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ka," the report adds, "greatly expediting the delivery of mails and meeting the special needs of the developing territory."

FREE MAILS

Mr. Hays calls attention that the cost of carrying and handling mails for the executive departments last year was \$8,000,000 for which the department received nothing and he informs the president that it is the purpose to keep account of this in the future and credit the department in the statements of value of service rendered. The revenue which would have been derived at the regular postage rates from the free matter handled last year would have been \$13,191,166, in the report asserts.

Deposits in the postal saving banks during the year fell off \$4,886,417, the report shows, the total on deposit on last June 30 being \$152,339,902 as against \$157,276,322 on June 30, 1920. The reduction of net deposits from the maximum amount held in March, 1919, was \$24,438,621 and Mr. Hays says he has taken active steps to remedy defects in the system and is conducting a vigorous campaign to popularize the system. He asserts that the interest rates are not high enough and that the

depositor had been treated unfairly in the nonpayment of interest unless the deposit was left a full year.

Calling attention to economies effected in the department, Mr. Hays says \$6,276,194 was saved through a readjustment of contracts with the furnishers of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers. He also informs the President that important improvements in plans for purchasing have been made, resulting in large savings.

Other portions of Mr. Hays' report deal with his efforts to humanize the Postal Service and to enlist the people's interest in its largest usefulness and greatest efficiency.

TARIFF LAW SUITS SOUTHERN TEXTILES

By PARKER ANDERSON.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The House tariff bill as passed is entirely satisfactory to the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Stuart W. Cramer of Charlotte told the Senate Finance committee Thursday. There are a few minor changes which the cotton people would like made, but they are of no great importance. However, it is understood, the Senate finance leaders intimated that these changes would be made.

President Harding will meet a delegation of good roads advocates Monday when he will be invited to attend the convention in Arizona. Colonel Benjamin Cameron of Staunton will be one of the delegation which will extend the invitation.

A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, Colonel Clem Manley of Winston-Salem, J. W. Dawson and wife of Charlotte, R. H. Noel of Rocky Mount and W. M. Hendrie of Winston-Salem are here.

COOPER EXTENDS WELCOME.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 9.—Governor Robert A. Cooper will formally welcome Marshal Foch to South Carolina when the generalissimo reaches Greenwood late this afternoon. Special trains are expected to bring a large number of visitors, from every section of the State.

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emption on but \$100 worth. This will, in the opinion of proponents, bring in large sums of money from people in the counties who do not own \$300 worth of property and have consequently been escaping all taxation.

THE SAMS BILL.

The Sams bill is one of the most important pieces of legislation relating to public finance that has been introduced at the special session. It provides that all issues of bonds by any city, county or other unit of taxation in North Carolina shall be listed with the State Auditor. The statement sent to the State Auditor shall show the amount of the bond issue or notes then outstanding—that is on March 1, 1922 the effective date of the bill—the date of these bonds or notes, the time or times of maturity, the interest rate, the place where principal is payable, the denominations and the purpose for which they were issued, together with the official name of the board in which administration and payment of the funds is vested.

All of this information will be furnished on blanks which will be supplied by the State Auditor. At the proper time before the bonds are due or the interest due, the auditor will notify the recording officer of the board issuing the bonds. The board shall also be notified of the outstanding bonded or public debt thirty days before the time for fixing the tax rate, and every taxing body shall levy a tax of sufficient size to take care of interest on the bonds and pay for them at maturity. Failure to do so will subject any member of such board to a fine of \$200.

The bill also takes care of the sinking fund or other provision for paying off bonds and notes at maturity. Any board which, after creating a sinking fund, uses the money for any other purpose than meeting these obligations, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

THANKS MR. BEAMAN.

The resolution of thanks to Morris R. Beaman struck the funny bone of the Senate when it first came over from the House, where it was introduced and passed. When the resolution was called by the reading clerk for final passage, Elmer Long wanted it read for he "thought he might learn something from it."

The reading clerk worked over the

reading until he came to that portion which thanked the former secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for his "far-down" service. The Senate thought he was not reading the thing correctly and had him read it over several times, but Mr. Broughton stuck to the "far-down". And so it passed. Then Mr. Brassfield, following conference with Mr. Templeton, father of the measure, explained that the wording should have been "far-flung". So Gallert did not like that and he moved reconsideration in order to put in a more "intelligent" expression. He offered an amendment to make it "distinguished" instead of far-flung. Sumner Burgwyn, who has not seen much reduction in freight rates, wanted to amend by putting in the words "trying to" before "securing better freight rates", but during the course of preparation of this amendment, decided not to offer it.

While the bill was about to get in shape for another third reading, Mark Squires told the Senate that he understood there was some controversy as to who should have all the credit for the freight rate fight. He did not let the measure proceed but he passed until a committee had made an investigation.

"To what committee would you suggest it go?" the chair asked.

"The Committee on Corporation Commission." There was a laugh, but Mr. Squires had his motion put. The Senate thought this a little too much irony, and killed the motion. Mark Squires came back with a motion to refer it to Judiciary No. 1, although some suggested it should go to "Propositions and Grievances", and the latter motion prevailed.

The Senate passed on second and third readings all of the local bills which were scheduled for the day, went into executive session to confirm the nominations of W. C. Wilkerson as highway commissioner from the sixth district; J. R. Boyd, Haywood, and E. P. Wharton, of Guilford, on the Morganton Hospital Board; S. Westry Battle as member of the Geological Board, and George Haywood, of Edgecombe, as a member of the board of State Hospital. Adjournment was then taken to 11 o'clock Friday.

CONRAD-HARTLEY.

Salisbury, Dec. 9.—Announcement has just been made of a wedding that occurred in Danville October 15, the groom being George Conrad, of Lexington, and the bride, Miss Rhylma Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hartley, of Salisbury. The couple will make their home in Salisbury.

The groom is a trainman on the Southern north from Spencer. Mrs. Conrad is teaching school this session at Rowan.

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SCHORR-CUTTINGHAM.

Salisbury, Dec. 9.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Klutz, on South Ellis street, Wednesday evening Mrs. Klutz's sister, Mrs. Corrie Boyd Cuttingham, of Concord, and William B. Schorr, of Asheville, were married, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Byron Clark.

The couple have gone on a visit to points in New York and Pennsylvania and, upon their return, will live in Asheville.

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