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## BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF  
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN  
CONDENSED FORM.

### WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of  
Greatest Interest From All  
Parts of World.

#### Southern.

Oklahoma's Democratic state convention ended in a political lull, the selection of a split delegation to the Baltimore convention and the election of Roger Galtbreath of Tulsa, uncommitted as to his preference for presidential nominee, as national committeeman. The compromise which brought about the harmonious conclusion was reached at a conference of leaders of the factions supporting Speaker Champ Clark and Governor Woodrow Wilson.

In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, Texas, smoldering wreckage covers an area about one and a half miles in length and varying in width from 200 yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city. More than a dozen of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins, 200 or more dwelling houses and store buildings are in ashes and approximately 1,000 persons are homeless. The most conservative estimates are that the loss will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed 40 percent. Except for a few who suffered minor burns and bruises, no casualties attended the fire.

Representatives of sixteen Southern states, heads of railroads and steamship lines that serve that section and men who have studied the agricultural and industrial problems of the South for years, met in Baltimore and formed the Southern Settlement and Development Organization. Baltimore was made the headquarters, with S. Davies Warfield of Baltimore as chairman and Eli Frank, also of Baltimore, secretary. It was resolved to start at once to raise the funds to carry on the work of the organization, to establish branch on such educational or other work in the sixteen Southern states as may be deemed desirable with the view to procuring desirable immigration, colonization and settlement as the needs of the several states may require.

Savannah cotton receipts for the first time in the history of the port for any one season passed the two-million-bale mark. There was great rejoicing on the floor of the exchange at the fact that Savannah has become the second cotton port of the world, and a giant banner was strung across the top of the exchange telling of the reaching of the new record-breaking figures. Many telegrams of congratulation have been received by the officers of the cotton exchange.

Authorities at Rutherfordton, N. C., were notified of the arrest of Will McEntire at Tampa, Fla., wanted for the alleged murder of three men in 1905. According to the indictment returned by the grand jury at the last term of court, McEntire, who for years was the proprietor of a distillery in the county, killed and robbed the men, afterwards cremating the bodies in the furnace of his plant. According to the evidence submitted, the murders were for the purpose of robbery.

#### General.

The mystery of eight deaths of babies in the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' hospital was solved, the police say, by the confession of Winifred Ankers, a kitchen woman at the hospital, admitting that she placed oxalic acid in the babies' milk bottles. The police version of the confession runs: "I put two or three drops of oxalic acid into the bottles. I did not do it with intent to kill the babies, but I wanted to get square with the nurses, who were my enemies."

Edward Hines, millionaire lumberman, declined to discuss a published report that he had been expelled from the Union League Club of Chicago, as a result of his connection with the Senator Lorimer case. Officials of the club also refused to affirm or deny the reports of Hines' expulsion. "I will have to refer you to my counsel, as I personally have decided to say nothing regarding the matter at this time," said Mr. Hines, when questioned at his Evanston residence.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts has broken all New England records for the use of the pardoning power, having restored 81 prisoners to liberty during his year in office. His pardons include eleven murderers.

The widow of Jim Flisk, who was a partner of Jay Gould, died at Boston, Mass., penniless.

The second amendment to the constitution was adopted by the Ohio constitutional convention which has been in session since January 19. It permits the state legislature to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000,000 for the maintenance of roads.

Rutherford P. Hayes, son of Rutherford B. Hayes, former president of the United States, has matriculated as a student in fruit culture and -picking at Cornell. Mr. Hayes has a farm near Asheville, N. C.

School Superintendent Maxwell of New York City will establish motion picture shows in all schools.

what Theodore Roosevelt said here when an admiring Cleveland, Ohio, friend sought to learn whether he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

"Big Business," the fitness of the American people for self-government, the recall of judges and praise for the progressive legislation in Wisconsin were topics discussed by Theodore Roosevelt in his address before the Ohio constitutional convention at Columbus, Ohio.

After an all-afternoon fight on the floor of the convention of Missouri Democrats, in Joplin, Mo., caused by the effort of David A. Ball of Bowling Green, a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, to oppose the slate agreed on by party leaders, the Democratic state convention elected eight delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention, each with half a vote. Each of the sixteen congressional districts chose two delegates to Baltimore. The delegation was specifically instructed to vote for Champ Clark for president.

