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CONDENSED NEWS.

Summer's first day was hot. The fishermen are in their element now. June roses are very much in evidence. Summer shows a tendency to warm up at last.

WANTED—Small and large tracts of woodland. Send full description and price. New York & Penn'a Co., Leek Haven, Pa.

A short campaign is being urged by people throughout the country. It is claimed that the long political agitation unsettles business.

The Wilkesbarre Press Club will throw open its doors from June 27 to July 2, day and night, for the visiting newspaper men who expect to attend "The Fall of Pompeii" in that city.

At this time the Crimson Rambler roses are at the height of their glory. They are to be seen in profusion in many front yards. Some porches are covered with them and in several cases division fences are things of great beauty by reason of the adornment brought about by the presence of this wonderful trailing rose.

This promises to be a large attendance at the Destruction of Pompeii, at Shamokin, next Saturday, from this place.

The Liberty Bell is in danger of being its head turned by too much attention and flattery. It is already a little cracked.

Commenting on the fact that the treatment of 138 cases of smallpox at Shamokin \$5,000, the Shamokin Herald says that it has cost that town \$21,000 to treat about 140 cases, and the end is not yet in sight.

As we have said before, the time to advertise is now. Don't wait for some body else to get the cream of the business, get your share. The man who hesitates loses business.

According to the almanac this is summer. The Eagles are arranging to flock to Edgewood Park, Shamokin, in a grand picnic, on September 1st, to which those noble birds within a radius of 150 miles will be invited to spread their wings.

The man who likes green things has a good reason to kick if his cook feeds him on canned stuffs just now.

Russian explanations of disastrous defeats are more humorous than a comic opera. Their efforts to show that a series of retreats is a scheme to draw the Japanese northward are not even ingenious.

The St. Louis Exposition Company has made the first payment on the money borrowed from the Government, which is an innovation.

The New York Coroner says that the life preservers on board the excursion steamer General Slocum were life destroyers.

Executions by electricity in Colorado are almost as horrible as butcheries. The State needs a new method of execution or an executioner who knows how to execute.

Baseball is a great game. It is almost a safe prediction that as long as our glorious union shall endure it will continue to be the national pastime.

Preparations are being made for a big day at Washingtonville on July 4th.

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PUBLIC ELECTION

AUTHORIZED

The Borough Council Friday held a meeting which was freighted with importance. Action was taken in increasing the Borough indebtedness, and providing for the holding of a public election; specifications for street paving were adopted, and advertising for bids authorized which take in both paving and an electric light system.

On motion of Mr. Reifsnyder, seconded by Mr. Vastine, a resolution was unanimously adopted ordering that the legal indebtedness of the borough be increased by and to the amount of \$51,000 for the following purposes: \$21,000 for properly furnishing and securing the existing indebtedness in excess of the ordinary constitutional and statutory limitation; the amount of \$12,000 for erecting and maintaining a municipal electric lighting plant, all to be owned and operated by the Borough solely for the purpose of generating electricity and electric light for lighting the several Borough buildings, Borough property, streets, alleys, &c., \$18,000 for properly grading, curbing and paving Mill street from the northern entrance to the bridge to the northern building line on Center street as provided for by the ordinance approved May 23, A. D., 1904; also that a public election be held on Tuesday, August 2, 1904, between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the afternoon of the said day for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors to such increase of indebtedness and that thirty days' notice of such election be given by weekly advertisement in the Montour American, "Danville Intelligencer" and "Montour Democrat" and by at least twenty printed hand bills posted in public parts of Borough.

The specifications for paving, a voluminous document of seventeen sections, was read as amended section by section and very carefully considered. On motion of Mr. Reifsnyder, seconded by Mr. Vastine, the specifications were unanimously adopted and two hundred copies ordered printed, the job to be let to the lowest bidder. On motion of Mr. Reifsnyder, seconded by Mr. Boyer it was ordered that bids be invited for street paving, all bids to be in by the next meeting night, July 1st.

