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We are in receipt of Sunset for January. It is full of interesting reading, and the illustrations are excellent.

Postmaster James A. White, of Murphysboro, has been re-appointed on the ground that the business of his office has been conducted satisfactorily to the government and the people, and is an evidence that the postoffice department does not believe in making changes only in cases where it is necessary.

The business of the postoffice of any community is a pretty good commercial thermometer to go by. The business of the Dwight postoffice during 1909 has been larger than ever before, and the prospects are that the fiscal year ending March 30, 1910, will show a gain of over \$2000. This will show a gain of almost 100 per cent in twelve years, and probably will be the means of Dwight having a government building in a few years.

President Taft, on the suggestion of Secretary Knox, has issued an order which has the virtual effect of putting the foreign service below the rank of minister under the civil service reform rules. Applicants for all such places must pass an examination, and when once in the service their promotion will be according to an established schedule.

From Washington there comes the report that Uncle Sam's reserve military strength is 14,974,448 men. But men are but one element of strength. Back of the soldiers are the resources that, in case of war, would enable the country to carry on successful military operations on sea and land.

H. H. Kohlsaat is again editor of the Chicago Record-Herald. It is hoped that the paper will be conducted more conservatively than heretofore, and not show so much viciousness against everyone who does not happen to believe as it does.

General Sheridan, the bravest of the brave, in speaking of the late war, said: "I never pass one of these old veterans unless I take off my hat to him. What a glorious work they did! When the country needed help, they forgot all, left home, went forth and fought her battles, and then, having spent four years of the best of their lives, peacefully returned home, took up the burdens of life where they had laid them down, and went forward as if no interruption had occurred. Splendid are such lives, and all honor to such heroes."

To a few people who imagine they are doing great injury to a newspaper publisher when they decide to discontinue their subscription we wish to say that the profit on a year's subscription to a dollar and a half a year local paper is so small you'd feel dead broke if that was all you had on hand.—Ex.

We make mistakes, of course, we are human, like you. We overheard two individuals talking about the way we ran this paper, and it made us feel like a Mexican peso with a hole punched in it. We doubled-timed it down to our den and crawled in through a back window, resolving not to go home until the shadows of night had fallen over Mars. But when we arrived at our desk and looked into

our subscription books, to our amazement we discovered that this know-how-to-do-all-thing-well son of nature was not a subscriber. Now, what are we trying to find out in: whose paper did he borrow?—Mars (Pa.) Dispatch.

A communication from a resident of Washington, D. C., bearing upon the political situation has this to say: "The old line Republicans who have been, and are doing all the hard work in congress have reached the limit of being criticised and obstructed by men, who appear to have that as their only occupation, and when the real supporters of the Republican party get after them as hard as it looks they are going to do, they will make the insurgents feel that the socialistic members of the Republican party have angle worms where their spines ought to be."

Judge Advocate-General George B. Davis, of the Army, is very dissatisfied over the post saloons. He says that their presence near Army posts are a menace and highly detrimental to military discipline. He believes that the sale of beer and light wines upon the post reservations would tend largely to sobriety in the Army. The saloons near military camps are beyond the control of the military authorities, and their existence is decidedly detrimental to the routine at military posts. He states that there is a large increase in cases of drunkenness, and that in some cities the legislators have made it an offense to sell intoxicating liquors within a mile of military reservations, and this has been productive of beneficial results.

Henry Watterson, the able editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has brought the wrath of the editors of yellow journals down on him for condemning "sensational journalism." Crime and cussedness travel fast enough, and while publicity may be a good thing for the criminal himself, every time a newspaper publishes scandals and dirt they hit a dozen innocent people at the same time. The STAR and HERALD could never understand what was to be gained in any way by publicly condemning one rascal, and at the same time bring disgrace on innocent people who are not to blame. We do not believe that the publication of a lot of dirt ever cleaned anybody.

The recommendations of President and Postmaster General Hitchcock regarding second-class mail matter, will eventually mean that a lot of advertising magazines and other publications of that nature will be obliged to go out of business, or pay first class postage. We do not think the recommendations refer to the regular newspapers, especially to the country weeklies, for it is well-known that the profits are very small now, and they could not stand any increase in postage. Many of the magazines and most of the metropolitan daily newspapers could stand a slight raise in postage and not hurt them any, and it would not take much to make up the postal deficiency. We do not believe the public is worrying much about the cost of the postal department, but of course where economy is justified it should be carried out.

