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RURAL CARRIERS GET SALARY INCREASE.

There are 41,562 rural mail carriers in the United States and their salaries aggregate $35,793,000. As the result of an order issued by Postmaster General Hitchcock, the carriers are to receive salary increases during the current fiscal year amounting to a total of $4,000,000. This means an increase of $100 for all carriers on standard routes and a proportionate increase on the shorter routes. The present salary of the carriers of the standard routes is $900 per annum.

All friends of the rural delivery system, and that is practically everybody in the cities and in the country, will rejoice that the pay of the carriers is to be increased. They are worth to the country all that it costs the government to maintain the rural delivery system, and much more. The work of the carriers is arduous and they are not likely to be overpaid for the service they perform. Certainly they are not overpaid at present. While it may be contended that some men who are in the rural mail service are earning more than they could earn if otherwise engaged, it must be admitted that most of the carriers give their patrons efficient service, and so long as they do this the service rendered is worth all it costs.

The two greatest movements ever inaugurated by the Federal government for the benefit of the country districts of the South are the rural delivery of mail and the farmers' demonstration work. The rural delivery system is fifteen years old and was started with eighty-three carriers, who were paid $200 per year. The farm demonstration work began to exercise its influence upon rural life in the South a number of years after the rural delivery of mail had grown to large proportions. Both have been effective in the development of Southern rural life. It is well within the truth to say that there are a hundred newspapers and magazines circulating in the country districts of the South today where but one circulated prior to the establishment of rural mail delivery. This wide dissemination of information has had a marvelous effect upon the lives of the people of the agricultural South. They have become a reading people, and as a result are a well informed people. They are familiar with current events, keep in touch with the markets, and are well informed in regard to most of the public questions and problems of the day. This state of affairs has been attained through reading, and reading of the papers and magazines has been made possible by the daily delivery of mail at the doors of the farm houses. The result of this spreading broadcast of information, this placing the farmers in touch with the balance of the world, has been, as a farmer remarked to the editor of The Telegram recently, that "the farmers are so well informed nowadays they can't be fooled any more."

From an educational and informative standpoint the rural delivery of mail has doubtless been the greatest policy the government has ever adopted for the assistance and uplift of the farmers. From the standpoint of enabling them to help themselves financially and to realize the greatest possible returns from their lands, the demonstration work is pre-eminent. It has given Southern farmers new conceptions of the value of their soil and concrete demonstrations of its productiveness. The demonstration work is designed to teach farmers to cultivate the soil according to the best methods, so that the largest results may be obtained. Modern agricultural methods will make Southern farmers prosperous beyond the dreams entertained by the most sanguine a few decades ago. This increasing wealth of the farmers will mean increasing business for the rural mail carriers, as the more prosperity there is in the agricultural districts the more letters the farmers will write and the greater will be the volume of other kinds of mail received by them.

Scientific diversified farming, the rural delivery of mail, good roads and telephones are some of the things which are becoming common in the South and which will combine to make life in the country pleasant and profitable, as all of the things mentioned contribute both to the pleasure and to the prosperity of the country people.

BOOSTING THE PROPOSED RAILROAD.

Several of the leading newspapers of the State are helping to boost the Greensboro, Roxboro, Henderson and Oxford railroad. The Raleigh News and Observer has mentioned the projected road several times, and yesterday had this to say:

"The proposed railroad from Henderson to Greensboro, via Oxford and Roxboro, would traverse one of the finest sections in North Carolina. It would be a blessing to Greensboro, to every town and the fine agricultural section through which it would pass."

The Wilmington Dispatch advises the people of that city to swat the flies with a baseball bat. The advice to swat is good, but the weapon suggested will be found unsuited for the purpose.

Tom Watson is a candidate for United States Senator in Georgia, and as he proposes to submit his candidacy to a Democratic Legislature this fact is accepted as evidence that Tom is a Democrat again.

The State convention of the North Carolina Farmers' Union will be in session in Salisbury July 26th and 27th. One of the features of the convention will be an address to the members of the convention by Senator L. S. Overman.

