

WILL EXTEND THE SYSTEM

Rural Route No. 4 to Be Inspected and Cut in Twain

INSPECTOR E. C. CLEMENT WILL COME ON FRIDAY FOR THAT PURPOSE—SERVICE TO BE INCREASED AND EXTENDED—NEW RULES ARE ADOPTED.

Rural Route No. 4, of the Rural Free Delivery, which extends beyond Roseburg and in a circuitous route to the Pringle school, and covers at least thirty miles, has been decided as too long and arduous by the Department after much complaint and petition for a change upon the part of all concerned, and Route Inspector E. C. Clement is expected to arrive here on Friday, January 24, for the purpose of going over the route and dividing it up so that better service will be rendered and the territory more thoroughly and satisfactorily covered.

This will mean the establishment of a new route and the employment of another carrier, which will give Salem ten well equipped and regulated routes and the farmers for a radius of from twelve to fifteen miles around an excellent mail service and bring them into closer touch with the city and the world. The revenue upon the routes out of Salem has increased to such a volume that Postmaster Hirsch says there is not a shadow of a doubt as to their permanency.

Some new rules have been adopted by the Department, which govern the Rural Delivery system are of interest to all concerned either directly or indirectly. The first one given here-with has been issued by First Assistant Postmaster General R. J. Wynne, and the last two sets of rules are issued by General Superintendent A. W. Machen, of the Free Delivery System Division of the Postoffice Department. The text of the orders follow:

To Postmasters at Rural Free Delivery Offices:

"As soon as possible after the receipt of this letter you will prepare a list of all patrons of rural free delivery, giving the number of the route on which each resides, and post it in a conspicuous place in your office in order to afford information to compiler of directories and others who desire to obtain the addresses of persons residing on rural free delivery routes."

"1. Postmasters must instruct rural carriers attached to their offices, how to keep accurate accounts and records showing the value, in dollars and cents, of the stamps cancelled while serving their routes. To make up these accounts properly, carriers should receive the mail collected and make note of the exact amount of postage carried by each piece of mail collected and cancelled. The total amount should be entered daily by carriers on 'Form 6' in the space set apart for that purpose."

"2. At the end of each month before copying the totals from the carriers' reports (Form 6) to Postmaster's report to the Department ('Form 7') the carriers' totals should be carefully verified to make sure they are correct."

"3. Postmasters must make their monthly reports to Department on 'Form 3'—Carriers' records ('Form 6') are to be kept on file for reference, in postoffices."

"4. Where several routes emanate from one office, the total number of pieces of each of the different classes of mail collected and delivered each month, according to carriers' reports, should be copied by postmasters from 'Form 6' to the proper columns of 'Form 3', and each of the respective columns of the latter should be added up and the results put underneath, in spaces reserved for that purpose, care being taken to have the additions correctly made."

"5. Postmasters are specially requested to see that their reports are completed, verified, and signed before they are mailed to the Department."

"No. 1. The Department looks to the patrons of the Rural Free Delivery service, who are receiving the benefits of the service, to use their utmost personal endeavors, and also to exert their influence with the road supervisors, or with those officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways; to the end that the roads traveled by rural carriers may be always kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed."

"No. 2. Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways, the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result."

"No. 3. Rural letter carriers are required to serve their routes regularly at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather when it can be done without seriously impeding their lives or endangering their conveyances or the U. S. mail which is in their custody."

"No. 4. Patrons should clear away the snow drifts, so that the carrier can drive up to and reach boxes from their vehicles without dismounting."

"No. 5. It is not a part of the carrier's duty to break out the roads after severe snow storms."

"No. 6. Rural carriers are expected to energetically try to serve their routes even though the conditions may be extremely adverse, and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require."

LOOKS GOOD FOR GEER

HAS SOME STAINCH SUPPORTERS IN THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY DELEGATION.

