

A Worthy Step.

Charlotte News.

The detailed adjustment of salaries of rural free delivery carriers, submitted to the Postmaster General has been approved, and beginning July 1st this class of public servants will get a graded increase in compensation, of from 9 to 25 per cent, based on the number of miles traversed by carriers, as shown by the records of the department. The adjustment adopted, along with the increase of \$6,000,000 appropriated by Congress, will involve an aggregate increase for the rural free delivery mail service for the next fiscal year of nearly \$35,000,000.

Along with this news comes the announcement that, after July 1st clerks in the post offices will be granted an increase in salary of \$100 per annum until the \$1,100 mark is reached, then \$100 may be added on recommendation of the postmaster.

Heretofore The News has expressed its opinion, that while Congress was appropriating millions for many causes, of more or less importance, an appropriation should be made whereby the salaries of mail clerks might be increased, also that there might be arranged a salary scale conducive to ambition in this work. As conditions have formerly existed mail clerks have labored, on hard hours, year in, year out, with no substantial hope of promotion for work done well. This system was not in keeping with the government's policy of promotion, in the army, navy, etc. No man will work as well as when inspired by the hope of promotion. Every workman worthy of a good portion should be, and is, ambitious. And in the mail clerk department of the government's affairs little or no provision has been made for this natural fact.

Probably there is no class of public servants whose lot is harder than that of the rural mail carriers and the mail clerks in post offices. They are friends of all the people or enemies, and most usually the former is the case. The interests of every one are involved in the labors of these faithful men; for they render service to all. Their hours are long and hard.

The rural carrier must set out on his route, no matter if the weather be foul or fair. His personal feelings are not considered. He is a public servant. People on his route are anxiously awaiting tidings from loved ones. His duty is to act the faithful medium between the two parties. All day he must ride, and hard. Such is his lot. And while the government has lavished money on other of its employees, it has doled out remuneration with stingy hand to these worthy members of its operating force. The extra salary therefore means much to them, and it is by no means a superfluous expenditure.

The clerks in the post offices of the land too are most closely allied to the interests of the people. Their work is of such

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a nature that it must be done with dispatch. They are kept in a nervous strain all the year. While others enjoy the Christmas holidays, etc., they are busy, working late, in the effort that each present may reach its destination, that the cup of joy of those whom they serve may be full. Yes the mail clerks work hard and not all the sweets of life are theirs. Neither have they grown weary in finding means to dispose of the salaries they receive. Their increase, therefore, is well earned and well merited.

The News is glad that the government, in the hurly-hurly of much business, has taken notice of these members of its great army of employees.

Freak Eggs.

Molassine World.

The stories told by poultry keepers in regard to the laying of eggs are in danger of becoming viewed by the public in the same suspicious light as the tall yarns of fishermen.

It is announced that an egg laid by a hen belonging to a coast guards officer at Bridgeport measured 7 5/8 inches by 6 3/4 inches while another of similar size picked up in a farmyard at Fenny Stratford was on being opened, found to contain a perfectly formed second egg. The record monster chicken's egg is believed to be one of 4 3/4 inches by 7 inches and weighing five ounces.

The most freakish eggs are attributed to ducks. The Western Park Museum, Sheffield, has a duck's egg which contains another smaller one inside, and a still greater curiosity in a twin egg, the two being joined together end to end.

In a museum at Paris a curious four footed goose lays an egg which is invariably misshapen and the shell of which is so brittle that it breaks if touched. All efforts to preserve these eggs have been futile.

An egg apparently in a state of perfect preservation is reported to have been discovered embedded in the mortar of an ancient church near Paris. As the wall had been standing for fully 800 years the egg must have been undisturbed for all that long period.

Stabbed Her Himself.

Lafayette, Ind., May 8.—John Vaughan, thirty-nine years old, stabbed to death Lizzie Strubel, the eleven-year-old daughter of Chas. Strubel, a gardener. Naughan, after committing the murder attempted to kill himself, and in so doing inflicted ten wounds in his neck and breast. He was taken to jail. Immediately after the crime became known excitement ran high, and it was feared that an attempt would be made to lynch the murderer.