News comes from various sections of the country to the effect that there were few marriage licenses issued for July Fourth. The safe and sane movement has made a remarkably strong impression upon the people of this country.

Greenville Piedmont wants to know how many people will be left in Columbia if the hot weather lasts a few weeks longer. But few people will be left in South Carolina if the hot weather continues. They will all seek relief in North Carolina.

That long time friend of the paragraphers, ex-President Castro of Venezuela, is back in that country organizing an insurrection. This is fortunate for the paragraphers, as ex-President Diaz as a subject for bright paragraphs has been worn to a frazzle.

Castro has returned to Venezuela and it is reported that he is assembling an army preparatory to starting a revolution. It is fortunate for this country that Venezuela is not on our borders, as in that case we should probably have the greater part of the United States army maneuvering on the Venezuelan border.

The salary of the Governor of New Jersey is $10,000 per year, and when he is absent from the State a deduction from his salary is made at the rate of so much per day. Governor Wilson was out of the State three days in June and his salary was docked for that time. The money deducted from Wilson's salary goes to the Lieutenant Governor, who is acting Governor when Wilson is out of the State.

Northern people usually have the idea that the summer heat is more oppressive in the South than in their section of the country, yet one never hears of a death from heat prostration in the South, while hundreds have died in the North during the past two weeks from the effects of the heat. This has been an unusually warm summer throughout the South, but the people of this section are fortunate in escaping the kind of heat that kills, which has caused so many deaths in the North and middle Western States.

It is a good thing, in city and country, to keep the buildings painted. Paint pays the user. This is not written for the purpose of boosting the business of the paint manufacturers, but to encourage the owners of homes and other buildings to a course which will improve the appearance of the buildings, thereby increasing the attractiveness of the landscape, and at the same time preserve them. Painted buildings look better than unpainted buildings, and they stand the weather better and last longer than unpainted buildings. Paint is a good thing and is to be had at very reasonable prices. It should be used liberally.

RAIDED SAW DUST PILE.

Five Armed Revenue Officers Attack a Saw Mill Site and Capture It, But The Victory Was an Empty One.

Several days ago The News learned that revenue officers had operated in that section of the South Fork country lying beyond the Whitsett bridge, but could get no particulars. Thursday a man told The News all about it and when pinned down to it swore on his honor that what he told was true.

He said for months past smoke could be seen rising from a certain point in the woods, some distance from the beaten highways; he himself had often seen it and wondered if it was a moonshiner who made the smoke. Always the thin stream of smoke rose from the same place. Others saw it and remarked on it. It was agreed that it was a moonshine plant.

Thereupon somebody must have informed the officers, for, says our informant, a few nights ago five husky minions of the law descended on the neighborhood, armed with Winchester rifles and small arms. They wormed their way through the woods and tangled undergrowth in the cover of darkness and finally arrived within striking distance of the supposed stillhouse. Meanwhile the smoke rose above the tree tops and was gently wafted away by the balmy South Fork breezes.

The officers crept close and lay on their arms. By and by, when the first faint signs of coming dawn were seen, the redoubtable quintette gathered themselves together and charged down upon the still. Breathless, every nerve tingling and every sinew braced, they rushed forward to overwhelm the unsuspecting makers of illicit whiskey, to be shot at, may be, and if so, to shoot their own big Winchesters in response.

At this point in the narrative our informant doubled up and laughed till he cried.

"Well," demanded the indignant newsgatherer, who feared a hoax, "what did they find?"

"A pile of smouldering sawdust," he replied, "that had been a burning for weeks, ever since the saw mill pulled up and moved on. And that's all. You know sawdust will burn in a pile that way for weeks and months and has been known to burn for years. Well, the smoke from that was what we had been seeing, and the revenuers captured it."—Catawba County News.

DON'T BE TOO SOON

(By CARA REESE.)

Maybe you are "too soon." It does not pay to be too far ahead of the general run of people. You may be "too soon" in starting up the particular enterprise, "too soon" in blowing the trumpet or calling a mass meeting.