Mr. Reifsnyder of the Committee on Light introduced the subject of municipal light. He explained that the specifications along with a map taking in the Borough and all its additions showing the proposed location of arc lights were in the hands of the Secretary. The contract with the Standard Electric Light Company, expires on November 1st and he declared there was no time to lose. Regardless of what the result of the election authorized might be Council, he said, sees its way perfectly clear in obtaining the money needed. He therefore recommended that the specifications, which had previously been approved, along with drawings be submitted for bids. He made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fenstermacher, that Council advertise for bids for that electric light plant, bids to be in by the next meeting, July 1st. It carried unanimously.

Bids for printing the paving ordinances invited in advance were in the Secretary's hands. It was discovered, however, that there was a misunderstanding among the bidders as to the nature of the work. The proposals, therefore, were not opened and the printers today on fuller instructions, will be given an opportunity to revise their bids. The bids will be opened tonight by the Committee on printing. In the matter of the bridge over Mahoning creek at Chestnut street petitioned for at the previous meeting the Committee on Streets and Bridges reported progress.

The following members were present last night: Davis, Dietrich, Goesser, Swank, Fenstermacher, Boyer, Reifsnyder, Vastine and Lloyd. The following bills were approved for payment: BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Regular Employees \$28.50, Winding Town Clocks 60.00, Labor and Hauling 12.25, Labor on Sewer 70.65, Pettibone Bros., Mfg. Co. 2.40, Frank Sehran 5.70, Sarah McGee 6.00.

WATER DEPARTMENT. Regular Employees \$127.00, American Car and Foundry Co. 7.05, Curry & Vannan 6.92, A. M. Peters 3.12, Cherry Chemical Co. 35.70, Harry B. Patton 20.00, Mrs. M. T. LeDuc 45.98.

Low Water Favors Extracting Coal. E. J. LeDuc is taking advantage of the low water on the river to push work with his coal digger. River conditions have not been favorable for the extracting of coal thus far this season and although the coal digger has been out the greater part of its time the quantity of coal gathered in has not been considerable.

Making Headway. Superintendent Keefe is making very good progress in the work of laying sewer pipe in the river. By yesterday afternoon seventy-two feet of the pipe were laid.

THE MONUMENT

UNVEILED

The monument erected in Fairview cemetery to the memory of Lieutenant Robert Curry and other members of this section was unveiled Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of descendants.

The unveiling took place at 2 o'clock. The exercises were simple, yet appropriate. Music was furnished by the Mechanicville Band, which discoursed several patriotic selections with the best of effect.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George E. Lambert, pastor of Shiloh Reformed church. This was preceded and followed with a selection of music.

Next came a brief address by Mrs. Hain, which embodied with a touching tribute to the dead several beautiful gems of sentiment. The address was as follows: "To honor the memory of those who were pioneers in blazing the path of civilization, or who yielded up their lives in defence of their country, is at once a duty and a pleasure. In erecting this modest memorial to the memory of our kith and kin, whose bones have long since turned to dust, it is not the desire nor intention to exalt them above their compatriots, for whom no stone records their deeds and sacrifices. It is rather to show our loyal veneration for our dead, who in the long ago lived, labored and achieved amid privations and dangers to which their progeny are strangers. Others in the Colonial and Revolutionary days, doubtless, were more brilliant, more conspicuous and more highly honored by their fellows, but these are of our blood, who were earnest, true and patriotic, and their descendants do honor and reverent them. Since the world began it has been for women to recount to the children the sturdy virtues and valor of their progenitors. This monument is simply a woman's story cut into granite, that it may endure when she who has caused these tablets to be inscribed shall have been gathered to her fathers, and like them, shall be voiceless in the tomb."

Following the address the ceremony of unveiling took place. A beautiful American flag concealed the monument from view. While the band played "America" the flag was drawn aside by Little Sydney Moll and Gertrude Siller, great great grandchildren of Lieutenant Robert Curry. The exercises concluded with benediction by Rev. George E. Lambert.

The monument is of the sarcophagus order and is a very beautiful piece of work. It was erected by T. L. Evans' Sons of this city and is solely the work of their shops.

On the eastern face is the following inscription: "Lieutenant Robert Curry, Seventh Company, First Battalion, Northumberland Association of the Pennsylvania Militia. Appointed March 25, 1776; killed by the Indians near Fort Meade, Pa., June 9th, 1780; born 1741."

