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GENERAL NEWS.

Japan has bought about 100 6-inch howitzers of the Krupp company, at Essen, Germany.

The Macedonian leader, Sarajoff, is in Rome, but the pope refuses to give him an audience.

Young Corbett and Jimmy Britt are planning a match that they expect will draw a \$30,000 house.

Congressman William W. Skiles, of the Fourth Ohio district, died January 10 of pneumonia, aged 54 years.

"Broken Nose" Jack Miller, a famous old-time guide and scout, shot himself at Ruby, Mont., rather than go to the poorhouse.

Firemen all over the Santa Fe system are demanding a raise in wages. They are conferring at Topeka with officials of the company.

In those cities of the United States in which consumption is not the most fatal disease, pneumonia is, and it is either one or the other always.

The British and natives of Somaliland are still fussing, with the general result that the latter are being steadily and surely exterminated.

Charles Wheeler, aged 86, is dead at St. Helena, Cal. He was manufacturer of the famous and world-wide brand of wine known as Zinfandel.

The Chicago health department declares that the percentage in the length of life of people in that city has increased 11 between 1872 and 1902.

A Norwegian chemist has perfected a process for making an inflammable (non-drinkable) alcohol from sawdust. The product will be greatly cheapened.

Bishop Thoburn, the Methodist missionary, after many years absence, is again in India. He reports great progress made in missionary efforts there. In one district where were 12 converts 44 years ago, there are now 139,000 Christians.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The miners of the Snow creek mines at Sumpter have struck for longer hours and more pay.

Not a nickel can be dropped in the slot machines in Grant's Pass. The new city administration is enforcing a closed town.

E. C. Parsons, who stole supplies from the insane asylum while employed there, has been sentenced to 30 days in the Marion county jail.

A rich strike is reported at Howard on the Ochoco in the Pett-Monarch tunnel. A large quantity of ore is in sight which runs from \$10 up.

Governor Chamberlain has written Senator Fulton to use his efforts to increase the pay of rural letter carriers. There are 100 rural routes in the state.

Issam Smith, of Portland, was held up on the Madison street bridge, all his money taken, and himself thrown into the river, from which he escaped with difficulty.

The Baker City Herald is being sued for \$2,911 by Blake-McFaul Paper Company, of Portland. The suit is to give clear title to the present management and to oust Lester Haliet.

Eighty-four Horses Burned.
Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—Peoples Brothers' factory and stables burned this morning. Eighty-four fine draft horses burned. Loss, \$50,000.

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William Maher, Portland.
C. M. Smith, Portland.
W. M. Shusher, city.
H. D. Chambers, Portland.
A. R. Grant, Portland.
W. E. Stewart, Walla Walla.
J. G. Heitrich, Spokane.
W. D. Marks, Spokane.
L. J. Hoffman, Seattle.
W. H. Herman, Portland.
Ed Blackburn, Baker City.
J. N. Teal, Portland.
N. Reeves, San Francisco.
- Hotel Bickers.**
J. M. Whilistine, city.
W. R. Johnson, city.
Mrs. E. Lessley, Colorado Springs.
Charles Courtney, Colorado Springs.
Mrs. E. Diltz, Colorado Springs.
J. B. Baker, Meacham.
A. M. Cummins, Touchet.
William Mills, Juniper.
Jonathan Talbert, Milton.
S. Y. Harrington, Milton.
E. B. Tutbill and wife, Superior.
R. C. Long, Spokane.
P. H. Beathe, Weston.
J. W. Smith, Athena.
W. B. Shively, Boston.
J. Allen, Chicago.
A. M. Kincheloe, Hardsburg.
Miss M. Harrington, Milton.
Miss A. Harmon, Milton.
C. Borth, Weston.
C. O. Jeffreys, Weston.
Thomas Robertson, city.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Tallman & Co. Price 50 cents.

DISCUSSING FARM TOPICS.

Inter State Convention of Farmers at Minneapolis.
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 12.—Progressive farmers and agricultural experts of Minnesota and neighboring states filled the Masonic temple today at the opening of the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural society. The formalities of organization occupied the morning session.

This afternoon the convention divided into sections, the main meeting being under the auspices of the Minnesota Stock Breeders' association. Live stock diseases and draft horses were the chief topics of discussion. Another meeting was conducted by Minnesota Field Crop Breeders' association, at which papers or addresses were presented by A. D. Wilson of St. Paul, J. S. Bell of Minneapolis, Dean J. D. Shepperd of the North Dakota Agricultural college and others. A feature of tomorrow's session will be an address by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham, of Washington.

Scottish Rite Convention, Portland, January 14 and 15.

For the above occasion a rate of one and one-third fare on certificate plan is offered to Portland and return from all points in territory east of Portland, provided that 50 or more paying passengers of not less than 50 cents each, have been in attendance.

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NEWS OF ATHENA

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO THOMAS OWENS' HAND

Son to Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCullough—New Glass Front in Manasse's Store—Visitors from Lewiston—Grant's Pass and Other Points—Mrs. B. F. King is Suffering from Cancer—Will Reside in California.

Athena, Jan. 11.—Tommy Owens of this city, who is in the employ of Claude Reeder, near Helix, had the misfortune to cut the cords on his two front fingers on his left hand so as to let them drop.

Born—December 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCullough, a son, Ed Manasse has recently put in a modern glass front in his big merchandise store.

Miss Luella Craig, teacher of the seventh grade, is, on account of an abscess under her arm, unable for a few days to attend to her school duties. During her absence Mrs. M. L. Watts has taken her place.

Mr. McAlorey, brother of Mrs. Rush of Lewiston, and son are visiting her at the home of Mrs. Charley Keen in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shick's granddaughter, Miss May Lookwood, of Grant's Pass, is visiting them at present.

