

ENVELOPE GRAFT IS PUT AT LARGE SUM

Said That Uncle Sam Has Been Victimized to Extent Of Half Million.

CONTRACT IS DISREGARDED

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL HAS STOPPED PAYMENT PENDING A PROBE OF THE CHEAP MATERIAL CHARGE.

Washington, Oct. 7—Postmaster General Meyer has suspended the payment of all moneys due the Hartford Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn., pending an investigation of charges of graft, in which it is alleged that the Government is loser to the extent of about \$500,000. The attorney general has been ordered to go into the case and take whatever action he deems necessary.

The Hartford Manufacturing Company up to July last supplied the stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers sold at postoffices. Chemical analysis of samples have disclosed the fact that the composition of the envelope paper has been below the requirements of the contract, and, according to the computations of experts, the company has in the last four years wrongfully benefited to the extent of about \$425,000.

Admission Is Made.

One of the manufacturers who supplied paper to the company, has admitted that his firm furnished cheaper material than specified in the contract and that it was made at the instance of the Hartford Manufacturing company.

Suspicion arose several months ago that the Hartford company had been using inferior paper for some time and a very extensive examination was required in order to determine just how long the specifications had been disregarded.

During the investigation a new contract was entered into for the supplying of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers with the Mercantile Corporation of Dayton, O., beginning July 1.

As the Hartford company had carried on successive contracts for nearly thirty years, naturally there was no other plant in existence to do this particular class of work, but the guarantees furnished by the new company, showing its financial standing and ability to obtain a plant, paper, machinery and labor, satisfied the postmaster general after several weeks' personal inquiry in Washington and elsewhere.

Output Is Enormous.

The product must average nearly 4,600,000 envelopes every working day in the year. Of these 30 per cent are plain stamped envelopes, the remaining 70 per cent bearing the return cards, names and addresses of the senders.

The two concerns mentioned were the only competitors for the new contract, the bid of the Hartford company being \$5,557,435, figured on the basis of the estimated quantities required during the four years of the contract term, while that of the Mercantile Corporation was \$162,251 less.

Under the specifications of the present contract, advertised Jan. 15, 1907, and March 2, 1907, the formula as to the quality of paper was changed to a slightly lower grade.

During the last few months of its contract the Hartford Manufacturing company furnished envelopes up to the contract requirements.

NEARLY ALL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN FINISHED

Only Three Remain Out of Forty Let This Season.

BUILDING SEASON GOOD.

Of the forty public improvement contracts let this year, only three remain to be finished before the opening of winter. Sidewalks have to be constructed on Hunt street, a cement alley way built to the west of the federal building and a sewer constructed between South H and J between Sixth and Seventh streets. One improvement planned will not be taken up until next year and that is the East First street improvement from Main street to the Starr piano company's factories. The improvement season has been unusually successful this year.

RICHINGS AT EARLHAM.

He Will Give His Lecture There Tuesday Morning.

G. F. Richings of Curry Normal and Industrial Institute, Urbana, Ohio, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Negro in America" in the Earham chapel, beginning at 8:30 a. m., Tuesday, Oct. 8. He has a hundred very fine pictures illustrating educational conditions among the negroes. All classes will recite Tuesday morning except those scheduled for 11:40-12:30.

The ladies of the First M. E. church will hold a rummage sale in the room at 918 Main street, recently vacated by the Toms millinery store, on Friday and Saturday.

You needn't suffer with sick headache, indigestion, constipation or any other troubles arising from a disordered stomach. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsi will cure you and keep you well. Try it—keep it on hand the year around.

Formal Announcement is Made of Engagement



SOCIETY NEWS

(Conducted by Miss Florence Corwin. Office Phones, Both 21; Residence Phone, Home 1310.

Mr. Frederick Warde, Shakespearean authority, was in Richmond a short time on his way west to fill engagements that will occupy his time until January 1. Mr. Warde has been heard with pleasure by Richmond audiences.