"His wife Jane McWilliams, born 1750-died 1825."

On the west side the following is inscribed: "Thomas Lemon, a judge of the First Court of Common Pleas, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, appointed by George III, 1772. Born 1730; died 1775."

"His wife, Margaret Slough. Born 1735; died 1824."

"Originally buried in the Lemon homestead."

"James Lemon. Born 1757; died 1842."

"His wife, Rachel Fleming. Born 1765; died 1840."

On the north face is inscribed: "Robert McWilliams. Born 1775; died 1825."

"His wife, Jane Curry, first white child born in the forks of the Susquehanna river. Born 1773; died 1858."

On the south side the inscription is as follows: "These bodies were removed from the Presbyterian graveyard and the Lemon homestead and this monument erected in their honor by their granddaughter, Anna R. McWilliams Hain, 1903."

Preceding the unveiling a luncheon was served at the Heddens House. Among the descendants present from out of town were noticed the following: Hugh and Robert McWilliams of Shamokin; Mrs. Mary Alexander of Wilkesbarre; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Siller, and three children, and Thomas Curry, Jr., and wife of Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moll and two children; Mr. and Mrs. John Voris, and Mrs. Gilbert Voris of Pottsgrove; Miss Dorothy Burg of Northumberland; Mr. and Mrs. James McWilliams and Mrs. Henry Sington of Mooreburg.

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THE LAST RITES

PERFORMED

Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower whose death occurred at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on Monday, was buried in Odd Fellows' cemetery, this place, on Saturday. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock and has taken place in this county for a long time.

Services were held at the Bower homestead, Mooreburg, at 11:30 a. m. and were conducted by Rev. A. B. Herr of Pottsgrove, assisted by Rev. J. E. Hatcher and Rev. Dr. McCormack of this city. Rev. Herr preached a sermon and Mr. Hatcher and Dr. McCormack each offered a prayer. Not only the sermon but the prayers as well as the beautiful tributes of praise well merited by the deceased, whose diligence, strict integrity and kindness of heart had already won for him so much in the way of preferment and had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact along life's pathway.

The wonderful profusion of flowers which accompanied the remains from the military post in themselves constituted a tribute such as has never been surpassed in this section. There were a score or more of pieces including every variety of design representing gifts not only from each of the officers of the corps, but also from each of the companies. A noteworthy piece was an immense anchor. Another tribute which attracted attention was a large cluster of roses with stems six feet long, that came from the West Point class of 1901. There were in all eight large pieces and at least a dozen smaller pieces. Notwithstanding their long journey the flowers were in a pretty good condition. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful design from the High School class of '96.

The pall bearers were the Vincent brothers, first cousins of the deceased: Thaddeus, Thomas G., Harry, Victor, Robert and Walter Vincent.

A large number of people from this city went to the cemetery and when the funeral arrived there, at about 2:30 o'clock, it found several hundred people in waiting. A touching feature of the obsequies was the presence of Lieutenant Warren T. Hannum, comrade and bosom friend of the deceased, who was with him when he was killed by lightning and who himself was badly shocked by the same bolt. During the services at the home Lieutenant Hannum occupied a post at the head of the casket; on the way to the cemetery he rode next to the horse and while the body was being interred he stood a silent sentinel at the head of the grave.

Funeral of Joseph H. Barry. Joseph H. Barry, whose death as the result of a stroke of apoplexy occurred early Thursday morning, was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Services were held in Christ Episcopal church, Rev. Edward Haughton officiating. The deceased was a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and he was followed to the grave by a large number of his Masonic brethren. The pall bearers, chosen from among the members of the lodge, were: Fred Jacobs, George Orndorf, George Maize, Harry Hart, J. C. Heddens and William Gelnet.

At the grave the Masonic burial service was observed. The flowers were very beautiful, among the tributes being a design "The Gates Ajar" presented by the Hospital for the Insane, where the deceased was employed for over twenty years.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: John Barry, son of the deceased, of Pottsgrove; William Barry, brother, of Philadelphia; Frank Good, Robert Good and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Moorehead of Berwick; Miss Gussie Good, and John Good and wife of Hazleton; Edward Twist of Milton.

