

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL'S PORTLAND VISITOR

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OFFICE IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Postmaster Myers shows a heavy increase in postal receipts in the city.

Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster-general, is in Portland to visit Postmaster Myers and observe the actual conduct of the work of distributing and collecting the mails in this city. Accompanied by James W. Baker, secretary of the United States senate, he has been touring the Pacific coast.

Mr. Roper says his is not a pleasure trip, but is strictly with the postal service. "I regard Postmaster Myers as one of our best postmasters," said Mr. Roper. "He has shown splendid aptitude for the requirements of the position, and will in my opinion prove himself one of the best postmasters Portland has ever had."

Mr. Roper points out that Portland increased postal receipts in the decade ending June 30, 1915, from \$235,000 to \$1,247,000 per annum. He considers this a remarkable showing and says it placed upon the postmaster considerable responsibility and put Portland in a class by itself.

Postmaster Myers has no more clerks now than he had in 1912," said Mr. Roper. "Yet the parcels post has been added and operated from this postoffice successfully, involving the handling of 3,500,000 parcels going out from Portland and the delivery of 1,750,000 in Portland."

"How many clerks in Portland, Mr. Myers?" he asked. "There are 200 clerks and 201 carriers," said the postmaster. "The same number of carriers, too, that we had in December, 1912."

Mr. Roper pointed out that the administration's term was half gone and has had to handle a number of problems, differing from any that he had up to any previous administration of the postoffice department of Uncle Sam. The problem of giving a civil service examination to 50,000 postmasters, drawing less than \$1000 a year has been completed. Of 9000 presidential postmasters all but 1500 have been appointed.

Other Changes Made. The standardization of the service both in the office work and in the delivery of mail has been well started. Improvements in administration and office equipment have been along business lines. Therefore, in large offices there were no changes and now there are but two, and the ability to shift men from one part of the work to another has been increased.

Equality of Service Object. The department is endeavoring to give equality of service to all communities. It is not a matter of the western cities, and especially of the Pacific coast, from those in eastern cities, said Mr. Roper.

"There are different problems in the western cities, and especially of the Pacific coast, from those in eastern cities," said Mr. Roper. "But I am sure that from the experience I have gained that there will be a better understanding between the people of Portland and the postoffice department."

He went on to set forth the problems confronting the department at Washington, with a new parcel post law going into effect on the day the national administration took office. The last congress failed to make any appropriation, but by resolution continued the last year's appropriation allowance for the department.

Business Shows Increase. "Notwithstanding a normal increase of business of eight per cent and a decrease of mail of 25 per cent by reason of the eight hour law going into effect as applied to the clerks, we have met the problems and propose to keep within the limits of the appropriation made two years ago."

Visits Southern California. Mr. Roper spent several days in visiting southern California cities, and three days in studying the situation in San Francisco.

Mr. Roper declined to talk politics. He and Mr. Baker were shown the city in several places. Postmaster Myers, their next stop will be Seattle.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN OHIO FLOODS

Estimated That Property Valued at \$500,000 Destroyed; Many Homeless; Damage Stage Believed Passed.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 17.—(U. P.)—Five persons are dead, thousands are homeless and about \$500,000 worth of property is destroyed today as a result of the three days of wind and rain which swept Ohio. The floods are subsiding.

Although several cities have suffered serious losses, all have so far been able to attend to their own relief work.

River Up Eight Feet. Zanesville, Ohio, July 17.—(U. P.)—Rainfall of 2.19 inches in the last 48 hours today has caused the Muskingum river to rise more than eight feet. Numerous creeks throughout Muskingum county were out of their banks and the lowlands flooded.

Would-Be Diamond Robber Felt Down. Seattle, Wash., July 17.—(U. P.)—Convicted that day's diamond robbery was successfully accomplished only in the storehouse, Ray Hewitt, a member of the city jail after one of the boldest thefts perpetrated here in years.

Arrest May Follow Finding of Poison

Substance Sprinkled in Yard of G. Caputo Frown to Be Dichloride of Mercury—Theory Is Advanced.