Hop, A. S. Dresser, of Oregon City, was a business visitor in Salem yesterday. Mr. Dresser was a member of the last session of the Legislature, being a member of the Clackamas county delegation, and naturally takes a warm interest in matters of a political nature. He was seen by a reporter yesterday,

while in the city, and when asked how the Clackamas county delegation stood on who shall be elected United States Senator for Oregon at the coming session of the Legislature, he said:

"That's a hard question to answer, and I must say that I don't pretend to know. It is my opinion, however, that T. T. Geer will have some friends in the delegation from Clackamas county. Clackamas county has never taken a very active part in Senatorial fights, and I am sure I cannot tell just who the delegation favors now."

Asked if he considered the vote cast for Geer at the June election as binding, he replied:

"No, I do not think the fact that Governor Geer received a majority vote binds the Republican members of the Legislature to support him for Senator. Geer was the only man voted for, and no one knows what the result would have been had another Republican been running against him. Mr. Fulton is a candidate for the high office, and was in the field, I believe, before Governor Geer. Although I think the fact of Governor Geer being before the people at the general election, as a candidate for Senator will give him more votes for that office than he would otherwise have, I will say again that I do not consider it as binding. I can say this much, though, Oregon could do worse than to send Geer to Washington. In fact, Oregon has done worse in times past."

This is all the gentleman from Clackamas would say upon the subject, but it may be that he did not tell all he knew.

FIERCE FIRE IN CHINATOWN

Dilapidated Building Occupied By Filthy "Noodle Joint" Is Burned

FOR A TIME THERE WERE HOPES THAT ENTIRE COLONY WOULD BE WIPED OUT, BUT THEY WERE DISPELLED—THE DAMAGE IS INSIGNIFICANT.

About 10:30 o'clock Sunday evening a blaze was discovered in the rear end of the Chinese "noodle joint" conducted by E. Tung Guey, on Liberty street, and for a time it looked as though the entire Chinese quarter would be wiped out before the flames, which had gained rapid headway and a good foothold, could be gotten under control. But the early arrival of the fire department after the alarm was sounded, and the prompt and effective service rendered, soon dispelled all fear as to the fire spreading to the more valuable buildings in the neighborhood and within an hour and a half after the fire was discovered there was not a burning ember to be found, and what at first looked to be a total loss of the entire half block was confined to the insignificant damage of not to exceed \$500.

The old hotel in which the fire originated is situated upon the property owned by the Yerani heirs, of Portland, and the conflagration was caused by an overheated stove pipe which ignited the wooden partition, and the structure before the Celestial proprietor of the "joint," who was standing in front of his place of business and speculating upon whether the moon was made of green cheese, was aware of its existence.

This property was almost entirely destroyed, at least, it is beyond hope of repair, but the adjoining property, owned by E. M. La Fore, P. H. D'Arcy and Mrs. A. J. Monroe, although not very greatly damaged by fire, suffered considerably by the water.

The corner property occupied by the Davernport cigar store was not damaged to any material extent, and within a half hour after the alarm was given, willing hands turned in and carried the stock and furniture to a place of safety.

Although the fire department did good work in subduing the flames the boys were seriously handicapped in having to climb over, in and around the most rotten, filthy and diseased-looking hovels, in order to get into the burning building or gain a point of vantage from which to combat the fire element.

This district is the most despicable yet seen with which Salem is now cursed, and many were the expressions overheard at the scene to the effect that it was a pity that it was not allowed to burn, but the remarks were almost invariably qualified by the phrase of "if it could be done without incurring any serious loss upon the owners."

As it is, the buildings which were involved in the disaster are damaged to the extent that they will be almost uninhabitable, and it now remains for the council to either condemn the entire half block of ruins or refuse to grant the required permission to make the necessary repairs in order that they may be placed in a condition for rental again.

FAILED TO PAY RANSOM.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Moscow announces that an Armenian named Jambore was murdered while entering the church. He was captured by brigands in the Caucasus several months ago and obtained his release by promising them to pay a ransom. This he failed to do and his captors killed him in revenge.

HIS FROZEN BODY FOUND.