Horse Took Flight. Misses Jennie and Sallie Sheep, daughters of Matthew Sheep of near Jerseytown, were both injured in a runaway Sunday morning.

The young ladies were driving to Jerseytown to attend church. On their way their horse took flight at an automobile and ran away upsetting the buggy.

The young ladies were thrown out into the road. They were both badly injured and bruised, especially Miss Jennie, who sustained a deep gash upon her forehead and was badly cut about the nose. The ladies were taken to the office of Dr. Shuman where they received medical attention. Miss Sallie, the least injured, was able to return home Sunday afternoon.

Her sister, however, for the time being has her bed remaining for the time being at Dr. Shuman's. She was somewhat improved yesterday.

The horse ran into Jerseytown where it was stopped by running against a hitching post. The buggy was demolished.

Five Strawberry Crop. John Marshall is picking an exceedingly fine crop of strawberries of the ice last year, which, it was thought, had practically ruined his strawberry patch on the triangular lot. The yield will be less than last year, but Mr. Marshall expects to pick one thousand boxes. No finer berries were ever seen in town.

PERSONAL

PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Everhart visited friends in Berwick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Manning of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Harry Johns spent Sunday at Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

The following residents of South Danville and Riverside were in Sunbury yesterday for the purpose of attending the tax appeal: Hon. H. M. Hinckley, Joseph Reaback, H. H. Vastine, Rufus Vastine, J. H. Kase, W. F. Gearhart, W. R. Clark, M. F. Gulick, Elias Woodruff and R. B. Bird.

Owen Doyle, Sr., and wife, Owen Doyle, Jr., Patrick Doyle, John Scully and wife of South, Berksheim and Edward Rogers of Phillipsburg, who were in this city attending the funeral of Patrick Doyle returned home yesterday.

W. A. Seehler yesterday returned home from a business trip to Pittsburg.

Mrs. Grant Fenstermacher and daughter Pearl Irene, left yesterday for a visit to Catawissa.

Rev. L. D. Ulrich is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

A. M. Diehl yesterday for Williamsport.

John Gaskins, a student at Lafayette College, has returned home for his summer vacation.

Mrs. James Ellis returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Golder, Limestone township.

Jno. F. Tooley transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. Emma McHenry left yesterday for a visit with friends at Orangeville.

Thomas Bennett, transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Miss Florence Belford of Riverside, is visiting friends in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Charles Lyon will attend the wedding of a friend at Orangeville today.

Councilman Anos Vastine transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah D. Vastine, West Market street, returned home from a visit to Sunbury yesterday.

John Mowrey, East Market street, was in Sunbury yesterday.

F. C. Angle, Esq., and W. F. Pascoe left yesterday for Allentown on a business trip.

Mrs. Curry Foust will attend the wedding of a relative at Reading today.

William Koons of Northumberland, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

A. J. Lemiger was in Shamokin yesterday.

LONG DELAY

AT FERRY

As the river continues to fall the trials and tribulations of those who have to rely upon the ferry increase. Every day seems to bring some new vexation and should the river drop much below its present level it is difficult to see how the flat boat can be operated so as to be of much service to the public.

A round trip on the ferry this week is likely to consume anything from half an hour to nearly an hour. On one or more occasions the flat, heavily loaded was delayed by striking a big rock lying in its course about mid stream. The principal trouble lies at the landings, where the shallow water will not permit the boat to get into shore.

As much trouble as anywhere is experienced at the landing on the Danville side, where the flat boat when empty can approach reasonably near shore, but as soon as loaded becomes ground. A long delay was occasioned in this way last evening when the ferry was starting on its trip to catch the 5:50 Pennsylvania train. The ferryman assisted by several able-bodied teamsters pried and tugged at the boat for nearly twenty minutes before it could be dislodged. Persons on the boat who desired to catch the train naturally became very nervous.

At the South side the ferry can not get into shore within over a hundred feet. The heavily loaded wagons have a difficult time in fording the river between the boat and shore, while foot passengers are obliged to walk a dizzy plank over the long stretch between the floating platform at the ferry and dry ground on shore.

It appears that the ferries at neighboring towns have about the same difficulties to contend with that obtain here. There are many curious experiences now and then a narrow escape from fatality. William Enterline, the telegraph operator at Nescopeck, who was at South Danville yesterday witnessed a curious affair at Berwick yesterday morning.

