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## MAY CUT OFF RURAL ROUTES

**Many of Them Said to be Not Half Paying Expenses, and Many Established Without Reason or Necessity—The Number of Frauds in the Department up to Date.**

There may be some shake up in the rural free delivery system of the government as a result of the investigation into the administration of Supt. Machen who is now under arrest for receiving bribes. One *discovered* from Washington says that one-third of the routes in the States of Georgia, South Carolina, and Mississippi and Alabama are likely to be discontinued, and one-fifth of those in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire may suffer the same fate. Many of these routes, it was stated, were established without any regard for their need and their receipts do not pay one-fifth the salary of the carriers. The district formerly represented by Senator Latimer of South Carolina is plastered with routes of this kind, says the dispatch quoted from. The same authority goes on to say:

It appears from the investigation that routes were established in these two sections named without any possible excuse save as a matter of favor to members of congress and that money appropriated by congress for this purpose was expended with almost criminal extravagance.

Reports have been received at the department showing that on many of these routes in question the receipts do not average \$5 a month, and that on others the amount taken in does not begin to justify the existence of the route.

On all of these routes, however, regardless of receipts, the rural carrier received \$50 a month, so the saving that will be effected by the abolition of a large portion of the service will be enormous.

Officials of the department are not blind to the fact that this course with regard to the rural free delivery service will meet the most determined opposition, but the matter is in the hands of Fourth Assistant Bristow and he will prosecute it. This proposed action on the part of the department does not mean that the growth of the rural free delivery service will be retarded, but merely that it will be allowed to take its natural course and not be forced beyond all bounds of reason, as high officials of the post office service claim has been the practice in the past.

Fourth Assistant Bristow will apply stringent regulations to cover establishment of routes, and the mere request of a congressman for one or more routes in his district, or the presentation to the department of a petition signed by one hundred persons along the line of a desired 20-mile route will not be considered sufficient to warrant the installation of rural service. Heretofore one hundred signers within twenty miles, plus the request of a member of congress, was the standard rule by which routes were installed. In the future the class of people who live along the desired route will be taken into account, the business of the nearest presidential or fourth class office will be gone over, and an effort will be made to arrive in advance at a definite conclusion regarding the amount of business which the contemplated route will transact and the revenue that will result to the department.

**THE UNSEARCHED FRAUDS.**  
On Friday Thos. W. Metcalf, a clerk in the rural free delivery service, and one C. E. Alton, one of his assistants, were arrested on a charge of conspiracy to rob the government. They contrived to buy 20,000 leather pouches used by free delivery carriers, making the government pay \$18,000 for them, when they could have been bought for \$8,000. The arrests so far, besides these, have been as follows:

A. W. Machen, superintendent of the free delivery division, suspended, removed and arrested on charge of bribery.

Daniel V. Miller, assistant attorney for the postoffice department, removed and arrested on charge of bribery.

Jas. N. Tyner, assistant attorney

**Jim Dumps' young wife while yet a bride**  
Some biscuits made with greatest pride.  
Jim looked with fear upon the food,  
But to a bride one can't be rude.  
"Let's eat 'Force' first, dear, 'tis my whim."  
It saved the life of "Sunny Jim."



**"Force"**  
The Ready-to-Serve Cereal  
when in doubt, eat it.

All "Sunny Jim" now.  
"Force" is as familiar and welcome as "Sunny Jim," and that's saying a good deal, for we are all "Sunny Jim's" now. —R. L. Stone.

## Sparks of Public Opinion.

### Oil and Water.

The possibilities of oil and water seem to be too great for the imagination to grasp. One scientist discovers how to burn water for heat and another has now solved the problem of illuminating the world with oil from water. And those who thought they were wise have maintained that oil and water wouldn't mix.

### Dogs in Ice Cream Parlors.

Raleigh, N.C., June 8.—Ernest Haywood, the Raleigh lawyer, the slayer of Ludlow Skinner, was today released on \$10,000 bail, after a hearing of three days before Justices Douglas and Walker.

Several minutes before noon the court house was thronged with people, all intensely eager to hear the result of the application for bail. Haywood smiled, as he sat surrounded by his four brothers, other relatives and eight lawyers.

**Stanly's Side of It.**  
Stanly Enterprise.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court—the Court of the last resort—that the Stanly county bonds are valid and that the county must pay the bonds will come as a disappointment to the many citizens of the county who had expected the converse.