The Epworth League of the First M. E. church entertained at dinner Sunday in the parlors of the church about thirty of the oldest members of the congregation, it being old people's day.

The Men's society of the First English Lutheran church will hold a meeting Wednesday evening for the reorganization of the society.

At a reception given to a few friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zwissler, Sunday evening, one of the special features was the announcement of the engagement of Miss Emma Wessel of this city to Mr. Will Birk, of Madison, Ind. It was also announced that the date for the happy event is set for Wednesday, November 27, the marriage ceremony to take place in St. Andrew's Catholic church in this city. Miss Wessel is one of Richmond's most highly esteemed women and has hosts of warm friends who will be pleased to know she is to marry a man of culture, wealth and refinement. Miss Wessel is a cousin of Mrs. John Zwissler. Mr. Birk is one of Madison's leading business men, and stands high in the business as well as social circles of the city. He is a prominent Knight of Columbus, and takes a leading part in all of the advanced movements for the progress of Madison, both commercially and socially. There will be quite a number of ante-nuptial social events given in honor of Miss Wessel within the next six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Corwin, of Los Angeles, Cal., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Corwin and family, East Main street. They have been visiting at Knightstown and will return to this city later to visit for a week. They will then go to Franklin, Ohio, and from there East, visiting New York, Boston, Washington and points in Florida before returning to California.

Mrs. Wickham Corwin, Mrs. Wilbur Hibberd and Mrs. Ray Holton will give a breakfast at the Country club Wednesday morning in honor of Miss June Elmer, bride-elect.

Miss Margaret Bridge of Franklin, Ohio, who attends college at Oxford, Ohio, will be the guest of Miss Florence Corwin over Sunday and will attend the Miami and Earlham football game at Earlham, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nusbaum and Miss Ruth Mashmeyer have gone to New York for two weeks.

Miss Alice Vogelsohn entertained a number of her school friends Saturday afternoon at her home in honor of her thirteenth birthday anniversary. Various games were played and several prizes were awarded. Music was also a feature of the affair. A dainty luncheon was served. Those present were Mary Mather, Lucile Nusbaum, Myra Scott, Ruth Winkler, Bernice Atkin-

Read that little gem, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Some physicians say it's a "health classic."

TRIED TO GET HOLD OF VALUABLE PATENT

Very Smooth Man Came Near Working a Dodge on a Farmer West of Town.

APPEALED TO PROSECUTOR.

JESSUP INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED THE PAPERS DRAWN BY THE STRANGER TO BE A FAKE.

A very smooth man representing himself to be a representative of the Great Western Investment company, would have successfully worked a dodge on a farmer residing a few miles west of Richmond had it not been for Prosecutor Jessup, whom the farmer consulted before closing a so-called deal. The "slicker" desired to secure a fine harvester improvement which the farmer had invented.

With an easy speech and elegant manners the man approached the farmer in question, telling a tale of the fortune that lay within his grasp if he would but turn his patent over into his hands. He produced several contracts to be signed by the farmer, and which stated that the Yawman and Erbe company of Rochester, N. Y., desired to purchase the patent through the Western Investment company.

Before signing them however the farmer took the papers to Prosecutor Jessup asking of him advice on the proposition. Knowing that the Yawman and Erbe company was a concern manufacturing furniture and desks, Prosecutor Jessup pronounced the papers fake. To make sure of the proposition he wrote the Yawman-Erbe company about the proposition and Charles Sternin, manager of the concern pronounced the papers fake so far as his concern is connected with them. The papers are being held by that company for some time, that the company's attorney may proceed against the so called Great Western Investment company, supposedly located at Denver, Col.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

Butterick's patterns, Morris & Co.'s, Charles Atkinson spent Sunday in Milton.

Water bills due October 1st to 10th. Lee B. Nusbaum has gone to New York City on business.

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Episcopal church supper Wednesday evening, 6 to 8 in parish house. 7-2t

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Dr. Isaac S. Harold has returned from a three months' trip through the West.

