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LOST LETTER SALE

Annual Disposition of Misdirected Mail Matter.

(Journal Special Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The annual sale of articles that were lost in the mails and have accumulated in the dead letter office has begun. The list of things to be sold forms a pamphlet of no mean size and besides showing the variety of things that are entrusted to Uncle Sam's mail carriers, the long catalogue of packages indicates as the American people are as careless as ever in addressing their communications. It is a "grab-bag" sale and only the barest indication is given of the contents of the several lots. The usual crowd was on hand this morning to take part in the lottery, which is a favorite "just-before-Christmas" event with many because of the possibility of get-

ting a really valuable article for a few cents. There are 2,395 lots of miscellaneous articles, ranging all the way from damaged lamp-wicks to bathing suits and harmonicas. There are besides 562 lots of books and 165 lots of jewelry. Some of the contents of the packages, as given in the auctioneer's catalogue, are remarkable. For instance, lot 66 contains a damaged silk muffler, woman's underwear, damaged shirt waist, spoon and lampwicks and a pipe. No. 138 contains a pair of woman's rubbers, rosary, two ties, hatpin and a tobacco pipe. Lot 348 consists of a woman's night dress, pair man's hose, damaged hair clipper and toy. Another lot contains two pairs of corsets, 34 false teeth and cheap jewelry. Other things in the list are clocks, watches, monkey wrenches, gas tips, typewriter ribbons, baseballs, suspensory bandages, pocket knives, sewing machine attachments and fountain pens. Among the books are Bibles, Testaments and a large number of copies of "David Harum," a dictionary or two and several volumes of Rippling's works.
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APPOINTMENT OF A POSTMASTER

Local Position Is Not Yet Filled.

Laid Over Till Congress Meets in January—Causes of the Delay.

The battle between A. B. Crossman, representing the business men of Portland, and F. A. Bancroft, who is credited with being the nominee of the "Jack" Matthews faction of the Republican party, for the appointment as postmaster of Portland, did not come to a finish on Saturday in Washington, as was expected, and now the announcement is made that nothing will be done till Congress reconvenes on January 5.

The cause of the delay undoubtedly lies in the fact that the Oregon delegation, Senators Simon and Mitchell, have not been able to come to any understanding on the matter. Senator Simon is now on his way to Portland and will probably arrive here Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, at which time—if the Senator will talk—the exact status of the case will doubtless be learned. Opinion in Portland is general that the delay in the appointment is favorable to Crossman, the incoming incumbent, and it is thought extremely doubtful that the President will ignore the very general demand from the prominent business houses of the city for his re-appointment.

That the people of both parties throughout the state take a very active interest in the matter and that the conditions which surround the fight are by them thoroughly understood is to be seen by the appended quotation from a recent issue of the Salem Capital Journal, which says under the head, "The Portland Post-office Case":

"Practically all the business men of Portland have united in a demand that President Roosevelt re-appoint Postmaster Crossman, of that town, as a protest against the assumption of State Chairman Matthews to dictate the appointment. Nearly 2,000 names of business men have gone down in a formal manner and are presented to President Roosevelt through Congressman Moody—business men—representing nearly \$100,000,000 of capital.

"The unanimity of sentiment to retain a worthy and competent official overrules all factional differences within the party, and extends beyond partisan lines. The Republican party and the people of Portland sink all differences when it comes to sustaining Mr. Crossman.

"When the case comes fully before President Roosevelt it will be found to be one of the aquarest on the records, in which the party and the people demand a continuance of a gentlemanly and able official, and a single self-constituted boss assumes to dictate the success.

"Still more squarely on its feet is this case where a boss assumed to demand the removal of competent subordinates, some of whom have been appointed at his own request, when he was assistant postmaster at Portland.

"Because he cannot have clerks and other employes removed at his pleasure, he declares he will have a postmaster appointed who will do his bidding. This threat coming from a man who was at the same time Republican State Chairman and United States Marshal, is one of the most remarkable cases of offensive partisanship in the history of politics.

"If Mr. Matthews is sustained in his fight for prestige from a purely partisan basis, neither for the good of the service nor the party, the effect will be far-reaching politically. It will turn Portland upside down, and may affect state politics not a little.

"It was almost entirely due to Mr. Matthews' management that the last state campaign cost the Republican party the governorship of Oregon for four years. Of course, he had help in the way of minor bosses, but he was in the saddle, so far as the office of chief executive. But even those local bosses are now arrayed against him in several instances. The matter is entirely in the hands of President Roosevelt."

COURT GRANTS DIVORCES.

Orpha Mack was granted a divorce this morning from W. A. Mack, the decision being given by Judge George on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. The defendant had filed a counter complaint, but the court found that the preponderance of evidence was on the side of the fair plaintiff, and gave her the decree.

