

Thieving Star Route Robberies.

From the Philadelphia Times.

There seems to be considerable excitement in the minds of some of the Western Congressmen now arriving at Washington about the Star route reductions. These reductions have affected many of the districts in the West. There will be a great clamor from the remote sections of the country for the restoration of some if not all the service that has been cut off.

This agitation will be assisted as much as possible by those who for years have been making use of these Star routes to rob the public Treasury. The more Congressmen clamor for a restoration of the opportunities to plunder the more the thieves will applaud; it so far serves to divert the attention of the public from thieves to the Congressmen. Clamoring for a restoration of that gigantic swindle, however, is something that no Congressman with reputation can afford. Public opinion has been very freely given on this subject and the condemnation is unanimous.

It will be the ruin of any man who undertakes to say that Postmaster General James has not done just what should have been done in cutting off this extraordinary expense and defeating further opportunities for enormous robberies. The cutting down has been done with the greatest care and after the fullest examination, under the personal direction of Mr. James. It was not done in any haphazard way nor with the view solely to saving money, but it was done because the service was not needed and was kept up for the benefit of a ring who were plundering the Treasury.

No member can afford to ask for a return to that sort of thing, and in view of thoroughly well known public sentiment on this point it will be a good thing for any one who contemplates the agitation to reflect before he gets his foot in it. The fate of a Democratic Congress, which a year and a half ago was persuaded by Brady into voting his extraordinary demand of several millions to cover a deficiency in the Star route service, ought to be a warning. Not so much was then known of these robberies as has since been learned. There was not then that universal condemnation of the system that has since developed.

Western Congressmen will find they cannot take into Congress the notions of the Star route service which they may bring from districts where these frauds have attained high development. No party can now afford to get on the wrong side of this question. That means the certain and speedy condemnation by the country.

Secretary Lincoln's Report.

APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS SUBORDINATES—THE EXPENSES OF THE YEAR.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—Secretary of War Lincoln to-day submitted his annual report. It is chiefly devoted to the consideration and approval of the important recommendations contained in the annual reports of his subordinates. He indorses General Sherman's suggestion that the army be increased to 30,000 men and General Wright's advice to put our coasts in an efficient condition of defense. He calls the attention of Congress to the need of legislation to prevent intrusion upon Indian lands, especially from Kansas into the Indian Territory. The Secretary disapproves raising the standard of admission to the Military Academy, but approves extending the course so as to cover five years.

The actual expenditures under the War Department for the fiscal year were \$42,122,201. The appropriations for 1882 were \$44,889,725, and the estimates for 1883 call for \$44,541,276. The estimates presented to the Secretary for revision included for armament of fortifications \$720,000; fortifications and other works of defense, \$4,186,500; improving rivers and harbors, \$29,101,300; improving Mississippi river, by commission, \$4,323,000; public buildings and grounds in and near Washington, \$749,000; surveys of lakes, \$20,000; total, \$39,099,800.

A Real Romance.

THE HEIRESS OF SIX MILLION'S SECRET MARRIAGE.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Dec. 1.—A romance has just come to light here, in regard to the marriage of Miss Fargo, the heiress of six millions, made by her father in Wells and Fargo's express. She became engaged during the past summer to Lieut. H. G. Squires, of the Army, stationed at Fort Monroe. Her mother opposed the match, but the young lady having a spirit of her own, determined to circumvent parental opposition, so on the 11th of last October, she and Lieut. Squires went for a walk to the Hygeia Hotel, at Hampton. On reaching Hampton they went to the house of the Rev. Mr. Gravatt, and announced their intention of being married then and there. Mr. Gravatt made no objection to tying the knot, but owing to the serious illness of his wife the party adjourned to the house of a neighbor, Mr. Hefflinger, where the ceremony was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Squires then returned to Old Point. Nobody suspected they were married, as the clergyman and witnesses had been bound over to secrecy. Towards the last of October, Miss Fargo, as she was still called, left with her mother for their home in Buffalo, and a few days afterwards Mr. Squires followed her and claimed his wife. Locking the stable door was no use then, so Mr. and Mrs. Squires returned to Fort Monroe, and the marriage was published as having taken place on the 11th of October. So well had they kept their secret that not the least suspicion was awakened in regard to the true state of the case, and the announcement was a thunderclap to their most intimate friends.

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