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The United States prides itself on the high rank it has taken among the civilized nations of the world in education and popular intelligence. It is amazing, however, that the United States is way behind nearly all the civilized nations in its postal facilities. Among the sixty-three nations that comprise the international postal union the United States of America is one of only about a dozen that does not operate postal telegraph, parcels post and postal savings systems in conjunction with its postal service.

It is an open secret that the greatest obstacles to the progress and enlargement of its postal systems have been the telegraph, telephone and express companies and the savings banks. Every effort to induce congress to give to the American people the benefit of postal telegraph has been thwarted by the wholesale distribution of telegraph franks and the dissemination of misinformation concerning the practical workings of postal telegraphs in other countries.

The latest and most brazen attempt to hoodwink congress and the American people is made by ex-Congressman Loud, formerly chairman of the house committee on postoffices and post roads. Mr. Loud pretends to have just made a thorough and impartial investigation of the postal telegraph system of Europe and has the hardihood to assert that the telegraph services of Great Britain, France, Germany and other European countries is inferior and more expensive than that enjoyed by the people of the United States, and is, moreover, a constant source of treasury deficits to the various nations that own and operate telegraph lines in connection with their postal service.

The investigation conducted by Mr. Loud is absolutely worthless from any point of view. Mr. Loud is not a telegrapher and is no more competent to make a report on the practical workings of the postal telegraph than he would be on the comparative merit of the world's warships. Expert telegraphers who have made a thorough investigation of the postal telegraphs of Europe do not hesitate to admit their superiority in many respects to the American telegraph system. Postal telegraphs everywhere are organized and operated with the sole view of placing the telegraph within reach of the masses, while the lines are operated solely with a view to earning stock dividends for their owners.

Every proposition to introduce the parcels post in the United States as part of the postal system has met with strenuous opposition from the express companies that now enjoy a practical monopoly of carrying packages weighing more than four pounds. Of late the express companies have been reinforced by retail merchants who imagine that their prosperity is menaced by the proposed additional conveniences in the postal service that are enjoyed even by the semi-barbarous people of Egypt, Turkey and Persia. The same people are very much opposed to the rural delivery service and for the same reason. In this respect they do not differ materially from the workingmen who oppose the introduction of labor saving machinery. Fortunately the car of progress cannot be stopped. It may be delayed.

**Dairying and Soil Fertility.**

Prof. Curtiss of the Iowa College of Agriculture told the dairymen of Iowa at their annual meeting why dairying maintains the fertility of the soil, and pointed out the advantages of cows. "In selling \$1,000 worth of wheat from an Iowa farm at present prices," said Prof. Curtiss, "we sell with it about \$350 worth of fertility. In selling \$1,000 worth of corn we sell about \$250 worth of fertility—or constituents which would cost the farmer this amount if he were obliged to buy commercial fertilizers to maintain the fertility of the farm. But we can convert \$1,000 worth of corn into beef, pork or mutton and sell it in that form and not remove over \$25 worth of fertility from the farm, or we can convert \$1,000 worth of feed into butter and not remove a single dollar's worth of fertility with it.

"Butter is almost wholly pure fat and carbon, and it adds nothing to the value or productive capacity of the soil. We probably shall be obliged to pay out much money for commercial fertilizers in Iowa, if we farm intelligently, but we have already learned that we cannot grow wheat indefinitely or constantly draw upon even a bountiful supply of plant food without diminished returns. The fact that this lesson has been recognized is the main safeguard and strongest feature of Iowa agriculture.

"We not only produce an average of \$1,000,000 worth of agricultural products for every day in the year, but we know enough to feed over one-fourth of a million dollars' worth of produce on the farms every day. No other state in the union approaches this amount, and

there are only five other states that feed half as much. By this means Iowa not only leads in agricultural products, but conserves her resources."

**To End Land Evil.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Hansbrough, chairman of the public lands committee, today introduced a bill amending the lieuland law to rob it of its objectionable features. In view of the fact that Hansbrough backs the measure, it is sure to receive consideration. His bill provides that where ever lands covered by patents or unperfected claims are included in forest reserve, hereafter created, the owner of such land may, upon relinquishing title to the Government, have his lands and improvements appraised and be paid by the Secretary of the Interior the full appraised value of the same, but he shall not have the right to select other land in lieu of that relinquished.

