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THE FREE RURAL MAIL SERVICE.

The following comments from newspapers in different parts of the United States are interesting and of particular interest to the people of Hood River:

Rural Mail Service in Peril.

Portland Oregonian.
The need of adequate pay for rural mail carriers in the free delivery system has been answered by the argument that the present pay seems sufficient to secure plenty of carriers, and a paragraph in these columns the other day carried a partial endorsement of this objection. In so far as our utterance seemed to oppose the application of the carriers for increased pay we wish to disavow it entirely. An investigation of the subject has shown us that the facts are wholly otherwise and that the evidence on which the view adverse to the carriers was commended was erroneous. The truth appears that the carriers are under paid to the extent that the service is badly crippled and in danger of collapse.

Inquiry develops the knowledge that \$600 a year is not sufficient salary to make the free delivery service attractive to desirable and efficient men. The carriers first appointed have been resigning in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as in

other parts of the United States where the wage-scale is high. Recently at Hood River a rural letter route was suspended for two weeks because no man could be found who would accept it for the pay given. Finally the patrons of the route collected a subsidy of \$250 to put the route into operation. This plan has been followed in other parts of the Northwest.

During the wheat harvest there were so many resignations in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho that it was with great difficulty that the routes were kept in operation. At Emmett and other points in Idaho carriers could be secured only by the prospect that the recommendation of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Brewster, as to increase of pay from \$600 to \$750 a year would be embodied into law by congress.

The present pay of rural carriers may be sufficient in some portions of the East and South where, in the agricultural districts, the wage scale is low. But there is every evidence that on the Pacific coast and in many other parts of the country where the cost of living and maintaining horses and vehicles is increasing, the present salary of \$600 a year is not sufficient for rural carriers. Everything the Oregon and Washington delegations in congress can do to further this much-needed improvement should be done, and we believe will be done.

Let Them Express Jobs.

New York Independent.
Of course, rural free delivery does not pay; distances are too great in the country. But it is a convenience that will

not be given up. Mr. Bristow, the superintendent of this department, recommends that the carriers be forbidden to do business for their patrons, just as city carriers are forbidden. But this cannot be enforced. Little express jobs they will be sure to do, to the great convenience of their patrons. Thus, newspapers want the carriers to take subscriptions; and we do not see why they should not even be required to do so when desired, as it is done in postal departments abroad. The machinery would be as simple at least as our money order business. We know that many people who want to renew a subscription neglect to do it because it is so inconvenient to go to a post office for a postal order or to a bank for a check. But this is in the line of the next great advance in our postal business, which will provide a parcels post, to the benefit of everybody except the express companies, which will always oppose it.

Rural Free Delivery Here to Stay.
Whether wise and economical or not, rural free delivery has come to stay, and will eventually be extended to the entire country. The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post. Fifteen thousand routes were in operation on June 30, and applications before the department for twelve thousand more were then pending. Extensive additions have been made to this list in the last five months. Representative Sperry of Connecticut, who became postmaster of New Haven in 1861, relates that when, toward the close of the civil war, the first free carrier was put on in that city, one of the substantial citizens came to him, asking almost in indignation, if anybody was foolish enough to want the government to send a man around to people's houses with mail when it could not get men enough to defend its life on the battlefield. This man was among many who thought letter carriers a useless luxury in such a city as New Haven; but today he would find no sympathizers. The rural free delivery, although a generation later in coming, is exactly as secure. It will cost the government, according to present estimates, \$47,000,000 for all the home delivery of mails, or as much as the entire postal establishment cost in 1884. And all kinds of letter carriers want more pay.

The commonsenseness of business management by the government shows itself in the requirement of uniformity of compensation. Uncle Sam obviously cannot hire rural carriers at prices varying according to the prevailing scale of wages in the different parts of the country, at would a private employer. The result is that he must pay salaries everywhere as high as are necessary to sustain the service at its most expensive point. The present compensation of twenty-four rural carriers, although double that which it was estimated would be necessary when the service was established, has proved so inadequate in certain places that Mr. Bristow thinks congress should raise it to \$750 for the twenty-five mile routes. Even that, however, is clumsy. Twenty-five miles across mountainous country would wear out horses more than twice as fast as that distance on the level cornfield lands of Indiana. The contract system would adjust the inequalities, but congress would never consider that; its advocates were badly beaten out in its last attempt, and the argument is not wholly with them. There are other considerations beside economy.