Phil Twigg, a well known local traveling man, is in New York on business.

Mesdames O. L. and L. W. Beeson of Milton spent a day in Richmond the past week.

Attorney Bert Medsker of Cambridge City was in Richmond on business, Saturday.

Miss Mary Austin, Main street milliner, is in Chicago in the interest of her business.

Mrs. Charles Conner and daughter of Fountain City, were in Richmond on business.

Miss Nannie Thomas who has been visiting relatives in Richmond, returned to Fountain City.

Miss Andra Roosa, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond has returned to Fountain City.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Geisler of Hagerstown, entertained Dr. and Mrs. Peterson, of Richmond, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bowman and family of Richmond spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha Bowman at Hagerstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murry of Hagerstown, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murry and son, of Richmond, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Harris of Richmond spent Sunday with their son, Clarence Harris and family at Walnut, Ind.

Mrs. Edith Gibbons of Richmond returned home Saturday after a two days' visit with B. H. Schuck and family at Hagerstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. A. Wierhake of Richmond were guests over Sunday of Arthur Mills and family, north of Hagerstown.

Mrs. Laura Hines, Mrs. M. T. Fox, Rudy Quiggle, Allen Pierce, Orlando Lock and Geo. Calame of Hagerstown spent Saturday here.

Episcopal church supper Wednesday evening in Parish house 6 to 8. Menu: Escalope oysters, ham, salad, fruit, jellatin, jelly, hot rolls, pickles. 7-2t

GOING TO STATE CONVENTION.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson, Miss Mary Brothers, Mrs. E. Moore, Mrs. Albert Mote, Mrs. E. Taylor and William Umthang will attend the Baptist state convention at Indianapolis.

DIRECTORS WILL MEET.

Directors of the Commercial Club will meet tonight and consider a number of business matters.

MEN ADMIRE

A pretty face, a good figure, but sooner or later learn that the healthy, happy, contented woman is most of all to be admired.

Women troubled with fainting spells, irregularities, nervous irritability, backache, the "blues," and those dreadful dragging sensations, cannot hope to be happy or popular, and advancement in either home, business or social life is impossible.

The cost of these remedies however, even yields quickly to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs. It acts at once upon the organ afflicted and the nerve centers, dispelling effectively all those distressing symptoms. No other medicine in the country has received such unqualified endorsement or has such a record of cures of female ills as has

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Miss Emma Runtzler, of 631 State St., Schenectady, N. Y., writes: "For a long time I was troubled with a weakness which seemed to drain all my strength away. I had dull headaches, was nervous, irritable, and all worn out. Changing to read one of your advertisements of a case similar to mine cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs. It acts at once upon the organ afflicted and the nerve centers, dispelling effectively all those distressing symptoms. No other medicine in the country has received such unqualified endorsement or has such a record of cures of female ills as has

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Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.



MISS EMMA RUNTZLER

GRANT LIQUOR LICENSES

County Commissioners Begin Their October Session.

The county commissioners met for the first time this month this morning. After granting liquor licenses to Harry W. Minck, Daniel E. Cooper, who succeeds Richard Van Zant, George H. Muay and Lawrence B. Thurner, all of this city, the commissioners went over bills against the county. No business of special interest was transacted.

GOING INTO CHARLES PLACE.

Superintendent Klopp of Glen Miller park, will soon move from his present residence to the old Charles homestead which has been improved by the city for a permanent residence of the park custodian. Thomas Hoffman, the park florist, will occupy the house vacated by Supt. Klopp.

PEACHES

350 Bushels of Fancy Michigan CRAWFORDS AND ELBERTAS

After a strenuous search of two weeks we have succeeded in getting together

FULL CAR OF FINE FRUIT

DUE TO ARRIVE TUESDAY MORNING

Prices reasonable considering scarcity.

PHONE YOUR ORDERS.

JOHN M. EGGEIMEYER

4th AND MAIN STREETS.



New arrival of Suits.
Came this morning

THE GEO. H. KNOLLENBERG CO.