

Rural Mail.

April 15, 1909.

The Postmaster:

In order to expedite the delivery, collection, and dispatch of rural mail, enable rural carriers to cover their routes with celerity, and give the earliest possible service to patrons residing on the far ends of routes, the Department will insist that all rural mail boxes be so located as to be served with the greatest expedition.

You are, therefore, directed to require each rural carrier at your office to submit to you without delay, for transmission to the Department, the names of all patrons whose boxes can not be served without leaving the road, dismounting, driving in deep ditches or on steep inclines, or on or across railway tracks involving danger, or the approaches to whose boxes are obstructed. It is not required that boxes shall be erected beside the wheel tracks, nor on any particular corner of the crossroads; but they must be erected within the confines of the road, and accessible, on any corner.

It is not desirable that boxes be attached to telegraph, telephone, or electric-light poles, or to fences or buildings, but boxes should be securely fastened to neat and strong posts firmly set at the side of the roads, at a sufficient height to be served by carriers without rising from their seats or reaching through wheel spokes.

After boxes have been properly relocated, and it is practicable to curtail carriers' schedules, postmasters are directed to make report thereof to the Department, and to the proper local road officials and cooperate with them and patrons to the fullest extent, consistent with position and duty, to secure the improvement of the roads. The manifestation of interest and properly directed efforts by postmasters in the good-roads question will in many instances be productive of excellent results.

Respectfully, P. V. DEGRAW.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. From 4297.

The Empty Cartridge.

Samuel, the ten year old son of Mr and Mrs. W. W. Dysart, picked up what he thought was an empty cartridge, or dynamite cap, he doesn't know which, last Friday and proceeded to strike a match on the end of it. The cartridge or cap exploded, tearing off two fingers and a good part of the thumb of the little fellow's left hand. He was brought to Dr. Kent's Drug Store, where Dr. Kent dressed it, and made it as comfortable as possible. It was a bad wound, but we hope it will soon heal up, and give the young man but little trouble.

Republican Daily Paper.

Raleigh, N. C., April 26.—A charter was issued today for the Southern Republican Company, at Charlotte. Its purpose is to establish a Republican newspaper at Charlotte, but is authorized to publish any kind of a newspaper from a daily to a monthly and to do job printing. The authorized capital is \$5,000; \$2,000 paid in. W. S. Pearson, J. A. Smith and others are the incorporators.

Mr. Smith is the defeated Republican candidate for Congress in the Charlotte district. Mr. Pearson is a forceful writer and has long been prominent in Republican politics in this State.

The Norwood Inn at Norwood, N. C. was totally destroyed by fire last week. The value of the hotel and equipments was about \$4,000, with a small insurance.

Falls From Thirty-fifth Floor.

New York, April 26.—At work on the thirty-fourth floor of the Metropolitan. Life building at Madison Avenue and 24th street today, where he was aiding in placing a big clock in position, Thomas Mortimer lost his balance, fell to the street below and was instantly killed. The body struck the pavement, in front of the old Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, just as a half dozen women and girls turned the corner. Several of them fainted, and the others, hysterical, ran up and down the street.

As Mortimer fell his subordinates turned just in time to see him disappear from the scaffold and with the speed of a comet the body sped through the air turning somersault after somersault.

At the tenth floor the body struck a projecting balcony and bounding out, fell with a thud, head first on the pavement in front of the church. Scores of persons were in the vicinity at the time.

An ambulance surgeon, summoned from the New York hospital, said death had been instantaneous. Every bone in the man's body had been broken.

Duty of County Officers in Enforcing Liquor Laws.

The recent Legislature passed a law expressed in very plain English giving the duties of the county officials in regard to enforcement of the laws against liquor. We give below the clear synopsis of the law as given in the legislative edition of the Raleigh News and Observer, and we recommend it to the careful attention of the officers and trust they will act accordingly;

"The law to authorize and direct sheriffs to seize and destroy illicit distilleries makes it the duty of the sheriff and his deputies and of any police officer within his jurisdiction to search for and seize any distillery or apparatus or material used, or be used for the manufacture of spiritous liquors in violation of the laws of the State, and it shall be the duty of such officers to destroy such distillery, apparatus or material, or if the same or any part thereof be valuable for lawful use, to confiscate the same to the use of the county in which the seizure was made, which shall be sold under the direction of the county commissioners of the county and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid into the county treasury. It is the duty of these officers to seize and destroy any and all liquors which may be found at such distillery and to arrest all persons found on the premises. And it shall be unlawful for any such officer to take the liquor, or any part thereof, for his own use or for the use of any one, or to allow the same to be taken by any other person, but such liquor shall be utterly destroyed.

It is also the duty of these officers, when informed that any person or persons are engaged in the illicit distillation of liquors, or in the illegal sale of the same, to seize such distillery and to procure warrants and to arrest the offender or offenders and to subpoena all persons who may have information concerning the commission of the offence charged against the party arrested.

For every illicit distillery seized under this act the sheriff or other police officer shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars and necessary expenses, which will be allowed by the commissioners of the county in which the seizure is made.

Any sheriff or other police officer violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished in the discretion of the court and may forfeit his office."

The Jury Box.

Raleigh Evening Time.

Mr. F. W. Thomas, of Asheville, writing the Charlotte Observer with reference to recent remarks in that paper on an Asheville murder case, says:

"But it is also necessary that we should have jurors of sufficient intelligence and independence to convict the criminals. To this end business men should not, as now they systematically do, shirk the duty of jury service. To this end, too, it seems to me that county officials should provide better accommodations for jurors than I believe is now the rule. Those accustomed at home to good food, clean beds, a daily bath, etc., should be provided with similar comforts when on the jury. If more attention were paid by county commissioners to these matters, our influential citizens would perhaps not be so terrified by the thought of serving on the jury in a serious criminal case. Public sentiment in favor of conviction and appropriate punishment will be as it is now in many cases, of little worth, unless the case is tried by jurors representative of the best element of the community."

Mr. Thomas' criticism of business men who shirk jury duty is entirely proper. As to the accommodations for jurors, his remarks are hardly pertinent. Jurors are paid a per diem and furnish their own accommodations. Only when a jury is held together in an important case, which is the exception rather than the rule, does the county provide quarters, and usually the jury in such case is sent to a hotel. The trouble is not so much that more intelligent citizens of the better class do not serve on juries, but that no effort is made to secure this class. Often in a capital case or other important case, intelligence is not wanted in the jury box and attorneys for the defence try—and under the law they can usually succeed—to exclude intelligent men who have the courage of their convictions.

Pretty 16-Year-Old Girl Elopes.

Miss Louise Barringer, of Gastonia, a pretty 16-year old girl ran away from her home Tuesday night with W. G. Woodall a moving picture man and went to Spartanburg, S. C. to be married. A telegram from the mother arrived just in time to stop the proceeding, as the minister had arrived and was preparing to perform the ceremony when the police arrived. The would-be- bride and groom were held at the police station until the mother of the girl arrived.

Cigarettes Responsible for this Youth's Stunt.

Hendersonville Dispatch, 24th. Posey, the 18-year old son of Mr. Eugene Thorne, this morning at 10 o'clock ascended the ladder of the standpipe, 100 feet in height, with a rope around his neck. When discovered he was playing around its edge. Being coaxed by friends he descended without injury. It is said the cause of aberration of mind is the use of cigarettes.

Beach Hargas, of Kentucky, has been found guilty of the killing of his father, Judge James Hargas, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. It is said that Judge Hargas has killed his man more than once, but this time he picked up a chip of the old block which proved too much for him.

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