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FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29, 1881.

STAR ROUTE SWINDLES.

THE COUNTRY FULL OF THEM.

How They Worked the Game in Ohio.

Washington Correspondence N. Y. Herald.

Mr. John B. Miner was interested in 1880 in about ninety contracts. He had the advantage of being an intimate friend of Mr. Dorsey, at whose house Mr. Dorsey once testified Mr. Miner used commonly to stop when he was in Washington. In March, 1878, Mr. Miner was so lucky as to get the contract on the Bismarck and Tongue river route, 310 miles, one trip a week and 104 hours schedule time, for $2,350 per annum. He began his service on the 1st of July, 1878. In December, 1878, only five months later, he was so fortunate as to be ordered to run three trips a week at 65 hours instead instead of 104 per trip, and having contracted originally for $2,350 per year he now had added to this the neat sum of $32,650 per year for four years, of course. In August of the next year he got an order to make six trips a week, and for this he got $35,000 more.

Now, in getting the first increase, the following affidavit was made by Mr. Miner:—

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20, 1878.

Hon. T. J. Brady, Second Assistant Postmaster General, &c.:

SIR: The number of men and animals necessary to carry the mails on route No. 35,051 (Bismarck to Tongue river) three times a week is twelve men and thirteen animals. The number of men and animals necessary to carry said mails on a reduced schedule of sixty-five hours, is 150 men and 150 animals. Respectfully,

JOHN R. MINER.

District of Columbia, County of Washington, ss.

I, John R. Miner, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is true, as I verily believe.

JOHN R. MINER.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 4th day of October, 1878.

W. T. KELLOGG, [Seal.] Notary Public.

On such affidavits, made by the men who were most interested in putting up the price of service, the inquiry in the postoffice department shows the estimates for increase were based. Miner, it will be observed, took the original contract for $2,350 per year, and within a year had it raised to $70,000 per year, and this for four years.

Not long ago two of the ring of contractors quarreled and went to law. The case is Huntley against Huntley, and S. S. Huntley gave to the court under oath some facts which show how it was done, how contracts were taken at ruinously low prices on the certainty that they would be "raised." The following extracts from his sworn statement will make plain some of the mysteries of the systematic raising of contracts by Mr. Brady:

"The first thing was to make out our bids and then to engage our friends to bid for us, and then find men West to put in bids. We were awarded in all our bids only four or five routes, and I think C. C. Huntley was awarded two routes, all that we started with in 1874. With those we started with in 1874 it was my business, if we had them once a week, to get them put in three times a week, and if three times a week to get them put to six or seven times a week, and if they were twenty miles long to get the service increased. Sometimes routes were awarded to other men. I watched my opportunity in Washington when it should be the best time for a failure, and also the postmaster on the route, and at the proper time I saw they failed. A part of my business then was to secure the good will and the acceptance, and the withdrawal and power of attorney of each one of the bidders above the failing bidder, and then to watch in the department and to accept or decline this route as I saw fit on any one of these names. Then, having recorded the route by representing it with power of attorney, it was my duty to get it worked up in the same way as our other routes by increase of service or extension of route. Sometimes, having a contract that was at a losing figure, I would get it curtailed or service discontinued."

This describes a regular conspiracy, and a conspiracy which plainly could not be carried on without the help of important persons in and out of the postoffice department.

Huntley described, always under oath, how a conract was "raised" from $2,000 to $7,000:

"I will give one route, No. 41,132, as an illustration. There were twenty-six bids on this route, the highest $7,000, and awarded to the lowest at $1,990. We carried this low man and took the mail pay at $1,990 per annum, and it cost us $3,000 to run it. He at the end of a few months failed and the route was then offered to the next bidder for $2,000, and the next at $2,199, and the next at $2,236, the next at $2,333, and the next one, which was myself, S. S. Huntley, at $2,440; the next at $2,500, the next at $2,700, the next at $2,900, the next at $2,940, the next at $3,000 and the next at $3,285.