"Too soon" is as calamitous a condition as "too late," and you have had "too late" drummed into your ears as the very irony of fate all your days. But it is not a whit more annoying and exasperating to be "too late" than it is to be "too soon." The only difference in the irritating circumstance is that "too late" seems to express a finality. But in reality there is no finality, after all. To be "too late" frequently means to be on time for new experiences and an entire change for the better and more suitable. Many a starting point begins where the "too late" of some other condition ends.

But, to be "too soon" is ever and always a soul harrying experience. To be ahead of time with the new device, to write above and beyond the comprehension of the populace, to formulate plans and to map out theories of the vision as you see it while no one else has as much as dreamed of it, are sad and dispiriting accompaniments of being "too soon" in the fields of progress. There is far keener suffering among the "too soon" than in the remorse and regret of the "too late." In the case of "too late," "ye may not enter" the one gate, but there is nothing to prevent entrance through some other door. But to be "too soon," all gates, all doors, all welcoms are closed and you are a mockery.

Take a walk around the square, gifted and inventive genius. Store up the "too soon" truths and discoveries as wealth for those who come after. It is folly to either mourn or to rail at conditions. When you are "too soon" you must expect jibes at the best and but small reward for speed and industry.

There was a little girl who once went to a party with hair curled nicely and the daintiest, sweetest frock. The child, in order to hurry up her own caretakers, had proclaimed the party to take place as soon after school hours as the guests might make ready. She went, she knocked. A coarse maid, up to her eyes in dust brush and scrubbing outfit, opened the door and gazed on the dainty one who had come "too soon." "Go away, you brat, till dark," and the door was slammed.

Ah, it was a long, long wait "till dark." and the little one grew hungry and distrustful. She walked the length of the street as far as she dared, then back again. Little acquaintances now and then passed that way, but they laughed at the predicament. No one in authority noticed her plight. At last, when the lights began to twinkle, the child went home, face tear-stained and garments rumpled somewhat from the first freshness. "Too soon" for the party, "too soon," an early bitterness never forgotten.

Ah, there are brilliant ones who "go home" after a lifetime of knocking in vain, after patient waiting and striving; the hordes says "stay out!" To be first has a penalty, to be "too soon" is a bitter joke.

READING CHARACTER

(By ROBERT SNOWDEN.)

A pointed chin is said to be a sign of craftiness, wisdom and discretion.

A soft, fat double chin shows sensuousness and an indolent temperament.

A flat chin shows a cold, hard nature.

A retreating chin is a sign of silliness, and if the brow is receding, of imbecility.

A broad chinned woman is faithful.

A square chin shows a determined will.

A rather long but not flat upper lip denotes eloquence.

A very long, flat upper lip, and a straight mouth is a sign of a low, vicious character.

Where the space between the nose and the red part of lip is short and sharply cut, it indicates refinement, but not much power. Where this space is unusually short there is no force of intellect.

Beware of the person who carries his left foot in toward his right when walking. He is probably a kleptomaniac.

The man of short, nervous step is a business man of energy, and if this stride is only from the knees, he is cold and selfish.

A long stride indicates energy, but of an erratic kind. While a good fellow, the man with the long stride is generally unreliable.

Great statesmen and great philanthropists have a home, shambling gait, which comes from thinking more about others than about themselves.

The saunntering man is not always a dreamer, but a man with a quick, active brain, who thinks much.

Flat-footed people are usually good natured. Flat footed girls have a sympathetic, kindly nature, while the girl with the arched foot is apt to be selfish.

The vacillating person who changes his mind a dozen times a day sets an uneven pace. Sometimes he walks at a furious rate, which after time dwindles down to a saunter. This is the man without stamina, who works by fits and starts.

A Change of Climate.

Three men had come to see Mr Blank, a prosperous shoe manufacturer of Rhode Island, who invited them to go over his new factory. The day was warm, and one of the guests was stout, but they accepted the invitation. At the factory they took an elevator to the top of the building, the seventh floor, where the cutting was done. Mr Blank then conducted his guests through the factory, following the course that a pair of shoes would take in the course of making. He explained each process carefully, and answered many questions. When the party at last reached the first floor the stout man wiped his heated face and turned to his host. "There is one question, Mr Blank that I should like to ask." "And what is that, sir?" "I should like to know if we are still in the State of Rhode Island."

