telephone stations.
4. The transaction of a tremendous amount of office business by letter which formerly was transacted by telegraph.
5. The rapid extension of the automatic electric block signal system, which will make telegraph stations unnecessary.

In determining to inaugurate these changes the railway managers found that they had in reality been preparing for them for years. It was discovered also that by adopting the most expensive system of block signaling train orders and telegraph stations could for the greater part be done away with.

The railroads, therefore, decided that they would rather spend millions in providing and maintaining automatic block signals which never go to sleep and which never fall unless they spell "danger," than to spend the same money in maintaining telegraph stations and telegraph operators. The closing of stations as telegraph stations is made possible by the fact that with an automatic electric signal all that is necessary is to start trains as fast as the terminal block is empty and keep them going until a semaphore says "stop."

Surgeon's Knife Cures Headache.

After suffering excruciating pains in his head for twenty-five years, Louis Wolfson of Cincinnati has secured relief by having the surgeons cut out two nerves. The pain was above the eyes and at the temples and recurred four or five times a week. He had consulted the leading specialists, tried medicines, various forms of massage and electrical treatment in vain. The two offending nerves, one on each side, were between one and two inches long and about as thick as a pin. They are termed sensory nerves—that is, nerves which give the sense of feeling and not control of the movements of muscles. The headaches have not returned since the operation. Local surgeons say this is the first case of the kind on record.

JOHN R. WALSH.

Chicago Banker and Politician Convicted of Irregularities.

The jury in the case of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker and politician, found the defendant guilty. The trial was one of the most bitterly contested legal struggles known in the history of the Chicago Federal courts.

John R. Walsh is a wonderful product of Irish ability, American opportunity and modern high finance. He is 70 years old and came to this country from Ireland at the age of 10. He became a Chicago newsboy and a mighty energetic and successful one. While still peddling newspapers he said he had three great ambitions—to own a bank, to own a newspaper and to own a railroad. Strange to say, he achieved all three of these hopes. In those days he did not figure on ever going to prison. But, then, he was an honest newsboy. He did not become crooked until he became rich and wished to be richer.

He graduated from newsboy to proprietor of a news stand, and extended his business until he had so many branches that the Union News Company bought him out and made him a director in that great organization. He made money rapidly, and in 1882



JOHN R. WALSH.

founded the Chicago National Bank. Later he came into control of the Home Savings Bank and the Equitable Trust Company. Then he founded a newspaper known as the Chicago National, purchased a controlling interest in the Chicago Herald and later founded the Chronicle. Then he went ahead and built the Southern Indiana Railroad, the main purpose of which was to get to market the building stone of the Bedford quarries, one of his largest and most profitable ventures.

Modern high finance proved Walsh's undoing, and his banking institutions had been declared insolvent by the authorities. With this announcement came the assurance that the banks of the city had rallied to the assistance of the depositors and would pay all indebtedness. Investigation of the failure made matters serious for Walsh, and he was arrested on complaint of the District Attorney. The main charge on which Walsh was placed on trial is in effect that he on Nov. 18, 1905, in sworn report to the Comptroller, understated the amount of the bank's loans to its officers and directors by nearly \$3,000,000, and overstated other loans to a generally similar amount. The result was to hide the fact of \$3,000,000 loans by Walsh to himself.

Censorious Sisters.

"I didn't think you'd get so angry because I said I thought you ought to wear gray suede shoes with your gray dress instead of white ones. I didn't mean to offend you," her friend very sweetly apologized.

"Never mind," she returned softly. "It was all right, but it made me angry for two reasons—first, because I had to wear the white shoes because I didn't have any others that were presentable, and, second, because when I left my family of sisters, who made every possible sort of comment on my clothes, I declared I would never stand it from anybody else. I said to myself that whenever a friend got so friendly that she thought she could treat me like a sister I'd shake her."—New York Press.

Out of Stock.

Lady (to country butcher calling for orders)—Can you let me have a slice of bacon this week?

Butcher—Not nobow, mum; since I lost my wife I bain't never kept another pig.—London Tattler.

Fair Play.

There is in most men that instinct which is one of the best heritages from boyhood—this instinct for fair play and for giving everybody "a chance."—Manchester (England) Guardian.



