

How About the Postal Deficit

The general kick coming from the press has been, and is, such in regard to the proposed raise of postage on second class mail matter that the administration will, most likely, pry deeply into the service to find just where the loss takes place as the officials, so it would appear, have not gotten the system sufficiently in command so as to classify the several classes of mail as to cost. The New York Journal of Commerce has the following to say on this subject:

The further the work of investigating the postal deficit has gone the more evident it has become that the government had not the information or the system of accounting that would permit of a complete segregation of costs for sending different classes of mail. Neither is it clear how much the postal deficit is due to the unnecessary and corrupt use of the franking privilege by administrators and legislators. The committee has had to recognize, however regretfully, that it could not make a conclusive answer to its constituents if asked to specify on what grounds the deficit was assigned to the second-class matter. The postoffice department has been carelessly and ineffectively conducted for years past, and has been constantly prostituted to the political needs of those in office.

If it is desired to readjust the present charges for mail transportation—and few will deny that they may well be rearranged—the work can be done only with a foundation established by careful accounting and investigation, which will go, not merely into the department of the postal service, but into all, and will exhibit all of the defects and rotten places in the present system. Such an investigation is urgently needed and may well be undertaken. Meanwhile it will evidently be unwise to penalize the press because it has not been willing to accept in silence the oppressive tariff schedules foisted upon the country by a coterie of political bosses.

J. R. Belshé who has been quite sick for some three or four weeks is improved so as to be up and around.

W. R. Craven Found Dead

Word reached here Monday of the death of W. R. Craven, brother to Joseph Craven of this place. The following particulars are taken from the Polk County Observer.

Wesley R. Craven, a member of one of Oregon's prominent pioneer families and for many years a merchant of Dallas, was found dead in his cabin in the Salmon River mountains about noon yesterday. Death had evidently come suddenly and was probably caused by paralysis, a disease by which he had been stricken twice in the last two years.

The dead body was found by Hood Craven, a nephew, who has a claim adjoining the one which had been occupied by his uncle. Judging from the appearance of the body when found death had occurred several hours before—probably some time in the night.

Mr. Craven is survived by his wife and four daughters; a brother, R. C. Craven, of Alhambra, California, and another brother, Joseph Craven, of Monmouth.

Monmouth Highlights

Mr. Clapp purchased a new wagon Saturday.

James Goodman made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

Joe Howsman is assisting Thomas Strain to work the roads.

Misses Ina and Lettie Fishback visited friends in Monmouth Sunday.

George Gardner of Bridgeport spent Saturday with Clarence McCaleb.

Thomas Strain, our jubilant supervisor started to work the roads Monday.

Roy Clark is working in the Livery stable at Monmouth for Graham and son.

Lafe Johnson spent Wednesday with his son, Walter Johnson and family of near Independence.

Marion Arant of near Monmouth, our assessor was here Saturday engaging in his work.

Dave Dove, who has been staying on his place here for some time, went to Salem Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Calbreath of the Blue Andalusian Poultry Farm visited friends in the Herald City Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Buffum of near Independence was a pleasant guest with her cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Fishback several days last week.

Misses Edna, Millie and Bessie Clark spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister Mrs. Belle Sullivan of Monmouth.

Mrs. Frona Howsmon and daughters, Myrtle and Vernie attended an entertainment at the Elkins School House Friday evening and wish they may enjoy many such times.

Spelling Contest

Result of spelling contest for schools of two or more rooms, March 11, 1910.

Fourth Grade—first place; Dallas, Ballston and Falls City tie 97 per cent; second; Independence 96 per cent; third; Bethel 92 per cent.

Fifth Grade—first place; Dallas, Ballston, Bethel, Buena Vista, Falls City and Black Rock tie 99 per cent plus; second; Monmouth 99 per cent; third; Independence 96 per cent.

Sixth Grade—first place; Monmouth 100 per cent; second; Bethel 97 per cent; third; Buena Vista 95 per cent.

Seventh Grade—first place; Black Rock 100 per cent; second; Ballston and Independence tie 99 per cent; third; Monmouth 96 per cent.

Eighth Grade—first place; Black Rock 98 per cent; second; Monmouth 96 per cent; third; Ballston 91 per cent.

H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Supt. Polk Co., Ore.

Teachers Meet To-day

A meeting of the school teachers of Polk County takes place in Independence today. Superintendents Ackerman and Alderman will address the teachers. On Saturday a school meeting will be held and the citizens of Independence are preparing to entertain all visitors.

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