

FRANKLIN K. LANE.

Secretary of Interior Urges Government Railroad in Alaska.



There should be about 600 miles of government built railroad in Alaska, in the opinion of Secretary Franklin K. Lane...

CAMELS SOON COMMON IN AMERICAN DESERTS.

Texas Stockmen Plan to Import Two Hundred From Orient.

J. H. Trimble, one of the leading stockmen of Texas, is at the head of an association which purposes to transport camels from the oriental deserts...

The areas mentioned, although they offer great possibilities to the seeker after valuable metals, are little traversed either by railroads or wagon roads...

The camel, with his thick padded feet, seems to have been expressly designed by nature for just this sort of travel...

This is not the first occasion on which an effort has been made to start camel culture in the United States. Jefferson Davis, when he was secretary of war in President Pierce's cabinet...

With the idea that the camels would be useful in Indian warfare because they could carry dispatches more swiftly than horses...

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIES.

Bible Pictures and Plays a Great Attraction For Children.

A three months' successful experiment of teaching the Bible by moving pictures ended recently at the University Congregational church in Chicago.

"We believe that children learn better through the eye than through the ear," said the Rev. Oscar C. Helming, the pastor.

Snake Not Used to Hard Eggs.

Hunting for eggs in her henhouse at East Swartzwood, N. J., recently, Mrs. Jackson Rose beheld a blacksnake coiled in a nest.

FOREIGN SYSTEMS SHOW MANY DEFECTS IN U.S. PARCEL POST

Germany Can Send Goods to California More Cheaply Than New York Can.

Parcel Export Facilities Far Behind, Though Law Affords Speedy Remedy.

ONE of the many remarkable inconsistencies of the United States parcel post system, exhibited most conspicuously in its relations and contrasts with the systems of other countries...

The New York house could send an eleven pound parcel from Germany to any of the countries named below by parcel post for \$1.32.

Another table will show the absurdity in another way:

Table comparing parcel post rates from Germany to various countries like Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, etc.

Germany and Great Britain have export parcel rates similar to or lower than those mentioned above to many other countries with which we have no parcel post relations whatever.

Far Behind in Parcel Export.

The average German parcel brought by post to this country in 1912 weighed about six pounds; our average return parcel about two and one-half pounds.

Reference to the "dollar diplomacy" of the United States always amuses the well informed foreigner. He knows that in practical operation there is hardly another country calling itself civilized that does not take better care of its commercial interests abroad than the United States...

INCREASE IN FOOD ANIMALS.

Number Killed in United States During Fiscal Year 57,628,491.

Reports to the department of agriculture show that in the fiscal year ended June 30 last 57,628,491 animals were slaughtered under federal inspection in the 790 slaughtering establishments in 225 cities and towns of the United States...

Chicago, with 12,910,506 animals slaughtered under federal inspection, leads in numbers. The other principal points of federal inspected slaughter are in the following order:

Chicago, 12,910,506; Kansas City, 5,646,161; South Omaha, 4,009,655; New York, 3,034,685; National Stock yards, East St. Louis, 2,962,292; South St. Joseph, 2,671,443; Boston, 1,826,044; Indianapolis, 1,598,563; Sioux City, 1,520,607; Buffalo, 1,381,271.

The total condemnations at the time of slaughter for disease or other causes numbered 232,687 whole carcasses and 404,328 parts of other carcasses, or a total of 727,015 condemnations. In addition, nearly 18,000,000 pounds of prepared meats and meat products were condemned on reinspection because they had become unwholesome subsequent to the first inspection.

Weather Tips by Radio.

Hereafter the powerful naval radio station at Radio, Va., and Key West, Fla., a few minutes after 10 p. m. will distribute broadcast a weather bulletin which will deal particularly with wind conditions and barometric pressure and give special warnings of severe storms along the Atlantic coast.

the smaller merchandise as difficult as possible.

The common export postal rate of the United States is 12 cents per pound. Great Britain has more than 200 foreign parcel post conventions; Germany has more than 120. The United States has forty-seven. The table above shows clearly enough that our rates to the few countries that we do reach are 50 per cent higher than Great Britain's and nearly 100 per cent higher than those of Germany.

Our law allows no indemnity on lost or damaged foreign parcels, even if registered, and the payment of our exorbitant ten cent registration fee applies insurance only to first class foreign mail up to \$10 in value, first class domestic matter up to \$50 and domestic parcels up to \$25.

Comparison of Totals.

A comparison of parcel post totals shows how far the United States was in the rear of the procession in respect of total business. The figures for foreign countries are for the year 1909, as compared with the total of the United States for 1911:

Table comparing parcel post totals for Germany, Austria, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Switzerland, and United States.

President Could Remedy.

Section 398 of the revised statutes of the United States shows that it lies within the power of President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson to abolish this condition of things with the stroke of a pen:

"For the purpose of making better postal arrangements with foreign countries or to counteract their adverse measures affecting our intercourse with them the postmaster general, by and with the advice of the president, may negotiate and conclude treaties and conventions and may reduce or increase the rates on mail matter between the United States and foreign countries."