#### Washington.

Columbia virtually repudiated the action of its minister, General Ospina, by sending, through American Minister DuBois, at Bogota, a cordial invitation to Secretary of State Knox to visit Colombian shores on his present trip. The invitation was forwarded promptly to Secretary who is aboard the cruiser Washington on his way south. With him rests the decision whether he will change his itinerary to a call at Cartagena. This, it is accepted here, he undoubtedly will do. The action of the Colombian foreign office was received in Washington with satisfaction.

The Italian chamber of deputies passed the bill for the annexation of Tripoli by Italy by a vote of 431 to 38, amid enthusiastic cheering from the floor of the chamber and the public gallery. Afterwards the members who voted against annexation, including the Socialists, a few Republicans and one Radical, Prince Gaetano, were roundly hissed. Only one member abstained from voting.

President Taft, speaking at the peace meeting of the Navy League in Washington, declared the time had not come for this country to be economical at the expense of an inadequate naval establishment, expressed hope that the present congress would authorize the construction of two battleships, and said he gladly would sign a bill that carried such an authorization.

Except for the service of five years in prison, Folke E. Brandt is the same man in the eyes of the law as he was before he was sent away April 4, 1907, to serve thirty years for burglary at the home in New York City of Mortimer L. Schiff, where he once worked as a servant. The long prison term was broken up when Justice Gerard of the supreme court sustained a writ of habeas corpus obtained in Brandt's behalf.

Adjutant General Maloney of Tennessee urged before the house military affairs committee a bill for government acceptance of 5,000 acres of land near Tullahoma, Tenn., donated for a maneuver camp for troops of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas. Opposition developed in the house against the Blackmon resolution providing a commission to investigate the availability of land near Anniston, Ala.

For the first time since the Insurgent Republicans broke away from the regulars in the fight on the petroleum duty, the Republicans of the house presented practically a solid front against the passage of a tariff revision bill. All Insurgents voted with the regular Republican forces against the Underwood chemical tariff, which was passed. The Insurgents opposed the measure on the ground that it was a revision upward instead of downward.

President Taft submitted to congress the report of the employers' liability commission and the commission's proposed employers' liability and workmen's compensation bill, accompanied by a message urging the enactment of the measure which is the most advanced piece of liability legislation yet presented. The president sets forth that the proposed law not only would insure to employees of railroads engaged in interstate commerce quick adjustment of their claims for damages, but also would relieve the courts of a vast amount of work and enable them to administer judicial affairs with greater dispatch.

President Taft and the cabinet discussed the Colombian situation, but no statement was given out. Neither the state department nor the Colombian minister had received any advice from Bogota as to whether a visit by Secretary Knox to Cartagena would be welcomed by the Colombian people. The impression prevails that the reply, when it does come, will be a substantiation of the attitude taken by Minister Capina, and that Colombia forthwith will be omitted from the Knox itinerary.

Death by the hand of the law voids all life insurance policies of the criminal. The supreme court so held in the fight of the children of James S. McCue, former mayor of Charlottesville, Va., who was executed for the murder of his wife in 1905. A policy of \$15,000 was carried by McCue in the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Wisconsin. The United States circuit court of appeals for the fourth circuit held that the policy was made in Wisconsin and under the Wisconsin laws was not annulled by execution on the gallows.

## ADVISED STATE TAX COMMISSION

GREATEST NEED OF THE STATE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA AT THIS  
TIME.

### PRESENT LEVY IS VERY LOW

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property  
Not on the Tax Books of the State.  
—Mr. Brown Tells What Should  
Be Done.

Raleigh.—A special from Charlotte states that "The greatest need of the state of North Carolina at this time is a state tax commission, said State Senator J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, who has been in Charlotte for several days in connection with the cotton acreage reduction matter. "There is no uniformity of assessment of property throughout the state," said Senator Brown, "and until this is achieved there can be no equitable system of taxation."

"With the valuation made on a reasonable basis, and the property of the state on the tax books an adequate revenue will be provided and there will be no necessity for the state borrowing money for any purpose at any time."

"The present state levy is very low, too low, in fact, to produce sufficient revenue to operate the state government as it should be. But there are millions of dollars worth of property in the state not on the tax books and other millions of dollars worth is not properly assessed."

"Many cases of inequitable valuations have come to my personal observation and I believe that this one matter will solve the problem of state finance. An increase in the state levy is not a necessity, but an increase in the revenue would result if the property in the state was assessed and properly valued."