Washington is bounded on the east by the Capitol and on the west by the White House. Between them flows a restless stream of sightseers. There may be other districts of the national capital worth seeing, but only a Washingtonian knows it. The tourist has time and strength only to hit the high places. In New York there are probably as many tourists as in Washington, but with this difference, the New Yorker does not mind mixing with the tourist class. In fact, if the tourist has money and a fondness for Broadway and contiguous resorts, the New Yorker is more than willing, so Mr. Tourist emerges his identity with the New York "push." Washingtonians never let you forget you are a tourist. Resident women slightly raise their skirts with an indescribable yet eloquent air when they happen to rub elbows with a mere tourist of the same sex in a hotel or department store elevator. A Washingtonian looks straight ahead at nothing; the tourist is known by the angle at which he crooks his neck.

Congressman Hobson of Alabama, famous as the hero of Santiago and later of several kissing campaigns, is said to favor the establishment by the government of an official weekly newspaper for free distribution, for which he wishes Congress to appropriate \$350,000. This periodical would contain a summary of the work of Congress and all departments of the government, so far as it might interest the public. He says the journal is intended to form a connecting link between the government and the people, and that the project grew out of his having ascertained that a vast amount of valuable material did not reach the people for whom it was intended. He thinks the publication of such a paper will remove distrust and suspicion and create a renewed interest and confidence among the masses in governmental affairs.

Pennies left in the boxes by rural route patrons for the purchase of stamps from the carriers will be let alone if the recommendations of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw and Superintendent Spillman of the rural delivery service is adopted. In cold weather it has always been a painful duty of the carriers, this hunting around in the ice-cold bottom of a metal mail box with bare hands. It has been said that sometimes fingers of carriers get so cold and stiff that they are unable to write out money order receipts. The recommendation of the two officials is that patrons place a small wooden box in the mail box, and therein put all the pennies with which they wish to buy stamps or anything else. The carrier could then, without removing his gloves, empty the contents and go on his way rejoicing, felling the attack of Jack Frost. If the pennies are not in the box the carrier will not be required to look for them.

Cy. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, still retains his place as the biggest man in the House of Representatives, and so far no one has appeared that may claim honor to second place ahead of Olle James, of Kentucky. Sulloway is something more than six and a half feet tall and weighs but a pound less than 350. His breadth is proportionate with his height, and he towers above his colleague, Frank D. Currier, as he does above most all the members of the House. He is one of the members who does not exercise his prerogative of taking his luncheon on that side of the House restaurant where the sign proclaims "for members only," but each day partakes of a sparing lunch on the public side of the room, where the motto is that anybody's money is good.

The application of George M. Austin of New York for a restraining order against Secretary Cortelyou, preventing him from allotting \$21,500,000 of Panama Canal bonds to certain national banks, has been denied by Judge Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Austin charged that the secretary had violated the law in rejecting his bid for \$3,000,000 of bonds and allotting the bonds to national banks and others at a lower figure.

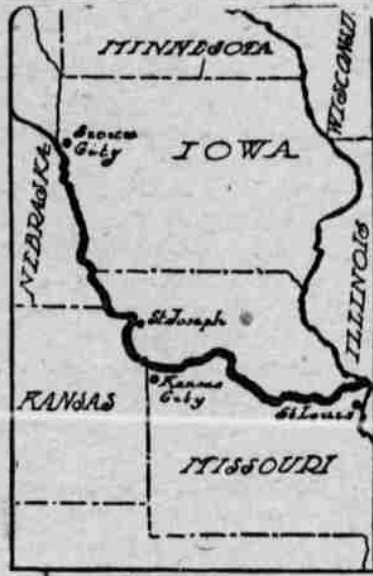
Postmaster General Meyer's order in regard to the disposition of souvenir postal cards which reach the dead letter office is a source of happiness to thousands of unfortunate children. The cards, instead of being destroyed, are now sent to the orphan asylums and children's homes and hospitals in Washington, where they give a delight which even the intended recipient might not have felt.

TO IMPROVE THE MISSOURI

Navigation Congress Would Make It Equal to 600 Railroads.

