While no fixed rule as to the amount nail which should be handled on a ral route has been decided upon, the nent feels that the average ruroute should handle 3,000 pieces of ill per month, with a possible minicontinuance of the service on conditions as they may exist upon h routes, and the expenditure inpolved in operating the service on a iven route might not be deemed ward, even though the minimum of 2000 pieces of mail per month were ately a project was set on foot to es-

continuance of rural service is not warranted, postoffices discontinued on account of the establishment of the service will either be reestablished or er new offices substituted in order to most advantageously meet the retradiction that, whrever a revision of mitted in the colonies; they held to justify its continuance, no effort on the part of the Department will be spared to bring about condition.

In this connection the attention of writers upon the subject has been able, the attorney general for the er. erence to the future policy in respect to rural delivery says:

POLICY FOR THE FUTURE RU-RAL FREE DELIVERY.

"There is already a decided im provement in this service over the old conditions when it was weighted down with abuses, but the work of reorganization and inspection must till further prosecuted. I am confident that future legitimate extensions can be accomplished at a lower rate of expense. The policy for the future contemplates:

The discontinuance without delay of any route where it is found on inection that because of a lack of anpreclation of the service the expenditure involved is unwarranted. The discontinuance of all postof-

fices, when not inconsistent with ex-isting law, if the patrons can be adequately served by rural free delivery. This will result in many instances in saying to the Department the amount of the cancellations.

The substitution of every-otherthe patronage is not sufficient to warrant daily service, thereby discontinu-ing the employment of a carrier.

The restriction of service on routes to not more than one delivery and col-

The requirement that conditions sge of 100 families on a standard length; and that roads shall be kept in good condition, unobstructed by cates, with all streams fordable at all ns of the year; provided that in ampleting the service in a county the average patronage per route shall be not less than 90 families.

"The requirement that before certify that not fewer than threeof the possible patrons have provided for the approved rural mail

The requirement that all patrons not using an approved box, or a box which can be approved under the regulations, shall provide themselves with an approved box, whether how now in use by them was erected prior to October 1, 1902, or not.
"During the last few months

thorough investigation of the rural free delivery service has been made by postoffice inspectors, and it is believed that the adoption of certain of the recommendations in their report, together with the changes recently in-troduced under the supervision of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, will materially aid in placing this important branch of the postal service

following statement shows the discontinuance of rural routes for various causes, from July 1, 1905, to Feb-TUBTY 1, 1906:

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Tennessee		612.00
Texas		612.00
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\$18,126,00 Most of the discontinuances have been made effective by readjustment of routes.

inquiry relative to the section of the country which shows the least patronage of rural delivery developed that the average amount of mail indication as to whether there is sck of patronage, as a given number of people on one route may take more mail than the same number on another route. The States included among those handing less than an average of 3,000 pieces of mail per route per month are: Indian Terri-tory, 2,806; Kentucky, 2,785; Florida, Tennessee, 2,497; Louisiana,6,411; Carolina, 2,407; Oklahoma, 2,304; South Carolina, 2,407; Oklahoma, 2,304; Texas, 2,383; District of Columbia,2,370; Georgia, 2,147; Arkansas, 2,067; Virginia, 2,015; Alabama, 1,989; North Carolina, 1,909; Mississippi, 1768.

Senhoard Shops at Abbeville, S. Destroyed.

Charleston, S. C., Peb. C.-A special rom Abbeville, S. C., saya that the caboard Air Line Railroad shops and indhouse were destroyed by fire and the strong with an estimated of \$25,600. The shops were built in and were actively engaged in of \$25,600. The shops were built in and were actively engaged in rerwork. All wood work and small is of six engines in the round house a burned and their withdrawal in use until repaired is a great inventence to the railroad company, insees are covered by insurance it is understood that the buildings be replaced at once.

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The Schuyler, of New Jersey, Was Opened Almost Two Centuries Ago. Opened Almon Two Centuries Ago.
Ariington, N. J., Correspondence N.
Y. Sun.

