

## MAIL ORDER HOUSES CAN NOT ESTABLISH THEIR AGENCIES

Postmaster General Informs  
Postmaster Spekenhier this  
Will Be Prevented by Addi-  
tion to Parcels Post Law.

### REASONS GIVEN FOR FAILURE OF SYSTEM.

Mail Order Houses Now Have  
No Selling Agents and If  
They Did They Could Not  
Continue to Sell Cheaply.

Postmaster J. A. Spekenhier recently wrote to Postmaster General G. von L. Meyer, inquiring if, under the proposed parcel post law, large mail order houses would not establish agencies at points, such as Richmond, and distribute goods from these agencies to patrons in the country districts through the rural route service. In answer to this inquiry Mr. Spekenhier has just received the following letter from the postmaster-general, which is self explanatory:

Office of the Postmaster General,  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 21, 1908.

The Postmaster, Richmond, Ind.

Sir: Your letter November 19th has been received and carefully noted.

With respect to the apprehension that the large mail order houses would,

under the proposed law, utilize the special parcel post on rural routes through

agents, I wish to say that it is the in-

tent of the department to recom-

mend a provision which will prevent

such use of the routes.

It should, however, be borne in mind that even in the absence of such a prohibition, any systematic attempt upon the part of a mail order house to thus distribute its wares, would necessitate the employment of many thou-

sands of representatives.

The catalogues of these houses show pretty plainly that they attribute a large measure of their success to their remarkably low selling expense, and that the absence of any sort of agents, is the principal feature of their argu-

ment in accounting for the supposedly

prices of their goods.

The department has endeavored to so frame its recommendations for the extension of the parcel post, that their enactment into law would greatly benefit the retail merchant and his pa-

trons. Attention is invited to page 9

to 11 of the annual report of the post-

master-general, to the president, in

which they are fully set forth.

There is no objection to your giving

publicity to the views of the depart-

ment as expressed herein. Believe

me, respectfully, (Signed)

G. V. L. Meyer.

## PREDICTED SEX OF HIS CHILDREN

St. Louis Car Conductor Has  
A Strange Gift.

St. Louis, Mo., January 27.—A par-

ental culture scientist unknown to

name has been found in this city, who

claims to have known from early

youth that he has the gift from God,

yet in all his 53 years has never ex-

ercised this influence on any woman ex-

cept his own wife, Irving G. Emerick

is his name, and he is earning about

\$2 per day as a Page avenue car con-

ductor.

Pointing to his 10 living children he

said today: "I predicted what every

one of them would be before they

were born; also, my two other off-

spring, now dead."

Emerick declined to reveal his

method, but said he never hypnotized

his wife to determine the sex of her

babes. He added he had always had

an ambition to reveal his power in a

book and may yet do so.

"I'm in a scrape this time for sure,"

observed the vaccine germ as the doc-

tor scratched him into the patient's

cuticle—Bohemian.

## O'NEIL, VETERAN PUBLISHER, DEAD

Was Vice-President of Great  
St. Louis Daily.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Frank R. O'Neil, vice-president of the Post Dispatch, this city, and a veteran newspaper man, died at his home this morning of pneumonia.

Every Woman in This Vicinity will be glad to know that local grocers now have in stock "OUR-PIE" a ready to use preparation in three varieties for making lemon, chocolate and custard pies. By purchasing and preparing the choicest pie ingredients in large quantities the manufacturers are able to name the low retail price of 10 cents for a package which makes two large pies. A very economical and satisfactory food product for everybody.

## SOCIAL NEWS

To Reach the Society Editor, Call Home Phone 1121, or Bell Phone 21

At the present time much discussion has arisen over how to dress one's hair for parties, dances, and theaters, and by that is meant how to dress it so that it may be becoming. Many a coiffure is beautiful, but if not becoming can not be worn. A woman's good looks should never be sacrificed for what she considers a fashionable arrangement of the hair. For evening affairs the hair may be worn either high or low, as is best suited to the wearer. In New York, women are wearing to evening affairs hair ornaments which are very charming. Wings made of fine lace and heavily beaded, called Mercury wings, are very popular. They are being worn to operas and parties. This garment is becoming to all women except those who have fat round cheeks as the spread of the ornament gives breadth to the face. The Mercury wing hair ornament, is suitable to debutantes and young married people, but are decidedly inappropriate for matronly women. But for the handsomely dressed older women the jetted alabes are very good. This year a wide band of gold fillet net, set off by ornaments of imitation pearl, with pale pink or blue artificial roses at either end, is very attractive and charming for young girls. Silver and gold-dipped combs are no longer worn and are considered very bad taste. Also as to flowers, which are much worn this year, violets have a strong rival in white gardenias used for the corsage, but have not been put to route by them. Both are worn day and evening, although the gardenias are quite a fad now. However, violets always have their followers.

The "Buzzers" Whist club was entertained Saturday evening by Miss Hollingsworth at her home, 51 South Fourteenth street. Whist was played at four tables. The prize was won by Mr. Ray Holton.

A program in memory of Robert Burns' birthday is being given by the members of the Junior and Senior classes of the high school this afternoon.

There will be a Drive Whist party at the Country club tomorrow afternoon. All members are expected to attend. Mrs. Ray Shively will be hostess.