"I interviewed all these different men, received from each his acceptance and his declination, also his power of attorney, and in some instances their names on blank paper and had control of them myself in Washington, and at the proper time I declined every offer. It then had to be marked up still further toward the $7,000 or be readvertised. I took the chances of having it marked still further up, which I did. The first one was C. C. Huntley, $3,500, which I accepted for him. I then sub.et the route; then had it extended, and then had it increased and the mail pay raised to about $13,000 per annum, giving us a profit of about $6,000 per annum."

A profit of $6,000 a year on what began as a miserable $1,000 a year is not bad. But poor Huntley went on to explain that it was not all rosewater for him. He had, he says, to be "very friendly with heads of departments" and others, and he swears that this friendship was so expensive an affair that covering all the routes he controlled it cost him "about $24,000" to be on sufficiently good terms with "heads of departments, clerks, messengers," and others. "At times I had to pay large amounts of money, from $600 to $2,000 or $3,000, to get certain things done, and out of these large amounts comes all the incidentals which represents four years' business, and the four years' business represents my collections in the departments of about $500,000. It is necessary in getting these accounts through the departments, and it has been the custom to be very friendly, not only with the heads of departments, but even clerks and messengers, and we always treated them very kindly in presenting them with some trifle or in presenting them with a cigar, opera ticket or dinner or something of that kind. To get anything done in the departments it requires assistance of a great many members of Congress whom we have to treat in the same manner, and to whom I occasionally send theatre tickets, and always, when I ask favors, I generally send carriages for them and ask them to do certain things in the department."

John R. Miner, being Mr. Dorsey's friend and staying usually at his house, perhaps had many of these expenses saved him. At any rate, according to his own testimony, he had much less trouble to get one of his numerous routes raised from $2,350 to to $70,000 per annum, and for four years at that, than Huntley describes so ingenuously. Then again Huntley gives a glowing description of his treatment of what he calls "the press of Washington," to whom he says he gave dinners costing from $10 to $50 per head. "As far as the press in Washington is concerned, during the investigations, which are generally every year, to keep them friendly, so far as I am concerned, I have always been very friendly toward them in the same manner, and very often giving them dinners costing from $10 to $50 each."

Finally come "governors and United States senators." Huntley swears: "I found our governor from Montana came on to Washington and stayed at the Arlington for about a week, and I treated him as nice as possible, and when he went away I paid his bill. The governor of Wyoming territory came on and I treated him in the same way.

"Besides all of these small presents paid to pretty nearly everybody in Washington, I guess, are included all of my hotel expenses, traveling and sleeping cars, &c., and altogether I think it must have cost me out of money charged to me about $30,00. I can only arrive at about what it cost because I know what I received for the four years, and I know what I have left, and subtracting that from what what I have left I know I must have spent for this business $30,000, and I ought to have put in $25,000, and I only find $15,000 charged; that is, for everybody's good will, from the messenger in the department to a United States senator and governor of a territory."

A Star Route in Ohio.

Cincinnati Commercial, April 25.

We happen to know something about the star route system in Ohio, and propose to state a typical case. The distance from Athens to Pomeroy is about 28 miles. Something over four years ago the contract for a daily mail between those places was to let for the period of the administration of Hayes. There were several bidders—one as high as $2,500 a year, and the lowest was $900 a year.

The service was worth more than $900, and a Mr. Foster, of Athens, who was next to lowest, proposed to do the work for $1,900 a year. The nine-hundred-dollar fellow got it, and turned out to be one Zimri McDonald, who is a hanger-on around the office of the postmaster general. He hired a man to carry the mail, agreeing to pay $1,400 a year, or to make a loss of $500 a year. Then at a time that must have been duly understood by others interested, he threw it down—that is, abandoned the contract. Here was a vacancy, and that was what was wanted. That was what the nine-hundred-dollar bid was put in for.

The law required that the next highest bidder, Mr Foster, of Athens, whose bid was $1,000, should be notified. It was the duty of Mr. Brady, second assistant postmaster general, to have him notified. Nothing of the kind was done. The matter was attended to in a stealthy manner, and the first thing known about it Col. A. E. Boone had the contract at $1,500 a year, or $3,600 more than Zimri McDonald bid for it.