#### The Political Pot Is Simmering.

The county political pot is beginning to simmer just a little at Gastonia. It is expected to begin boiling at a pretty lively rate ere long. So far there are in the field only three men who are avowed candidates for office. Two of these, Mr. Carl Finger, of Stanley and Mr. Clyde C. Craig, of Dallas, are after the Democratic nomination for the office of county treasurer and Mr. Wiley H. McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, wants to be registered of deeds. None of these have made formal announcements of their candidacy in the papers, but all three are actively at work among their friends.

#### Holds County Liquor License.

Some comfort is being given those of Greensboro who have been dependent upon the prescription of a physician by the disclosure that the Revolution Drug Company not only holds a county license but that it has been so doing for years. The drug store is located at one of the mill villages near the city and is on the line being about a twenty-minute ride. It will, however, serve to offset an ordinance by the city commissioners forbidding the sale of whiskey in Greensboro, even upon prescription of a licensed physician.

#### Working For Advertising Campaign.

Col. Sanford H. Cohen, the recently elected manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, arrived in Asheville from Augusta, where he has been for the past few days on a business trip, and conferred with George S. Powell and Harry W. Plummer, members of the executive committee of the association and of the local board of trade regarding some of his plans for the advertising campaign which is to be launched about March 1 in Florida for the early spring tourist business.

Asheville.—In the last issue of the bulletin by the Asheville board of health the information is given out that the city is to have a milk depot, for the preparation and distribution of purer and modified milk.

#### Want The New Railroad Badly.

That railroad proposition from Littleton to Hamilton, referred to several days ago, has created a good bit of interest among the "people" at Scotland Neck, and this writer has heard many expressions of hope that the road would be built. There is a strong desire among the people here for better freight and passenger facilities and cheaper freight rates, and the proposed road would in a measure at least give the desired relief. The road would traverse one of the richest farming sections in the state.

#### School Board Held Meeting.

The board of school commissioners and the finance committee of the board of aldermen of Charlotte, according to arrangement met to consider the matter of financing the South graded school proposition but adjourned without settling the matter of finance definitely. After a lengthy debate indulged in by the school board, and members of the finance committee, with almost as many opinions about the details of the financial feature as there were debaters.

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MEET

Governor Kitchin Makes An Address  
—Much Important Business Was  
Transacted at Meeting.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin presided at an annual session of the state board of geological survey with Frank Hewitt, Asheville, Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and C. S. Vann, state fish commissioner.

Reports from the state geologist, Joseph Hyde Pratt, showed that the work of inventorying the North Carolina forests from the Tennessee line eastward has progressed as far as Rowan and Guilford counties and that the entire piedmont section will be completed during the coming summer. The board determined to push especially the promotion of the western section of the central highway and the Blue Ridge highway as calculated to be especially beneficial to the state. The state geologist was directed to prepare and issue as early as possible a complete public road map of the state, showing the improved highways, those in progress of improvement under systematic approved methods and those improvements projected.

The board determined to give the greatest possible encouragement to the furtherance of the movement for draining swamp and soggy lands in all parts of the state. They are now fifty-six drainage districts under way, either fully organized and with the drainage work in operation or fully assured of immediate operation.

The board will co-operate in every way possible with the Federal authorities in the efforts to stay the ravages of the Southern pine beetle and the disease that is infecting the chestnut forest in this state.

#### The City Schools Are Flourishing.

The city schools of High Point are in a most flourishing condition. Prof. Thornwell Haynes, who took charge of them only last fall, they have made phenomenal progress. One of the first innovations was the establishment of a domestic science department with two hundred girls in sewing and some forty in cooking. There came a thorough medical inspection of every pupil by the city physicians. This, a little later, was followed by abolishing the old vertical system of handwriting and the substitution of the Palmer system, directly after which bookkeeping was introduced. Then came the publication of a high school monthly called The Pointer, the organization of the high school girls into a literary society and the giving of physical exercises by instructors to both boys and girls.

#### North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were issued: Southport Light and Power Co., of Southport; to carry on the business of an electric light company in all its branches; authorized capital \$50,000, with \$2,000 subscribed for by H. K. White, C. Ed. Taylor and Henry P. O'Hagan. Brittain Penn Drug Company, of Reidsville; authorized capital, \$25,000, with \$7,000 paid in by Geo. W. Brittain, S. C. Penn and W. J. Penn. General Supply Company, of Charlotte; to manufacture and deal in fire protection machinery, etc.; authorized capital, \$25,000, with \$300 paid in.

