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The Reduction of Mail Service.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* says:

"It seems, or at least it has been alleged, that the disconnection of post offices and abolition or decrease of mail routes in the quarters mentioned, will, on investigation, be found to be mostly confined to those districts where the members of the last Congress were anti-Lecompton men, or voted against the post office appropriation bill. There are also several cases in districts in which Lecompton and Administration men were defeated at the last election."

Such has not been invariably the case in this region, unless in executing vindictive proscription upon one opponent they have been willing to injure two friends. The ever-faithful Warrick and the subservient Perry have been deprived of privileges to punish rebellious Spencer. But Posey, that supported rebel Hovey, has lost half of her mail favors, and suffers as much as Republican Gibson.

But what makes these deprivations of mail facilities hard to bear, is the fact that while our most important land mails are stopped, the expensive river mail that does no service to any one except to route agents, is kept up at an expense of over \$30,000 per annum, which is five times the amount of all that will be saved by Mr. Holt's reductions in the First and Second Congressional Districts. The people of these districts should demand, on the meeting of Congress, through their faithful Lecompton Representatives, Judge Niblack, and Hon. Bill English, the ex-chairman of the Post Office Committee, why this worthless and expensive contract is maintained with a Louisville company, old friends of the Post Master General, while he is searching into the accounts of every county Post Office in this part of the State to see if it pays within a dime or two the expenses of carrying the mail to it. If he will look into the receipts of his river mail from Louisville to Memphis, he will see that it don't pay one dollar in one hundred of its costs; and yet there is no notice to quit.

The saving of \$250 per annum on the Rockport route was an item of sufficient importance to justify the reduction of that service one-half, to the serious damage of 40,000 persons; but an item of \$30,000, which affects the interests of a few of his old neighbors is entirely overlooked by the economical head of the Department.

And while the enquiry is being made, it will be well also to ask, on what grounds the sum of \$40,000 was paid to this Louisville Sherley Steamboat Company, not many months ago, when the revenues of the Department were so depressed, for forfeitures that occurred four and five years ago, under Mr. Campbell, to which it had not the shadow of a legal or equitable claim. This Company obtained, not long ago, as we are informed on good authority, full pay for carrying the mail from Louisville to Cairo, in the low water seasons of 1854-55, and 1856, when their boats were tied up at Portland, and never moved a wheel for months at a time. The deductions made by the Pierce Administration for this failure to perform the service, have, years after the adjustment of the accounts by Mr. Campbell, been paid up by this administration, as we are, on the best authority, told. While the Department can't afford a \$5 bill to keep up a horse mail for a country town, it lavished \$40,000 upon magnificent steamers as a gratuity, for lying idle at the wharf. A respectable correspondent who had had an opportunity to know the facts, desire us to commend this case to the attention of the Representatives from the First and Second Congressional Districts.

A correspondent gives an account of a practical joke played upon a fugitive couple of lovers, who were escaping from the veto of an inexorable parent, which, if brought to the knowledge of the law officers, might prove dangerous and costly fun. An ardent and youthful couple came on board a steamer, at Hawesville, Ky., professedly for an excursion down the river. The young gentleman, soon after "getting fixed," began an enquiry for a clergyman or a Kentucky magistrate among the passengers. An imprudent person was soon found by the lovers of fun on board, who volunteered to give the legal sanction to the banns tormented by the obtrusive parents.

The ceremony was performed with due solemnity before an assembled crowd of passengers, and the fond couple passed the evening in an ecstasy of happiness, while the whole company seemed, by their hearty congratulations, to sympathize. The lovers had entered their state-room, and were about retiring, when the Captain, thinking the joke had proceeded far enough, intervened and revealed the imposition, in time to prevent any actual damages. The mortified bride bid her chagrin and disappointment in blushes, and the rage of the infurated groomsmen vented itself in profane anathemas and a fruitless search for the fictitious clergyman, who had strolled. The next day the matter was legally and ecclesiastically consummated, and the runaways went home to sue for a pardon which they knew could not long be denied.

A friend, who has been on an extensive jaunt through the lower Wabash Valley and Southeastern Illinois, informs us that through all the river bottoms the corn looks splendidly. The prospects of a good crop are as promising as the farmers had had in several years. If other portions of the West shall have poor crops, most of the regions that are tributary to this city will be blessed with abundance.

We call attention to the sale of a valuable lot on Main street, between Sixth and Seventh, the advertisement of which is found in another column. A bargain may be had.

The Italian Union.

It is proposed that the Italian States shall form a commercial union, like the German Zollverein, which has contributed so essentially to the agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial prosperity of the German State. "Notwithstanding the despotism that rules in many of the States, the German Empire has grown into immense popularity by her free commercial union. To Prussia the credit of this great measure is due, and she has reaped the benefit of it more than any other German State. Before the formation of the Zollverein on every few miles of the roads tolls were levied, every canal, every river, and every frontier of every State, large or small, was lined with custom-house officers, and to say nothing of the enormous expense of that system, such were the vexatious restrictions that they are now, yet some how or other all Paris is familiar with what the Emperor is resolved it shall ignore. At this moment the public is very generally aware of what passed at Milan. On Louis Napoleon's entrance into Paris the population is not taken in. It knows that the Italians are frenzied with rage. It knows that in Milan the Emperor was hoisted and hissed, and that flags and emblems of the French Alliance were torn down, and trampled upon along his passage; that at Turin it was only by the utmost efforts on the part of the Government, and military, that excessive insult was spared the ex-liberator of Italy.

When, after the peace, Count Cavour found himself, for the first time, face to face with the Emperor and King, he found it impossible to remain within bounds of etiquette, and his indignation burst violently forth, so violently that at length Louis Napoleon, under control as he usually is, lost temper in turn, and threatened. The word arrest escaped his lips, at which the betrayed Piedmontese Minister turned round, saying: "Arrest me? try it but you would not dare, for you would then have no choice left you but to go back to France through the Alps."

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