GALLUP, N. M., Dec. 29.—One mile south of Fort Wingate, Ariz., the frozen body of August McCue has been found in his wagon, which was in a vine of the road with the horses still attached to it. The horses were early starved and had apparently been there a week. McCue was a Zuni Mountain ranchman for twenty years. A son lives in Winslow, Ariz.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—J. C. Lowe, a former instructor in the State Reform School, was placed on trial today in the District Court, charged with murdering his wife by shooting last October.

HOP MARKET UNCHANGED

But Few Lots Changing Hands and These Are on Speculation

GROWERS HAVE THE SITUATION IN THEIR HANDS AND CAN DICTATE THEIR OWN PRICES—MUCH ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

The hop situation has not changed materially either one way or the other, and those who are vitally interested in the market state that they do not anticipate any change until after the first of the year. There are very few sales being made these days, and those few are being made on the buyers own account, as there does not seem to be any orders in the field upon which stock can be bought.

There were a few sales made on Saturday, but the exact number of sales involved could not be ascertained, but it is understood that 24 cents was the price paid, but in one instance it is understood that the sale was a forced one and does not signify the condition of the market.

It was stated yesterday by one who is in a position to know that there are more hops in the state at present than for several years notwithstanding the fact that there is a very evident shortage in the supply.

Secretary James Winstanley, of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, who is probably one of the best posted men on the situation in this city, stated yesterday that he had very much confidence in the market, and stated his reason for his faith. He argued that the market never was in a better condition since 1882, and that the situation was in the hands of the growers who had it in their power to demand their own price.

"Last year," said Mr. Winstanley, by way of illustrating his views "England bought 50,000 bales of hops and needed them, this year so far she has only bought about 10,000 bales and needs more hops than she did last year. I conclude from this fact alone that there is a big deficiency in the supply, and that the demand will very soon make itself felt."

A dealer yesterday stated positively, in summing up the situation, that the local yield for the state of Oregon would not exceed 80,000, of which all except about 20,000 bales had been shipped out, and of these 20,000 bales remaining at least 14,000 are in the growers' hands, estimating that not to exceed 5,000 or 6,000 bales remained in the hands of the dealers. This means that the situation is entirely in the hands of the growers.

The Washington Crop.

"In the interior of this state there has been some buying by Western brewers and exporters, the latter paying up to 37c for choice shipping lots. Dealers have been picking up fair to good brewing qualities at 33c to 35c, but had to take mostly in smaller growths. A full in the buying is reported on the Pacific Coast, but as close to 70 percent of the crop has passed out of the growers' hands the balance of the crop is held with some confidence. 25c is asked for anything of useful quality, but dealers are not paying it to any extent. Late cables from England report steady markets. In Germany there has been a drop of 3 1/2 to 4c per pound within the last ten days, owing to a pressure to sell by speculative operators, who seem to hold most of the stock. Business on the local market has been only fair. One or two exporters have stood ready to take choice states at 37c, and some of the sales to brewers on usual terms have been made at the same price. The latter class of buyers having taken a considerable stock of late are now showing less interest."

The hop yield for the state of Washington, as estimated by Herman Klaber, of Tacoma, is placed at 28,176 bales, worth, on a basis of 25 cents per pound, \$1,500,000. By counties, Mr. Klaber places the yield as follows, in bales: Chehalis, 206; Cowlitz, 522; King, 3,532; Lewis, 1,190; Pierce, 8,070; Skagit, 974; Whatcom, 30; Yakima, 12,500; Snohomish, 32. This estimate places the yield at 2,548 bales less than that of 1901.

The 1902 Hop Crop.

We are indebted to Phillip Wolf & Co., of San Francisco, for the following report on the Pacific Coast hop crop of 1902:

The 1902 Pacific Coast hop crop, for the acreage, was a good average one—viz., 170,000 bales, or more than 10 percent over the previous season.