#### To Let Contract For Steel Bridge.

In the near future a contract will be let for the erection of a steel bridge across Yadkin river, at South River, which will bind Rowan and Davie counties by bonds of iron. The bridge will be built jointly by the two counties, the plans having been filed with the register of deeds in Rowan. A committee composed of members of the county commissioners from both Davie and Rowan will open the bids and let the contract.

#### Is Gaining A Reputation.

The Rocky Mount is establishing a reputation as a poultry raising section of the nation, that is so far as fancy breeds and high grade chickens are concerned, is evidenced by a recent request made of the local poultry association that they enter birds at the great western poultry show at Indianapolis.

#### Good Progress On New Road.

One of the surveyors of the Norfolk Southern Railroad was at Concord. The members of the surveying corps are now working between Albemarle and Mount Pleasant. They expect to reach Mount Pleasant about a week. After they have made the survey from Mount Pleasant to Concord, it is very probable that definite announcement will be made as to what route leading into Concord will be determined upon. The surveyors are making good progress with the work.

#### A Passenger Train Wrecked.

Passenger train No. 36 was wrecked 2 miles east of Hickory. No serious damage was done though the passengers were considerably shaken up. The train was late and was running at more than its usual speed. Just as it was rounding the curve at the new cotton mill, the engine left the track, running for fifty yards or more on the cross-ties, the coaches all remaining on the track. A shifting engine was secured from the yards here and hurried to the scene of the wreck.

## THE NO-FENCE LAW

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION URGES  
LEGISLATION FOR PROTECTION  
OF TIMBER.

### E. B. WRIGHT IS PRESIDENT

Many Important Matters Were Passed  
Upon at the State Convention in  
Raleigh.—The Governor Made the  
Welcoming Address of the Occasion.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Forestry Association elected E. B. Wright, of Boardman as president and retained State Forester J. S. Holmes as secretary. Mr. Wright is president of the Butters Lumber Company. Resolutions were adopted, strongly endorsing a statewide no-fence law that will take hogs and cattle out of the forests. The association also adopted resolutions urging state legislation that will put this state on such a forestry protection basis as to procure Federal aid in forest protection, exacts a paid fire marshal service among other things; also resolutions for a state system of fire protection by a technical non-partisan board, endorsing legislation by Congress making an appropriation of \$30,000 for combating the chestnut blight and pledging the association to the greatest possible effort in preventing spread of this blight, asking the co-operation of the railroad companies in the prevention of forest fires, endorsing the work of the United States board of entomology in its fight against the Southern pine beetle and endorsing the work of the North Carolina state geological survey.

The association heard J. G. Peters of the United States forestry service on "Co-operation in Fire Protection in North Carolina," an excellent paper by Hugh McRae of the state board of geological survey on "The Advantages of a Stock Law of the Whole States as Forest Protection."

#### Contract For Drainage Canals Let.

Wilson.—The contract for the construction of drainage canals for the Mosely Creek Drainage District, near Dover, in Craven county, has been awarded to the Brett Engineering and Contracting Company, of Wilson, for \$35,000. This undertaking will drain eight thousand acres of fine land, half of which is cleared and ready for cultivation. The drainage districts was organized under the new state drainage law. The bond issue of \$45,000 was purchased at a premium by the New Bern Banking and Trust Company. This is the first issue of these excellent securities marketed with a home bank. The constructing company has already made arrangements to begin the work at once.

#### Mr. Bickett Has Returned.

Raleigh.—Attorney General Thomas W. Bickett returned from Washington where he had been several days on business before the Commerce Court of the country. The matter that was up for argument before that body was the old rate fight which all of the railroads are attempting to win against the merchants working for better rates. Mr. Bickett was associated with two attorneys in the fight and represented the merchants of North Carolina who made the first kick.

#### Corn Club Movement in Wake.

Raleigh.—The Boys' Corn Club movement is becoming a greatly discussed topic in Wake county and numerous clubs will no doubt be formed in the near future. Superintendent Judd writes the Wake county teachers a strong appeal to organize their school boys into corn clubs. He feels that the school work should not be limited to classroom, and that corn clubs offer excellent opportunity to teach direct, practical and useful training.

