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SPECIAL MAIL WEIGHING.

Report in Detail of the Quantity of Mail Carried From Each Section of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Second Assistant Postmaster-General Shallenberger has submitted to the postmaster-general a report showing the result of the special weighing of mail throughout the United States in 74,634 postoffices from October 3 to November 6, 1899.

This is the first special weighing of mails since ten years ago when, under the direction of Postmaster-General Wanamaker, weighing was done for seven days. The figures obtained at that time have been found to be misleading. The mail matter originating in the United States during the time of weighing amounted to 151,122,905 pounds, as it is estimated that upon this basis the total amount of mail matter carried during a year is 1,565,508 pounds. Revenue is derived from 40.57 per cent of this, while 59.43 per cent yields no revenue.

Of the total 6.06 per cent was first class, 25.19 second class, 2.69 second class free, 9.22 third and fourth class, 6.14 government free and 51.20 equipment. It was found that during the thirty-five days New York furnished by far the largest amount of mail, 15,446,372 pounds and Chicago the next largest quantity, 9,878,297 pounds. Boston follows with 4,953,232, Philadelphia, 2,891,264, St. Louis, 2,410,279 and Washington, D. C., 2,344,211 pounds.

Other cities furnished the following quantities in pounds: San Francisco, 1,123,184; Minneapolis, 1,017,773; St. Paul, 997,869; Kansas City, 1,171,262; Cincinnati, 1,685,511; Baltimore, 911,272; Cleveland, 766,897; Pittsburgh, 852,810; Milwaukee, 733,512. It is estimated that during a year 1,247,180 pounds of mail, or 86 per cent, is carried by the railroads, the remainder, 228,829,910 pounds, being local mail.

GROWING SOMEWHAT SERIOUS.

Exclusion of Our Meat in Germany Causes Uncle Sam to Figure on Retaliation.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

Although it is out of the question to attempt to obtain any official authority for the assertion that politics in Germany are preparing the way for serious differences between Germany and the United States in commercial matters, information is obtained here to justify the statement that in case the law-makers of Germany carry out their declared purpose of excluding American meat products, such a course will meet with retaliation by the United States.

For a long time, several months, in fact, negotiations have been at a standstill on the question of reciprocity with Germany. Under the conditions faced there by the imperial government it was regarded as useless to attempt to arrange a reciprocal basis that would

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Scrofula appeared on the head of my little grandchild when only 18 months old. Shortly after breaking out it spread rapidly all over her body. The sores on the soles would peel off on the slightest touch, and the odor that emanated from the room sickened and unbearably. The disease next attacked the eyes, and we feared she would lose her sight. Remedial physicians from the surrounding vicinity were consulted, but could do nothing to relieve the little innocent, and gave it as their opinion that the case was hopeless and that it was better to save the child's eyesight. It was then that we decided to try Swift's Specific. This medicine at once made a speedy and complete cure. She is now a young lady, and has never had a sign of the disease to return.



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deplorable action of the congress of the United States in refusing to administer the oath of office to the member-elect from this commonwealth.

J. R. Letcher opposed the resolution and said that he regretted that Mr. Roberts had been brought face to face with the conditions that had confronted him and he believed the same was true of Mr. Roberts.

At this point Roberts arose and said, if the gentleman supposed for one moment that he had any regrets on the subject he was entirely mistaken. After a long and exciting discussion the resolution was adopted.

The platform demands the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

Ex-Congressman W. H. King was nominated for representative in congress.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Dr. Cyrus Edson Records Some of His Observations.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Addressing the Hundred Year Club last night on "The Causes of Natural Death and How to Attain an Active and Useful Old Age," Dr. Cyrus Edson said that longevity is due to unusual powers of assimilation. Dr. Edson spoke of the trades and professions in which statistics had shown the fatalities to be earliest.

"Among the most fatal of the trades were those of steel polishers and porters. Merchants came well up in the list for early deaths and it had been shown that the mortality among butchers after the age of 25 is large. Among physicians, also, he said, there is a high mortality rate much above the average, due to irregularity of living. On the other hand farmers and hunters, from their open life, often attained old age.

"But," he added, "if the intellectual parts of the brain of the farmer had proper activity and exercise, he would live longer. Rapid thought leads to longevity. Men in the city in this respect have a distinct advantage over the farmer. Not only is a well balanced mind essential to old age, but a well balanced active mind."

