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## THE POSTAL SERVICE:

It was said last week that Postmaster-General Hays was somewhat disturbed over the postal situation, particularly as affected by the order of President Wilson regulating the appointment of presidential postmasters, says the Indianapolis News, and continues: Yet if he has but one object, and that the true one, in view, there is no reason why he should be disturbed or in any way perplexed. That object should be to give the people the very best service possible for the least money. Mr. Hays is at the head of a great business department of the government, and it is intimately related to the business of the people. If the postoffice department is not managed as a business enterprise the whole country will suffer, and suffer grievously.

Even politically speaking, it is better to please and satisfy the millions of people who use the postoffices than the men who seek to be chosen to manage them. Mr. Hays's record will be good or bad according as he meets the demands of the former or the latter class. He can not satisfy both. If he is forced to choose between being a postmaster-general or a headsman, surely he will not for a moment hesitate to choose the former role. There is nothing wrong with the Wilson order, and the administration, and Mr. Hays in particular, ought to rejoice that it is in effect. For it will save them much trouble, and the people of the country much vexation, annoyance and loss.

This administration can, if it will, wholly break all connection between the postoffice department and politics, to the great benefit both of the department and politics. The postoffices were not created or the people taxed to maintain them, in order to furnish jobs for politicians or political hangers-on. When a man drops a letter into a mail box he does not care whether it is handled by republicans or democrats, but he greatly cares that it be delivered promptly.

## WORK IN SECOND RANK

Twenty-five pages will be given the rank of esquire this evening by the K. of P. lodge. Members of the degree team are especially urged to be present. The lodge will convene promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

J. H. STEWART, C. C.

The county commissioners will meet next Monday at the auditor's office. A number of road matters will be taken up.

## Extra Shoe Values for Men

You'll find these values mighty good. First of all you'll get shoes that give you good appearance, style, comfort and service. Shoes have to be mighty good to give you all that. These do it, and give you a big bonus of economy besides. We're selling them at big reductions.

MEN'S "WORKSHU"—A Hood brand product that has good service and real comfort. They have heavy rubber soles and heels and a good quality fabric top. Men's sizes are priced at \$2.98, Boy's sizes at \$1.98, while youth's sizes are selling per pair for.....

\$1.00

MEN'S MULESKINS—Outing model, with bellows tongue and solid leather inner and outer sole. You'll have no trouble in finding the size to fit your feet comfortably and you'll agree that you are getting real value for your money in these general use shoes priced per pair at.....

\$3.25

MEN'S OUTING SHOES—of genuine Elkskin. Weyenburg make and solid leather throughout. Your choice of brown and black leathers and contain the quality essential to successful service and long wear. Specially priced per pair at.....

\$4.25

**Gay Bros. & Co.**

Decatur, Indiana

## TAKES CARE OF 5 CHILDREN

Mrs. Taylor's Sickness Ended by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Roxbury, Mass.—"I suffered continually with backache and was often dependent, had dizzy spells and at my monthly periods it was almost impossible to keep around at my work. Since my last baby came two years ago my back has been worse and no position I could get in would relieve it, and doctor's medicine did not help me. A friend recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I have found great relief since using it. My back is much better and I can sleep well. I keep house and have the care of five children so my work is very trying and I am very thankful I have found the Compound such a help. I recommend it to my friends and if you wish to use this letter I am very glad to help any woman suffering as I was until I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. MAUDE E. TAYLOR, 5 St. James Place, Roxbury, Mass.

Backache is one of the most common symptoms of a displacement or derangement of the female system. No woman should make the mistake of trying to overcome it by heroic endurance, but profit by Mrs. Taylor's experience and try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The farmer is certainly getting the worst of the game. Hogs yesterday hit the lowest mark in a decade, cattle were almost nothing, grains can scarcely be sold and yet there is only one thing to be done and that is to raise another crop and hope for a better market. Normalcy has sure hit the farmer between the eyes and if there is any legislation that will help them, we are for it and hope the law makers will sit up nights putting it over.

Young Trasker who murdered his mother and tried to kill his father and confessed that it was a plan whereby he hoped to secure possession of the property has been sent to the insane asylum at Michigan City. In due time he will probably be released and permitted to enjoy his inheritance.

Automobile drivers may save serious trouble and accidents if they obey the regulations provided under the statutes of Indiana. It's up to you to post yourself and then follow them.

(By A. L. Bradford, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, D. C. April 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Germany's trump card in the desperate reparations game was laid before Secretary of State Hughes today.

With the note to the United States forwarding new reparations proposals, Germany hopes at the eleventh hour to stave off military occupation of the rich Ruhr region, which the allies are determined to carry out to enforce their reparations demands.

Senator Lodge, in calling up today the Knox resolution repealing the declarations of war upon Germany and Austria, authorized by congress in 1917, set that program in motion. All congress has to do with the program for the present, at least, is to substitute a technical state of peace for the technical state of war which has existed since the armistice ended actual hostilities more than two years ago.

The resolution as reported by the foreign relations committee, binds the United States to nothing. It is simply a formality.

Senate hope to pass the resolution in a day or two. He will be satisfied to pass it this week. The house, having a resolution of its own, may take a week longer.

(By Webb Miller, United Press staff correspondent)

Paris, April 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two weeks from today the gravelled roads of the Ruhr will be choked with horizon blue rivers of French troops, according to plans of the French war office.

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