Noble Tact.

Lord Rosebery is noted for his tact, and for his ability to say the right thing at the right moment.

On one occasion when he was giving a dinner to some of his tenants, an old man, who sat next to him, was evidently much impressed by the magnificence of the meal, the like of which he had never seen before.

When the ices came on, the chap eyed his portion curiously, and then put such a huge piece in his mouth that he nearly cried aloud with the cold.

"Why," he exclaimed, in surprise when at last he regained his breath, "this pudding's frozen!"

With the utmost gravity, Lord Rosebery tasted a little from his own plate, and then, with a face as stern as a judge's, he said: "Great scott, so it is!"

"See here," exclaimed the angry man, "I bought this cane here last week."

"Yes, I believe you did," rejoined the proprietor calmly. "What's wrong with it?"

"You said the handle was genuine ivory, and I find it is artificial," said the irate party.

"That may be true," replied the dealer, "but it is no fault of mine. I imported all my ivory from Africa, and the only explanation I can give you is that the elephant may have had false tusks."

A little lad who was found crying, when asked what was the matter replied: "Dad's gone and shaved, and now I suppose I'll have to wear all them red whiskers!"

CULTIVATE HER MOTHER

(By AMANDA MOORE.)

Cultivate her mother—oh, yes, and her sister, too, if she has one! Relations are a potent factor for weal or for woe when a young man goes a wooing, therefore, if you want to be a welcome visitor at your sweetheart's house, be nice to her mother, and make the whole family genuinely like you; so that when you take your departure she will hear kind things about you and not disparaging remarks.

You may think this doesn't count, and that if a girl loves you it won't matter in the least what anyone says. But remember it isn't always love at first sight, and many a promising courtship has come to nothing through the attitude taken up by the family, especially at the beginning, when a girl herself has but a lukewarm interest in you. It is then that an unfavorable verdict may cause her to look at you with more critical eyes and lessen your chances in that direction. Mothers have not the influence they used to have over their daughters, but most of them are still to be reckoned with.

If a mother favors a suitor she can do much to help him and is often more influential than a father, who frequently does more harm than good by overpraising the worthy man he would like to see his daughter married to, till she hates the very sound of his name.

A mother has much more tact. She can let fall the little word that stimulates a daughter's interest, she can give you opportunities of getting to know each other better, and tactfully advise how to win that daughter's heart often comes from her.

It will, therefore, be to your advantage to be pleasant to mamma. She will be gratified by little attentions, so bring her a few flowers from time to time, utilize her advice, and jump at the chance of doing her commissions.

Sense in Short Sentences

He who thinks he has a little to learn learns little and teaches less.

Worry and fret are fatal to integrity of nerve and brain.

Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong.

How many of the chains we bear have we ourselves riveted.

We often do more good by our sympathies than by our labors.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, brightening everything in its vicinity.

Impatitious people are but the victims of circumstances they do not take in anything for their own use, but merely to pass it on to another.

Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything. It is the light that leads and the strength that lifts men up. It robs endeavor of difficulty and makes a pleasure.

The necessity for external government in man is in inverse ratio to the vigor of his self government. Where the law is complete the first is least wanted. Hence the more virtue the more liberty.

It is a great privilege of poverty to be happy, unvexed, to be healthy without physic, secure without guard, and to obtain from the bounty of nature what the great and wealthy are compelled to procure by the help of art.

Salvation Army Work.

Major White and Adjutant Quirk, of Atlanta, Ga., the divisional leaders of the Salvation Army in this district, are visiting the city for inspection of work and some special meetings will be held Friday and Saturday, the 14th and 15th.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the services will be very interesting as some of the converts who are now outcasts will be taken in as full fledged soldiers. This service is very unique in form. The parties stand under the crossed flags and answer to the solemn obligations they are assuming for life.