A second section provides that "no forest reservation shall hereafter be created covering any lands within the limits of any railroad grant." The last section provides that persons owning lands within existing reserves may surrender their holdings and select in lieu thereof tracts of equal area, but of approximately the same value as the tract surrendered.

**Out of the Ordinary.**

Three daughters of Bryan Lawrence, a hotel keeper of Augusta, Ga., were simultaneously prostrated with appendicitis last week and submitted to operations. Mr. Lawrence was himself operated upon for the same complaint about three months ago.

Experience is sometimes demonstrative and eccentric in instructing the human family. It has been ascertained that a frozen pumpkin will explode. A woman living at Fayette, Mo., put a frozen pumpkin in the stove to thaw and went into the pantry to get dough to make a pie. The pumpkin blew the stove up.

The entire fortune of Moses B. Clements of Portland, Me., amounting to about \$100,000, has been left to trustees who are directed to distribute it "to benefit society, relieve distress and assist worthy and deserving religious, charitable and benevolent association, objects and individuals." The matter of distribution is left entirely to the discretion of the executors, the only restriction being that they shall have disposed of the entire estate in the manner indicated within ten years.

Miss Edith D. Lawrence, now a teacher in a missionary school at Tabriz, Persia, writing to friends in Oklahoma and telling of a shipment of books, etc., from home, said: "Last night I picked up an American history and found forty pages about the revolution torn out. They will not allow anything like that to pass through. The sultan will not allow such Sunday school lessons as Absalom's rebellion to be studied. Instead of publishing such lessons they put in a lesson from a psalm."

The question as to how long that Russia will be able to bear the financial strain caused by the war without having recourse to a foreign loan exerts a great influence in the money markets. It is the general belief that, owing to economic conditions resulting from the bad harvests and other causes, it will be difficult for Russia to raise internal loans and that, if the war lasts beyond a couple of years, that country will be bound to raise money abroad.

Spokane shippers, who pay to the railroads in freight rates annually \$750,000, met and combined to throw all their traffic to the O. R. & N. until the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads offer satisfactory rates. The firms represented are members of the Spokane Shippers' Association and unanimously passed the resolution demanding a transcontinental rate which will not exceed the Coast rate plus 25 per cent of the return local rate from the terminal points.

The Peninsula & Oriental Company's steamer Mongolia, encountered on Saturday night, 460 miles north of Aden a Russian battleship and four torpedo boat destroyers. After the vain attempt of a destroyer to cut off the Mongolia, all the war ships gave chase, but, being unable to overtake her, they signalled her to stop. The Mongolia obeyed and a destroyer, after a close scrutiny signalled: "Beg to be excused." Evidently the Bear thought it wise not to molest or arouse the British Lion, so begged to be excused.

Que hundred dollars per pound is the market price of human flesh in Lanark, Ill. On this basis the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company settled with W. A. Giles, of Savanna, who was recently injured in a railroad accident on that road. Mr. Giles was riding in a caboose attached to a Burlington freight train near Lanark, where a collision threw him to the floor. He sustained serious injuries to the spine and as a result of the illness following he claimed he lost twenty-six pounds in weight. Mr. Giles demanded \$100 for each pound of flesh lost and the railway company's representatives presented him with a check for \$2,600.

**TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.**

**Treasurer of Grant County Flees From Dishonor.**

CANYON CITY, Ore., Feb. 20.—County Treasurer Z. K. Martin committed suicide in his office at 9 o'clock this morning by shooting himself through the brain. Death was instantaneous. County Clerk Niven, at work in his own office, heard the shot in the Treasurer's office across the hall. He stepped to the door and found the lifeless body at the desk.

The suicide was carefully planned. Yesterday evening he shaved and spent an hour in the office, an unusual proceeding. He joined a company of friends at his own home and enjoyed a friendly game of cards. In the morning he was in an unusually bright spirits and told his sister he was smoking his last cigar. As he was a helpless cripple, unable to stand upon his feet since early childhood, he was wheeled to his office by Steve Lawrence, the Sheriff's son, who last saw him alive. He then opened the safe, took out some warrants, wheeled back to his desk, placed a pistol to his temple and fired. The pistol fell to the floor. The body remained erect, the head falling slightly back. In this position he was found by the County Clerk and later by the Coroner's jury.