A milkman of Nescopeck by the name of C. A. Fenstermacher was trying to get across the river to Berwick. There were a large number of vehicles ahead of him at the ferry and he decided to try and ford the river.

He was driving two horses attached to a large wagon, which contained eight or ten boxes filled with milk bottles. He entered the water a short distance above the old bridge site and was just passing a point called the black rock when the horses stepped into a deep hole and were compelled to swim.

The box became unfastened from the wagon and floated off down the river, carrying Mr. Fenstermacher with it. The horses succeeded in swimming to the shore while the unfortunate milkman was caught near the bridge by several parties in a boat.

Tribute to James H. Voris. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Voris have received from Perth Amboy Lodge No. 784, B. P. O. E., a very fine tribute to their son, the late James H. Voris, a member of the Elks, and a recent resident of Perth Amboy.

The tribute consists of a set of resolutions condoling with the parents being beautifully framed, accompanied with a large portrait of the deceased also nicely framed.

The resolutions read: Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, the Great Ruler of the Universe, to remove to his Eternal Home an esteemed and worthy brother Elks, James H. Voris, known and esteemed by a wide circle of friends as a whole-souled and generous man among men, be it

Resolved, That while we bow submissively to the will of Him who doth all things well we do hereby express our sorrow at Brother Voris' sudden death at the threshold of an unusually promising career and deplore the great loss, which we sustain as a lodge and as men, and be it further

Resolved, That Perth Amboy Lodge No. 784, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks take this means of expressing to the family of our Brother an appreciation of his worth and our sympathy with them in their hour of bereavement.

DR. FRANK CROWTHER, Exalted Ruler, JOSEPH E. STRICKER, HAROLD E. PICKERSGILL, HENRY McCULLOUGH, Committee.

Mullen-Herrington. Miss Margaret Herrington and John B. Mullen of this city were united in matrimony yesterday. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Father M. I. O'Reilly in St. Joseph's Catholic church at 6:30 a. m.

Miss Kate Mullen, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and John Dugan, nephew of the bride, was best man. The ceremony was followed with a reception at the home of the groom on Pine street. The newly wedded couple left on the 12:15 Pennsylvania train for Bloomsburg, the home of the bride.

Will Stop at Roaring Creek. The schedule of the S. H. & W. branch has been slightly changed to allow the 12:15 passenger train west and the 2:21 train east, which lately went on as "flyers," to stop at Roaring Creek on flag. All the trains on the S. H. & W. division now stop at Roaring Creek.

TO BRIDGE

MAHONING CREEK

The residents of the lower end of the Borough who petitioned Council for a new bridge over Mahoning Creek at Chestnut street have not as yet been given much encouragement. The committee on Streets and Bridges, to which the petition was referred, has not yet made a full report, although some of the members have expressed themselves in a way to indicate that they do not think the plan to use one of the canal bridges at that point at all practicable and that they regard the proposition on the whole as too big for the town to tackle at the present time.

Some of the petitioners, however, are not willing that the agitation shall cease and they are ready to make another suggestion. Since the use of the canal bridge, which they thought would fill the bill, has been disapproved they have turned to the two spans of the river bridge which remain as affording all the timber needed to bridge Mahoning creek and meadow between West Mahoning Creek and the cinder tip.

The two spans of course would be regarded as property belonging to the county, but those who favor the use of it in the Borough get over this difficulty very easily by suggesting that Council trade off one of its disused canal bridges for what remains of the river bridge. The view is taken that the County Commissioners would very readily accede to this, as the bridge timber will prove of doubtful utility to them while the canal bridge could be used anywhere in spanning the smaller streams of the county and would be sure to obviate the expenditure of a large sum of money for a new bridge.

It remains to be seen whether Council will ever be called upon to take action on these suggestions, but just at present they find favor with a good many people and figure extensively in daily converse.

Laying Pipe in the River. Superintendent P. J. Keefe has resumed work on the sewer and unless hindered by high water it will be the matter of only a few days until the heavy iron pipe is laid in the river and the sewer carried to completion.