The quality, as a whole, was satisfactory, particularly in the Oregon. The market started in at 10c to 12c for contracts, and gradually advanced until 26c was reached. During the past few weeks the market has receded from this highest point, 26c per pound, and now business is at a standstill, on account of the approaching holidays and high ideas of growers. The remaining stock in the hands of growers, dealers and speculators last from 50,000 to 60,000 bales, while this time last year it was hardly 20,000 bales of 1901.

As the crops of New York state and England were very small, it is figured that there will be a good demand right along for both domestic and foreign account.

The foreign markets are very firm, and our today's (29th) cablegram shows an advance equivalent to 3c per pound for Continentals, because of large purchases for English account.

Taking the above into consideration, in connection with the increasing consumption of beer, we deem the situation a good strong one and therefore present prices for Pacific Coast hops 23c to 25c, are none too high, and particularly as compared to what New York and foreign growers are bringing. Another strong feature is that the large stock of old goods, that has been hanging fire from season to season, is practically exhausted.

On account of the favorable outlook, the acreage throughout the coast is being increased, while the old yards will be worked to their full capacity.

SPEER BROS.' BEST PRICES

Salem—Aumsville—Mehama

We kindly ask you to read this ad, save it, and use it as a guide in your buying. If you will do this you will save money.

In the next issue our list alphabetically will be "E."

Can openers and corkscrews combined, 10c.
Camphor gum, 1 oz. cakes, 10c. oz.
bined, 10c.
Cartridges, 22 short, rifle, 15c.
Carpenter's chalk, blue and white, 1c. each.
Cartridges, 22 short, rifle, 15c.
Cartridges, 22 long, rifle, 20c.
Catsup, Fountain brand, pt. bottle, 25c.
Catsup, Bar Harbor brand, pt. bottle, 10c.
Catsup, James Hill's 1 gal. tins, 65c.
Cheese, full cream and Swiss, 17c.
Citron and lemon peel, 20c. lb.
Clams, minced, 12 oz. tins, 15c.
Clams, minced, 2s. tins, 20c.
Cherries, Fountain brand, red and white, 2 1/2 lb. tins, 20c. 3 for 50c.
Cherries, Royal Club brand, Royal Ann, 25c.
Castoria, Fletcher's, 25c. bottle.
Castoria, Pitcher's, 25c. bottle.
Cinnamon, Folger's Golden Gate, 1/2 lb. tins, 10c.
Cinnamon, Schilling's Best brand, small size, 12 1/2c.
Cayenne, Folger's Golden Gate, 1/2 lb. tins, 7c.
Cayenne, Folger's Golden Gate, 1-4 lb. tins, 10c.
Cayenne, Schilling's Best brand, in small size, 8c.
Cayenne, Schilling's Best brand, medium size, 12c.
Cloves, Folger's Golden Gate brand, 1-8 lb. tins, 8c.
Cloves, Schilling's Best brand, small size, 8c.
Cloves, Schilling's Best brand, medium size, 12 1/2c.
Collins' Brush Hooks, medium, \$1.75.
Collins' Brush Hooks, extra heavy, \$1.95.
Copper rivets and burrs, assorted sizes, 1-2 lb. pk., 15c.
Clothes lines, wire, 75 ft. long, 20c.
Clothes lines, wire, 100 ft. long, 25c.
"Clifton" Men's Shoes, Nappa calf, lace, double sole and tap, sizes 6 to 11, \$2.90.
"Companion" Men's Shoes, box calf lace, cap toe, sizes 6 to 10, \$2.35.
"Custom" Ladies' vict kld, lace, stock lip, sizes 3 to 7, \$2.50.
"Cheerful Nullifier" Ladies' Shoes, felt lined, lace, sizes 4 to 6, \$1.00.
Cream, Carnation, evaporated, 10c. can, 3 for 25c.
Cream, Economy, evaporated, 10c. can.
Coffee, roast, Yosemite, spoon in each pkg., 10c.
Coffee, roast, Arbuckle and Lion, at 12 1/2c. pkg.
Coffee, southern grown, mild flavor, bulk, 12 1/2c.
Coffee, roast, Rio, 15c.
Coffee, roast, Caracol, 20c. lb.
Coffee, roast, best grades, 25c. and 30c.
Coffee, green, Salvador, Costa Rica and Rio, 15c. lb.
Chocolate, Ghirardelli's Eagle, 1 lb. cake, 25c.
Chocolate, California Star, 1 lb. cake 22c.
Chocolate, Miner's, ground, 1 lb. tins 25c.