Few more potent agencies of postal transformation have ever been set on foot than rural delivery. It ought to be kept out of politics. The trouble in doing that comes from the overpayment which uniformity enjoins in certain quarters. As long as any class of Uncle Sam's servants is paid more than their onlooking neighbors can earn, these onlookers will demand rotation. At least, that has been the American experience thus far.

Glacier Clubbing Rates.
When renewing your subscription to the Glacier it might be well to remember that we give clubbing rates to some excellent Eastern papers. The Inter Ocean, that sterling republican paper and all-round newspaper, can be secured for 40 cents through clubbing with the Glacier. The Inter Ocean has a page of up-to-date farm and horticultural news.

The Twice-a-Week Republic, a democratic paper, can be had for 50 cents added to the price of the Glacier. The Republic is a great newspaper, and like the Inter Ocean, its news columns are reliable and impartial, without regard to politics. One issue of the week of the Republic gives a supplement devoted to farm and horticultural news that is well worth the price of the paper. The Toledo Blade, a thoroughly republican paper, but a weekly made up for the family more than for the politician, can be had through the Glacier for 50 cents a year.

For a home agricultural journal—a journal made up expressly for the farmer and fruit grower of Oregon and Washington—the Rural Northwest stands at its head and should have the largest circulation of any farm paper on the Pacific coast. Even the name of the editor and proprietor, is a conscientious student of the work of the farm and orchard. He has made it a life study, and no more reliable farm journal than the Rural Northwest is published anywhere. The paper is published twice a month. The clubbing rates can be furnished by the Glacier at 25 cents a year.

Rector of St. Luke's.
Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The next day I received an order from you for a sample bottle of your cough remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your cough remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours, E. J. Langfeldt, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's church, To Chamberlain Medicine Co. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

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"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says J. W. Smith of Joliet, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these tablets have no equal. Price 25c. For sale by all druggists.

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Letters From the Southland.
Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 24, 1903.—Editor Glacier: We arrived here the evening of the 18th. It has been pretty cool; frost this morning; warm in the middle of the day. The town is too old to suit me. Signs are scarce and hard to find. Our Los Angeles street in the city, about one mile long. Rent of rooms are high. Beef 15 to 30 cents per pound, potatoes two cents per pound, and everything in proportion. There has been no rain here since last March, and some stock is dying of starvation. But when this country gets old money to supply the city this place may do better.

We will leave here Saturday morning for some place farther south, maybe Long Beach for a few days. We are well and enjoying ourselves as well as we can. They are looking for their harvest of tourists here now. Some have already arrived. Climate and tourists are their main support. Got the Glacier Tuesday, O. K. L. HERR.

Covina, Cal., Dec. 23, 1903.—Editor Glacier: I arrived in Los Angeles November 2, from Parsons, Kan. Los Angeles is quite a busy city; warm and pleasant, but very smoky. I went from there to Sawtle of the electric car, where the soldiers' home is located. It is miles from Los Angeles. In that section they produce beans, walnuts and figs. The hay is barley, oats, and bean straw. Tom Bishop arrived November 30 and then we moved to Santa Monica, on the beach, four miles away, where we stayed for two weeks.

Santa Monica is a summer resort. There are two pleasure piers, several bath houses and plunges. We came here to Covina the 17th. Covina is 2 1/2 miles from Los Angeles, in the San Gabriel valley. Elevation, 557 feet. It is mostly oranges and a few lemons here. Picking will begin about the first of the year. The orange trees require a great deal of care and attention, such as cultivating, irrigating, fumigating and spraying. We have had two light frosts. There has been no rain here yet this winter.