Extend Domestic Service.

It thus lies within the power of these two officers to extend our entire domestic postal service or any part thereof to any country or to the whole world either by treaty, as in the case of our general postal conventions with Mexico and Canada and of our special parcel post conventions with Germany, New Zealand, etc., or by executive decree, as in the extension in 1903 of our domestic postal rates to Shanghai.

Under the rules of the Universal Postal union every nation keeps for itself its postal receipts upon export mail. The foreign rate is therefore immaterial to any other nation, and as the free delivery in each country of the incoming mail from the other implies a reciprocal courtesy all nations gain, potentially at least, whenever the system is liberalized.

COUNTIES TO TEACH FARMER

Intensive Practical Training Planned in Southern Minnesota.

Intensive practical education for the farmer and rural betterment are the aims of the Southern Minnesota Development league, which covers thirty-one counties.

Startling census statistics published soon after the federal count in 1910 were chiefly responsible for the organization. These showed that the population of these counties had decreased from 1900 to 1910, the loss being almost entirely in the rural districts, while the cities generally showed an increase. To make the rural sections more attractive and the farms more productive was the manifest problem.

The league, which was incorporated in April of this year, will begin by organizing farm bureaus in each of the thirty-one counties. These bureaus are to be incorporated under the state law and will have charge of all development work within the separate counties. The work of each bureau will be divided into departments, such as public, highways, beef cattle, dairy cattle, silos, alfalfa, public affairs and organization, sheep, poultry, domestic science, rural schools, town and country clubs. County farm agents will work through this bureau and in co-operation with the state and federal agricultural departments.

The officers of the league have been impressed by the fact that many counties in Illinois and Iowa have increased their resources \$500,000 or \$600,000 in a single season through county agricultural agents, and they believe similar results can be obtained in Minnesota.

Big Demand For Peanuts.

General use the demand for peanuts has grown enormously. The value of last year's crop is estimated as at least \$14,000,000. This year the state of Oklahoma alone has planted 200,000 acres to peanuts.

FROGS BEING PLANTED.

Bullfrogs by the thousands are being placed in the streams of Pennsylvania by the State Department of Fisheries, and it is expected that by the end of July more young frogs will have been distributed than ever before handled by the State's fish propagators.

The frogs are being shipped from the Union City, Torresdale and Wayne hatcheries in cans, each containing a thousand or so in the tadpole stage, and are consigned either to fish wardens or to persons interested in fishing, who see that they are promptly placed in the proper localities.

The propagation of frogs was undertaken a few years ago by the department when the demand for the greenbacked "bullies" became so great on the part of hotels and restaurants. This year the hatching has been attended by much success and the "planting" of the young frogs is being vigorously pushed.

Superstitions on Crickets.

The cricket on the hearth is still a welcome guest in those English households that he deigns to visit. His coming is a harbinger of good fortune, while if he leaves the house that is an infallible sign of imminent disaster. A correspondent in Notes and Queries refers to a belief prevalent in Lancashire "that crickets are lucky about a house and will do no harm to those who use them well, but that they eat holes in the worsted stockings of such members of the family as kill them. I was assured of this," adds the writer, "on the experience of a respectable farmer's family."—London Spectator.

NOTICE OF UNIFORM PRIMARIES.

In compliance with the Act of the General Assembly of July 1, 1911, notice is hereby given that nominations will be made for the offices hereinafter set forth, and elections will be held for the party offices named below, by the electors of Wayne County at Primaries to be held in the several election districts of Wayne County between the hours of seven a. m. and seven p. m.

Tuesday, September 16, 1913.

ELECTIONS. STATE COMMITTEE.

One person shall be elected a member of the State Committee by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

One person shall be elected in each election district within the county a member of the County Committee by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

NOMINATIONS.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

One person shall be nominated for the office of Jury Commissioner by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Two persons shall be nominated for the office of Overseer of the Poor in each Poor District within the County whose overseers are chosen by the electors of said district by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

JUDGE OF ELECTION AND INSPECTOR.

One person shall be nominated for the office of Judge of election in each election district within the county; and one person shall be nominated for the office of Inspector in each election district within the county by the electors of said district by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

REGISTRATION ASSESSOR.

One person shall be nominated for the office of Registration Assessor in each of the following election districts: Berlin, Buckingham, Clinton, Columbus, Manchester, Preston, Scott, and Texas; by the electors of each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

There will be two persons nominated for School Director in each school district for the term of six years. There will also be nominated one person for the term of four years in Damascus Township; and one person for the term of two years in Sterling Township by each of the following parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

SUPERVISORS.

There will be two persons nominated for the office of Supervisor within each township in the said County for the term of four years by the following parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

COUNCILMEN AND BURGESS.

The boroughs of Bethany, Honesdale, Prompton, Starrucca, and Waymart will nominate four persons for council and one person for Chief Burgess. The borough of Honesdale will nominate two persons for Councilmen and one person for Chief Burgess, by each of the following parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

TAX COLLECTOR.