It is probable that a warrant will be issued for the arrest of a suspect as the result of the poison being thrown in the yard of G. Caputo, 404 East Forty-sixth street. The poison was discovered Wednesday night and was found yesterday to be dichloride of mercury. According to the story told by the Caputo family, the poison was thrown into the yard by neighbors with whom members of the family had quarrel.

Deputy District Attorney Richard Diech, who is making an investigation, will probably issue a warrant for the arrest of a suspect.

BUREAUS ARE BROADER THAN WERE SCHOOL SAYS P. CLAXTON

Commissioner of Education Addresses Portland Chamber of Commerce.

"Preparedness, combinations of capital, labor's activities—none of these can prevent war," declared P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, in an address before the chamber of commerce today. "Some phases of the war I will not touch upon," said Mr. Claxton, "as I am a small part of the administration which I have full confidence will carry out wisely and safely through." The statement was greeted with applause.

The speaker, who was introduced by President W. P. Reed of Reed College, explained that the government bureau of education is broader than a mere public school bureau but is interested in all things that help boys and girls to live a fuller and more complete life to a better purpose, make a better living, live more efficiently and skillfully, have better health and be better citizens, in short, in all things that tend to the uplift of humanity.

Time to Prepare for Peace. Considering international relations and peace as one phase of human uplift, Mr. Claxton pointed out some of the fundamental lessons already to be learned from the "European carnival of murder."

"The proposition, in time of peace prepare for war, does not ring true. I never heard its complement, 'in time of war prepare for peace.' If it were true, this ought to be a great time to prepare for peace, as the world was never so well prepared for war as it is now."

"Probably no nation in the history of the world was so well prepared as Germany. England's navy was the largest in history. Russia, Italy, Turkey, France and Japan were prepared. Some of us believe that's why we have war. People want to go to another war."

"And that millions of trained soldiers wanted war, for without war there would be no promotions. Furthermore, the prospect of events made it impossible to shut off the movement of war preparation. Preparedness does not prevent war, and probably brings it about."

Recruits Do Not Fear Danger. "Making war more destructive does not prevent war. Recruits are not deterred by increased danger—human nature is not built that way." Another phase of the movement, Mr. Claxton pointed out is that combination of capital can prevent war, though labor protests and strikes. "Events do not make war, but the economic sense in time of war and joy in throwing the labor into flames."

"Labor, too, has a restraining force, but cannot prevent war. Labor does not yet understand the ethical principle involved, its reason is not yet trained, it is not able to hold its passions in leash. A better type of education is needed first."

Urges Building for Klamath Falls, Or.

Klamath Falls, Or., July 17.—"Klamath Falls should have a new federal building and a bill is being prepared in Portland to provide for the building of all cases of backlogs and other Indian matters in your city," said Deputy United States Marshal Fred T. Reed of Portland, who is in the city in connection with two bootlegging cases.

It costs on the average \$1800 for every living case that comes from your county, and the federal building at Washington last year," said Berry. "Other cases where money is needed cost \$2000 each. It is in that light that this money should be saved. The great expense would be saved the government. Our office in Portland is advocating a building for Klamath Falls and you ought to have it."

Gonzales Rejects Peace Overtures

Then Attacks Zapatistas at Cuernavaca, 40 Miles From Capital, Where They Gathered After Retreat.

Mexico City, July 17.—(U. P.)—Turning a deaf ear to peace overtures, General Gonzales today attacked the Zapatistas at Cuernavaca, 40 miles from the capital, where they rallied after the hurried retreat from Mexico City.

Ray Turned Over. Dallas, Tex., July 17.—Percy Zumwalt, a 15-year-old Federal boy, is suffering with a broken leg as the result of the overturning of a load of hay on him while he was riding.

Ray, P. Plummer and Miss Lillie Erickson, both of this city, were married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday afternoon by Rev. George H. Bennett.

Holt Stockton has been appointed by the county commissioners as justice of the peace, and A. M. Tillery as constable, to fill vacancies.

Divorce Decree Granted. Circuit Judge Gates today granted a divorce to Sylvia L. Rice from Earl E. Rice on grounds of cruelty.

GRANDFATHER'S LOAN WAS OUTRIGHT GIFT, IS RULING OF COURT

Dr. J. Carle Rinehart Need Not Pay to Estate Funds Used in College.