From this Dr. Edson deduced, "that nature is a relentless fool killer." Statistics show, he added, that men of genius live a remarkably long life.

There should not be more than eight hours sleep, as too much sleep results in degeneration from disuse of the mental faculties. After 25 years of age we never need more than eight hours, unless it is to "catch up." The cry of doctors ten years ago was to build up the body, but building the mind is equally if not more important.

THE SOMERS A FAILURE.

Gunboat Purchased From Germany Unfit for Service.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Secretary Long has reports from the board of inspection and survey stating that the torpedo boat Somers is in many respects unsatisfactory. The Somers was able to make only 17 1/2 knots and the trial showed that she was unfit for sea service. The board suggests that the vessel be used for harbor defense and states that she is not worth any great expenditure of money.

The Somers was purchased on March 25, 1898, of the Schichau Works, Elbing, Germany, for \$72,997. It was reported the Spanish government was negotiating for her purchase and to prevent her from passing into the possession of the Madrid government the American attaché was authorized to pay the price asked by the Schichau Works.

COAL FOR RUSSIA.

Large Purchases Have Been Made of the American Article.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Russia is likely to become a large consumer of American bituminous coal. While no contract has yet been signed, representatives of the Russian imperial government have been making overtures to the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, looking to the purchase and shipment of nearly half a million tons of coal to the Baltic.

John Berwind, vice-president of the coal company, said last night, the only difficulty consisted in the problem of freights and transportation. Should the pending negotiations end successfully, he said, he thought likely that Russia would carry the coal in her own ships, probably utilizing the samovels which she will employ to carry the iron, steel and ore already contracted for with the Carnegie-Frick Company.

"With this as an opening wedge," said Mr. Berwind, "I see no reason why America should not be able to hold up a large export trade with her in coal."

CROCKER IS OUT.

He Has Resigned All Connection With the Southern Pacific Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 1.—The Examiner says:

George Crocker has resigned as director and second vice-president of the Southern Pacific company and as a director and president of the Southern Pacific of California.

Mr. Crocker, who is now in New York arranging to go on a prolonged tour of Europe, has sent a telegram to this city stating that he had just resigned from the position mentioned. This act on his part indicates that all the terms of the contract between the

Speyers and Crocker for the purchase of the latter's Southern Pacific stock holdings by the former have been fully complied with.

George Crocker's successor as a Southern Pacific director is to be John W. MacKay.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION.

Now Overshadowing the Plague and Insurrection in the Philippines.

VICTORIA, B. C., Mar. 1.—A Hong Kong correspondent, according to advices received by the steamship Breconshire, writes from Honolulu that a religious controversy is existing there overshadowing the insurrection and the plague.

The main point of the trouble is a suggestion to reinstate the friars in the provinces on the old basis as under Spanish rule. The trouble began with the publication of an alleged interview with Archbishop Chapelle, telegraphed to a Madrid paper. The interview was secured by a Manila paper coincident with its being telegraphed. When published it raised a storm.

Petitions came in fast and many delegations interviewed General Otis.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES.

Most Disastrous Known in Victoria in Last Fifty Years.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 1.—The steamer Aorangi, from Sidney, today brings an account of the most disastrous bush fires experienced in Victoria in the last fifty years. The entire Warrnabool district has been devastated and the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The fire broke out simultaneously in various parts of the colony and burned for two days and three nights, finally burning itself out. Seven persons perished in the flames, which swept over a tract forty miles long and thirty miles wide, consuming 1,000,000 acres of grass, six wool warehouses, 2,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle and horses.

SULZER AGAIN POSTURING.

Wants the United States to Stop British Barbarity in Africa.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Representative Sulzer of New York today introduced a resolution in the house extending the sympathy of the United States to the Boers and protesting against the barbarous war now being waged by Great Britain against the patriots of South Africa.

The president of the United States is called upon to secure and bring about an answerable peace between the contending parties.

AHEAD OF HAMMOND.

Company Organized in Portland to Build a Railroad into the Nehalem.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2.—Articles of incorporation of the Columbia & Nehalem Valley Railroad Company were filed in the county clerk's office today.

The incorporators are George T. Gerlinger, of Vancouver, Washington, Ernest C. Dalton and E. C. Covert, of Portland. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000.

The object of the company is to build a railroad from St. Helens, Oregon, to the Nehalem at or near the town of Pittsburg, and also branch lines.

ANOTHER TRAINING SHIP.

