

Fair Tonight and Tomorrow--Cooler

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTED NO ECONOMIES

Railroads Claim Annual Deficit of Department Has Been Reduced Only by Cutting Down Amount Paid Them for Hauling Mail.

No economies have been effected by the postoffice department in the past twelve years, according to the charge made today in a statement by the railroads of the country. The carriers claim that the only way the annual deficit of the postoffice department has been reduced has been by cutting down the amount paid the railroads for hauling mail.

Declaring that the entire burden of the annual postal deficit has been placed upon the railroads of the country, the statement issued today by the committee on railway mail pay, says:

"During the ten years from 1901 to 1911 the department took up an enormous increase in business at a greatly decreased cost for railway transportation and at a largely increased cost for other purposes. It cost the department, for purposes other than railway transportation, nearly nine-tenths of \$126,245,620 to add that amount to its gross receipts (although for these other purposes it had previously spent less than seven-tenths of its gross receipts) while it required less than one-tenth of the same sum to pay for the added railway transportation that the new business required although at the beginning of the period railway transportation had cost more than one-third of the gross receipts. This startling comparison fully warrants the conclusion that the power of Congress and the department has been exercised to force upon the railroads, by reducing the payments for their services, the burden not only of the effort to eliminate the annual postal deficit but of considerable increases in other forms of postal expenditures. No reference to rural free delivery will serve to explain away the conclusion suggested by this comparison, especially since only a fraction of the cost of that service represents really an additional net outlay. This service has permitted a reduction of one-third in the number of post offices and has been in many cases substituted for star-route service and the savings thus permitted ought to be credited to it before determining its cost.

"The increases in postal expenditures were necessary, between 1901 and 1911, is not denied. The period was one in which steady and exten-

sive increases in the cost of living made necessary considerable increases in the salaries of postal employees and in the cost of postal supplies, precisely as the railroads were impelled to increase the salaries and wages of their employees and were obliged to pay higher prices for their supplies. In other words, the purchasing power of the American dollar, and of standard money everywhere, greatly decreased and this decrease affected the postoffice department as it has affected every business undertaking. But the purchasing power of the railway dollar decreased exactly as that of all other dollars and it was unreasonable and unjust that while this change was in progress, the losses which had entailed in the postal service of the government should be shifted, as it has been shown they were, to the railroads which were, at the same time, suffering far greater losses from the same cause."

XMAS STORES VISITED BY GREAT NUMBERS

Washington is fast taking on the Christmas air. All the stores are being visited not only by citizens of Washington but from the country, eager to see the many attractions on exhibition suitable for holiday gifts. A Daily News man met a visitor from the country this morning on the street and when questioned as to why he was in the city replied: "I am just here to see the pretty things displayed in the show windows. I am now making a tour of every store and you can believe it or not but I am more than interested." This is but the opinion of a large number who are coming to Washington to see the Xmas display.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

At the C. M. E. church tonight Rev. R. A. Carroll, D. D., formerly of New Bern, N. C., but now P. E. of the Washington district of the Baltimore and Philadelphia conferences of the A. M. E. church tonight, Subject, "Killing in Self-Defense." All are asked to come out and hear him. Seats free.

R. D. WALLS CRITICALLY ILL AT HOME WEST THIRD STREET

One of Washington's oldest and highly esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. R. D. Walls is critically ill at his home on West Third street. He has been confined to his bed since Thanksgiving Day. For years he has been an honored citizen of this country. He was a brave Confederate soldier. His friends all over the country will regret to learn of his indisposition and it is to be hoped he will soon be convalescent.

NEARLY COMPLETION.

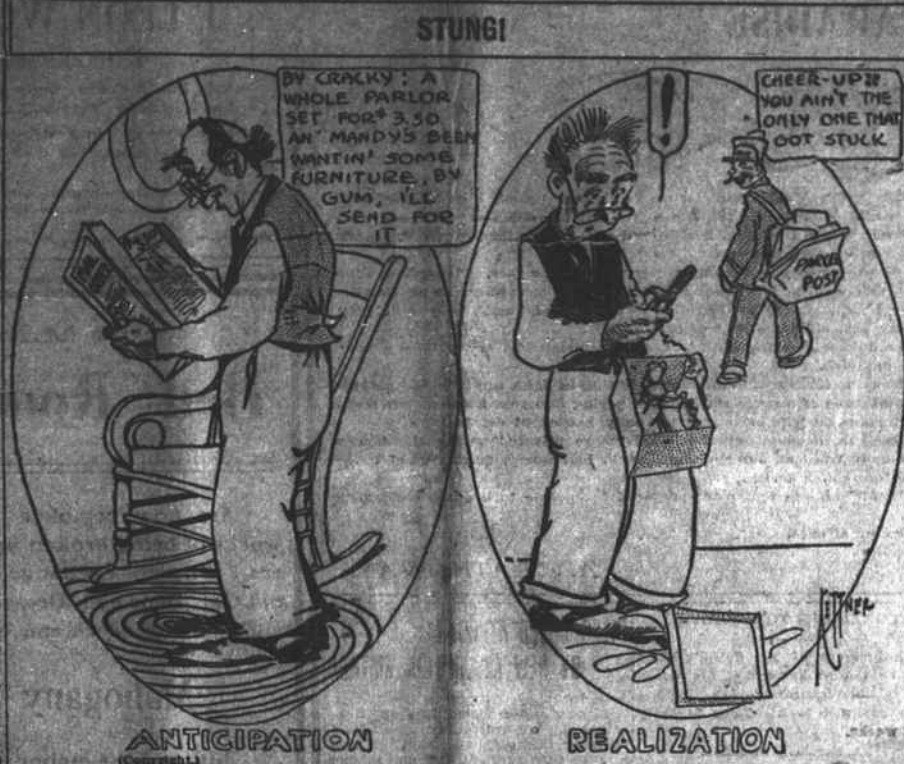
The new residence of Mrs. Hudnell, corner of Washington and Second streets, is nearing completion.

