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New Postal Order Will Be obeyed.

Reform in the handling of carrying of second class mail matters contemplated in the recent orders of the Postmaster General, promises to meet all expectations. So far as can be learned those who have been illegally enjoying the one cent a pound rate are preparing to submit to the new order without protest. Reasonable time will be allowed publishers of such periodicals and books as are excluded under the recent order to comply with the regulations, the purpose being not to work any undue hardship by immediately cutting them out of the second class mail.

There was a disposition on the part of some of the firms that will suffer most under a strict enforcement of the law to contest the new regulations in court. It is gratifying to the postoffice officials to learn that where these firms have consulted the best legal authority they have been advised to abandon their purpose to enter suit, as an examination of the law shows they would have no case. This advice was given to one of the largest firms, whose books will be excluded under the new regulation, by one of the best lawyers in the United States. In order that there may be no harsh enforcement of the new regulations, Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden has issued instructions to postmasters relative to their application.

Chinamen Cannot Land.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor received telegrams from ship-owners and masters of vessels lately arrived in San Francisco stating that owing to the strike there they are unable to unload their vessels and that Chinamen employed on the ships be permitted to unload the vessels. The masters and owners guarantee to the government that the Chinamen will not be permitted to go beyond the wharves and to prevent their escape. Secretary Taylor has replied, holding that this would be a violation of the Chinese Exclusion Act and refusing to allow the Chinamen to go upon the docks.

Tardy Justice for Heroes.

There is to be a supplemental report by the board of awards appointed by Secretary Long to consider and report upon the recommendations made by commanding officers relative to rewards to officers under them during the Spanish War. It was found that when the first list was made up that quite a number of officers deserving of consideration had been overlooked in the early reports upon which the board acted, and from time to time the attention of the department has been called to these omissions.

Durkee Claim Attacked.

The Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States filed with the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States their answer to the Columbia their answer to the Durkee claim an accounting in connection with the well-known Durkee claim Government for \$79,000,000.

als insert in their replies m is "wholly imaginary, and fraudulent and without in law or in fact." They records of the Treasury ll to disclose any basis

Goods Sold to Cuba.

statement of the im- goods into Cuba during s 1899 and 1900 has publication in the Di- airs of the War De-

shows that cotton of \$6,079,757 were o, as against \$6,- The statement also Kingdom sent to worth of cotton of \$773,282.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

New York (Special).—R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Continued favorable weather conditions have resulted in the saving of much late-planted corn, and in the Northwest ideal weather for spring wheat harvest has been enjoyed. As this is the point that business in all parts of the country has been most carefully watching, the general feeling is better than a week ago.

"Official returns of pig iron production in the first half of the year show a record-breaking aggregate of 7,674,713 tons, exceeding the remarkable output of the previous year by 32,044 tons.

"Violent fluctuations have marked the course of corn prices. The top point of the previous week was not regained, but traders on the short side of the market were compelled to cover at a loss. The decrease in marketing is not in proportion to the advance in price. Whatever benefit may have accrued from the high level of prices, it certainly has driven foreign buyers out of the market, Atlantic exports for the week amounting to only 764,178 bushels, against 3,106,931 a year ago. Wheat is of less interest to speculators, but in legitimate trading it is especially active.

"Bradstreet's" says: "Business failures in the United States for the week were 160, as against 199 last week, 170 this week a year ago, 156 in 1899, 169 in 1898 and 214 in 1897."

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Best Patent, \$4.45; High Grade Extra, \$3.95; Minnesota bakers, \$2.90a3.10.

Wheat—New York, No. 2, red, 76½c; Philadelphia, No. 2, red, 71½a72c; Baltimore, 65½a68½c.

Corn—New York, No. 2, 61c; Philadelphia, No. 2, 59a59½c; Baltimore, No. 2, 60a61c.

Oats—New York, No. 2, 42c; Philadelphia, No. 2, white, 45c; Baltimore, No. 2, white, 43½a44c.

Rye—New York, No. 2, 59½c; Philadelphia, No. 2, 59c; Baltimore, No. 2, 53c.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples, per bbl, fancy, \$2.00a2.50; do, per bbl, common, small, \$1.00a1.50. Beets, per bunch, 1½a2c. Blackberries, per quart, Rochelle, 4a5c. Cabbage, native, per 100, flat Dutch, \$2.00a5.00. Cantaloupes, Anne Arundel gems, per basket, 30a50c. Carrots, native, per bunch, 1½a2c. Corn, per dozen, 5a8c. Cucumbers, per peach basket, 15a20c. Currants, New York, per 8-lb basket, 15c. Egg plants, per basket, 65a75c. Huckleberries, per quart, 6a7c. Onions, per ½-bbl basket, 60a65c; do do, per full bbl, \$1.50a1.60. Peaches, Maryland and Virginia, per box, ordinary, 25a50c; Georgia, per 6-basket carrier, 75ca \$1.50; do, South Carolina, per carrier, 75ca \$1.50. Pears, Manning Elizabeth, per basket, 40a60c. Pineapples, Florida, per crate, as to size, \$2.00a3.25. Squash, per basket, 15a20c. Tomatoes, per 2-basket carrier, 40a75c; Eastern Shore, Virginia, per carrier 40a75c; do, Anne Arundel, per basket, 30a50c. Watermelons, per 100, select, \$18.00a20.00; do, per 100, primes, \$12.00a15.00.

Potatoes—White, new, Norfolk, per barrel, No. 1, \$3.25a3.75; do, do, Norfolk, per barrel, No. 2, \$2.00a2.50; do, do, Eastern Shore Maryland, per bbl, \$3.25a3.50; do, do, Eastern Shore Virginia, per bbl, \$3.25a3.50. Potatoes, new, North Carolina, per bushel, 5.00; do, do, per bbl, \$4.50a5.00.

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