The oldest copper mine in America is the Schuyler of this place, which was opened 190 years ago, Great had a part in the early days of this mine, Benjamin Franklin was here in 1749, when he advised the owner to install a steam engine to pump the shafts free from water. In a letter to Jared Eliot, under date of February 12, 1750, Franklin de-scribes his visit to the mine and states that the ore therefrom made Beveral persons rich and that he had advised the owner to spend 1.000 pounds sterling for an engine of a type he had seen in the mines of

The working of this mine began in 1714, when six tons of ore was sent to Bristof, England, for smelling. The returns were large and immediore were shipped to Holland.

interests of the mine, but was snubbed It can be stated without fear of con- urers of metals should not be perwas sent to England.

master General for the fiscal year colony set forth that the mine was a ended June 30, 1905, which refer part of the King's manor of Edist Greenwich and that therefore the of the profits from the mine. This matter involved litigation, which was finally settled about the outbreak of the revolution. The King's side won but the judgment was never paid.

Soon after Franklin visited the mine the owners placed an ored in England for the pump. The order was in hand three years by several members of the Hornblower family, then prominent as designing engineers for the mining trades. A's English law forbade the export of most kinds of machinery to the colonies, and as pumps were on that list, the pump parts were shipped as old

With the engine came Josiah Hornblower, who became a great light in the engineering world of the colonies as well as a patriot in and out of Congress.

A year was spent in building the engine plant. George Washington in social intercourse. While there day service for daily service where was among the famous men who journeyed to the mines to see Hornblower and the wonderful engine. As soon as the shafts were pumped clear mining began on a profitable basis. From 1775 until 1783 the troublous times caused the shutting down of the leaving an informal vote of thanks dent to the establishment of ru- works. In 1703 Nicholas J. Rooseral delivery shall be a possible patron- velt, a great-granduncle of President Roosevelt, acquired an interest in the route of 24 miles, or a proportionate mine, and he and Hornblower and ber of families on routes of less some others organized the New Jer- in this section of the State. sey Copper Mining Association to work the mine and operate a smelter and a copper brass rolling mill.

At times from the formation of the Federal Union until sixty years ago the product from this old mine was a used for coinage into the copper route is installed the postmaster shall cents of our grandfathers and for trade tokens, then used by retail merchants as small coin. For a number Court here to-day by John F. Jackof years John Hewitt, father of the Schuyler mine and there is a ti-millionaire, who recently made boy Abram Hewitt acquired his liking for metal working.

Will Celebrate Silver Jubilec.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 5.-The Berks anniversary of the establishment of for life. It will be alleged that the the Society of Christian Endeavor, the accident was due to negligence on exact date of which fell on February 2. the part of Henry's foreman. A special programme has been arrangoccasion and there will be a number of speakers, among them the Rev. Dr. R. G. Bannen, pastor of the Lutheran church of Williamsport Pa., and president of the Pennsyvania Christian Endeavor Union, and several other prominent churchmen.

unniversary of the Christian Endeavor

Society, which fell on February 2, will be observed by the Mercer County Christian Endeavor Union by a spec-Baptist church. Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, of Boston, the general secretary for the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will be the leader. Three services will be held under his direction. At 2 o'clock this afternoon a workers' conference will be held in the chapel. at which all phases of young people's work will be discussed. At 4 o'clock there will be a junior rally, at which Mr. Vogt will preside and Mrs. Ida Dukes, of Camden, the State Christian Endeavor superintendent of Junior work, will speak. The principal event will be the mass meeting in the evening. There will be a special musical vocal programme and Mr. Vogt will deliver an address. A large attendance is expected at the meeting and it will undoubtedly attract many

visitors from outside the city. Supervisors Talk Tax Matters. Lansing, Mich., Feb. 5 .- The super-

onthern Rathway Company's Black-smith Shop, Together With All Machinery, Totally Destroyed — Origin of Fire Unknown.