Cocoa, Baker's, 1/2 lb. tins, 25c.
Calumet Mustard, 1-4 lb. tins, 15c.
Cottolene, N. K. Fairbank's 4 lb. pull 50c.
Codfish strips, 3 lbs. 25c.
Codfish, 2 lb. bricks, 15c.
Corn, canned, Royal Club brand, 15c. 2 for 25c.
Corn, canned, Fountain brand, 10c. 3 for 25c.
Coffee Extract, Ackerman's, 5c. 6 for 25c.
Chicolets, Old Virginia, 5c.
Carabana cigars, 10c. 3 for 25c.
Chancellor cigars, Perfectos, 10c. 3 for 25c.
Cubanola cigars, 5c. 6 for 25c.
Chimneys, lamp, Sun, crimp, No. 1 or A, 4c.
Chimneys, lamp, Sun, crimp, No. 2 or 3, 6c.
Chimneys, lamp, Macbeth Pearl top, No. 1 or A, 10c.
Chimneys, lamp, Macbeth, Pearl top, No. 2 or B, 10c.
Chimneys, lamp, Rochester, No. 2, 12 1/2c.
Chimneys, lamp, Electric, No. 2, at 12 1/2c.
Churns and covers, earthen, 2 gal., 45c.
Churns and covers, earthen, 3 gal., 55c.
Churns and covers, earthen, 4 gal., 70c.
Churns and covers, earthen, 5 gal., 85c.
Churns and covers, earthen, 6 gal., \$1.00.
Churn dusters, 10c.
Coffee Pots, Royal steel graniteware 1 1/2 quarts, 35c.
Coffee Pots, Royal steel graniteware 2 quarts, 40c.
Coffee Pots, Royal steel graniteware 3 quarts, 45c.
Coffee Pots, Royal steel graniteware 4 quarts, 50c.
Coffee Pots, Royal steel graniteware 5 quarts, 55c.
Chambers with covers, white, 60c.
Chambers with covers, ironstone china, 65c.
Curry combs, No. 504 steel, 15c.
Curry combs, No. 12, 20c.
Curry combs, No. 1409, 25c.
Cotton clothes line, 40 ft., 10c.
Cotton clothes line, 60 ft., 15c.
Coffee mills, No. 444, 60c.
C. C. C. Cascarets, 25c.
Consumption Cure, Fisco's, 20c.
Cultura Soap, 20c.
Cold Cream, Woodlark, 15c.
Carbolic Soap, Couper's, 15c.
Carbolic Acid, Woodlark, 4 oz. bottle, 15c.
Carter's Little Liver Pills, 20c. 3 for 50c.
Currants, washed and cleaned, 12 oz. pkg., 10c. 3 for 25c.
Coconut, shredded, bulk, 15c. lb.
Coconut, Schep's or Dunham's, 1/2 lb. pkg., 10c.
Coconut, Schep's or Dunham's, 1/2 lb. pkg., 15c.
Coconut, Schep's or Dunham's, 1 lb. pkg., 35c.
Cognac of tartar, Schilling's, 1/2 lb. pkg., 20c.

SPECIAL

Barrels of Cranberries for 12 1-2c quart, and Barrels of Plain Mixed candy at 7 1-2c pound during the holidays.

Already 14@15 is being offered for 1903 crop contracts.

The Fever Increasing.