An appropriation of \$40,000,000 for the establishment of a twelve-foot channel in the Missouri river from St. Louis to Sioux City will be asked of Congress as a result of the first annual convention of the Missouri River Navigation Congress, which met in Sioux City.

Governors and Congressmen from seven States bordering on the Missouri River were in attendance at the convention. It was the voice of the convention that the Missouri River as well as the Mississippi should be made navigable as soon as Congress can see its way clear to spend that much money. It was the sentiment of the convention that the deepening of the Missouri River channel would be



ROUTE OF PROPOSED CHANNEL.

the greatest stroke toward the settlement of railroad rate troubles in the great Middle West.

Engineers reported that the Missouri River, if improved according to the plans of this convention, would have the carrying capacity of 600 railroads—fifty times the capacity of all the roads running between the Mississippi River and the lower Missouri, and more than twenty-five times the capacity of all the railroads running from the Mississippi to the Missouri at all points. These engineers reported that making the Missouri River navigable from Sioux City to St. Louis would cost less than paralleling any single railroad between these two points.

The navigable length of the Missouri River is greater than the distance by rail from St. Louis to San Francisco. It has a navigable length three times as great as the entire length of the Ohio River.

If Congress does not want this appropriation, the boosters of the Middle West may ask for legislation assessing a tax against land lying within 100 miles of the Missouri River. It has been figured out that the entire \$40,000,000 could be raised by an assessment of 50 cents per acre against the land bordering upon the stream for 100 miles back. This territory produces crops and live stock annually worth over \$200,000,000.



Onions are now said to cure lots of diseases, but what will cure onions?

Couldn't we express the grip somewhere, else, instead of carrying it around with us?

The advance in the price of dukes will further tend to discourage the leap-year business.

A theatrical man reports a scarcity of stage villains. Yet there are a lot of very bad actors.

Next to opera singing the most highly paid industry is that of expert witnessing in big trials.

Money is again getting so plentiful that a man can carry a piece around in his pocket for luck.

The United States Supreme Court calls attention to the fact that the States are still on the map.

Cuba has enough kickers already without sending that shipload of Missouri mules down there.

A little mistake of \$100,000,000 in the original estimates doesn't bother the Panama canal people.

The new \$20 gold pieces are mighty ugly. Still, a great many have decided not to refuse them.

Fashion's latest innovation is the hipless walk. It must be another of Fashion's senseless fads.

The mother-in-law joke reaches the climax in the case of the Delaware man who has just married his.

Dead men tell no tales, but in the Druce case the unearthing of a corpse completely reversed the adage.

The Chicago Federation of Labor is urging the formation of a Vegetable Growers' Union. This beats all!

The London Times used to be "The Thunderer," but it is now being Americanized so it will be more like lightning.

Women Worry

More than men, says Dr. McComb, and one reason is that their nervous organizations are more delicate. True, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the nerve-builder, appetite-giver, and blood-purifier they need.

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Having Dope.

"Charles, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "why do you call racing calculations 'dope'?" I thought that was a slang name for a drug."

"You're quite right," was the answer. "They call it that because all it generally gets you is a pleasant dream and a rude awakening."—Washington Star.

Proofroom Horror.

"Well, what do you want?" the proofreader asked.

As he eyed the intruder with doubt, "I'm just a loafin'," answered the hypoman. And the proofreader hustled him out. —Chicago Tribune.

Stung!

A tired feeling once Came over the busy bee. 'Twas when a budding poet Rhymed it with vis-a-vis.

Good Judges

Americans as judges are keenly discriminating. They measure everything by the success it attains, which method, considered in the light of the common experience of mankind, is certainly not a bad one. The high standard of intelligence and discernment in this country, where education is the rule and not the exception, renders it difficult and surprising to find a general national success not based on actual worth. Hence it was that with the presentation of St. Jacobs Oil they correctly judged it at once, and decided that rare intrinsic worth only could be the source of its success. The decision with them was equivalent to an adoption; and it is a rare thing to find a family without St. Jacobs Oil in the house.

Not the Same.

"I suppose you have been pinched by penury?"
"No, mum; the cop's name was O'Brien; he's Irish."

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