It is unfortunate for the county that the lawyers who instituted the action took the course that has been pursued, in making it appear that the county sought to repudiate the bonds because of a technicality in the act which gave their right to issue. We have thought all along that the proper course to have taken was to have admitted the validity of the bonds, and to allege that the railway company failed to live up to its contract, and secretly and fraudulently mortgaged the road for several times its value, taking care of the preferred stockholders and leaving the county of Stanly with its non-dividend bearing stock of \$100,000, or what is better known in commercial ranks as so much "watered stock."

**Respect for Him.**  
Stanly Enterprise.

A justified bond was given by three brothers and a cousin of Haywood and several friends who justified for \$75,000. This bond was accepted and Haywood released. He entered a carriage immediately and was driven home to see his mother.

**Barn Falls on Forty Cows.**  
Charlotte Observer.

By the collapse of a barn loft at Mr. C. C. Moore's Double Oaks Dairy, last night, 40 cows were covered by falling debris. Three of the animals were killed.

The accident was due to the over loading of the loft with forage. Just after milking time last evening, when the cows had been put in their stalls for the night, the loft gave way and buried the cows under a great mass of hay, straw, fodder and timbers. Forty cows were caught in the crash.

**Dwelling Together in Amity.**  
Charlotte Observer.

There are two newspapers in this State conducted in the same town, of the same political faith, whose editors are members of the same church and who for years have dwelt together in harmony and brotherly love without having exchanged an ugly word against each other. This is so remarkable a thing as to be worthy of notice, but it is a pity that it is so rare. Who has ever been benefited by a newspaper war? Why should not editors, like merchants, live in peace?

**Robbing the Government.**  
Lexington Daily Journal.

Robbing the government is the biggest thing of late, and there seems to be no end to these frauds. It was first announced that there was irregularity in the free delivery system. Secretary Payne in his effort to satisfy the nation and to save the name of his party gave it out that such irregularities were not necessarily criminal. It soon developed that these seeming irregularities were frauds of the blackest dye. Then came a number of arrests. Republican officials of high standing are now under bond and the end is not in sight.

**Grounds for Unity.**  
Charlotte Observer.

Prof. Andrews has had a somewhat meteoric career. He was a professor in a new England University and his free silver views made him persona non grata to the trustees. He then became principal of the Chicago Public Schools and achieved notoriety there by refusing to allow Kipling's *Recessional* Hymn to be used in the schools because it contained the name of God. He is now president of the University of Nebraska. President Andrews contends that he was mistaken in his views as to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and that the reason for his error was the natural one of an unexpected and unsuspected addition to the gold coinage of the world through the development of the Alaskan and African gold-fields. It seems to us that this ground is reasonable enough for all Democrats to stand upon, who sincerely desire the reunion of the divided party and the defeat of Roosevelt Republicanism that will result from such reorganization.

**Watts Bill Passed None Too Soon.**  
Lexington Dispatch.

If the Watts bill had passed 25 years ago many a man who is now poor would be well off and many a fellow would have been saved the humiliation of a term in the pen.

**Watterson Doesn't Like It.**  
From the Louisville Courier-Journal's "Milk in the Cowshed" Editorial.

The proposal to nominate Mr. Cleveland, in short and fine, taking it seriously, is a proposal, first, to Mexicanize the Democratic party, and through the Democratic party, to submit to the voters the issue in 1904 of Mexicanizing the republic.

Owing to the wonderful anti-septic qualities, the Eureka Liniment should be used in the treatment of all tumors and sores where proud flesh is present. It is both healing and cleansing, entirely destroying all parasites and putrefaction. This Liniment acts as a counter-irritant and stimulant.

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## A FUNERAL A MINUTE.

**The Gainesville Dead Buried Very Rapidly—Recovered From the Effects of the Disaster.**

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 20.—

Early this morning grave-diggers and undertakers went to work at their unpleasant duties. Through the streets the hearses made frequent trips to and from the caskets to the cemetery. Physicians have been busy today, as many of the injured are worse, and others need constant attention. Local physicians have had no rest since the disaster came. They have worked heroically, rushing hither and thither as the emergency required.

Many of the visiting doctors remained over today, and it is quite probable that more doctors will be necessary to take the place of those already physically exhausted from the long strain. Almost a funeral a minute was conducted for over an hour yesterday afternoon in the desolated city of mill cottages. Most of the ceremonies were simply a farewell look at the remains, as there were many funerals and few ministers.

The scene in New Holland and the sounds which issue from the stricken homes are pitiable in the extreme. Very few homes are left standing. Those left are badly damaged, being wrenched by the terrible storm, and in these shaky abodes lie the scores of injured who miraculously escaped death. As many as eight to ten they crowd into every available space, since very few houses are left intact, as one man is ever issued to one man.