Success of the Dixie Results in the Assignment of the Buffalo.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—So marked has been the success of the navy department's experiment in training landmen, drawn mostly from the interior of the country, on the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, that orders have been received at the navy yard to place the Buffalo in commission by April 1, as a training ship. On that date she will leave the yard for Norfolk, where she will receive a crew of 450 landmen for training, 172 seamen and a marine guard of 27.

PUERTO RICO TARIFF TEST.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Suit has been filed in the United States court of claims by Ludwig Duplace of Puerto Rico to recover \$524, which he has paid as customs duties on goods imported from the United States. He bases his right to recover on the claim that he is a citizen of the United States under the treaty of peace with Spain and the constitution of the United States. Puerto Rico, he claims, is a part of the United States and therefore under the constitution the duties were illegally exacted. The petition was filed by John G. Carlisle and John U. Chaney, as counsel.

WEST SIDE NOTES.

Mrs. F. H. Mudd spent Wednesday in Astoria. Captain Downs spent Sunday at the beach. Miss Reba Hobson is visiting Miss Edith Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wirt spent Tuesday in Astoria. Mrs. Carlisle, of Locksley Hall, was in Astoria Sunday. Miss Minnie Abrams is spending the winter in Portland.

Alex. Duncan has returned from a trip up the valley. Mrs. Josie Hubbard and son are visiting in Portland. Mrs. Richard Holson is a guest of Mrs. D. E. Pease.

J. S. Dellinger expects to leave Warrenton this week. Miss Edna Morrison has returned from school in Portland. E. M. Lally made a business trip to Portland during the week.

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Some Interesting Figures.

Table showing Capital Stock of the Four Great Banks of the World, Dec. 31, 1900. Bank of England, \$86,045,793; Bank of France, 36,050,000; Imperial Bank of Germany, 28,580,000; Bank of Russia, 25,714,920. Total, \$176,372,855.

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The new round house of the A. & C. R. at Seaside is nearly completed.

R. E. Turk and wife have gone to Svenson to remain two months. Miss Emeline Houghton has recovered from a light attack of measles.

Mrs. C. A. Countryman and children, of Portland, are visiting Mrs. E. M. Lally.

Dr. Reagles, of Vancouver, arrived Tuesday, and will take Dr. Skinner's place.

Mrs. K. A. Mason gave a candy pull for some of her "little folks" Monday evening.

Mr. L. Harmon has opened a restaurant at Warrenton in the old postoffice building.

County Superintendent Lee visited the various schools on the West Side this week.

Rev. J. D. Waason will conduct revival services on this side for the next few weeks.

The cozy reading room in the "Tribune" building is a pleasant place to spend an evening.

Dr. George A. Skinner leaves for San Francisco Monday. He expects to be ordered to the Philippines.

Every Tuesday evening the young and old people of Skippanon have an old-fashioned spelling school.

Rev. Wm. S. Short will have services at St. Thomas on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday, during Lent.

J. T. Johnson and family have gone to Rainier to live. Mr. Johnson has a position in the sash and door factory.

Mr. J. Martin and wife will make their home in Shasta county in the future. They leave for their new home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Perrin are expected from San Francisco on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gray, of Skippanon.

Mr. Halferty will start his cannery up early this month. This gives employment to about seventy-five people, including the claim diggers.

TO PARIS IN 1900.

The passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has taken advantage of the current interest in the Paris Exposition and has printed for free distribution one of the most charming books of the season, entitled "Glimpses Across the Sea."

Its contents describe a recent voyage across the Atlantic made by Sam T. Clover, journalist and author, and include his diversified experiences in London and Paris. The "Glimpses" are entertaining and instructive to the prospective western patrons of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, who may be contemplating a trip to Europe. The enterprise of the railway company in inaugurating such a happy departure from the ordinary methods of advertising is commendable.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank OF ASTORIA. At Astoria, In the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 12, 1900.

Table showing financial details of the First National Bank of Astoria, including assets, liabilities, and capital stock.

Capital stock paid in... \$50,000.00 Surplus fund... 25,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid... 27,452.76 National bank notes outstanding... 4,500.00 Due to state banks and bankers... 1,245.22 Individual deposits subject to check... \$407,823.47 Demand certificates of deposit... 79,662.63 Certified checks... 127,274,87 613.37 Total... \$595,791.25

STATE OF OREGON, County of Oregon—S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1900. J. O. BOLLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Jacob Kamm, W. F. McGregor, J. O. Hanthorn, Directors.