J. R. Owens' sister, Mrs. Hadley, and two sons of McMinnville, are visiting at the Owens home.

Mrs. Jack Swart's niece, Miss Lillie Clark, of Walla Walla who spent a week in the city, has returned.

Charley Johnson of Peck, Idaho, is in the city visiting relatives and will enter Beck's blacksmith shop to learn the trade.

Rev. B. F. King, accompanied his aged wife to the Walla Walla hospital for medical treatment. She has been in ill health for several months.

The X-rays determine that she is now suffering from a cancer on the mouth. She will take a ten days' treatment.

Frank Swaggart, one of the Weston Normal students, has entered the ninth grade of the Athena high school.

Mrs. Samuel Haworth and Mrs. William Winslip spent a day last week in Walla Walla, attending the funeral of their brother-in-law.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GEN. PAYNE

(Concluded.)
legal representatives of every clerk killed in the line of duty. I approve the suggestion that this provision be extended to the substitute clerks as well as to the regular clerks.

Registry System.
During the year 25,951,178 letters and papers were registered in the various postoffices of the country. Of this number 3,661,825 were free registrations and 22,289,353 were paid registrations, for which \$1,791,148.24 in registry fees was collected.

This represents an increase of 7,761,210 in paid registrations, as compared with the preceding year, and an increase of \$220,896.80 in the amount collected as registry fees. The increase in the number of paid registrations for the past year is more than 500,000 greater than the increase of any previous year.

Remittances of Money.
The practice of the public of using postage stamps for remittances in the mails has grown to enormous proportions. The result is that the department loses heavily in several ways, but especially because the sale of stamps by postmasters for that purpose at the smaller postoffices increases their compensation wrongfully, and imposes upon postoffices in the large cities to which such remittances are generally made the labor of handling vast quantities of matter the revenues from which are derived by the selling postoffices. It encourages trafficking in postage stamps, and this encourages the robbery of postoffices. Many plans have been proposed for obviating this evil.

Fraud in Postal Service.
Investigation has shown that for a number of years supplies for the free delivery service have not been purchased with an eye single to the public interests. Both in the matter of quality and the cost of equipment the ruling consideration has been private gain. This applies to articles furnished under regular contract, such as street collection boxes and carriers' satchels, as well as to those bought in the open market under exigency privilege, which has been much abused. Favored contractors, abetted by a trusted but unfaithful official, have corrupted the public service. An early and thorough investigation will be undertaken along the line of service equipment, with the prospective result of improved service at reduced cost. Fraudulent contracts have been abrogated. In the reletting of contracts honest competition will have fair and free play.

Free Delivery Service.
The free delivery service is expanding more rapidly than any other branch of the postal service. Its growth during the fiscal year has been greater than at any other time since free delivery was established. It presents a great many problems for careful consideration, as the expenditures, when once authorized, become practically permanent. The estimated expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904, for both city and

rural free delivery will aggregate about \$47,000,000, an amount equal to that expended for the maintenance of the entire postal service in the year 1884.

The general business prosperity adds decidedly to postal receipts, even at the smaller offices, with the result that an increasing number are becoming entitled to free delivery.

The estimated cost of city free delivery for the fiscal year 1905 is \$23,150,050.

On June 30, 1902, there were 8,165 rural routes in operation. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, 6,653 routes were established, making a total of 15,119 on that date.

During the period named 309,428,128 pieces of mail were delivered and 48,544,390 pieces of mail were collected. The value of stamps cancelled on mail collected by rural carriers amounted to \$949,084.37, and the pay of carriers for that period aggregated \$4,518,185. The average monthly calculations per route were \$11.22, and the average pay of the carriers \$49.25.

Postal Frauds.

On March 7, 1903, an investigation was ordered affecting the integrity of certain officials connected with the office of the assistant postmaster-general for the postoffice department, the division of postoffice supplies, the free delivery system and the division of salaries and allowances. The investigation began at that time had not been concluded at the close of the fiscal year. More than 40 inspectors were detailed for this work.

As a result of the investigation 17 officials were separated from the service by resignation or removal. Forty-four indictments were found and 31 persons arrested, 16 of whom had been connected with the postal service. A special report covering the details of this investigation has been submitted.

Farmers' Letters by 'Phone.

The extension of the rural free delivery service and the consequent increase in the use of the mails by the patrons residing along the rural routes, together with the extension of the telephone service into the farming districts of the country, has suggested the propriety of extending the privileges of the special delivery or mail letters, or the contents thereof, by means of the telephone. It was proposed that a special stamp be provided covering the cost of such transmission, the use of which stamp would authorize the postmaster at the office of delivery to open such letter and telephone its contents to the person to whom it is addressed. It will be seen that if such plan is feasible 24 hours' time will be saved in the transmission of important messages to many people residing along the lines of the rural delivery routes. I would recommend that a small appropriation be made by congress for the purpose of enabling the postmaster-general to investigate the subject.

Investigation.

In concluding this report it is proper to say that its preparation has been delayed several weeks, owing to the demands upon my time and by reason of the investigation which has been made into the affairs of the department, commencing about March 1, 1903, and which has continued under my direction since that time.

This investigation has resulted in a complete reorganization of some of the bureaus of the department, and it is hoped has eradicated all dishonest, irregular and criminal practices, which the investigation has developed as having been in existence for several years.

I cannot too strongly recommend the seal, vigor and fidelity which has been shown by the fourth assistant postmaster-general, who has been in immediate charge, and the inspectors who have been detailed to assist him in the investigation.

Reeves & Co. Pay Day.

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