

UNCLE SAM'S MAILS.

Postal Affairs Reviewed by Four Departmental Chiefs.

GREAT GROWTH OF MONEY ORDERS.

Legislation for the Protection of the Public Asked For.

NEW POSTOFFICES INCREASING FAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The annual report of E. C. Fowler, Acting First Assistant Postmaster General, estimates the amount needed for the next fiscal year at \$26,285,000, an increase of \$1,170,000. The report shows that at the end of the fiscal year 1892, there were 508 free delivery offices with a carrier force of 10,737 men, an increase of 607.

The total number of money order offices in operation June 30, 1892, is shown to have been 10,070. Two thousand and twenty-three additional offices of this kind were established during the year following, while at 24 places the money order business was discontinued. On June 30 there were, therefore, in operation 12,093 money order offices. Since the latter date 4,630 names have been added to the list of offices transacting domestic money order business, while at ten post-offices that business has been discontinued, leaving at the present time 16,693 authorized to issue and pay domestic money orders and postal notes. The increase of 1,696, made during the last fiscal year, in the number of money order offices, was by far the largest effected in any one year in the history of postal money order systems. At the close of the year ended June 30, 1892, there were in operation 717 money order offices under the act of 1867 to issue postal notes but not to pay them.

The number of postal notes issued during the year was 7,620,049, of the total value of \$1,895,765; the number of notes paid and repaid amounted to \$11,571,252; the gross amount of fees received from the public, including fees received for duplicates of invalid notes, was \$211,832. A comparison of the above with the postal note transactions of the previous year shows an increase of \$7,472 or 3.55 per cent in the gross amount of fees received.

The annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bathbone shows that the number of establishments of new post-offices during the past year was 4,165, a greater number than during any previous year except 1869, when it was 4,212. The increase of post-offices over the year ended June 30, 1891, was 2,790, and the year closed with 67,119 as compared with 64,329 in the United States. The greatest increase in any State was in Georgia—223. Texas was next with 211, and Pennsylvania followed with 201. The greatest number of post-offices in any one State is 4,482 in Pennsylvania.

Major Bathbone suggests that the Revised Statutes be so amended as to make the mailing of "green goods" circulars and literature a continuous offense from the point of mailing to the place of destination, so that a prosecution will lie at either point, the same in effect as is embodied in the Torrent lottery act.

The annual report of D. P. Leibhardt, Superintendent of the Dead Letter Bureau, shows that there were 550,788 domestic mailable letters received, a decrease of 11,175 as compared with the previous year. There were 557,648 domestic unmailable letters received, of which 294 contained unmailable articles, 95,449 were held for postage, 449,944 were misdirected, 32,612 were wholly without address, and 2,667 were of a miscellaneous character.

The annual report of Chief Postoffice Inspector Wheeler shows that the total number of arrests for all kinds of offenses during the year was 1,284. Of this number only 241 were postal employees. Of the cases tried 273 resulted in conviction, while only 81 resulted in acquittal. The number of burglars of postoffices arrested was 305, against 178 last year.

The annual report of J. Lowrie Bell, Second Assistant Postmaster General, repeats his past recommendation regarding those dependent on clerks who meet death at their post of duty.

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