

SHORT DEAL FOR SOUTH

CUTTING DOWN RURAL ROUTES
The Weekly Service in Future on These Routes Which Do Not Deliver Three Thousand Pieces of Mail a Month—Capital of the Worst of the President's Latest Utterances—Friends of Mr. Roosevelt Say He is Resolved on Tariff Revision at the Next Session.

Washington, April 20.—It looks to be certain that the South will again be the loser in the establishment of rural free delivery. A study of the figures on file at the Postoffice Department shows that she is now away behind the other sections of the country, and a greater percentage of fewer routes with fewer routes.

It was bad enough to permit the other sections to gobble up the lion's share in the first instance, but to come now with a rule that will make something like one-half of the routes in some of the Southern States tri-weekly instead of daily routes will add to the injury of the transaction.

Some smart Aleck in the Postoffice Department has now brought up the plea that it is too expensive to give a daily mail service on those rural routes which do not deliver three thousand pieces of mail a month, and that a tri-weekly service should be substituted in its stead.

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WHY DID HE DO IT. A week has passed and still the statesman around the capital is wondering what moved the President to advocate a graduated inheritance tax in his speech last Saturday.

It is simply that overwhelming desire of his to continue in the spot light, with a possible view to coming down in the Senate from New York after his retirement from the Presidency. He has played the "friend of the people" role of the Republican side as it is now played by Tillman on the Democratic side.

Whatever this new pronouncement of our strenuous President may mean the fact remains that it is disturbing the old line Republican leaders no little.

TARIFF REVISION COMING. I am told by some who have talked with the President on the subject that he is resolved that if the tariff bill passes at this session he intends to pass tariff revision next session.

"Thou shalt not steal."

The Massachusetts Republicans and some of the Western Republicans declare that they are determined to press their demand for tariff revision in the hope of getting it this session, but to rivet the attention of the country to it, so that public sentiment will force a revision next year.

OBSERVATIONS.

Written for The Observer. Even a Jack at all trades has his uses about the house.

The early spring poem often meets with a frosty reception. Time flies swiftly to the man who has a note ripening at the bank.

Most air castles are entirely too airy to ever support the weight of the builders.

The price of airships will probably be an all absorbing topic in the near future.

Love doesn't object to taking up its residence at any place where two are willing.

Advice given by the man who has been there himself is not entirely to be ignored.

The father of the girl may depend on her taking a fancy to a different kind of man.

We always accuse the other fellow of having all the trumps whenever we lose at anything.

A man never knows how well off he is until he stops to figure out how bad off he might be.

There is nothing like being endowed with good horse sense to win a man the reputation of being wise.

It looks like electricity and the automobile are going to supplement steam and the horse after all.

To the unobserving among us it really looks as if both fortune and the wolf were respecters of men's doors.

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Young men should not smoke cigarettes if for no other reason than that it is liable to be classed as crap shooting.

It's a hobby with some men to always be in sympathy with the weak.

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STATEMENT OF PROVIDENT SAVINGS LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. Condition December 31st, 1905, as shown by Statement Filed.

Capital stock paid in cash... 100,000.00
Amount of assets Dec. 31st... 7,188,429.38
Income from policy-holders... 4,356,125.37

Disbursements to policy-holders... 1,218,561.72
Premiums in force... 3,693,834.56
Life business in force... 96,748,367.00

Assets. Value of real estate... 3,540,629.51
Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks or other collateral... 700.00

LIABILITIES. Net reserve, as computed... 8,021,944.00
Funds... 49,217.40
Net policy claims... 208,329.40

President, Timothy L. Woodruff; secretary, John W. Vrooman. General agent for service, Peacock & Gold, Greensboro, N. C.

Barfooted Waiting Maids in Japan.

Unless there are ladies among the guests, the wife and daughters of the host do not appear at dinner in Japan. Before the meal begins it is customary for them to bring in small cups of tea and dainty confectionery.

If gentlemen only are present, the Japanese business disappears after the greeting is over, and does not return until the guests are taking their departure.

At a signal from the host, barefooted waiting maids, dressed in graceful and prettily tinged kimonos bring in lacquer trays bearing tiny covered bowls. Before setting the trays on the tables the maids sink gracefully to their knees and bend forward till their foreheads touch the floor.

STATEMENT OF EQUIABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. Condition December 31st, 1905, as shown by Statement Filed.

Capital stock paid in cash... 100,000.00
Amount of assets Dec. 31st... 385,383,848.90
Income from policy-holders... 2,298,891.81

Disbursements to policy-holders... 1,150,130.94
Premiums in force... 2,387,002.09
Life business in force... 1,207,979.35

Assets. Value of real estate... 2,450,270.00
Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks or other collateral... 215,000.00

LIABILITIES. Net reserve, as computed... 346,130,965.00
Other reserve and special funds... 1,451,550.35

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