#### Southern Tax Voucher Received.

Greensboro.—Sheriff E. B. Jones of Guilford county has received from the Southern Railway Company a voucher in payment of the company's taxes due Guilford.

#### County Superintendent of Health.

Lumberton.—At a joint meeting of the County Board of Health and the County Medical Society held here several days ago, Dr. B. W. Page, a native of Duplin county, but for the past year or two connected with the State Board of Health, was elected county superintendent of health to assume the duties of his office March 1st at a salary of \$2,500 per annum. Robeson is the second county in the state to elect a superintendent of health to devote his entire time to the office.

#### Superiority of Sand Clay Streets.

Hamlet.—The superiority of sand-clay streets, such as Hamlet has, has been demonstrated during the bad weather this winter. Nearly every street in town is improved, and after the recent snow, which was the heaviest seen here in years, the streets were in their usual good condition within forty-eight hours. It is necessary to drag the streets often especially after a rainy spell, but the streets are always in good condition. No other town the size of Hamlet in this section can boast of such streets.

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

A Column of Short Paragraphs That  
Were Collected With Very Much  
Care By the Editor.

Hickory.—The revenue officers in company with H. W. Jones, who always gets them, captured two stills several miles north of Hickory, in Burke county. One man, Lael by name, was captured. They found the still near Lael's house. He was carried to Morganton jail to await a hearing.

Charlotte.—It was stated by a prominent local Republican that only one more vote for Charlotte than is already assured on the Republican state executive committee is needed to assure the delegates of that party the rare pleasure of a visit to the Queen City as its official guests.

Rutherfordton.—Will McEntire, who is wanted here on the charge of murdering J. H. Melton, L. B. Hines and J. D. Atchley has been arrested in Tampa, Fla. Ex-Sheriff Ed Beam, through whose efforts McEntire was apprehended has gone after the prisoner.

Durham.—Robert Riggsbee, a young lineman in the employ of the Interstate Telephone Company, fell from a telephone pole on the Main street of Durham and was instantly killed. He was climbing to the top of the pole on the cross arms when he lost his hold in some way and fell to the hard pavement below.

Fayetteville.—The annual convention of the superintendents of public instruction and the high school principals of the southeastern district of North Carolina was opened in Castle hall of the Cumberland Lodge of Knights of Pythias here. The educators discussed supervision and administration.

Salisbury.—A majority of the creditors of George W. McConnell, who failed at Spencer several weeks ago for a large amount, have agreed to accept the offer of 18 cents on the dollar. However, as all have not expressed a willingness to do this, the matter is not closed and there is still a probability that such a settlement may not be reached.

Rocky Mount.—At a meeting of Company C, National Guard of this city held in their armory, they elected Mr. Bruce Q. Nabers, formerly of Charlotte, but lately of this city, second lieutenant to succeed Mr. A. E. Dickinson, who resigned. The company is in a flourishing condition, getting new members at each meeting and are now preparing for the inspection which will be held on March 1.

Salisbury.—A special meeting of the Home Mission Board of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod was held in the office of Judge B. B. Miller to consider the extending of financial aid to the congregation at Greenville, S. C., where a valuable building site has already been secured upon which to erect an edifice. Rev. C. L. Miller, who has for some time been field secretary for Lenoir College at Hickory, will be in charge of the mission at Greenville.

Statesville.—At the next meeting of the board of county commissioners, to be held on the first Monday in March, there will be considerable business to come up in connection with the road work now being done by the county as a result of the \$400,000 bond issue voted last year. This work is being pushed rapidly, though the bad weather of the past few weeks has interfered considerably.

Winston-Salem.—H. W. Jennings, who has resided near Rural Hall for several years, has fallen heir to an estate of \$80,000, left by an uncle who died recently in Idaho. Mr. Jennings has sold his farm in this county and will leave for Idaho to live. The uncle had not been heard of by his family for many years and the bequest came as a surprise to Mr. Jennings.

Reidsville.—Messrs. W. H. Highfall and J. P. Gann had a narrow escape from death at the cotton mill at Mayodan, when the elevator fell on them. The elevator had fallen once before that morning and they were under it, trying to find the cause, when it fell again, striking them with terrific force. Mr. Highfall was knocked senseless, and remained so for ten hours and Mr. Gann received a bad wound on the head. Both are some better.

