

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

AGAINST MISSING LETTER AND MISSING WORD CONTESTS.

SUCH SCHEMES HELD TO BE VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW.

NEWSPAPERS NOT ALLOWED USE OF MAILS

IF THEIR COLUMNS CONTAIN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Reports on Indian Schools—Statistician Hyde Discusses the Methods of the Agricultural Department in Computing Its Crop Reports.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The monthly statement of the bureau of statistics shows that the total imports of dutiable sugar during October last amounted to 132,998,945 pounds, valued at \$3,543,010, which is an increase over the September imports of nearly 73,000,000 pounds, and an increase in value of over \$1,200,000.

M. EDHEM BEY, the new charge d'affaires of the Ottoman Empire at Washington, who has just arrived here, though still a young man, has had a highly successful career. After his academic studies he was one of the sultan's private secretaries, and before coming to Washington was second secretary of legation at Brussels, where he remained but one year.

The annual reports of the INDIAN SCHOOLS show considerable progress at Carlisle, Pa., and Hampton, Va., the principal institutions. Supt. Pratt, of Carlisle, reports an enrollment of 732 pupils at the beginning of this fiscal year, and they include representatives of sixty-eight different tribes.

The postoffice department is taking a firm stand against the so-called "MISSING LETTER" and "missing word" contests, which are being conducted by a number of publishers to increase the subscription to their papers.

The following PENSIONS FOR TENNESSEANS. Washington, Dec. 2.—The following Tennesseeans have had their burdens relieved, while the taxpayers have had theirs added to the amount of the following pensions:

Original—John Monroe, Thorn Hill. Increase—Nathan J. Delaney, Kingston. Original—William M. Buterbaugh, Cottage Home; James Clements, Sale Creek; Jordan Braden, Lynnville; Isaac Lindsay, Povo.

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session. As to Cuba, the message calls attention to the recent trend of affairs on the island, refers to the scheme of autonomy just offered by Spain, and, after reciting other developments in the situation, reaches the virtual conclusion that existing circumstances does not warrant interference in the affairs of the island.

Considerable attention is paid to the question of reciprocity negotiations with various countries in Europe. Special commissioner Kason has been working on this subject for some time, and the message deals with some of the developments of negotiations already had, and expresses the hope of the administration to secure satisfactory results in the future.

EARTHQUAKE IN KANSAS. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 2.—Specials to the Star from Pratt and Kingman, Kan., half way across the state and near the Oklahoma boundary, say slight earthquake shocks were felt at those places last night. No damage appears to have been done.

At Pratt a distinct shock was experienced at 12:58. It was not severe, but strong enough to cause furniture to rock and lamps and dishes to rattle. The disturbance lasted about three seconds. The shock at Kingman was felt at 1 a. m. Vibrations were from north to south, lasting about two seconds. No damages so far as known.

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The two Millers were frightfully scalded and will die.