pecial to The Observer. Spencer, Feb. 5—At 8 o'clock to night fire broke out in the large blacksmith shop of the Southern Raliway here, completely destroying the building and ruining all the machinery in the same. The building was about 75 by 150 feet in size and. despite the fact that the walls were of iron the roof of slate, the flames spread with great rapidity and were beyond the control of the Spencer fire department, which responded promptly and fought valiantly. The building logs is estimated to-night to be no less than \$20,000 and the loss in machinery and equipment is placed at about \$25,000. The handled, where it was found that a tablish a smelting plant near the amount of insurance is not known. considerable number of the possible mine, in which English coal would The building was one of the oldest patrons were not availing themselves be used and the product used for at the Spencer plant and many men the copper coins needed for the column that onles. Soon afterwards 110 casks of, row. The fire was decidedly the worst in the history of Spencer and one of Gov. Hunter of New York and New the worst the Southern has ever sus-Jersey in the meantime advanced the tained. The fire had its origion in the large crematory which is mainby the Lords of Trade, who held to tained near the building. The Salisquirements of the localities involved. the letter of the law that manufac- bury fire company responded and did effective work in extinguishing the flames. A strong wind was blowing and only heroic work prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining building. But for Mester Machanic W. S. Murrian, Mayor B. F. Lively and other officials on the ground, the damage would have been much great-

CITY FATHERS ENTERTAINED.

King was entitled to a certain share Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Smith Tender Reception to Spencer's Board of Aldermen.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Feb. 5 .- The Spencer aldermen were tendered a sumptuous supper Saturday night by Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Smith, at their new and elegantly furnished home on Salisbury avenue. The repast was highly enjoyed by the aldermen present, including MayorB. F. Lively, Aldermen D. E. Kesler, W. C. Houchins,

E. M. Patterson, A.D. Smith, A. W.

Hicks and W. H. Burton, chief of the

Spencer fire department. The menu was all that the heart or appetite of man could derire, bespeaking the skillful touch of Mrs. Smith is an ideal hostess, as well as that of her sister, Miss Sallie Wommack, of Danville, who assisted in recelving. After the supper the remainder of the evening was spent were no set speeches a number of important subjects were discussed, including municipal government, public improvements, many phases of railroading, and a number of other questions, on up to base ball. Before was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who but recently moved into their handsome home, which is modern in all respects and one of the prettiest

SUITS AGAINST P. S. HENRY.

Two Men Ask for Damages on Ac-count of Injuries Received at Multi-Millionaire's Rock Quarry. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Feb. 5.-Two suits for damages were instituted in Superior son and Joseph L. Henderson against Abram S. Hewitt, was in charge of Phillip S. Henry, the New York mul-Atheville his home, purchasing valuable property east of the city. The complaints have not been filed but it is understood that heavy awards Jackson and Henwill be asked. county Christian Endeavor Union will derson are two of the men who were hold a special celebration this evening so fearfully injured in the dynamite in the auditorium of the St. Stephen's explosion at Mr. Henry's rock quarry Reformed church, in honor of the 25th last year. Both men were malmed

> Thomasville News Notes. Special to The Observer.

Thomasville, Feb. 5 .- The pastor, Rev. T. W. Watte, preached a sermon of unusual power and beauty in the Methodist church last night. His subject was "No Room For Jesus." Last night Dr. C. A. Julian left for

Annaplis, taking his son, Cramer, who has been appointed a candidate for midshipman in the Naval Acadisi celebration at the Clinton Avenue emy by Senator Lee S. Overman. Young Mr. Julian has been in school at Trinity College, having completed the sophmore year and a part of the junior year.

Miss Marie Allison, daughter of Mr. G. A. Allison, now in school at Davenport College, has been elected delegate from that school to the Student Volunteer Conference to be held in Nashville, Tenn., the last of this month.