Raleigh.—Mr. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary of the North State fair, has returned from New York, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the National Trotting Association, which met in that city on the 14th inst., as the representative of the North Carolina Agricultural Society.

Statesville.—The last of a series of meetings held in various sections of the county for the teachers of the county schools will be held in the near future by County Superintendent L. C. White. The first of these meetings will be for the teachers of Olin township.

Reidsville.—A white man escaped from the convict force near Madison and was captured at Mount Airy. County Road Supervisor Ester left here to bring him back to serve the eight months remainder of his term. Raleigh.—By a compromise settlement in superior court just made Mrs. Cornelia Woodall receives from the city of Raleigh \$1,400 damages for a broken arm. She was thrown from her buggy on account of bad condition of a street crossing. Her husband sued for \$5,000 also but accepted judgment for the city to pay the costs in his case.

## RAISE POSTAL RATES

PRESIDENT CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SECOND-CLASS MAIL.

### SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Transmits Postmaster General's Report Which Shows Profit in Postal Department for First Time in History.—Parcel Post Is Urged.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A raise in the rate on second-class mail matter is recommended in the annual report of the postmaster general which was transmitted to congress today, accompanied by a special message from the president. For the first time in the history of the department a profit is shown for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

Accompanying the document was the report of the commission on second-class mail matter appointed by joint resolution of congress on March 4 of last year and a brief message of the president, in which he called attention to the principal features of the two reports.

The report of the commission on second-class mail matter makes the following recommendations:

1. The rate of 2 cents a pound on copies mailed by publishers to subscribers, to news agents, and as sample copies, and by news agents to their subscribers or to other news agents.
2. The rate of 1 cent for each 4 ounces for copies mailed by other than publishers and news agents; that is, the present transient rate.
3. The present free-in-county privileges retained, but not extended.

The commission also recommended that the cent-a-copy rate for newspapers other than weeklies and for periodicals not exceeding 2 ounces in weight, and the 2-cent-a-copy rate for periodicals exceeding 2 ounces in weight, when mailed at a city letter-carrier office for local delivery, be abolished.

As to the effect and adequacy of the proposed increase of 1 cent a pound in postage the commission says:

"Such an increase will not, in the opinion of the commission, bring distress upon the publishers of newspapers and periodicals, or seriously interfere with the dissemination of useful news or information. A reasonable time should be allowed, after the rate is fixed, before it is put into effect. While the new rate will be very far from compensating the government for the carriage and handling of section of such a service, it will to some extent relieve the existing burden and result in a more equitable adjustment of rates."

Both the president and the postmaster general concur in the recommendations.

President Taft again concurs in the recommendation of the Postmaster General for the adoption of a parcel post system, suggesting the inauguration of such a service on rural routes and in the city delivery service first.

Hitchcock's recommendation for government ownership of the telegraph lines under the supervision of the postal service is not approved of by the president. Regarding this he says:

"There is only one recommendation in which I can not agree—that is one which recommends that the telegraph lines in the United States should be made a part of the postal system and operated in conjunction with the mail system. This presents a question of government ownership of public utilities which are now being conducted by private enterprise under franchises from the government. I believe that the true principle is that private enterprise should be permitted to carry on such public utilities under due regulation as to rates by proper authority rather than that the government should itself conduct them. This principle I favor because I do not think in accordance with the best public policy thus greatly to increase the body of public servants."

The report of the Postmaster General is full of statements of changes in the organization and methods of the postal service made since the last annual report, and of tentative drafts of legislation embodying certain recommendations of the department which need legislation to carry them out. It also calls attention to the fact that the revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, amounted to \$237,879,823.69 and that the expenditures amounted to \$237,660,705.48, making a surplus of \$219,118.12.

The report shows that the postal savings system was begun experimentally in January, 1911, and that it has now been extended so as to include 7,500 presidential post offices, which includes practically all of the post offices of that class. Preparations are also being made to establish the system at about 40,000 fourth-class offices. The deposits in 11 months have reached a total of \$11,000,000, distributed among 2,710 national and state banks.

#### Wonderful Experiences.

"When I was out in the country last summer," said the beautiful chorus girl, "I milked a cow."

"Oh, you haven't anything on me," replied the artist's model. "I visited an aunt of mine in the country last fall, and one evening I helped her wash the dishes."

#### An Empty Tradition.

"Pop, why are you called the head of the family?"

"It is merely a courtesy title, my son."