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We notice a general tendency towards socialism by the post office department of the General Government. Very likely the assistant postmaster general who is so persistently advertising and pushing the sale of return card envelopes would fall dead if he were accused of being boosted for socialism, but he is and a very bad form of it for it is class socialism. He is working against the small printer and at the same time making him pay for what he has not. In other words he takes the business away from the printer and in so doing causes an increase in the postal deficit which must be met by taxation. This taxation must be made up largely by printers and those from whom they expect to get their incomes. Is it fair? Is it just? Now if this thing is to be done as it is being done, we must ask that the same privileges be granted to the people along other lines. If we are to have socialism in the printing department of the government then we should have it in the dry goods and grocery departments also. The government lets a contract to a Dayton, Ohio firm to print its envelopes. It gets an order from John Doe, in some obscure part of the United States for 1000 envelopes with his business card printed on. The accommodating Mr. Lawshe, who is sending his circulars broadcast over the country, sends the order to Dayton, at the taxpayers expense, and when the printing is done it will be shipped by registered mail to the postmaster for delivery to Mr. Doe, all at government expense and government in this case means the people. This printing is furnished to Mr. Doe at less than one-half of what his local printer could do the work and live. Now to be fair to the local printer the government should also make contract with a large grocery house to furnish groceries to the printers and should send them by registered mail and Mr. Lawshe should send out well worded circulars telling why the printers should buy their groceries of the government, likewise this should be followed by dry goods, clothing and type, etc. Perhaps after a time it would get around to the farmer and would send him his farming implements by mail. We do not believe in class legislation, but if we are to have it in one class then let us have it in all, then it will no longer be class legislation, but will be for the good of all. If we are to have a paternal form of government, we do not believe in having a spoiled child in the family. Treat every member of the family alike then we will get along nicely, otherwise there will al-

ways be jangling and trouble. If the government were doing its own work, or otherwise, at a fair profit, so that the printers of the country would not be taxed to pay the deficit caused by robbing them of business, it would be a different matter, but we, with thousands of other printers, will continue to protest against this injustice until it is remedied. To add insult to injury the postal big bugs want to increase the rate of postage on second class matter, thus hitting the country printers an extra welt, for the majority of newspapers in the United States do job work from which they reap a large part of their income. Another phase of the matter is this; while the country editor is boosting for his local merchant and fighting the mail order house, the merchant is going to the postmaster and ordering his printed envelopes of the government. Is it fair?

The murder of Elsie Sigel by her Chinese lover in New York ought to be a lesson to white people to keep their daughters out of the so-called "missions" in the cities. This is one of those that have been made public, but it is only one of many, for there is more or less of a desire among whites to keep such things quiet. Let the Chinese follow out their own peculiar religious beliefs and practices, so long as they keep within the pale of the law. Christianizing such people is mighty poor policy, but if people want to do it, they should be compelled to do it through the efforts of men or of scrawney old maids and not the prettiest girls that can be found in the community. It strikes us as a peculiar way to Christianize any race of people, by appealing to their passions or cupidity.

School Report

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending June 11, 1909.

Number of schools in session	Boys		Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls		
No. of pupils remaining last mo.	748	743	1491	
No. of new pupils registered during the month	1	1	2	
No. pupils leaving one school and entering another	2	1	3	
No. of pupils having been dropped and then readmitted	50	42	92	
Total No. registered during mo.	801	787	1588	
No. of pupils dropped during mo.	89	102	191	
No. of pupils remaining June 11.	712	685	1397	
No. of pupils on register since beginning of school not registered in any other school	970	887	1857	
No. of pupils registered in some other school	89	106	195	
No. of pupils over 4 and under 6	6	13	19	
No. of pupils over 6 and under 9	275	234	509	
No. of pupils over 9 and under 12	251	239	490	
No. of pupils over 12 and under 14	182	167	349	
No. of pupils over 14 and under 20	246	234	480	
Total	970	887	1857	
No. of days taught during mo.	15			
Whole No. of days attendance	20946			
Whole No. of days absence	1247			
Whole No. of times late	126			
No. pupils neither absent or tardy	809			
Average No. of pupils belonging	1478			
Average daily attendance	1386			
Per cent of attendance	93			
No. of visits by parents	99			
No. visits by members of board	25			

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for attendance having made 95 per cent or more: Lewisville, Ballston, Monmouth, Scroggins, West Salem, Perrydale, Cochran, Spring Valley, Enterprise, Cherry Grove, Falls City, Rogue River Valley.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for having had no tardies: Ballston-Zena, Lewisville, Scroggins, West Salem, Perrydale, Spring Valley, Enterprise, Falls City, Pioneer, Mountain View.

This report has been held up for several weeks as some teachers who finished their schools left the county without making out a report and it was necessary to write for the reports thus causing the delay.

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