Mrs. J. M. Westcott and sons, Harry and Robert, have gone to Los Angeles, California, to spend the remainder of the winter.

The following was received today from H. C. Fryman, proprietor of the Hotel Hayward, of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. S. S. Stratton, Jr., Mrs. L. S. Atlee, D. Surface of Richmond, and Miss Mary McKinder of Dayton, O., are located here for the winter.

The East End Aid society of the Christian church will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Eids, 508 North Sixteenth street. The society is divided into two sections, the East and West end societies. All members of this section are urged to be present as special business will be transacted.

Mrs. John Harrington of North Twelfth street is entertaining this afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Friday afternoon in the church parlors. The society meets the last Friday in every month.

The Merry-Time Whist club will meet with Mrs. Galles on North Sixteenth street. The club will at this meeting, reorganize.

show that Roosevelt cannot be charged with favoring any one candidate. Instances of his helping all candidates by indirect moves are cited from all parts of the country.

Band of Dukhobors Desires to Appear in the Streets Undressed.

MAKE APPEAL TO RUSSIA.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 27.—The band of Dukhobors that recently arrived at Fort William, on the northern coast of Lake Superior, from Eastern Canada, have to be watched night and day to prevent their appearance in public in a nude condition, and the local authorities are at loss as to what course they shall pursue in regard to the zealots. A traveler in Duluth from Fort William said yesterday that the authorities are trying to arrange with the Russian government to bear the expense of transporting the Dukhobors back to Russia, but that thus far their efforts have been unfruitful.

The Russian authorities asked for the names of the religiousists, but the members of the sect refuse to divulge them. The Dukhobors are without money and the people of Ft. William have cared for them. Recently, however, the town was scandalized by the appearance of all the Dukhobors in the street in a nude condition. They were hurried back to their quarters and compelled to don their clothes.

A Slight Error.

A prominent surgeon lecturing a class of students said:

"I was so excited at my first operation that I made a mistake."

"A serious one," said a student.

"On no, the surgeon answered. 'I only took off the wrong leg'—San Antonio Express.

The glutton is always thinking of what he is going to eat, the despot of what he has just eaten.

The Transcript article goes on to

## BLIND FIFTEEN YEARS BUT IS NOW ABLE TO SEE

Mrs. May Eagle, of Sugar Grove, for First Time, Sees Child Born to Her Fourteen Years Ago and Is Happy.

### RESULT OF SURGICAL OPERATION PERFORMED.

Cataract Obstructed Her Vision But Through Delicate Operation This Was Removed.

The happiest woman in Wayne county today is Mrs. May Eagle of Sugar Grove. After fifteen years of total blindness she is now able to see. This miracle has been performed by the cunning knife of a celebrated Cincinnati eye specialist. After the operation had been performed the members of Mrs. Eagle's family were in an agony of suspense for fear the efforts of the specialist would not be successful. Mrs. Eagle did not share this agitation. With her eyes tightly bandaged she awaited confidently for the time when it would be possible to remove the bandage.

One night last week at the Eagle home in Sugar Grove the fold was taken from her eyes. Scarcely breathing, the members of the little household gathered around Mrs. Eagle to see what the effect of the operation was. When the bandage dropped to the floor she walked to a nearby window and looking heavenward exclaimed joyously, "Oh look at the stars." She then called her husband and children to her side so that they could share with her the beautiful sight, strange to her but commonplace to them. After a thorough look at the gem-studded heavens, Mrs. Eagle turned to the family group and for the first time saw her young child, a girl now four years of age. Mrs. Eagle lost her sight fifteen years ago, as a result of the formation of a cataract. Every effort to restore her sight failed until it was decided to allow the Cincinnati specialist to operate on her.

To appreciate the beauty of everything in this world, one must be totally blind for a number of years. Like I was, and then suddenly be restored to sight," states Mrs. Eagle.

## SLEEP ON THE RUN

Premier Franco of Portugal, Constantly Dodges Alleged Slayers.

### HAVE ARMY TROUBLES.

Lisbon, January 27.—Although the Government, apparently, is master of the situation, much nervousness is manifested in official circles following the plot to overthrow the monarch and establish Portugal as a republic. Premier Franco, upon the advice of the police, sleeps each night in a different house surrounded by cavalry.

The police have discovered a number of places where revolvers and bombs have been stored by the conspirators, and these weapons have been seized. Troops, police and customs corps have been assigned to barracks ready for any emergency.

Although the Government claims that there is no disaffection in the army, the Sergeants and subalterns of several regiments have been shirking, indicating that the plot had ramifications among the soldiers. The two leaders, Berger and Chagas, have been transferred to the fortress.

The police have prohibited a reunion of the Republicans, called to consider the electoral question by Senator Vaca, leader of the peaceful section. A Lisbon newspaper declares that several officers of the Lisbon garrison will be sent to the provinces, but the Government denies this.

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To the voters of Wayne county:

Last Saturday some of my friends, entirely without authority from me, announced my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Wayne county. This report gained considerable circulation, and following it, I myself, made a similar announcement under pressure of many business men who are anxious that the office be filled by some member of the bar in active practice.

Since then, however, I have been given to understand that in the event of my nomination to this office, I would be compelled to sever my connection with my present law firm, thus causing the firm to be disbanded.

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