The hop fever, which waxed higher and higher this fall as the price crawled steadily upward, shows no sign of abatement in Polk county, now that the crop is sold. Growers who realized gilt edged prices for their product this season are planning on increasing the acreage of their yards and much care and work will be expended to make the crop next year all that anyone could wish it to be in quality as well as in quantity. As in all branches of labor the best hops bring the best prices and an effort will be made by local growers to bring their hops to as high a state of perfection as possible next year. Along with these facts comes a query as to why so many owners are renting their yards, when experienced hop men strongly declare that prices are sure to remain high at least until next year's crop shall have been marketed.—Independence Enterprise.

In New York State.

Receipts for week 4,059
Exports from Sept. 1 15,334
Receipts same time last year 44,065
Exports to Europe for week 1,931
Exports from Sept. 1 19,824
Exports same time last year 18,128
Imports for week 590
Imports from Sept. 1 6,722
Imports same time last year 2,356
Inability to get stock any cheaper in the country has made a generally steady holding here, though the volume of business passing at present is light. Growers have already sold so large a part of the crop that they are quite content to carry the remaining lots along for some time unless full late prices can be realized. In the interior of New York State some fair to prime brewing hops have sold during the week at 31c to 32c, and an exporter has paid up to 36c for a few choice shipments. On the Pacific Coast recent sales have been at 23c to 25c. Dealers here would not add much to their stocks until after the turn of the year unless they secured important concessions;

and English exporters do not seem interested except in the forwarding of goods that were bought some time ago. A good many Pacific Coast hops are still on the docks awaiting shipment. Local brewers show strong dispositions to operate from hand to mouth and do not appear to have many needs at the moment. A little business is reported with out of town brewers on the basis of quoted rates, and the feeling on the whole is fairly steady.

State, 1902, choice, lb. 25c 3/4
State, 1902, good to prime, lb. 23c 3/4
State, 1902, com. to fair, lb. 20c 3/4
State, 1901, choice, lb. 25c 3/4
State, 1901, com. to prime, lb. 23c 3/4
Pacific Coast, 1902, choice, lb. 25c 3/4
Pacific Coast, 1902, g'd to p'me, lb. 23c 3/4
Pacific Coast, 1902, com. to fair, lb. 20c 3/4
Pacific Coast, 1901, choice, lb. 25c 3/4
Pacific Coast, 1901, com. to prime, lb. 23c 3/4
State and Pacific Coast, older growths 17c 1/2

JULIUS RUEF DEAD

THE FUNERAL TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH.

Julius Ruef, a well known and respected citizen of North Salem, died at his home on the Garden Road yesterday, morning, aged 71 years. Deceased was a native of Germany, and has resided here for the past seventeen years. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his death. Mrs. Ruef and Carl, the two youngest sons, Edward and Carl, are living at home, and the oldest daughter, Mrs. H. C. Schultz, also resides in Salem. The older sons, Albert and George, are residents of Polk county, living on farms near Suver. The youngest daughter, Miss Augusta Ruef, lives at Pasadena, Cal., and will probably come home to the funeral, arriving in Salem Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

It is expected that the funeral will be held at the family home some time Tuesday, and will be conducted under the auspices of the German Methodist church, with which denomination the family has for many years been connected.

SWITCH CAUSES WRECK

WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF ENGINEER AND INJURY TO OTHERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The Santa Fe overland No. 7 crashed into a light engine sidetracked at Slum, today, instantly killing Engineer Chas. Hayward, and fracturing the skull and badly crushing Fireman Arkles.

M. L. Shackelford, fireman of the overland, was bruised about the body and had an arm mangled. Engineer James Gray, of the overland, escaped by jumping. The light engine had run into the siding and was waiting for No. 7 to pass. The overland, instead of keeping to the main track, took the siding. The impact was terrible, completely demolishing both engines. A defective switch is said to have caused the collision.

A TEXAS WONDER

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 623, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists, and at DR. S. C. STONE'S drug store, Salem, Oregon.

READ THIS.

Bandon, Ore., Dec. 8, 1901. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.—Dear Sir:—I have used your Texas Wonder for kidney and rheumatic trouble. Its effects are wonderful. It has no equal, and I can cheerfully recommend it. Yours truly, HARVEY HOWE.