BAKER SAYS.

The picture business with us is slow. Lots of people who haven't had their pictures taken in many years. Have summed up the courage once more and had their likenesses taken for their loved ones. This will be our last advertisement this year. We want to thank the public generally for their kind patronage. We hope our efforts have not been in vain. That our work will bear out our imprint many generations to come. We thank you. And hope to share a good portion of your trade in the year 1913.

BAKER'S STUDIO.

LOST—BETWEEN WASHINGTON and Aurora, one suit case, containing one set white fur and valuable jewelry, etc. Liberal reward and no questions asked if returned to the Daily News office or Mrs. J. E. Foster, Aurora, N. C. 12-13-12



COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS GIVE INTERESTING NEWS

BROAD CREEK ITEMS.

The weather still continues very cold.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Boyd and two children of near Zion was visitors around Broad Creek Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cutler visited Mrs. O. L. Sparrow at Hawkins School House Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Latham spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. George Sullivan.

Miss Ira Green will leave Saturday for New Bern, where she will visit friends and relatives at that place. We wish her a merry Xmas and a pleasant trip.

Miss Nellie J. Latham spent Saturday night with Miss Laura Whitely.

Glad to know that Mrs. E. W. Allgood is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitely and little daughter, Miss Golda, spent from Friday until Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Whitely, at Pantego.

Miss Essie Latham is still visiting her sister in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cutler and daughter, Miss Lella, spent Sunday with friends at Jessama.

Mr. Otis W. Woolard of Broad Creek, Mr. Ed. Cutler, Mr. Joiner Allgood of Jessama, spent a while Sunday night the guest of Miss Laura Whitely.

"Hello" Pinetown. Don't get scared before you get hurt. Here I come again with all the news you can read.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Singleton and children attended church at Rosemary Sunday and was guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Woolard, of that place.

There was quite a crowd of young folks went to see Mr. Mack Black Sunday p. m., who is getting along nicely.

Mr. Sam reposes of your city spent Friday night with his cousin, Jesse Latham.

There was quite a crowd of young visitors fathered at the home of Mrs. W. T. Latham Sunday night.

SINGLETON NEWS.

We have been absent for quite a long time, so thought we would write again.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, so I've been told so maybe we will hold a dearer spot in the readers heart after this. See!

Mr. M. G. Singleton, of Pineville, held services at Singleton's Sunday. There was quite a crowd out to hear him, and they seemed to enjoy his sermons.

Miss Lizzie Harrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Cecilia Singleton.

Miss Mary Peels and Alfred Robinson of Macedonia, attended church at Singleton's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, of Pineville, spent Sunday at Mr. H. R. Woolard's.

Some of our sports are expecting to attend the Xmas entertainment at Carolina Institute Friday night.

MISS LAURA HODGES, OF OLD FORD, SPENT A FEW DAYS WITH HER SISTER, MRS. J. WEELEY WOOLARD, LAST WEEK.

Mr. Green Singleton and sister, Miss Parthenia, were the guest of Mr. S. L. Willard and family Sunday.

No, Pinetown, we haven't giving you the forever farewell, as you see we have come back once again, and will try to call once a week after this.

Mr. Jodie Roberson and teacher, Miss Bullock, of Carolina Institute, were the guest of Miss Myrtle Willard Sunday.

Some of our young people attended the party at Swainsland Saturday night.

For the first time in quite awhile we are free from any sickness in our neighborhood, which we are very glad to say.

Hogkilling is the order of the day now.

Preparing for Xmas will keep us busy next week. Hoping you all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

We hear the wedding bells are to ring not far away ere the New Year dawns. Somebody will be heart broken, but boys make the best of it you can. It could be worse.

