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## FILLING OF FOURTH CLASS POST OFFICES.

By Clyde H. Tavenner.  
Washington, May 27.—The mail of nearly every member of Congress is being clogged with request for information relative to the filling of fourth-class post-offices. Here is the information most sought:

Q. What was the Taft order pertaining to 4th class postmasters? A. It was an executive order made on Oct. 15, 1912, placing all fourth-class postmasters under Civil Service without examination.

Q. What was the effect of this order? A. It meant each 4th class postmaster in the U. S. then in office would hold the office indefinitely regardless of his fitness or qualifications, vacancies of course to be filled based on a competitive examination.

Q. Wherein was this order unfair? A. It put postmasters under Civil Service who had received their appointment by virtue of political considerations and took no account of merit whatsoever.

Q. What is the "Wilson Way?" A. President Wilson, on May 7, 1913, issued an executive order amending the Taft order, which provides that in all 4th class postoffices where the compensation is \$180 per year or over, there shall be held an open competitive examination by the Civil Service Commission, the result of which shall be certified by the commission to the Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint one of the three receiving the highest rating.

Q. How are they appointed when the compensation is under \$180? A. By the Postmaster General based upon a report made by a post-office inspector.

Q. Who holds these examinations? A. Local examining boards are appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination.

Q. When will these examinations be held? A. It is impossible to tell at this time, but they will be held as soon as the Department can take care of the work and as the needs of the service require.

Q. Where are examinations held? A. At the most convenient point.

Q. How does one make application for examination? A. After an examination is announced the applicant secures, upon request, at the local postoffice, form 1753, which is the proper blank to be filled out and which contains full information pertaining to the examination.

Q. What is the nature of the examination? A. It covers elementary arithmetic, penmanship, letter writing, copying tests together with statement as to facilities for transacting the business of the office.

Q. How can one get more complete information pertaining to this matter? A. By writing to the "Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.," asking for copies of form 1752 and 1759, which contain instructions to applicants and rules and regulations governing appointments, or by writing your number of Congress.

## Kern Was Cured.

Washington, May 26.—The introduction of a resolution by Senator Overman in the Senate today calling for investigation by the public health service of an anti-tuberculosis serum revealed the fact that Senator Kern, democratic leader of the upper house, was treated with a serum in 1906.

Of his illness and cure Senator Kern said afterward: "After several physicians had diagnosed my case as tuberculosis I went to a Sanatorium conducted at Asheville, N. C., by Dr. Karl Von Ruck and remained there four and a half months. I was absolutely cured and I know many others who were there with me who have since completely recovered. Some cases were far advanced."

## Nine Workmen Killed.

Martinsburg, W. Va., May 26.—Nine workmen were killed and four others badly injured today when an eastbound passenger train ran into a gang of laborers employed by contractors on the Magnolia improvement work of the Baltimore and Ohio Volney railroad at Doe Gully, W. Va. The injured men were brought to the hospital here. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained but it is supposed that the contractors' men failed to provide sufficient protection.

We can furnish the tobacco planters.  
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## Closing Exercises of Graded School.

The closing exercises of the Roxboro Graded Schools were held last Thursday and Friday. On Thursday evening at 8:15, the children from the first to the sixth grade gave an entertainment which was highly creditable to the children and their teachers. The plays, Tom Thumb Welding and Cinderella in Flower Land were greatly enjoyed by the throng witnessing them.

The Superintendent thought it wise to make a small charge to defray the expenses of the close, and of course, hoped for a good attendance, but when he arrived on the scene just before time for opening the doors he was amazed at the throng who was seeking admittance. After all seats were sold and all standing room utilized there were hundreds turned away. The jam was something fierce, but with great credit to Supt. Stalvey, there was no accident and everything passed off nicely.

Friday morning at 10:30 the Class Day Exercises were held, and while the attendance was not so large, the young ladies and gentlemen were greeted with a good house, and all felt more than repaid for the time given to the exercises.

The exercises Friday evening at 8:15 brought the Commencement to a close. The following received diplomas or certificates: Annie Laurie Barnett, James Sidney Bradsher, Mildred Josephine Bradsher, Ina May Brooks, Mildred Davis Brooks, Mary Cheek, Annie Myrtle Clayton Hezekiah Hamilton, Hobgood, Ruth Newton, Annie Lewis Pleasant and Layard Kenneth Walker.

Miss Annie Lewis Pleasant's was the winner of the Research Club English Medal and also the R. E. Long Scholarship Medal.

The literary address was by Hon W. A. Devin of Oxford, and was pronounced by a man who heard it as being a gem, never having been surpassed by any of his predecessors. His logic was sound, his English beautiful, and sentiment beyond description. If you failed to hear him you missed a rare treat.

The year just closed has been a most successful one, and the town is proud of Superintendent Stalvey, Assistant Supt. Henry and their very efficient teachers. The entire corps has been re-elected, and as each had made application for their same work it is supposed all will return.

## Business Not Alarmed.

Business—legitimate business—is not alarmed. It can take care of itself. But it is the trust and the monopolies that are howling about the tariff that is being made. James J. Hill spoke truly when he said in Washington the other day: "There is no threatening cloud on the business atmosphere of the United States." He is one of America's most long-headed business men and he is observing conditions. Renewing what he had to say, the Washington Post well says: "To our financiers, our manufacturers, our merchants, to business men of every class and to the general public, the words of Mr. Hill should be of infinite value and afford them much satisfaction."—News and Observer.