One primary bill introduced this week at Springfield provides for the primary elections to be held all on the same day, and that delegates be elected to the county conventions, and that the county conventions elect all the other delegates to the different conventions. The bill is safeguarded thoroughly and has the endorsement of the Cook County people, and will appeal to the party men in the country because it provides for the good old county conventions which do so much to maintain party lines, and above all the bill is simple and also does away with nominating party candidates without having a majority of their own party behind them.

Of course the Chicago papers will yell "soap box," etc., but that kind of argument is not very convincing to the people of Illinois who have been duped to the tune of about half a million dollars to pay for fool, unlawful primary laws, advocated by the Chicago mongrel press.

The cost of all kinds of stock, machinery and everything used in the printing business has increased about forty per cent in the past five years, and the raise in the price of printing to the customer has not increased materially. The average business man knows this and at the same time knows the price of the goods which he handles has increased greatly. Thus it is evident that no printer can do good, reliable up-to-date work in advertising or job work at the same prices as heretofore. We do not believe any fair-minded business man is adverse to any other business man making a fair profit on his out-put, and this applies to the farmers the same as other business men.

Many weekly newspapers have raised the price of their subscription to \$2 a year, but we propose to stick to the old rate of \$1.50 for those who pay absolutely in advance, the same as they must have to for other papers, and to charge \$2 if not paid inside of thirty days from expiration of subscription. This will take effect the first day of March, 1910. The price of space for advertising will remain the same for constant advertisers, but the price for other advertising will be increased and also the prices for jobwork.

The Navy Department is going to draw its lines on the appointment from civil life of second lieutenants in the marine corps and assistant paymasters in the navy. It is deemed by the department that some undesirable citizens have obtained appointment to this branch of the service, and the commissions being signed, it has been found impossible to relieve the navy of their service. The probationary period given medical officers has proved satisfactory, and it is proposed now to submit second lieutenants and assistant paymasters to the same task.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have requested the postoffice department to restore the head of Martha Washington to one of the stamps of the present series. It is suggested that the proposed issue of the 12-cent stamp bear this head, and, acting upon this suggestion, Third Assistant Postmaster-General Travers has asked the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare a model presenting Martha Washington's head, in addition to one bearing the head of George Washington. The new 12-cent stamp will be used generally, inasmuch as it is designed to cover the new registry fee of 10 cents and the 2-cent postage rate, so that if Martha is so honored as to get her head on this stamp her features will soon become pretty well known to the people throughout the country.

LONGEVITY OF EDITORS.

The Frankfort (Ky.) News printed an announcement recently of the retirement of an editor after a newspaper career extending over a period of nearly sixty years. In commenting on the editor's age the News says:

"Editors are a long living class! Why is it? There is a perverted and prevaricating proverb which says that 'none but the good die young.' The original was they whom the gods love die young. The meaning was that the favorites of the gods escape the sufferings incident to declining years—that those are fortunate whose 'barque goes down when eager winds are kissing every sail,' as compared to those whose voyage extends across the seas of life until they 'hear the breakers beat upon the shore.'"

"It was a pagan proverb which was popular when physical life was everything to everybody, and before the pleasures of the intellect were esteemed to be more worth living for than those of the flesh. Nowadays, when the afternoon of life, as the dimness of twilight, is a period of contentment and happiness for those who have lived wisely, and not too well; who have had same minds in sound bodies, and been temperate in all things the proverb should be that whom the gods love live long."

"If this is not true, how else shall we explain the fact that editors hang on to life like the loggerhead turtle hangs to the thing he closes his jaws upon? How else, unless it be admitted that the editor, as a rule, is not a good man, a keeper of the ten commandments, an ornament and a solace to the community, a shining light in the home and a substantial pillar of the church. How else? And an editor who cannot explain himself out of any corner is unworthy of his pen—or typewriter."

ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY.

Census Director Durand Sets February, 5th as the Date.

Washington, D. C., December 27, 1909.—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for Census enumerators' places on Saturday, February 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau today. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the Twelfth Census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families; and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become Census

enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 63,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15th.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25th as any received after that date cannot be considered.

Rebekahs Install New Officers.

The Rebekahs of Dwight held installation of officers Tuesday evening of this week, the following being inducted into office:

Noble Grand, Mrs. Geo. Chas. Vice Grand, Miss Ethel Emple. Secretary, Miss Agnes Knudsen. Treasurer, Miss Constance Taylor. After installation was over all adjourned to Crandall & Jones restaurant where a fine lunch was served.

