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The Special Delivery to Every United States Postoffice.

Yesterday Postmaster Muller received from Postmaster Vilas a circular of instructions regarding the act of Congress of Aug. 4th, 1886, extending the special delivery system. On and after October 1st, 1886, every postoffice in the United States and territories and the District of Columbia, now established while the act remains, will be designated as a special delivery office, and the special delivery will extend to everything that goes into the mails, provided the letter or parcel bears the special ten cent delivery stamp in addition to the regular postage.

Following are the principal provisions and the instructions to postmasters: Such immediate delivery must be made when the article is directed to any addressee residing or having a place of business within one mile of the postoffice.

The obligation to so deliver does not extend to an address beyond that distance, but the postmaster will be at liberty to make such delivery beyond such limits and receive the compensation therefor as in any other case.

The hours within which immediate delivery shall be made shall be at least from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., and further until the arrival of the last mail provided that such arrival be not later than 9 p. m.

Postmasters should therefore open all mails at once on their arrival, as required by the regulations, and immediately separate the matter bearing special delivery stamps, and stamp or write on the envelope or wrapper the name of the office and the date and hour when the matter arrives.

Special delivery matter must be delivered to the addressee or to any one authorized to receive his mail matter. In the case of registered matter for special delivery, the usual registry receipts, in addition to the special delivery receipts, must be taken, and all other requirements of the registry regulations must be observed.

For every special delivery article delivered the postmaster must take a receipt from the party receiving it, and all receipts for matter delivered during any quarter must be sent as vouchers to the auditor at the end of such quarter, with the postmaster's account current for that quarter.

Registered matter will be entitled to special delivery the same as ordinary matter when bearing the special delivery stamp in addition to the full postage and registry fee required by law and regulations.

Special delivery stamps are to be sold by postmasters in any required amount and to any person who may apply for them, but they can be used only for the purpose of securing the immediate delivery matter.

Under no circumstances are they to be used in the payment of postage of any description or registry fee; nor can any other stamps be employed to secure special delivery except the special delivery stamp at offices where the free delivery has been established.

The End at Last.

The surrender of the Apache chief in Arizona is the closing scene in the struggle which began at Plymouth Rock two hundred and fifty years ago between the white men and the red men for possession of this continent.

The long contest is a conspicuous feature of American history, and it is the only feature at once conspicuous and discreditable. It is a record of selfish aggression steadily pursued. Its means have been as often foul as fair, and its triumphs have been without honor.

Of Indian warfare we have seen the last, but the Indian problem remains, difficult and vexatious as before. The Indian is conquered, but he still lives and must be taken care of. The reservation system is a failure as all now admit.

Pioneer Celebration.

The regular annual re-union of the Pioneer society of Southern Oregon was held at the Court House on Thursday last when a large crowd gathered to witness the ceremonies.

After speaking in terms highly complimentary of the Chicago jury that did duty in the trial of the anarchists, the New York Mail and Express adds: "Nothing that has happened in this country since Lee's surrender has done so much to elevate the respect of our foreign citizens for the strength, stability and excellence of our institutions as this Chicago demonstration of the adequacy of our system of trial by jury to the direst of the new perils of European and American civilization.

Even the London Post, the Tory organ of the new government, is obliged to say that: "In this trial at Chicago the American people have shown very clearly and forcibly that they will not allow their hospitality to be abused. They have sheltered men who conspired against the governments of other countries. They have even allowed them to conspire on American soil; but when German anarchists made an attack upon the laws of the United States it was seen at once that toleration might be carried too far.

Instantaneous Fire Extinguisher.

The test given on Saturday evening last by the Besserer fire extinguisher was so eminently successful as to leave no room for argument, no buts or ifs; it did its work promptly and most effectually.

The structure to be fired, which was 10x12 feet, was lined inside with Excelsior shavings, saturated with coal oil, and just before igniting it Mr. Graham, who is the agent for this State and W. T. threw about a gallon and a half more oil over the already combustible mass.

Mr. G. then retired about twenty-five feet and gave the signal to set fire to it, which was done and the structure was soon ablaze and the surrounding streets were brilliantly illuminated with the bright, fiery flame.

Good Attendance.

