

RURAL CARRIERS GET MORE.

Postoffice Department Will Use Extra Appropriation of \$4,000,000 for Benefit of 40,000 Rural Postmen Who Serve Uncle Sam and the Public So Faithfully.

Washington, July 9.—The 40,000-odd rural free delivery carriers in the United States are to receive salary increases as a result of an order issued to-day by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The order provides for the disbursement during the current fiscal year of \$4,000,000, which will mean an increase of \$100 over the present salary of \$900 for all carriers on standard routes, with proportionate increases in shorter routes.

Congress provided last session for the expenditure of this extra \$4,000,000 but left it to the discretion of the Postmaster General as to how much of it should be expended. Mr. Hitchcock decided to-day to authorize the expenditure of the full amount.

His desire to compensate the carriers for any additional burden which may be placed on them if the parcel posts system he has recommended for rural routes is approved by Congress, was the important consideration. Mr. Hitchcock declared to-day, which led him to make the authorization.

The rural delivery system was started fifteen years ago with 83 carriers, who were paid only \$200 a year. On July 1 there were 1,562 carriers, their aggregate salaries being \$35,793,000.

Obituary.

On June 27, 1911, angels visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mitchell and bore away the spirit of their darling little child, Kermit, to live with Jesus for evermore. Little Kermit was born May 30th, 1910, and died June 27, 1911, making his stay on earth one year and 28 days.

His sickness was of long duration being the old effects of measles. All that loving parents and kind physician could do could not stay the icy hand of death.

It was hard to have to part with him but we know that the Lord doeth all things well, and that our darling is waiting to welcome us home.

Gone to rest, our little darling, Here no more we'll see his face; But we'll meet again in heaven, When we've run life's rugged race.

Short his stay, but how we miss him, Stricken hearts alone can say, When we see the little garments— Miss the child face day by day.

Gone to rest, he's free from sorrow, With the angels round God's throne And we soon again shall see him— But our hearts are sad and lone.

When we reach the pearly portals Of the city bright and fair, There we'll meet our little darling— He will bid us welcome there.

MAMA.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our little child Kermit. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mitchell.

The Death of a Little Girl.

On Wednesday evening after the sun had gone down the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith and carried in its arms the dear little girl, Lula Margaret, just thirteen months old. Now it is safe in the arms of Jesus. The friends of the family sympathize with them in their grief and may they so live that when the battle of life is over they may meet the dear little girl in heaven. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Elizabeth church, June 30.

"Only a little rose bud that was bloomed to die so soon, Plucked by the hands of the angels as they bore it away on their wings, But some day in the future it will bloom to die no more, In a better land on high, Where the roses bloom for aye."

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TWO FIRES IN CHICAGO.

One Burns 263 Horses to Death, Causing a Loss of \$500,000.

Chicago, Ill., July 9.—Fire of unknown origin early to-day destroyed the stables of the Arthur W. Dixon Transfer Company, burned 263 horses to death, and caused \$500,000 damage. Scores of firemen narrowly escaped death when the roof caved in. Fire this afternoon destroyed the furniture warehouse of W. C. Reeble & Brothers causing \$100,000 damages. Hot weather made the work of the firemen doubly onerous.

The Use of Nitrate of Soda.

Nitrate of soda is the most available form of ammonia as it is entirely soluble. It does not have to undergo decomposition to become available as do the other sources of ammonia, but as soon as it reaches the moisture of the soil it is dissolved immediately and is at once available to the plant as food. Owing to the readiness with which it dissolves, it should be used with care as it is liable to be washed out of the soil by heavy rains.

Nitrate of soda should not be used with stable manure as denitrification is liable to take place and thus the nitrogen is lost, as it passes into the air as free nitrogen. The time to apply nitrate of soda to grain is in the early spring, from March 1st to March 15th, at the rate of 100 pounds per acre. It should be applied to cotton as a top dressing when the first squares are formed. Most farmers make the mistake of waiting too late to apply the nitrate of soda to the cotton and corn. It should be applied to corn when the corn is about waist high.

The yield of sweet potatoes can be enormously increased by applying 200 pounds after the vines have thoroughly covered the ground. Apply after a rain and the dew has dried off. The amount that should be applied to cotton and corn varies with the fertility of the soil, the amount of other fertilizers used and the seasons. A wet year nitrate of soda should be applied in one or two applications and it is usually more profitable to use it a wet year than during a dry one. At the experiment station we have used as much as 200 pounds per acre on corn and cotton profitably. Nitrate of soda is an especially valuable fertilizer to gardeners and truck farmers. It produces a rapid, healthy growth in vegetables.

The use of nitrate of soda as a side dressing produces a darker green foliage in plants and somewhat retards their maturity. If, however, it is used in the early growth of the plant, it may hasten maturity. It should be used largely as a side application and other sources of ammonia should be used at a time of planting.—J. N. Harper, Director S. C. Experiment Station.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by All Dealers.

Some Old Time Droughts.

During the dry season our attention has been called to the following record of "dry spells" in days gone by and published in The Enquirer in its issue of July 16, 1903:

In the summer of 1621 twenty-three days without rain.

In 1630 forty-one days without rain.

In 1657, seventy-five days without rain.

In 1647 forty-five rainless days in succession.

In 1688, a drought of eighty-one days.

In 1694, sixty-two days without a drop of rain.

In 1705, forty days of dryness.

In 1715 forty-six rainless days.

In 1718, sixty-one days without rain.

In 1720, ninety-two days without rain.

In 1741, a seventy-five days' drought.

In 1749 a terrible drought lasting one hundred and eight days.

In 1762, there was no rain from May 1st to September 1st, one hundred and twenty-three days and very little to sustain life came from the ground that year and many people went to England for hay and grain.—News and Observer.

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SHOTGUN DUEL IN SAMPSON.

Harnett County Landlord and Tenant Disagree and Settle Their Argument in Open Field With Firearms.

Dunn, July 9.—Last Wednesday Dave Truelove and Major Daniel Smith engaged in a battle royal with shotguns near Spring Branch church, about three miles from Dunn. It seems that Smith was a tenant of Truelove's and they fell out over the latter's stock getting into Smith's crop, Smith, accompanied by his son, seems to have been expecting trouble, as he carried his gun to the field with him. Truelove, accompanied by his daughter, came down to the field and ordered Smith out, and, according to Smith's version, Truelove immediately opened fire upon him when he refused to leave the field. Smith returned the compliment with his gun, several shots passing between the duellists. The men were about seventy-five yards apart and there was no serious damage done. Truelove was wounded in the face and arms, some of the shot piercing the skin and passing into the body between the ribs. Smith was only slightly wounded, receiving only two shot in the back.—Charlotte Observer.

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A. & M. COLLEGE IN FINEST SHAPE.

Raleigh, July 8.—The finance committee of the A. & M. College, composed of W. E. Daniel, of Weldon; J. O. Ellington, of Fayetteville, and O. Max Gardner, of Shleby, has completed the auditing of the books of Bursar A. F. Bowen and found everything in fine shape. The college last year had an attendance of 632 and the prospects this year are for a still larger crowd as more dormitory space will be ready by the opening in September.

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Salt For the Cows.

It has been noted that an experiment was carried on at the Wisconsin station as to the effects of salt and lack of salt on cows. Salt was kept away from some cows for a long time—a number of months—and a condition of low vitality ensued which, when continued at some length, resulted in a general breakdown. When salt was again supplied them, they recovered at once. It was observed that the time of breaking down came about the time of calving, and the best cows showed this tendency most. And so these facts show the value of regular salting of milk cows, which should not be neglected.—Indiana Farmer.

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