Experts were working on the books and had asked to see the contents of the safe. The lack of system in keeping the books was such that their condition could not be ascertained. From his last message, an unsigned letter to a friend, which he left on his desk, this fact led to the suicide. The letter continues: "Some warrants I cannot account for, and always thought I could never survive such a condition. I always tried to lead an honorable life and have property enough to square all my obligations. If anyone were depending on me, I would fight the battle bravely, but I am no use to anyone and will no longer be a burden. I am not afraid of death and will now unravel the mystery not revealed above."

Martin was a single man 36 years of age, and was held in high regard. He was serving his third term as Treasurer, having been nominated by the Republicans and endorsed by the democrats. He came here six years ago from what is now Wheeler County. His habits were quiet and he leaves considerable property, which will probably suffice to pay any shortage that may exist. Only a thorough investigation will reveal the amount of this shortage.

There is great excitement and universal regret at Martin's suicide.

**They Buy the Ditch.**

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 20.—There is great rejoicing among the farmers of Hood River, and the thousands of people in the United States who have come to look to this little garden spot of Oregon for their big red strawberries, need worry no longer about their supply of fruit, for the crop this year will be larger and better than ever. The water question, which has been causing the farmers so much trouble the past three weeks, is practically settled, and the irrigation ditch will hereafter belong solely to the farmers.

At today's mass meeting it was unanimously voted to accept the offer of the Valley Improvement Company of a \$47,000 option on the ditch, said option to run until 6 o'clock next Friday evening. The farmers' committee secured this option, and in its report this afternoon recommended that the farmers make this purchase, reorganize as a non-dividend corporation with each share representing an acre of irrigated land, and that they advance \$30 for a perpetual water right for each acre of ground irrigated.

**Escaped an Awful Fate.**

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Chas. I. Clough, Druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free.

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PICTORIAL is offering a number of valuable prizes for subscribers, and regular agents are wanted in every city and town in the United States.

The Petit Parisienne's London correspondent says that during an interview proceeding the departure from London for St. Petersburg of Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, Lord Lansdowne, the British Foreign Minister, intimated to offer his mediation in the war in the Far East if the Czar thought he could accept it.

**Dairy Strippings.**

A nervous cow is better than a stolid one. Cows that give a large quantity of milk are highly organized and alert. Her mopish sister will not fill the pail, her eye is dull and movements sluggish. In selecting a dairy cow give the sluggish cow a wide berth and buy her bright-eyed sister.

It is now time to think about raising next year's feed. Nothing connected with the dairy requires more careful thought and planning. The first consideration is to secure a maximum yield of forage at a minimum cost. The less you pay out for feed and the more you raise on the farm, the greater will be the profit.

There is trouble in the butter market. The trouble seems to be that there is too large a supply and the makers have not been able to raise the price under the large receipts. Another disturbing element has existed, and that is the cold storage goods that were put in liberal quantities last June and are held in large supply still. Whenever the market stiffened up the cold storage men would throw their butter on the market. The Creamery Journal says that "butter that was put in last June at 22 cents is now sold for 17 cents."

"Buff Jersey," writing in a dairy paper criticises the dairy barn at the St. Louis fair. He says that it is not up to-date in its stalls, mangers, tying arrangements, or even in the back drains, that the drains have not enough slope to carry off the liquid and that it stands in them. Furthermore, that the milk house is not detached from the stable and the milk under the present arrangements will become contaminated while it is strained into the cans. If true, this is to be regretted.

as the barn and all the arrangements should have been perfect and the whole scheme an object lesson to the thousands of dairymen who will view it.

**Sermons in Short Meter.**

Faint heart is furnished heart. Promptitude is the life of praise. Love never boasts of its sacrifices. He who waits on fate wins failure. Spiritual growth is never spasmodic. The truth that hits is the truth we hate. Faith is never developed by finding fault.

The best kind of love is love of our kind. There is no service where there is servility.

There are no rights without responsibilities.

Men who are downcast are easily cast down.

The high livers do not reach the heights of life. The devil would have no dupes if he had no deceptions.

He who gives the world most always finds he owes it most.

The world needs broad sympathy more than broad sentiments. There is more health in happiness than there is in health.

He who works for the human race has a good show in the heavenly race.

There is no virtue in hearing two sermons if you do not practice either of them.

When money can secure your compliance with wrong more money will secure your co-operation.

The gate of heaven may be narrow, but many will find that it takes more than narrowness to enter there.—Chicago Tribune.

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