

Postmaster Needed.

Richmond Marsh, postmaster in charge of the office at Point Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost post office in the world, has tendered his resignation to the post office department, and the department is in search of a man to fill the place.

The duties of the place are by no means arduous, though some of the qualifications exacted of the successful applicant may prove a little trying. He is expected to be able to handle at least three mails each year, two of which will reach him during the winter months and one some time in July, soon after the opening of the Arctic ocean to navigation. Between the arrivals of mails he will be permitted by the department to take a much needed vacation, says the Seattle News.

Point Barrow is some 800 miles northeast of Nome. The place consists of a native settlement and a Presbyterian mission, the latter having been for several years in charge of Mr. Marsh, the late postmaster. Last year Mr. Marsh was ordered from Point Barrow to Hoonah and when he departed for his new station he left the office in charge of an assistant. He is desirous of being relieved of the work on account of the manifest inconvenience of residing in one town and conducting a postoffice in another one some 1500 miles distant.

The department has promised to relieve him of the office as soon as it is able to find a suitable and trustworthy man to take his place. The search for such a man is now being conducted by Postal Inspector Clum, of the the district of Alaska, who arrived from the east this morning and is registered at the Hotel Washington, Seattle.

The most exacting requirement of the new postmaster is that he reside at Port Barrow. This department will insist upon. The present postmaster has made a satisfactory official, but he is not a resident of the place, hence the necessity for a change.

The Point Barrow office receives three mails a year. One of these is carried on the revenue cutter Bear which visits the place each summer. At the missionary school there one of the exciting events of the year is a guessing contest among the pupils for a prize offered the one who guesses nearest to the date the Bear will arrive. Interest in this contest begins early in the autumn and increases in intensity all night, becoming very exciting by about July 1, when the natives begin to look for the cutter. She usually arrives some time between July 1 and August 31, and following her arrival comes one of the busy seasons for the postmaster. She sometimes brings as many as 35 letters in a bunch.

The other mails to Point Barrow are carried from Nome on reindeer sleds. As the distance is only some 80 miles it is a pleasant little jaunt for an Eskimo mail carrier to take during the early days of an Arctic evening. The winter mails, being two in number, are not so large as the one which is received in the summer, consequently involve less labor on the part of the postmaster.

The salary of the office is a little uncertain. He is paid according to the value of the stamps canceled by the office. As he is about the only person in the settlement who has any reason to write letters, his income depends on the number of letters he writes. If he is very industrious he can increase his income, charging himself with the stamps he uses as an individual, then crediting himself with them when as postmaster he cancels them for transmission.

Mr. Clum does not know how large the salary was last year or the reason that the annual report of the office mailed January 1, 1905, had not been received at Washington when he left there 10 days ago. Unless it is unnecessarily delayed it should reach there about July 1. Mr. Clum thinks, however, judging from preceding reports, that the income will reach at least \$165 for the year.

Heppner Gazette—Weekly Oregonian.

Terrible Tornado in Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 6—Forty lives are reported lost, a large number of people injured and thousands of dollars of damage done by a tornado which swept the northern edge of Montague county late yesterday afternoon. The force of the wind was terrific. Wires are still prostrated and it is difficult to get the details of the news.

At Montague ten persons were killed, consisting of A. H. Earle and his family and the Tomlinson family and the baby of Lawrence Pillow. Clark's drug store, Lund's grocery store, Alcorn's bank, Rowe Hardware company and 15 dwellings were totally demolished. Hundreds of head of stock were killed outright and a large number of people injured.

At Nacona 14 persons were killed, many others injured and a large number of dwellings completely destroyed. The dead are: Mrs. C. G. Shackelford and daughters, Mrs. S. L. Tomlinson and three children, Mrs. Mary Lester and four children, Mrs. Ira Williams, Caleb White and Frank Aiken.

At Belcher the Baptist and Methodist churches were destroyed. At Montague the Methodist church and the courthouse were damaged. At Dixie the schoolhouse was entirely blown away.

Reports of the tornado's damage are still coming in. The number of killed and injured will probably reach 100.

Monument to Sacajawea.

Gallant men of the western states Thursday honored the memory of a brave Indian woman—Sacajawea—guide of the explorers who a century ago accepted and nobly discharged the mission of President Jefferson and sought a route over which afterward moved the column of civilization's army to conquer this region.

Full many a year will be buried before the memory of this day will pass, for this afternoon on the terrace of the exposition fronting on the lake was unveiled the statue of "The Bird Woman," as the name Sacajawea means, where it will stand as a reminder of her intrepidity and the value of her services.

It was the culmination of months of effort by the Sacajawea Monument association and the exercises commemorated the deeds of the Indian woman companion of the century ago explorers.

It was in a large sense woman's day, and with swelling pride in the significance of the occasion—the celebration of a woman's historic achievements—representatives of a great national woman's organization, Susan B. Anthony, Mary Blackwell, Anna Shaw, Carrie Chapman Catt, Abigail Scott Duniway and others of nationwide repute, with many members of the Sacajawea Monument association and also hundreds of members of the Improved

Order of Red Men were in a parade that moved through the streets and was witnessed by countless thousands of people who lined every sidewalk along the line of march.—Journal.

WILLIAMSON TRIAL.

Conspiracy to Defraud the Government is Charged.

Portland, July 7—The trial commenced today of Congressman John N. Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner, Marion Biggs and others charged with conspiring to defraud the government of public domain.

The case proceeded with remarkable celerity, the jury being secured and the opening arguments made in time to allow the examination of one witness before court adjourned.

District Attorney Heney stated in opening the argument that the government proposed to show that Williamson and other defendants entered a conspiracy to suborn 100 persons and cause them to illegally obtain from the government valuable pasture lands in Eastern Oregon. The district attorney stated of these 100, forty-four secured claims and other patents were pending at the time the indictments were returned.

H. S. Wilson, attorney for the defendants, asserted that there had been no conspiracy. He stated that Williamson and Gesner in order to secure pasturage for stock had offered to advance money to settlers to come into the country and take up claims. He asserted that the defendants had taken mortgages on the property and during the time the patents were pending it was agreed that defendants should have the right to the pasture. He stated that no agreements were made which compelled the patentees to turn over the claims to Williamson and Gesner, and the defendants exerted no claim of ownership after the return of their money.

He stated that on several occasions Williamson and Gesner bought land from these claimants after the patent had been issued, but he said these had been entirely separate transactions not connected with the advancing to the claimants.

Campbell Duncan, the first witness for the government, stated that he had been told by Marion Biggs that Gesner wanted land and that if he would go on to a claim and secure a patent to it, Williamson and Gesner would advance the necessary money, in the neighborhood of \$400, and when the claim was patented that they would pay him \$500 for the claim. Duncan testified that he had agreed and that Williamson and Gesner had selected the land, advanced the money and that he gave a mortgage on it for \$400. When the claim came to patent, he said they paid him in the neighborhood of \$100.

Root Has Accepted.

New York, July 6.—It can be definitely stated that President Roosevelt has offered the position of Secretary of State to Elihu Root, and that Mr. Root has accepted.

President Roosevelt arrived at Jersey City at 9 a. m. He boarded a Pennsylvania Railroad tug and was taken to Long Island City. He left there for Oyster Bay at 9:47. Paul Morton and Elihu Root, who accompanied the President from Cleveland, left the special train at Jersey City and returned to this city.

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Fourth of July Accidents.

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