G. A. B. Elect Officers.

The Dwight Post G. A. B. elected the following officers for the present year:

Commander, T. J. Graham. Senior Vice, Robert Bell. Junior Vice, Martin Seabert. Adjutant, Wm. B. Brown. Quartermaster, James Williams. Surgeon, Chas. Walso. Chaplain, George Hornberger. Officer of the Day, F. M. Davis. Officer of the Guard, Charles McCleary. Sergt. Maj., Geo. W. Boyer. Q. M. Sergt., Frank Ford. Delegate to Department Encampment, James Williams. Alternate, Wm. B. Brown.

These officers will be installed next Tuesday evening, January 11th, and every member of the Post is requested to come and bring his family with him. After installation ceremonies, an oyster supper will be served.

Fine Job Printing at this office.

RESOLUTIONS

Dwight Lodge I. O. O. F., No. 573.

WHEREAS: The allwise Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to call from our midst our Brother Carl Uebriek we hope and trust that our loss has been his gain in his being freed from the sorrow and suffering of this world and granted an abundant entrance to a world where sorrow and suffering can never enter; therefore be it

RESOLVED That we extend to his dear ones who are left to mourn his departure our heartfelt sympathy and, trust that they may be comforted by the thought that he has simply passed on before, and be it further

RESOLVED That these resolutions be spread on our minutes and a copy of the same be given to the family and we would recommend that they be published in the DWIGHT STAR and HERALD.

A. A. BOYER. T. J. GRAHAM. ALFRED GRAHN.

Dwight, Ill., Dec. 23, 1909.

Last year there were 329 alarms turned into the Joliet fire station and the fire loss for the year amounted to but \$15,873.29.

NOTICE

The Bank of Dwight Will Pay Interest on Deposits.

The Bank of Dwight has established a Savings Department for the benefit of the public, its friends and patrons. Interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum will be paid on funds deposited in this department.

RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS WANTED.

The Government Pays Railway Mail Clerks \$600 to \$1,200 and Other Employees up to \$2,500 Annually.

Uncle Sam will hold spring examinations throughout the country for Railway Mail Clerks, Custom House Clerks, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Departmental Clerks and other Government Positions. Thousands of appointments will be made. Any man or woman over 18, in City or Country can get instruction and free information by writing at once to the Bureau of Instruction, 321 C Hamlin Building, Rochester, N. Y.

Look this paper over carefully and you are pretty sure to subscribe for it, if you have not already.

WITH OUR CHURCHES.

First M. E. Church, A. Wirt Lowther, D. D., pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship and sermon, 10:45. A Sunday School Rally Sermon. Epworth League 6:45. Peoples service in charge of the "Men's Sunday Evening Club" 7:30. Reading of "The Servant in the House" by Miss Edith Bartlett, of Chicago. Seats free and everyone cordially invited. Free-will offering.

Congregational Church, W. J. Drew, pastor. Services for Sunday, Jan. 9th, 9:30 a. m. Sunday School. 10:45 a. m. morning worship 6:45 p. m. Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m. Evening service. Prayer service, Wednesday evening at 7:30. We extend a most cordial invitation to the public to all these services.

Evangelical Church—Rev. Henry F. Ebert, pastor. Sunday services at Dwight church: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m., preaching service 10:30 (German.) On the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month services in Dwight church shall be conducted in the English language. Salem Church, Goodfarm, Sunday School 9:30 a. m., preaching service (German) 10:30. Young Peoples Meeting 7 p. m. Preaching service (English) 7:30 p. m. Welcome.

Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. A. Rasmussen, pastor, West Semole St. Meetings: Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.; services, 10:30 a. m., the first, second and third Sundays and at 7:30 p. m. the third Sunday.

Norwegian Danish M. E. Church, (corner Semole and Franklin.) Rev. J. Johnson, pastor. Services every two weeks commencing Sunday, January 9, 1910. Sunday: preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Friday: prayer meeting at 7:45 p. m. Saturday: choir practice at 7:00 p. m. The Ladies Aid Society meets every other Friday at 2 o'clock. Come and serve God with us.

First Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. Holm, pastor, Chippewa street. Meetings: Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching service at 10:30.

German Lutheran Church—Rev. W. O. J. Kleemann, pastor. Sunday services at 9:30 a. m.

Start the New Year right by subscribing for your home paper. We have some special bargains with other publications that ought to be of vital interest to you at this time. See our clubbing list elsewhere in this issue.

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LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTY SALES THIS WEEK

L. J. Berger, 212 1-2 acres, \$200 per acre, \$45,000.00
Geo. L. Hahn, 95 acres, \$200 per acre, 19,000.00
A. C. Hupp, 187 acres, \$152.50 per acre, 28,500.00
\$92,500.00

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