Now this is a transaction that bears all the characteristic marks of rascality. There was the responsible tool of the schemers who put in the $900 bid, about 50 per cent. lower than anyone was expected to go. He got the job, of course, abandoned it according to agreement, no doubt, and Col. Boone stepped in and got something more than twice as much as the job was worth, leaving $3,000 a year at least profit to be divided and applied to all good works.

But we have something more modern for the consideration of Postmaster General James—something that has happened since he was in office. A daily mail has been carried between Marietta and Zanesville, and the cost of the service has been $3,000 a year. Quite recently an arrangement has been made, for which there is no necessity, to double the service between McConnellsville and Zanesville, or the upper end of the $3,000 route.

It will gratify the postmaster general to ascertain, as he may by reference to the books, that Col. A. E. Boone, contractor at $4,500 a year between Athens and Pomeroy, has agreed to have the double service performed between Zanesville and McConnellsville upon his responsibility, for the annual sum paid of $12,000—or an increase of $9,000! The country seems to be full of these swindles and it is the duty of all good citizens to hunt them up and scratch them out. Instead of a two-million deficiency on a five-million appropriation, as we had last year, there should be a two-million surplus.

Still in Full Blast.

Star Route Swindler to New York Sun.

"I want to tell you something about these swindles, as they are called. Just let me say to you there have been more of them since James came in, considering the length of his and Brady's service, than were perpetrated by Brady, taking everything alleged against him to be swindles. Don't stare at that. I say it is true. I say true, if they are swindles. A single case under James will offset the whole batch under Brady, considering the time he has been in. And here it is: The cost of the mail service between Marietta and Zanesville, Ohio, has been $3,000 a year. By a system of doubling quite as mysterious as anything Brady ever did, the service is now costing $12,000—an increase of $9,000. Col. A. E. Boone is the lucky star man there. Whether he owes this stroke to Sherman or Garfield, or whether it is only because he lives in Ohio, I don't know. I hav'n't given you the particulars of this case; you might not understand them if I did. I want to tell you though, that if ever there was a case of swindling in the star service this is one. So you see whoever is in office the thing goes on. James, no doubt, was too new to know everything of it. It may have been Brady's doing. It may have been Tyner's. It was done all the same; and not in the entire batch of the cases set down against Brady is there one that has a worse look on the face I think it is rotten throughout. So you see it won't do to talk too much or too wildly. Perhaps James will be able to show 'tis all right. If he does, then the Brady business vanishes all at once. If he doesn't, then Brady isn't alone in the boat."

Executive Support of Brady.

Washington Correspondence of the New York Herald.

Mr. Hayes was appealed to, but he "did not think Brady was such a bad man," and it was in vain that Republican as well as Democratic congressmen appealed to Mr. Hayes for justice on Brady and the star route jobbers. Brady was not called to account by his superior; he was not asked to resign; he was not even reprimanded or told to change his course by Mr. Hayes. He was encouraged and patted on the back in the face of the developments made by the inquiry, which showed that he had not only violated the law above quoted, but others, and systematically. If Mr. Hayes had not protected the star route jobbing it would have been exposed and reformed and the jobbers brought to justice last year.

Who Paid for the Dinner?

For a long time after the dinner to Dorsey, in New York, complimentary to his management of the Indiana corruption fund had been eaten, and the proceedings discussed in the press, no light could be got as to the financial aspects of the affair. It was only the other day that the matter was finally adjusted by an appeal to the following gentlemen, who having been "roped in" as an innocent committee to give the affair respectability, made up their minds to be done with it and submitted to an assessment for that purpose of about $265 apiece: John Jacob Astor, J. Pierpont Morgan, John A. Stewart, Levi P. Morton, Thurlow Weed, Jesse Seligman, Frank Work, Robert Lenox Kennedy, F. S. Winston, Henry B. Hyde, D. O. Mills, Le Grand B. Cannon, William B. Dinsmore and M. W. Cooper.

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