Mr. Frank S. Lambeth is spending the day in Lexington on official busi-The Ladies' Aid Society of the

Methodist church meets with Mrs. John T. Cramer Tuepday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

RIVER FORMS A LAKE,

Waters of the Colorado Flowing Into the Imperial Valley.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 5.—The supervisors from nearly all counties of this State are assembled here to attend the annual meeting of the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan, which will be informally opened here today. The first actual business season will be held to-morrow morning. The meeting will last three days in all and some highly important matters will come up for consideration. One of the most important objects of the meeting is to take steps looking toward a better representation of the inaxpayers before the State Tax Comthat the corporations always see to it that they are represented, and that the large body of taxpayers likewise take advantage of the rights accorded them, especially as there is a law in eisxtence making this possible. Many prominent speakers will address the meetings, among them Governor Warner, Georged, Horton, president of the ISate Grange, W. C. McMillan, T. E. Tarsney of Detroil, George W. Orr, of Lake Unden, and others.

Work on Kesier Timnel, Completed, Cumberland, Md., Feb. 5.—Work on the Kesier tunnel on the 65-mile Wabash connection link between Cumberland and Cherry Run was completed iorday, opening the link and connecting the Wabash with the Atlanta seaboard.

The End Yet Far Off.

Algeeiras, Feb. 5.—The Duke of Tidomar, the Spanish Foreign Minister and president of the International Confessence, made the statement for the state of the international Confessence, made the statement for the colorade River will form a warfount and the colorade River in the international Confessence, made the statement for the colorade River in the state and populous various desired and the vale of the colorade River.

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DIAMOND THEFT CHARGED.

Fred Destailing, of Gaffney, Arrested at Instance of Montgomery, Ala., Officers on Charge of Stealing Three Diamond Rings. Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 5.-Fred Destaffino, young white man who formerresided here, pursuing the trade of a barber, was arrested here to-day by an officer of the local police force. The arrest was in response to a letter received by Chief of Police Lockhart, stating that he was wanted at Mont-gomery, Als., on a charge of stealing three diamond rings and asking the Gafiney authorities to hold him for requisition papers. This letter was from the sheriff of Montgomery county. Destaffino, it is said, will return to Alabama without the formality of calling upon the Governor of South Carelina for requisition papers.

equisition papers.

Destaffing is alleged to have stolen the Destartino is alleged to have stolen the rings from Mrs. E. L. Templar, of Montognery, Ala. Mrs. Templar keeps a lodging house at 20½ Monroe street. Montgomery. Destaffino, it is alleged, had pawned two of the rings to the Globe Loan Co., Atlanta, securing \$40 upon the two. Persons in this city wrote to the Atlanta company a short while upon the two. Persons in this city wrote to the Atlanta company a short while ago, enclosing the two pawn tickets and the price required to redeem them, with the request that they be forwarded, as the time on them was about to expire. They received a reply to the effect that it was claimed the rings had been stolen by Destaffino from Mrs. Templar, in Montgomery, Destaffino claims, it is said here, that the woman gave him the rings. Chief Lockhart wired to the sheriff that Destaffino would go without requisition papers. papers.
Chief of Police T. H. Lockhart left to night at mid-night for Atlanta, Ga., with Distaffino. The sheriff of Montgemery county will meet him there and take charge of the prisoner,

LEG CRUSHED BY BELT.

Employe of High Point Machine Works Meets With Serious Acci-

dent,

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Feb. 5.—To-night Lace
York, employed at the High Point Machine Works, met with a serious accident.
While in the power house his clothing
caught in a ten-inch belt, pulling a
gigantic driving wheel. He was carried
around twice between the belt and the
wheel, his right, leg striking a heavy
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to move it four inches from its place.
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his life was saved only by the belt flying
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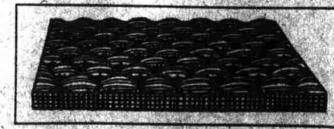
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