EXECUTOR BROUGHT SUIT

Doctor Won Name in O. A. C. as Football Star, Claiming Also Engineering Degree.

That \$2221 advanced to Dr. J. Carle Rinehart, better known to football enthusiasts as "Red" Rinehart, by his grandfather, James H. Rinehart, was an outright gift, was the decree of Circuit Judge Gates today. Dr. Rinehart, who is now on trial before Judge Kay, executor and executor of the grandfather's estate, sued Dr. Rinehart for the money on the allegation that it was only a loan and not a gift.

The money was used by Dr. Rinehart to go through the University of Oregon medical school, from which he was graduated this year. Dr. Rinehart was previously been graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college as an electrical engineer, and it was at that institution that he made a name for himself as a football player.

COUNSEL CHARGES PERJURY. Attorney Clark Touches on Alleged Bribery in Dodge Case.

A charge that the statement of Attorney Thomas Mann that William H. Nash had offered E. H. Dodge \$25,000 in J. K. Lumber company bonds to influence Dodge's testimony in the \$121,000 suit now on trial before Judge Kay, was made yesterday by Attorney A. E. Clark, one of the counsel for the defendants in the suit.

Clark's statement came during a short clash between opposing counsel. Answering Clark's statement Mann said:

"I notice that you didn't dare to cross examine Dodge on the subject. That shows who is committing the perjury in this case."

Clark reiterated his statement regarding perjury and the incident closed.

E. J. Vaughn, cashier of the Dodge company, was on the stand when the case closed and his cross-examination will be taken up again Monday morning. Percy Allen, a lumberman, is to be called to the stand to testify regarding the alleged bribery and at the close of his testimony Mann expects to close the state's case.

That dredging will be necessary for several years before the danger of slides in the canal is past. That with the canal open, there is no need for a Pacific fleet, as vessels could be brought from the Atlantic very quickly.

That there is no need to worry about war with Japan.

That the new navy, because of lessons of the present war, will be built on entirely new lines, and that the naval appropriation will exceed the last by \$15,000,000.

That the United States may have to interfere before the European war is over.

That Bryan will not run for president independently, as the Wilson will be nominated and elected.

That he will vote for the ship purchase bill if President Wilson says so.

That the president has done more for the country than any public man in his time.

That Senator Tillman's time and his united voice, O'Brien and the other men induced Taft to join them \$200 of money received from the streetcar company in payment of damages on a mortgage on the house and this mortgage is alleged to have been worthless.

Charles Rigdon, against whom the Burns Detective Agency brought evidence of many check forgeries, sentenced to from two to 20 years in the penitentiary when he pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery.

CODICIL TO WILL FILED Estate Once Intended for Charity Goes to Descendants.

A codicil to the will of Mrs. Rebecca Hennessey signed by her March 1914, for last to charity a large sum of money, for Mrs. Hennessey, who was 81 years when she died July 10, had provided for a second will of her estate should go to charity.

In the codicil she divided it into three shares, one to Mrs. Mary J. Ross, one to her daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Ross, and one to her son, Mr. Ross. Mrs. Hennessey's estate is estimated in the petition for its probate to be worth \$30,000. After making bequests to relatives, Mrs. Hennessey left \$2000 to the Burns Detective Agency, \$2000 to the Oregon Methodist ministers, \$2000 to the Women's Home Missionary Society, and the balance to the Oregon Methodist church and the Columbia River Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the same denomination to the Williams College, \$500 to the First M. E. church of Mt. Tabor.

Gates today closed his court today for the summer vacation and will leave at once for his home in Oregon. He will return in about 10 days to take up matters that need attention and will return to his court today for the summer for like purposes. Judge Morrow and McGinnis have already closed their courts and Judge Davis expects to close his next week. Judge Gates will remain for a time and Judge Kavanaugh is busy with the Dodge trial, which will take some time yet before completion.

Sentenced to County Jail. Circuit Judge Gates permitted Charles J. Bovey, aged 21, to plead guilty to a charge of simple larceny and sentenced him to the county jail for 10 days and including January 1. Bovey was arrested in Eugene on a charge of stealing a taxi cab and a bicycle which he hired at a local stable.