The work which remains to be done is probably the most difficult part of the whole sewer proposition. The water is a factor which will have to be reckoned with until the job is completed. The only way the pipe can be laid in the river will be by building coffer dams.

The iron pipe will extend out into the stream for a distance of two hundred and fifty feet. The pipe is twenty-four inches in diameter and each joint is sixteen feet long. It therefore proves much more difficult to handle than the short joints of terra cotta pipe of the same diameter used in the creek.

A coffer dam was being erected yesterday to shut off the water from one section, comprising probably one-third of the distance to be covered with the pipe. The traction engine and centrifugal pump belonging to the Borough had been installed below the river bank at the water's edge for the purpose of keeping down the water while the pipe is being laid.

Puddlers Win Silver Cup. The Iron Moulders' Picnic on Saturday was a fine success. The weather conditions were all that could be desired and a large crowd visited the park.

During the afternoon interest mainly centered in the tug of war between the Iron Moulders and the Puddlers of the Reading Iron Works, which was to decide the custodianship of the silver cup. The contest was pulled off on the Fair ground. Thomas Trainor and W. A. Shepperson were selected as judges. W. A. Seehler, general manager of the stove works, was made referee.

The rope used was about thirty feet long. Nine men were placed on each side and then the tug began. It was a splendid test of strength and well worth witnessing. The fight was a long and hard one before the puddlers succeeded in pulling the Iron Moulders over the line.

The decision was rendered in favor of the puddlers, who consequently receive the silver cup, which the Iron Moulders have held for ten years past.

At Hunter's Park. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Leiniger, Mr. and Mrs. George M. West, A. C. Amesbury and family, along with Mr. Hunter and the families of Messrs. Harrison and Dabler, proprietors of the merry-go-round, are now domiciled at Hunter's Park, to remain during the summer.

The Lyon family and the families of James Scarlet and J. B. McCoy picked up at Hunter's Park on Tuesday.

Mausdale Milling Company. The Maudsall Milling Company composed of Charles Haney and James Frazier, have started up business with George LaTourrette recently of Bloomsburg as miller. The plant was remodelled only a year or so ago and is now thoroughly modern. The new firm will no doubt do a good business.

The one thousand or more Odd Fellows at Shamokin are contemplating the organization of a branch of the Patriarchs Militant. This body is the military branch of the order.

JOB PRINTING

The office of the AMERICAN being furnished with a large assortment of job letter and fancy type and job material generally, the Publisher announces to the public that he is prepared at all times to execute in the neatest manner

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Of all Kinds and Description

RELATING TO THE

POSTAL LAWS

There are irregularities of one sort creeping into the use of the mails which will have to be avoided or a whole lot of people may get into trouble.

This violation, according to Postmaster Harder, is the habit a good many people have of enclosing writing in packages which are paid for according to second, third or fourth class rates. The post office department begins to suspect that the rule which forbids this is being observed more in the breach than in the observance. It is a violation which can not be tolerated and Postmaster Harder says it would not be at all surprising if in a short time there would be wholesale exposures, which, of course, means wholesale arrests.

There are many persons who have never taken the pains to post themselves on the postal laws. To such the following brief explanation will be found invaluable.

Mail matter is divided into first, second, third and fourth classes, each with its own rate of postage. The first class, as is well known, covers correspondence, such as letters. The second class takes in newspapers and regular publications. The third class includes photographs along with printed matter, such as circulars, etc. The fourth class takes in such articles as are ranked with merchandise.

The law specifically provides that mail matter containing any writing or printing in addition to the original matter shall not be admitted to the mails nor delivered except upon payment of postage for matter of first class. Any person who shall conceal or enclose any matter of a higher class in that of a lower class and deposit the same for conveyance by mail at a less rate than would be charged for both such higher and lower class matter shall for every such offense be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

The sending in of tobacco tags affords an instance in which it is believed that the law is violated in a wholesale way. These tags which belong either to third or fourth class mail as they are paper or metal and carry postage as such, it is believed in the majority of instances contain within them writing telling what premium is desired, which, of course, throws the tags from the third or fourth class into the first class and makes the sender liable to a penalty. The accompanying letter in such cases should be enclosed in a separate envelope or the whole package paid for according to first class rates.