One person shall be nominated for the office of Tax Collector for each township and borough by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

AUDITOR.

Two persons shall be nominated for the office of Auditor for each township and borough by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

CONSTABLE.

One person shall be nominated for the office of Constable for each township and borough by each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

One person shall be nominated for Justice of the Peace in each of the following townships and boroughs: Bethany, Borocanaan, Cherry Ridge, Clinton, Damascus, Dyberry, Lake, Mount Pleasant, Oregon, Palmyra, Paupuck, Salem, Scott, South Canaan, and Waymart Borough. And two persons shall be nominated for Justice of the Peace in each of the following townships and boroughs: Berlin, Lebanon, Manchester, Prompton Borough, Salem, Starrucca Borough, by the electors of each of the following named parties, viz: WASHINGTON; REPUBLICAN; DEMOCRAT; PROHIBITION.

Petitions may be obtained at the Commissioners' office.

All petitions must be filed at the Commissioners' office on or before Monday, August 25th, 1913.

JOHN MALE, EARL ROCKWELL, NEVILLE HOLGATE, Commissioners.

Attest: Thomas Y. Boyd, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, Honesdale, Pa. 60011 w.

GOVERNOR TENER SIGNS MANY BILLS.

Harrisburg, July 21.—Governor Tener today approved the bill which increases the salaries of county solicitors in counties having not less than 250,000 population nor more than 1,000,000 to \$2,000 per year. The population of Lackawanna county is about 250,000, and this places it among those affected by the provisions of the bill. The present county solicitor, John B. Jordan, Esq., receives a salary of \$1,500 now, and under the provisions of the new act of assembly will have his salary increased to \$2,000. The increase also extends to Solicitor William S. McLean, Jr., of Luzerne county.

The governor also signed the following bills:

Requiring the receiver of taxes in Philadelphia to open his books on January 25 and to close them December 31, requiring fifteen days public notice and providing for listing of delinquents by January 15.

Fixing salary of register of wills in Philadelphia at \$10,000 per year, and requiring all fees of the office to be paid into the county treasury.

Allowing cities of first class to appropriate proceeds of bond issues for extension of transit facilities within city or within adjacent municipalities or for other permanent improvements.

Providing that county commissioners shall provide rooms for detention of delinquent children awaiting trial and shall heat and furnish such places.

Authorizing appointment of state districts foresters.

Providing that courts may make orders of maintenance against estates of men who have deserted wives and whose whereabouts are unknown.

Three bills presented by Senator Buckman relative to orphans' court procedure: Validating sales of real estate of decedents made by virtue of decree of orphans' court, but not properly advertised.

Regulating manner in which municipalities may acquire sewer systems owned by companies, unincorporated associations or individuals.

Repealing parts of act relative to fees of office in Allegheny county where inconsistent with act of May 1, 1879.

The Benson resolution calling on congress to authorize a convention to propose an amendment to the constitution to prohibit polygamy or polygamous cohabitation in the United States.

—The Citizen has the news.



Frank Dixon as Lecturer AT THE 1913 CHAUTAUQUA.

The man never moves from his theme; he makes few gestures. But the play of his face and voice are remarkable. It is a positive face and a powerful voice. The words hurry forth each in order, snap, snap, snap. Every little while head and arms go up and then down with something of a crash. Then there is a round of sarcasm that withers, and the face fills with hard lines. But just in time he relents and smiles. He doesn't wait for the audience; he is the aggressor every minute. The audience long ago surrendered and he holds it in the hollow of his hand. Up and down, crash upon crash, turning rapid corners, he hurries with ripples of applause nipped off in the rush. All the time you begin to understand. He is a general, hurrying out fact after fact into battle formation, regiment after regiment, battalion upon battalion, until his battle is won! This summer he gives a new masterpiece, "An Outgrown Constitution."

LEGAL BLANKS for sale at The Citizen office: Land Contracts, Leases, Judgment Notes, Warrantee Deeds, Bonds, Transcripts, Summons, Attachments, Subpoenas, Labor Claim Deeds, Commitments, Executions, Collector's and Constables' blanks.

Advertisement for O. T. Chambers, Pharmacist, Honesdale, Pa. "Our COLD TABLETS if used promptly will make short work of a cold."

Advertisement for KRAFT & CONGER INSURANCE, HONESDALE, PA. "Represent Reliable Companies ONLY"

Advertisement for The Ideal Guardian of the estates of your minor children. "It has the very best facilities for the profitable and wise investment and re investment of the principal and accrued income - The Scranton Trust Co. 516 Spruce Street."

Advertisement for Farmers and Mechanics Bank, HONESDALE, PA. "DO YOUR BANKING AT THE Farmers and Mechanics Bank HONESDALE, PA and you will receive all the advantages consistent with this bank's reputation of doing business. M. E. SIMONS, PRES'T. C. A. EMERY, CASH'R. Banking House, Corner Main and Tenth Streets."