## Burglar Proof

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## PRESIDENT WILSON KNOCKS LOBBYISTS.

### They Try to Create Public Opinion. Are Paid for their Work.

Washington, May 28.—Lobbyists in general and particularly those who are trying "to create an appearance of pressure of public opinion antagonistic to some of the chief items of the tariff bill" were scathingly denounced by President Wilson in a statement issued after the newspaper conference today.

"Washington has seldom seen so numerous so industrious or so malicious a lobby," said the president. "The newspapers are being filled with paid advertisements circulated to not only mislead the judgment of public men but also the public opinion of the country itself. It is of serious interest to the country that the people at large should have no lobby and be voiceless in these matters while great bodies of astute men seek to create an artificial opinion and to overcome the interest of the public for their private health."

"The government in all its branches ought to be relieved from this intolerable burden and this constant interruption to the calm progress of debate. I know that in this I am speaking for the members of the two houses who would rejoice as much as I would to be released from this unbearable situation."

## The Social News.

Mrs. J. S. Bradsher's lovely home on Main St., was bright with spring flowers and handsome spring costumes on Friday May 16th when she was hostess to the last meeting of the season of the Friday Afternoon Club.

Little Annie Thompson Bradsher assisted her mother in receiving the guests and little Misses Louise Thompson and Egeline Merritt served punch in the hall. Rook was played at seven tables, several visitors were present, Mrs. Cheatham and Mrs. J. W. Noell tied for the highest score and as the prize was a lovely bunch of sweet peas they were divided between the two. The hostess served block cream and cake.

Mrs. Cheatham was at home to a number of ladies on last Tuesday afternoon at her attractive home on Main St. The hostess' young son, Master Stalvey passed the score cards and guests found their places at the tables for the ever interesting game of Rook—there were about thirty players; after playing for a while delightful refreshments, a salad and cream course was served and a social hour of wit and humor was indulged in, after which the guests bid their hostess adieu, declaring this to be one of the most pleasant afternoons of the season.

## SURPRISING.

It is really surprising that there are still persons so unthinking that they will trust their eyesight to itinerant eye-glass peddlers about whom they know nothing. Is it not safer to patronize a man of reputation? Dr. N. Rosenstein the eye-sight specialist of Durham will be at Roxboro Tuesday June 3rd, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. He backs up his service with an unwavering guarantee.

White Mountain Ice Cream Freezers, triple motion, at Long Bradsher & Co's.

## COL. WM. H. OSBORN HAS REGULAR "CABINET" DAYS.

Parker R. Anderson writes the Greensboro News from Washington as follows:

President Woodrow Wilson is not the only man who holds cabinet meetings with the heads of his several departments. Col. William Henry Osborn, of Greensboro, the newly appointed commissioner of internal revenue, has his regular "cabinet" days. On Mondays and Thursdays of each week the colonel gathers about him each of the heads of the twelve departments directly under him and occupying offices in Washington. Every phrase of the revenue business is discussed with his subordinates at these meetings, and the commissioner says he has learned much about the revenue business that he did not know before he came to Washington.

"Lordy, boss! Col. Osborn is

the most sociable man I ever seen," said William Jones, the old negro who divides his time between standing at the door to the commissioner's office and the colonel's desk blotting the hundreds of letters which the commissioner signs each day. "Boss, I declare before de Lawd dat sure must be a popular man. Folks from down South all de time coming in heah. Dey don't knock at de doah, but they say 'Git away from heah, niggah. Where is Bill Osborn?' And de commissioner he jest sets back and laughs and tells 'em all to come in and sit down. Yes, suh, dat sure is a popular white man."

## Tuesday June the 3rd.

At Roxboro, at the Hotel Jones, Dr. N. Rosenstein of Durham will be at Roxboro on his regular First Tuesday call, at the Hotel Jones for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses.

## To Our Friends and Patrons.

WE have heard some comment on the fact that we do not deliver ice in less than 5 lb. quantities and we take this opportunity to explain this.

If our customers will kindly give this matter a second thought, we feel sure they will see that we cannot possibly afford to make smaller deliveries. We are selling ice at the rate of 35 of one cent per pound. It requires the same amount of time, walking, and trouble to deliver one pound as it does fifty. Just for example, suppose that among our customers, there were fifteen who wished one pound of ice twice daily. On the average, it takes at least 3 minutes to make one delivery. You can see that this would mean time amounting to 45 minutes twice daily or 1 1/2 hours per day. In return for this time, we would only have sold 30 pounds of ice amounting to 18 cents. You can see just the position this puts us in. We are glad, however, to sell ice in any quantity at the ice wagon.

We have put the price of our ice at the lowest possible figure the present consumption will justify. Just as soon as the consumption increases sufficiently to allow us to operate our plant on a mere economical basis, we shall make this price proportionately lower. It is our endeavor to give the best of service and in every case give extra good weight. If for any reason you have cause for complaint we will consider it a favor if you will notify us promptly so that we may adjust same to your entire satisfaction.

Respectfully,

## Roxboro Light & Power Co.

### EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY.

It has been just that way with us all the Spring. And there are reasons for it. The reasons are that the goods the people want are here, the quality is dependable, the prices are right and our service is best. The most capable and obliging sales-people to be found are here and they deserve much of the credit for our fine business.

We are daily receiving new goods. This week we are expecting two good shipments of the very newest novelties in summer dress goods. Also another lot of new shapes in the millinery department.

Big shipment of Onyx hosiery came in last week, 25c to \$1.00. Come to see us often, we will show you something new every time if we have time.

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