Captain Lefthy, the officer in charge of the local Army post, says the prospects for the work in Greensboro look bright and hopeful. Although the captain and his sister have recently been placed in charge of this Corps, they have had some bright conversions and have been called on to render aid to a number of sad losers during the hot spell.

The special meetings will be held at the Army hall, 705 South Elm street.

Tradesman (resented by the importunity of commercial traveler)—For goodness sake take yourself off! Your overbearing persistence is enough to make a fellow cut his throat.

Irrepressible Traveler—Ah, now, sir, we shall do a lot of business. In addition to other things, I represent a first-class firm of cutlers. Let me show you samples of my razors.

"Would you ever marry a woman who is your mental inferior?"

"Hum-m, well I suppose I should have to if I married!"

TRYING TO ESCAPE PRISONER WAS SHOT

Alex Chaffin, Jr., Shot by Guard While Trying to Escape From County Road Gang—Chaffin's Story of Plot Formed by Three Prisoners.

But for the unerring aim of Guard Arthur Jessup the county road force, under the command of Capt. J. W. Tyson, would quite likely be minus three prisoners this morning, and as it is one of the prisoners, Alex Chaffin, Jr., is in St. Leo's hospital with both bones in his right leg shattered. According to Chaffin, who was seen by a Telegram reporter while he was in the jail yesterday afternoon before being taken to the hospital, on Monday night a plot was made by himself, Caleb Staton, alias John Joyce, and W. F. Stimmette to make a break for liberty, figuring out that if all three were to make a break in opposite directions almost simultaneously they could escape easily.

Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock the signal was given and Chaffin edged off at a respectful distance and broke into a run. The guards called on him to halt, but he waved a fond adieu, whereupon Guard Jessup brought his Winchester into play and sent a ball crashing through the fleeing prisoner's leg. He fell like a log and the other prisoners who were preparing to join in the flight became as still as statues. Sheriff Jones was at once notified and County Physician G. P. Hone hurried to the scene and bandaged the leg so the wounded prisoner could be brought to the hospital.

It is believed that Stimmette and Staton put the flight notion into young Chaffin's head as he is not regarded as a desperate character. He stated yesterday that in planning for the flight none of the trio counted the Winchesters or thought of the results that were likely to follow a refusal to obey the command to halt when they started to run. He said that he would not make a second attempt to escape from the road force.

Stimmette's record is well known and he is regarded by the authorities as a man who would do most anything. As for Staton or Joyce, since being put on the roads he has denied his brothers who visited him. It has been conclusively proven that he is a married man, as his wife has called at the county jail to obtain his address since he was sent to the roads. Chaffin stated yesterday to Jailer May that had Staton remained in jail a couple of days longer he would have escaped, adding that his brother was arranging to bring him tools and clothes to Jailer May informed him that he would have seen the tools long before Staton had an opportunity to send his option upon them had they been brought there.

Chaffin stated that he hoped they would keep him at the hospital until he was nearly well, as the attentions as well as the cuisine was much better there than at the county hotel-hospital. He was reminded, however, that he had not expect the best as the jail was a place to be abhorred and if prisoners were treated like kings the building would speedily have to be enlarged. He replied that this was so, but the idea hadn't occurred to him before.

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Duchess of Marlboro Buys Capital Home

Special to Telegram.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—Consuelo, Duchess of Marlboro, has purchased the former residence of Matthew Stanley Quay, at 1612 Kay street, in Washington and will occupy the property during the coming social season. The price paid for the mansion is $100,000. The fact that the property has been sold to a member of the Vanderbilt family became known last week and it was reported at the time that Jesse Vanderbilt was the purchaser, but it was not known until today that the Duchess of Marlboro was the purchaser.

Kidney Diseases Are Curable

under certain conditions. The right medicine must be taken before the disease has progressed too far. Mr. Perry A. Pittman, Dallas, Tex., says: "I was down in bed for four months with kidney and bladder trouble and gall stones. One bottle of Foley's Kidney Remedy cured me well and sound." Ask for it. Sherwood Gardner.

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Waiter—Yes, sir; there was, but I wiped it off.

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