The party was quite a success Friday night, and the teacher feels grateful for the aid all rendered in it.

Take, which do you believe in, patronizing things at home or abroad? "Doesn't charity begin at home?" Any way that is what the good book says.

Messrs. Snodde and Jodie Hardin, of Chocowinity, and Misses Amanda Buck and Nellie Gatlin, of Yanborough, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Zula Willard. They all called to see Misses Annie Hodges and Lucie Woolard Wednesday night.

Some of our young men get worried with the girls and take their suite on their term, but boys your time will come yet.

GILEAD.

Mrs. Nancy Galloway has been quite ill of malarial fever.

L. J. Bishop went to Aurora Friday afternoon.

J. G. Latham, of Belhaven, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Nancy Galloway.

J. W. Latham, J. B. Girard and Mrs. Walter Tyson, of Blount's Creek, were here Sunday.

C. K. Cutler, who has been quite sick, is up again.

W. G. Yeates, P. L. Hill, and G. B. R. Cutler went to the venue at Chocowinity Cross Roads, Saturday.

A. B. Yeates returned from Richmond, Va., Saturday.

Bragaw, you saw I am breaking a new mule. Well, I didn't know it, but if I am, I am going to get him ready to hire to the next fellow that comes along, lugging a heavy suit case and working for an automobile. Brother Fox is sorter foxy. He'll quite agree to that. But he's nobody's proxy. And he wears his own hat. (Continued on Page Three.)

MRS. KLAPP NO BETTER.

Mrs. C. M. Klapp, who has been indisposed for the last three weeks, is just about the same. She holds her own well but seems to have a hard fight before her. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

OLDEST BUSINESS MAN.

Mr. Isaac Buck is now celebrating his thirty-fifth year in the market business in Washington and also enjoys the distinction of being the oldest citizen here now in active business. His many friends wish him many more happy and joyous returns.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

The different Sunday schools of the city are now making preparations for their annual Christmas entertainments and the pupils of the respective schools are anticipating them with great pleasure.

COL. RODMAN RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS DAILY

Major Wiley C. Rodman, who was recently elected Colonel of the Second North Carolina Infantry, National Guard, in succession to Colonel H. Churchill Bragaw, who resigned, is daily receiving congratulations from all parts of North Carolina over his election to this high and responsible position. Colonel Rodman will fill the position with credit not only to the guard, but the State as well. His selection is one that carries with it reward for faithful service. Under his supervision the second regiment will make great progress for he knows military rules and tactics from A to Z.

EXPECTED FRIDAY.

The Washington Horse Exchange Company expect a carload of horses and a car load of mules from Western markets tomorrow from St. Louis by express.

FINE SERVICE.

The prayer meeting service at the First Methodist church last evening was highly enjoyed. Beginning with the service last night the Acts of the apostles will be studied.

BEING TORN DOWN.

The Oyster Canning Factory building is being torn down. It looks as if the owners of the plant will not open their plant here anymore. This is to be regretted.

NO PRAYER MEETING.

There will be no Nicholsonville prayer meeting held on tomorrow evening. It has been decided by those in charge to dispense with his usual weekly meeting until after the holidays.

PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

The concrete floor being placed in the building occupied by the Volunteer Hose Company, City Hall, is practically completed and shows a decided improvement.

BLAIR DENIES HE SHOT THOMPSON IN SELF DEFENSE

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 19.—The State rested its case against William F. Blair for the murder of Geo. G. Thompson, former Southern Railway division freight agent, today and in the afternoon the defense called Blair to the stand in his own behalf. In a recital which consumed three hours the witness described the incidents surrounding Thompson's visit to his home, by invitation of Blair, and the conversation which culminated in an attempt by Thompson to strangle him because he threatened to report Thompson for alleged false reports unless he rescinded his order dismissing Blair as chief clerk in the freight office.

"When I told Thompson that unless he treated me fairly in the matter I would lay the entire matter before a superior official he lunged at me, threatening: 'D— you, I will kill you.' His face had an expression of death and there was a glare to his eye like that of a wild man. Thompson lunged and struck at me and I retreated, seizing the pistol as I passed through the library. 'D—the pistol,' shouted Thompson, and again he rushed me. I fired and continued to retreat. With the second shot he seized my throat and was choking me. I emptied my pistol and struck him with it being his fell. I believed if I did not shoot he would kill me."

During this recital Blair came from the witness stand and in a high-toned position of the pistol and re-enacted the manner in which he retreated before Thompson.

The defense will close tomorrow, it was announced.

CONDITION ABOUT THE SAME.

The condition of Mrs. T. W. Phillips remains about the same today. She has been critically ill for the past two weeks at her home on West Second street.

BRITISH WARSHIP TO BRING REID'S BODY TO U. S.

London, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Whitlaw Reid has decided to accept the offer of a British warship to convey the body of her late husband to the United States. The arrangements will be completed between the British Foreign Office and the American State Department. Hundreds of applications have been received from prominent persons for seats in Westminster Abbey for the memorial service in memory of the late ambassador; which is to take place Friday.

Hearty tributes were paid to the late United States Ambassador Whitlaw Reid at a large meeting today of the American Society. Many appreciative speeches were made and resolutions were adopted paying respect to his memory and expressing sympathy with his family.

The president of the gathering, Walter Blackman, said that no name would take a higher place than that of Whitlaw Reid in the long list of illustrious ambassadors sent from the United States to the court of St. James.

Consul General John L. Griffith spoke eloquently of Whitlaw Reid as a powerful bond of union between the United States and Great Britain.

Several other speeches also were made by prominent Americans in London eulogizing the dead ambassador.

A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Whitlaw Reid and of appreciation of the late ambassador's character and public service was passed today by the London Luncheon Club, which is composed of representative business and professional men and of which Mr. Reid was the only honorary member.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

A concrete platform has been placed in front of the E. Peterson Company wholesale grocery on West Main street. It is a decided improvement.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FOR XMAS FRIDAY; OPEN JAN. 6

The Washington Public Schools will close for the holidays tomorrow and will open again on Monday January 6.

Several of the grades have prepared attractive exercises to take place tomorrow. The first exercise will be in the kindergarten department. This is scheduled to take place at 9:30 o'clock. The other grades will have their Christmas exercises between 12 and 1 o'clock. Anyone in the city desirous of witnessing these

exercises is at perfect liberty to be present. Mrs. W. R. Bright's grade will donate suitable gifts to the inmates of the County Home. They will go via automobiles to the county institution and the members of the grade are anticipating this occasion with a great deal of pleasure. The Daily News wishes every student of the city schools a happy Christmas and they deserve it for they have done excellent work so far this session.

LIGHTS REMOVED.

Due to an inability of the City Aldermen and the Board of County Commissioners to agree the electric lights which have displayed on the county bridge for the past several months have been discontinued. The lights on the draw, however, are still in vogue. It is to be hoped that the lights all way across the bridge will be reestablished at no distant day. They not only add much to the attractiveness of this popular thoroughfare but enable pedestrians to see their way without difficulty in crossing.

RECORDER'S COURT.

There was only one case before Recorder W. B. Windley at the City Hall yesterday. Clem Morris, white man, was indicted for forgery. He was adjudged guilty and bound over to the next term of Beaufort County Superior Court.

WELCOME VISITOR.

Mr. Fred F. Latham, of Belhaven, N. C., arrived in the city this morning via the Norfolk Southern. Mr. Latham is one of Beaufort County's popular citizens and a warm welcome is always his in Washington.

BEING MUCH ADMIRER.

The Christmas display of toys at the firm of Spencer Bros. are being much admired by the large number of callers daily.

LYRIC THEATRE A MECCA ON LAST EVENING

The attraction at the Lyric Theatre last night was highly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The pictures were interesting and laughable and too instructive. Manager Sparrow is making this after-supper place of amusement a mecca for pleasure seekers. The show last night was one of the best shown at the Lyric in some time.

ATTRACTIVE WINDOW.

Mr. Mitchell, the decorator at the Harris Hardware Company, has again demonstrated his ability as a window decorator. The display windows at this well-known place of business have been much admired for the past two days by pedestrians. He is certainly an expert in his line of work. Mr. Mitchell has also decorated several display windows for the holidays which goes to show his worth in the line.

SIDEWALK COMPLETED.

The concrete sidewalk in front of the public building has been completed and adds much to the attractiveness of the structure.

COTTON MARKET.

Lint Cotton 12 1/2-6.
Seed Cotton 14 1/2-6.
Cotton Seed 12 1/2-6.

COURAGE

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

Have Courage.

Courage is the art of sitting calmly in your seat without stirring and without getting excited when the Brass Band goes by your house and turns around the corner. Courage steps out of the crowd. It stands alone. Courage is native nerve—reined.

Courage is neither bulldozing, nor bare bluff—it's not related to either. Courage isn't physical merely, but moral—mostly.

Courage is naked. Right put through fire and brought out uncracked as dunbrock.

Courage is heartworth making itself felt in deeds. It never waits for chances; it makes chances.

A day without some Courage sprinkled in it is a day little worth while. For Courage makes the Man—and there never was a real man that didn't have Courage.

Courage is a thing born in you—but it is also a thing much bred by use and cultivation.

Today, tomorrow—and every day—have Courage. It makes the heart glad and the soul strong. It starts smiles in the system and stirs up the kind of circulation in a man that makes him go out and do his best at the most humble undertaking.

You can never fail if you have Courage—but you can never win without it. Have Courage!