Everything here is on wheels and I expect Christmas will be. The land agents here are as plentiful as they are in Hood River. I have been out two days with them and expect to go out tomorrow. To be continued. L. D. BLOOM.

At the Theater.
One of the most annoying things in the world is to go to the theater and sit back of a man who has been to see the play and insists upon telling his companion all about the performance and what's coming next. The other night at one of the local playhouses a man was greatly annoyed by the occupant of the seat in front of him talking in a loud voice about what was going to happen on the stage. Finally, when the talk became incessant, he exclaimed:

"What an infernal nuisance!"
The man in front turned around and said in a threatening voice:
"Do you refer to me, sir?"
"No, indeed," replied the man in the row behind. "I was simply saying what I thought of the actors. They are making so much noise that I can't hear one-half of your interesting and valuable conversation."—Philadelphia Press.

As She Understood It.
A pretty rosy cheeked country girl entered one of our large department stores. It was bargain day, and the crowd was greater than usual. She had wandered about from floor to floor, a little bewildered at the magnitude of the establishment, the largest she had ever seen.
Seeing her, a doorwalker approached

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and said, "is anybody writing you?"
"Yes, sir," said the girl, blushing to the roots of her flaxen hair. "He's outside; he wouldn't come in."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Conservation.
"Wasn't the execution of the man who stole horses a trifle irregular?"
"It was just as regular as we could make it," answered Bronco Bob stoutly.
"Course we didn't have no judge or jury handy. But we captured the feller on Wednesday an' put off the hanging till Friday, so's to have it accordin' to custom."—Washington Star.

The Bride's Critic.
"Now that we are married, dear," said the bridegroom, "you have a serious task before you."
"Why, George, what is it?"
"You must prove to my three sisters that you are worthy of me."—Philadelphia Press.

Some people make money by spending it.—Aitchison Globe.

A Water Test.
It is one of the easiest things in the world to tell pure water from the impure. If you want to test the color of the water just fill a colorless glass bottle with the water and look through it at some black object, and the distinctiveness with which you can see the object will give you an idea as to the amount of clay or sand there is in the water. Then pour out one-half the water, cork the bottle tightly and set it in a warm place for about twenty-four hours. Remove the cork and smell the air in the bottle. If there is an offensive odor, even the slightest, the water is unfit for domestic uses. Well water, no matter how bright and sparkling, is nine times out of ten putrescent. Then, as a matter of course, decomposition is sure to set in in a day or two if you put the bottle in a warm place.

A Slap at Whistler.
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Whistler, politely requesting his signature. The letter was sent in care of the London Royal Academy, with which the famous American painter was at outs. After four months the letter was returned to the San Francisco address from the dead letter office in Washington. Covering the envelope was the word, repeated numberless times, "Unknown."

The Real Force.
"Man does his best when he is hard put to it. Necessity, you know, is the mother of invention," said the observer of men and things.
"Yes," replied the benedict, "but I necessity were invention's mother-in-law then you'd see how invention would have to hump itself."—Philadelphia Press.

Evidence of an Eyewitness.
Guest—Why do you believe in second sight, major?
Major Darby (in an impressive whisper)—Because I fell in love at first sight!—Punch.

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- 60. 120 a. partly cleared, 6 miles out, 80 acres under ditch..... 2,200
- 64. 20 a. best of apple land, 6 miles out on the East Side..... 2,000
- 89. 20 a. 2-year-old orchard best varieties 3,000
- 92. 65 a. 4 m. out; 3 in berries; orchard 9.. 7,000
- 99. 10 a. partly cleared; good soil, buildings 1,850
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- 103. 210 a., 120 acres good saw-timber, mill on the place, 60 acres in grass, young bearing orchard, buildings and tools... 10,000
- 104. 100 a. half cleared, several acres in berries and apples..... 5,500
- 106. 30 a. in clover, fine for apples, berries... 4,000
- 109. 120 a. nearly all cleared; 7 miles from town, some fruit, best of apple land..... 4,800

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