Two Divorces Granted. Divorces granted this morning were: Elizabeth Moeller against William Moeller, by Judge Davis; cruelty; Cora Miller against Edgar L. Miller, by Judge Gates; cruelty.

SENATOR BEN TILLMAN DECLARES SPIES HAVE BEEN BUSY OPERATING

Solon Discusses Facts Regarding Panama Canal, on Arrival Here.

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Committee Will Assist in Placing Children in Wards

In view of the fact that the responsibility of placing children in wards of the juvenile court is becoming greater each day, Judge Cleton has decided to appoint a committee for this purpose instead of entrusting the task to one person.

He has already named Attorney Samuel White and Mrs. Margaret Thorburn and will announce the name of a third member of the committee in a few days. It is the intention of the court to reduce the number of children at the detention home to a minimum and to place more children in private homes.

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City Purchasing Agent Woods held an auction sale yesterday disposing of six horses, 6100 grain racks and 19 sprinkling wagons for a total of \$1104. The sale was so successful that he has notified all departments of the city to collect their share of the material of all kinds for another sale to be held at the end of next week.

"There is a pile of cast iron, wrought and old auto tires as well as a discarded car, which will be sold, city might well realize," said Mr. Woods this morning, "and we shall endeavor to dispose of these things by auction."

Alex. Sorrel, Ruff, Fritz, May and Bess were the horses sold yesterday and they went to individual buyers at prices ranging from \$35 to \$250. Five of the old sprinklers went to the Warren Construction company for \$200 each. The other four went to the Oregon Iron & Steel company, which bought one, and the other three to C. J. Back, a contractor, and to a Mr. Dugan.

The grain bags went at 6 1/2 cents each.

Inspection Schedule Made. H. E. Plummer, inspector of buildings, has arranged a schedule of inspections by the bureau of buildings for the recently annexed city of Astoria, which is now under the jurisdiction of the city of Portland.

Plumbing division, Mondays and Wednesdays; building division, Tuesdays and Thursdays; electrical division, Wednesdays and Fridays. Requests for inspection should be received by mail or telephone not later than 9 o'clock of the day on which inspection is desired.

Served 22 Years, Brings \$35. "Discharged for inefficiency due to old age" was the fate yesterday of a big, husky, big bay horse who was sold at auction after 22 years of service in the street cleaning department of the city. Fritz, it was brought by a man who "case brought him \$35 at the auction held yesterday at the city barns. Seven other horses, crippled or vicious, were sold for high prices. W. Weinberg purchased Fritz.

Auditor Leaves for Beach. City Auditor Barbur went to the beach today to spend the week and with members of his family who are at the seaside.

St. Johns Parks Examined. Commissioner Baker and Park Superintendent Conville spent the morning in St. Johns making an examination of the St. Johns property that now falls under the administration of the Portland park bureau.

To Inspect Highway. Mayor Albee left the city this morning to inspect the highway between the city and the county officials for an inspection of the Columbia highway and national forest reserve.

Icebergs Batter British Steamer. Montreal, July 17.—(U. P.)—The British steamer Agorion limped into port here today with her stern badly battered as a result of a collision with an ice berg Sunday night off the Belle Isle Straits. The Agorion sighted nearly 100 bergs, members of the crew declared.

Bishop Sumner at Roseburg. Roseburg, Or., July 17.—The Right Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, bishop of Oregon, spending Saturday and Sunday in Roseburg. Upon his former visit to Roseburg he was taken suddenly ill and hurried to the hospital, and for that reason the pastor of St. George's church, the Rev. J. H. Burns, was unable to meet and hear him.

This evening an informal reception was given at St. George's parish house to meet the bishop. Sunday morning the bishop will be the celebrant at the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a. m. and the preacher the Rev. J. H. Burns, pastor of St. George's church. In the evening he will administer the right of confirmation to a class in Riddle.

Loan Subscriptions Hit \$120,000,000. London, July 17.—(U. P.)—Sir Herbert Samuel, postmaster general, has announced that the subscription for the £100,000,000 loan, which makes £40,000,000 additional to the amount announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald McKenna.

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