

Ralph Peters On Rallway Mall Pay

A controversy has been raging in the columns of the press between the railroads and the Federal Pout Office Department over the question of proper compensation for handling the United States mails. Mr. Raiph Peters. Chairman of the Railway Mail Committee, when asked to state the railroad side of the controversy to the American farmer, said in part:

"The railway mail pay question will be settled—and sottled permanently and with justice to all concerned—as soon as the American people realise that the whole subject, while seemingly complicated and technical, boils down to a few simple points of fair business dealing which no one need be a rate expert to understand.

"The first is that the Post Office Department weighs the mails, and readjusts the pay of the railroads, only once in four years. This compels the railroads to carry the increase in the mail tonings during the intervening years without pay—manifestly an injustice in the case of a rapidly growing business. One consequence has been that last year the railroads carried fully half the parcel post for nothing.

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"A second point is this: In addition to carrying the mails, the railroads are required to operate many traveling post offices for sorting and
distributing the mails while in transit. But the Post Office Department pays
for such post offices only where they occupy whole cars, and pays nothing
in the many cases in which it merely requires the use of post office apartments in combination cars, although such apartments differ from the full
railway post office cars only in size. More than 4,300 apartments of this
character have been fitted up, and are ma'ntained for the exclusive use of
the Post Office Department. Failure to profor them has been an especial
hardship to the smaller roads on which the Department does not find it
necessary to utilize whole cars.

"One last point: In thousands of instances (though not in all) the Post office Department requires the railroads to carry the mails back and forth street railroad stations and post offices, but pays them nothing for this atra service beyond the rates covering the rail transportation. The railroads have no choice but to perform this additional service gratis, or refuse

"Now for the remedies the railroads ask: They do not ask to have the mails weighed daily, or to have each shipment weighed and paid for separately, as is done in the case of private shippers. They merely ask to have the mails weighed, and the pay of the railroads adjusted, at least once a year, instead of once in four years. They also ask that spartment post office cars be paid for, at reasonable rates, according to size. Lastly, they ask that the Post Office Department cease to require of them free measurers service between stations and post offices, and either relieve them of this service or pay fairly for it. These are the reforms the railroads ask of Congress. They gladly lay these reforms before the public, confident that they will appeal to the common sense and fairness of American voters."

## THE FIRST TELEGRAM.

by Moree's Daughter.

Hidden away in the archives of the ssee Historical society at Nashille is the account of the first actual message ever sent over a telegraph line. That dispatch differs materially from the solemn message that passed over the wire between Washington and Baltimore in the year 1844. It ilseriousness with which Mr. Morse's invention was taken when he first of-

According to the account preserved at Nashville, Hon. Robert L. Caruthers of Lebanon, Tenn., was a member of Congress in 1843, and a member of the committee to which was referred Mr. Morse's application for an appropriation to build a telegraph line from Washington to Baltimore. Most of the members of the committee looked pon Morse as a visionary, and his proposal as impracticable.

On the last day of the session Morse went to the committee room and told them that he had stretched a wire to the top of the capitol building and ad a young man up there. If they would write a message he would send it up, and the young man would bring them a copy of it. None of them be-lieved it could be done. Judge Caruthers, however, pulled the envelope of a etter out of his pocket and wrote a message. Mr. Morse, who had his in-strument with him, sat down and sent young man walked into the room with an exact copy of the message. ommittee reported favorably, and rec nended the appropriation.

The bill passed just before the ad Morse's boarding house to inform him that the appropriation was made. The daughter of the landlady went to Mr. Morse's room, waked him and gave him the welcome news. He said to her, "My daughter, you shall send the first message that goes from Washington to Baltimore." That promise was fulfilled when she sent the famous message: "What hath God wrought!"
Judge Caruthers was an ordent
Whig, and in 1843 the Whits were

Tourist—What sort of landlord bave you got here? Irlah Native—He's the sort of man if he was put on an unin-habited Island that would stick his hands in the pockets of the naked sav-ages and rob them of what they hadn't

got.-Chicago Herald.

The Rest Test.
"I don't see how that little Mrs.
Grumpy can seem so well satisfied
with her bushand. He never kisses

"Maybe not, but he gives her spending money without her ever having to nak for it."-Baltimore American.

Marry in haste and repent at leisure," is about the worst. Singleton—Why, I always thought it was a fairty good one. Wedderly—Huh; just as if a married man ever had any letsure!— Indianapolta Star

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF HARNEY.

E. B. TERRY, Plaintiff, JOHN P. ANNETTE, Mrs. Lydia Barn-

hardt, Charles Beil, Andy J. Coms, Olaf Carlson, Cecil W. Cailds, J. R. Cooper, J. B. Donnell, C. Donovan, 15. S. Fendali, G. W. Fleshner, Cora 15. Urieves, Chaude V. Gwinn, P. A. Platien, Joan Hofzer, H. G. Millier, 16. P. Moeney, M. McKinnon, Wil-man L. Noan, Effic M. Ober, Samuel Peterson, B. F. Piummer, A. E. Pet-ty, W. G. Pattings, Albertus W. Reed, P. F. Rohr, Charles S. Stephens, James H. Smith, Joseph H. Smith, F. C. Spanneth for Spanneth, Fo. nest W. Sly, Frank Seeley, Harry E. Scott, Charles Sinaett, W. D. Woodruff, E. M. Williams, Martha White, William Yates, L. E. Barton, E. L. Jeremiah, C. W. Ortman, J. W. Swope, and all whom it may concern, Defendants.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County.

In the name of State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you 1913 in the above entitled court and suit on June 12, 1913 or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons upon you, which period of time is six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit; within six weeks from the 14th day of August, 1915, that being the date June 18, 1913 of the first publication hereof, and if and for the costs and disbursyments of

Burna, Oregon, July 21, 191h in Notice is hereby given that James Piris, whose post office address is Harracy, Oregon, 11d, on the 27th day of October, 1914, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 779s, to purchase the SWig Med. Mection 27, Iownship 23 St., Range 295 £., Williamette deriddin, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June, 3 1sts, and acts inendatory, known as the "Timber and Stane Law" at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that pursuant to such a polication, the land and timber thereon, have been appraised, the timber estimated 190,000 M. board feet at \$1.00 per M., and the land \$2.50; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and aworn statement on the 4th day of October, 1915, before the second the statement of the statement of the support of his application and aworn statement on the 4th day of October, 1915, before the second account of the support of his application and aworn statement on the 6th day of October, 1915, before the second and Meeting and Second Sec



Charles W. Miller, defendant To Charles W. Miller, the above named defendant:

cation thereof in The Times Herald, a weekly newspaper published in Burns, and dated the 6th day of August, 1915, the date of first publication being Aug-est 14th, 1915, and the last publication thereof will be on the 25th day of Sep-

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mmons is served upon you by publication thereof in The Times-Herald, a weekly newspaper published in Burns, Harney County, Oregon, purenant to an order of Hon. H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County, Oregon, made and dated the 19th day of July, 1915, the date of the first publication being July 24th, 1915, and the last publication thereof will be on September 4th, The New Home Sewing Machine Company, ORANGE, MASS.

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