List of teachers present at the Institute: Miss Alice Mathews, Miss Hattie Coleman, Miss Alta Miller, Miss Amanda Goodyear, Miss Jessie Plumert, Miss Verlianda Buck, Miss Mary E. Gilson, Miss Clara Cameron, Miss Lena Cameron, Miss Della Pennebaker, Miss Mollie Meriman, Miss Mary Davison, Miss Ella Gore, Miss Nellie Wisley, Miss Carrie Baker, Miss Marry Lortz, Miss Rosette Watters, Miss J. D. Crocker, Miss Sadie Hall, Miss Emma Vining, Miss Dotia Russell, Miss Hattie Newberry, Miss Lottie Reed, Miss Eugenia Farnham, Miss Julia Goodyear, Miss Pauline M. Green, Miss Lulu Day, Miss Kate Vanduyke, Miss Luella Gilson, Miss Annie Fisher, Miss Maggie Sergeant, Miss Mary Coleman, Mrs. Vina Clayton, Mrs. Belle Horner, D. V. S. Reid, Chas. H. Fisher, Gus Newberry, J. W. Beatty, Frank Dukes, Monroe Sonichson, J. C. Hall, J. D. Hayes, Frank F. Howell, Arthur Soule, J. G. Gore, J. B. Horner, Scott Morris, Geo. H. Watt, Chas. E. Carr, W. H. Parker, J. Bunham, R. J. Hawthorn, Henry L. Benson, C. S. Jenkins, W. H. Gray, E. C. Mason. Ten others were present who did not register, exclusive of visitors.

Decision of Mining Land.

Judge Deady delivered an opinion in the U. S. district court yesterday in the case of the United States against Reed and Eccles. The case is one of considerable interest, having been brought to deprive defendants of title to a farm under the plea that the land was mineral land.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Grant's Pass, so named after General Grant, is a county seat centrally located in Southern Oregon. It is a progressive railroad town of 600 inhabitants, and is the main supply point for a large portion of country devoted to mining, lumbering agriculture and fruit-raising. Climate unexcelled.

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Postal Matters.

Thomas G. Reames, of Jacksonville, who has been appointed a postal inspector for this district, reported for duty yesterday. Important changes have taken place in the postoffice inspection division of the Northwest lately. Heretofore San Francisco has been the headquarters of the department for the whole Pacific slope, but now Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska have been formed into a separate division, with headquarters here.

M. E. Conference Appointments.

The Oregon Conference at its recent session made the following appointments for the Eugene district: Presiding elder, S. P. Wilson; Albany, H. P. Webb; Ashland, Walton Shipworth; Brownsville, J. M. Sweeney; Corvallis, J. T. Wolfe; Dallas, Martin Judy; Drain, G. M. Dimmitt; Empire City, Irad Richardson; Eugene City, A. C. Fairchild; Grants Pass, John McFaire; Jacksonville, Circuit W. P. Williams; Klamath Indian mission, to be supplied; Lowell to be supplied; Monroe, T. F. Roy; Roseburg, J. W. Miller; Shed and Halsey, N. M. Shipworth; Springfield, Robert Booth; Willbur, E. Gittens; Yaquina bay, Wallace Hurlbut.

M. G. Royal, president of Ashland college.

T. L. Jones, endowment agent of Drain academy.

T. L. Sails, financial agent of Ashland college.

Work has begun preliminary to the survey of the Umpqua River Railroad. Mr. W. R. Whipple, formerly of the engineers corps of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, will have charge of the work. The first few days will be spent in reconnaissance of the route, and deciding whether it is practicable to pass over the divide below Elk creek bridge and thus save following around the "big bend" of Elk creek. The survey proper will begin early next week. From Drain to the coast, we would say that the proposed route does not pass over the coast range of mountains. It follows Elk creek from Drain to Elkton, where it strikes the Umpqua River, and from there follows that stream to Scottsburg. At no point on the route would the road bed be a hundred feet above the high water mark, on those streams. Nature has done much for us in providing a railroad route. [Drain Echo.]

Grant's Pass is only two years old, but nevertheless has 50 business houses, 140 residences, a railroad depot, machine shops and roundhouse, a saw-mill and sash and door factory, three society lodges-rooms, a M. E. church, court-house and jail, a skating rink and public hall, two livery stables, an unfinished brewery, an academy, two bakeries, two laundries, a wheelwright's shop and a large number of barns and small houses-nearly 240 buildings in all. This is certainly a good showing. [Portland World.]

An Atlanta paper thus sums up the results of prohibition in that city: "Less money in the city and State treasury; less business houses occupied; less people in the city; less morality; more drunkenness; more crimes and criminals; more poor people out of employment than ever before; more taxes put upon the people; more extra licenses imposed upon the retailers; and, among the satisfaction among all classes of people than ever has existed before."