The court settled the property rights of the couple by giving to the plaintiff the house and lot, and the defendant the personal property.

FEATHERED STOCK DISPLAY.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 21.—Elaborate preparations have been completed for the annual exhibition this week of the Southwestern Michigan Poultry and Pet Stock Association. The entry list is unusually large and from all indications the show will be the most notable exhibition of poultry, dogs, hares and cats ever given in Michigan. Several thousand dollars in premiums will be awarded.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The area of high pressure which has developed the entire Northwest during the last several days has moved eastward and now occupies the Columbia valley. A storm of considerable energy is this morning central over Western British Columbia, moving eastward, has caused general rains in Western Oregon and Western Washington and high winds and gales along the coast.

At North Head the wind attained a maximum velocity of 60 miles an hour from the southeast and at Tatoosh Island the maximum velocity, 50 miles, southeast. Storm warnings announcing the approach of this storm were ordered to be displayed at the mouth of the Columbia River and on Strait of Juan de Fuca last night, and this morning the warnings were extended to all Sound Ports.

The indications are for occasional rain in this district Tuesday. Western Oregon and Western Washington—Tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain; brisk southerly winds. Eastern Oregon—Tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain, with snow in the mountains and foothills. Eastern Washington—Tonight, snow, turning to rain, warmer; Tuesday, occasional rain, with snow in the mountains and foothills. Idaho—Tonight, fair, south; snow or rain, north portion; Tuesday, occasional rain, with snow in the mountains and foothills. A. B. WOLLAER, Acting Forecast Official.

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SIXTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS

TRAYNOR CASE AGAIN.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Hugh Traynor, charged with larceny from the person, will be taken up again in the State Circuit Court this afternoon. The jury will be selected, which will require perhaps two hours. After that it is probable that counsel for the defense will move for a continuance.

The Traynor case is the one which has been hanging fire so long owing to the fact that the jury failed to agree. They stood 11 to 1 in favor of conviction, but the juror who stood for acquittal would not yield his position.

Traynor is charged with grabbing a roll of Canadian bills from Ed Louth in a saloon near the Union Depot.

Toy Trunks! Toy Trunks!
Harris Trunk Co., Morrison, near Second.

TOO MUCH RAIN ON EAST SIDE

Umatilla Farmers Dislike Willamette Methods.

Weather God Did Not Do Well by Those Wishing to Sow Winter Wheat.

In the opinion of E. W. McComas, one of the most prominent grain buyers of Eastern Oregon, and a resident of Pendleton, the amount of wheat that rolls Portlandward from the valleys of the Umatilla, Walla Walla and Columbia will be curtailed during the coming season, because of the leakage from the Willamette Valley that for once gave the first mentioned sections too much rain. Mr. McComas is in Portland today on business, and in speaking of the crop outlook, said: "Too much rain is the cry this fall and winter, where before the prevailing inclination has been toward drought—if it ever varied from exactly what it should be. This rain, coming at a time when the farmers should have been engaged in sowing their fall wheat, prevented this work, and not more than 50 per cent. of the acreage has been covered. Winter wheat is always the best producing, and for this reason next year's crop will be short.

WELL SHIPPED OUT.

"The crop of 1902 has been well cleaned out. Umatilla County produced 3,500,000 bushels of wheat this year. There is about 10 per cent. of this that has not been shipped out, and some of that remaining is already sold. This same condition, both as to shipment and superabundance of moisture, applies equally to the Walla Walla Valley. Prevailing prices have been good and the farmers as a rule have done well."

Mr. McComas believes that the rebuke that was administered to Eastern Oregon through turning down by the people of W. J. Furnish, the Pendleton candidate for governor, is alone responsible for the failure of Judge Stephen A. Lowel to appear as a senatorial candidate.

VIEWED FROM AFAR.

"We of the East Side are viewing the political battle from afar," said Mr. McComas. "We had our little fling and lost. Although we have not yet sat down, we have gone 'way back,' and are just 'standing 'round.' Of course, we take an interest in the senatorial fight, but that interest is not particularly near home. I do not believe the East Side has a candidate. I have never heard one discussed.

"Wool and wheat is attracting attention and energy over our way. There is something real in that, and it is the realities of life, after all, that appeal more strongly to the common people."

WANT A NEW BUILDING.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Oregon Historical Society, held in the City Hall Saturday, the need of a new building was discussed by Secretary F. G. Young. In his report he comments upon the gratification of the members of the society in watching the Lewis and Clark Exposition project take a definite shape, for it was through the Historical Society that the scheme was launched. The project for the erection of a Memorial Building by the National Government was heartily endorsed.

The report shows a marked increase in the collection of curios, having received 125 pioneer relics and 110 archaeological specimens, and 1,120 arrow heads.

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