Vaughan said he and the girl quarreled and she struck him. He said:

"Being high tempered, I took out my knife and plunged into her breast. I meant to kill her, because I did not want any of those railroad men to get her. I moved her and wanted to marry her."

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Cotton Mills' Consolation.

Charlotte Observer.

The Textile Manufacturers' Journal is inclined to believe that the most potent cause for the cotton goods market's present strong conditions is to be found in the marked scarcity of labor, both North and South. "During the last few months this has not been in such evidence as previously" says The Journal, "but a great many authorities are viewing with more or less alarm the probable increased scarcity to take place as the summer months draw near. Already operatives are said to be becoming restless, and in many instances it has been necessary to close parts of plants because of the inability to secure a sufficient number of laborers to keep them in operation. The fact that there has been a curtailment of production during the last year has been most apparent in the goods industry, but from all appearances it would seem as though this factor was to be exaggerated as the months pass. Perhaps Southern manufacturers have been more greatly handicapped in this respect than their New England competitors, but both are equally agitated today over the situation and the probable outcome of it." Noing confident statements to the effect that anywhere from 25 to 30 per cent. is a conservative estimate of the looms and complementary machinery which it has been impossible to run for lack of operatives, our contemporary, though conceding the buyer's attitude to be an important factor, apparently inclines to believe that this situation quite offset the possible effect of conservatism upon the price of goods. It would thus appear that the evil of labor shortage is to a considerable extent its own remedy, but this reflection can afford only moderate consolation to any one who takes a large view of the industry in the United States, particularly in the South. Let our textile industry prosper never so much, the fact remains that its growth is being stunted for lack of labor while the industry abroad is expanding as never before. Relative to Lancashire, even the South is losing ground. This is the aspect of the situation which we like least. No one who desires to see the South maintain uninterrupted progress toward that great industrial future which is its due can be other than an earnest advocate of any proper means to secure proper foreign immigration.

Dan Buie is Dead.

Fayetteville Observer.

Mr. D. McD. Buie, an old Confederate veteran, died suddenly Friday about 12:30 o'clock at his home in Carver's Creek township. He was buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock at McDuffie's graveyard. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of Hay Street Methodist church. A widow and five children survive him.

"Dan" Buie had many friends in this city and county, and not a few in the State at large, as he has been an assistant doorkeeper for the past two or three legislatures.

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The Mills and the People.

Charlotte News and Courier.

A rarely novel proposition is that of some 3,500 citizens of Union, S. C., who have signed petitions addressed to the directors of the Union-Buffalo Cotton Mills, praying that they reinstate Thomas C. Duncan as president of those mills—now incorporated as one since their failure under the administration of Mr. Duncan a year or two ago. The petitions at least manifest remarkable popular confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Duncan, whose reputation as a successful cotton mill manager underwent a strain of some severity in 1905.

Perhaps the most interesting phase of the affair is the apparent reluctance of the 3,500 petitioners to purchase the properties and place Mr. Duncan in control. It seems that so large a body of men interested in cotton mill investments would be able easily to raise the necessary money to obtain the control of this corporation, especially as its shares are quoted at a figure below par, owing to misfortunes antedating the present management.

Speaking in general terms, we sometimes entertain a mild doubt if persons whose stake is less than one share of the par value of one hundred dollars in a private corporation are entitled to serious attention when they offer suggestions concerning the corporation's management.

Charged With Nine Murders.

Pensacola, Fla., May 6.—Joe Stanley and M. C. Smith, two white men, were to-day arrested, charged with the murder of the murder of Ackerman family in Santo Rosa country, near here, about a year ago.

The family consisted of father, mother, and seven children, whose charred bodies were found in their burned home. An investigation showed several of the older members of the family, particularly the father and mother and oldest son, had been struck over the head and their skulls crushed.

Large rewards have been offered for the arrest of the murderers, but it was only recently that information was secured which led to to-day's arrests.

Glad Tidings for Engineers.

Spencer, May 8.—Effective at once the locomotive engineers on the Southern Railway throughout the system have been granted an increase in wages amounting to 10 per cent. for passenger engineers and 6 per cent. for freight men and 50 cents and 45 cents, respectively, an hour for over time. In the aggregate the pay roll for engineers will be increased many thousands of dollars a month and is highly satisfactory to the employees.

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