Several old soldiers who had made applications for crosses were not present to receive them on last Wednesday. Messrs. J. M. Fairley and W. H. Martin received theirs later in the day. Mrs. Klutts pinned crosses upon the following:

E. A. Armfield, Ables Battalion, Fla. Artillery.

W. W. Alexander, company B, 15th regiment, N. C. troops.

W. A. Austin, company I, 48th regiment, N. C. troops.

J. G. Barton, company A, 5th regiment, S. C. troops.

S. E. Belk, company I, 17th regiment, S. C. troops.

M. F. Boyte, company B, 26th regiment, N. C. troops.

A. M. Crowell, company I, 48th regiment, N. C. troops.

T. L. A. Davis, company F, 35th regiment, N. C. troops.

R. V. Houston, company C, 10th N. C. battalion heavy artillery.

H. W. H. Jackson, company B, 15th regiment, N. C. troops.

S. W. Honeycutt, company B, 26th regiment, N. C. troops.

W. B. Long, company I, 48th regiment, N. C. troops.

H. C. Moore, company I, 53rd regiment, N. C. troops.

N. S. Ogleburn, company A, 30th regiment, N. C. troops.

W. H. Phifer, company A, 1st regiment, N. C. troops.

B. F. Richardson, company F, 48th regiment, N. C. troops.

R. J. Simpson, company B, 29th regiment, N. C. troops.

D. D. Stinson, company B, 13th regiment, N. C. troops.

J. M. Stewart, company C, 8th battalion, N. C. cavalry.

J. C. Sikes, company C, 8th battalion, N. C. cavalry.

T. H. Starnes, company B, 43rd regiment, N. C. troops.

L. S. Sechrist, company B, 26th regiment, N. C. troops.

J. M. Stitt, company A, 48th regiment, N. C. troops.

Living at an out-of-the-way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds, ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklin's *Arme Salve*. It's the best on earth. 25¢, at English Drug Co.'s.

**That Throbbing Headache.**

Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I am completely recovered. For liver, kidney, stomach and bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50¢. It's guaranteed by English Drug Co.

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**The Ohio State Republican convention met Thursday, and after the opening prayer by a negro preacher, proceeded to endorse Senator Hanna for re-election, also Mr. Roosevelt for the presidency, and to write a platform directed at the disfranchisement legislation of the South, and demanding a reduction of Southern representatives in Congress.**

Sen. W. S. Bissell, in behalf of the veterans, thanked Mrs. Klutts for her interest and Mr. Dorritie for his speech, and paid a most touching tribute to the women of the Confederacy. "They fought the battles for us," said he, "and they bore the suffering for every bullet wound at the front meant a broken heart at home."

Little Miss Little Klutts sang in fine style the "Homespun Dress," and the very happy occasion came to a close.

**The Closing Exercises.**

The public exercises at the close of the school year should not be omitted. When a whole term's work is given over to preparations for loud display and hollow show, such exercises would be open to objection, but when they grow out of the school's regular work and in matter and manner are characterized by taste, sense, brightness, and earnestness, they are uniformly good for the children, for the parents, for the schools, and for the community. Let the sour old cynics who have mildewed whiskers on their views stay away from the exercise if they want to—but don't abolish the closing exercises of the school.

**Strength and Vigor come of good food, duly digested.**

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## CROSSES OF HONOR GIVEN.

**Mrs. A. W. Klutts of the Chester Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Pins Them on a Number of Veterans.**

Ann Petree, a white woman, and Henry Ross, a negro man, were yesterday brought to the penitentiary to serve a term of fifteen years each. They were sent up from Winston, and were brought here by Sheriff Alsop. Ross was convicted of an attempt to assault a white woman, and the Petree woman was an accessory to the crime. Each was found guilty and will have to serve the sentence above given. The woman has a young daughter and she was with her mother while in jail. Judge Neal, who tried the case, made arrangements for someone to care for the child, but the party who agreed to do this has refused.

**Big Excursion to Wilmington.**

The second annual excursion,

Charlotte to Wilmington, for \$2.50,

by the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Sunday school, will be run Wednesday, June 24. Two trains half an hour apart: first class coaches,

large heavy engines, careful engineers and good time. First train leaves Charlotte 7 a.m., reaches

Wilmington 2 p.m. Returning first

train leaves Wilmington 5 p.m.

on 25th, reaches Charlotte 12 m.

Second train leaves Wilmington 10 p.m., reaches Charlotte at 4 a.m. in

the morning.

Side trips on Steamer Wilton

wagon, Fort Anderson, the Atlantic

Fishery, Fort Fisher, the Rocks,

Southport, Fort Caswell, Bald Head

Island and a trip on the ocean.

Trains run every 30 minutes for those who

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