

MAIL ORDER HOUSES CAN NOT ESTABLISH THEIR AGENCIES

Postmaster General Informs
Postmaster Spekenhiser this
Will Be Prevented by Addition
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. Spekenhiser recently wrote to Postmaster General G. von L. Meyer, inquiring if, under the proposed parcels 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. Spekenhiser 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 intention of the department to recommend 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 thousands 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 argument 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 patrons. Attention is invited to page 9 to 11 of the annual report of the postmaster general, to the president, in which they are fully set forth.

There is no objection to your giving publicity to the views of the department 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 parental culture scientist unknown to fame 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 exerted this influence on any woman except his own wife, Irving G. Emerick is his name, and he is earning about \$2 per day as a Page avenue car conductor.

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 offspring, now dead."

Emerick declined to reveal his method, but said he never hypnotized his wife to determine the sex of her babies. 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 doctor 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 loaves, 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 every body.

SOCIAL NEWS

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At the present time much discussion has arisen over how to dress one's hair for parties, dances, and theaters, and by 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 the gauze and heavily beaded, called Mercury wings, are very popular. They are being worn to operas and parties. This garniture 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, in suitable to debutantes and young married people, but are decidedly inappropriate for matronly women, but for the handsomely dressed older women the jetted alicettes are very good. This year a wide band of gold fillet net, set off by ornaments of imitation pearls, with pale pink or blue artificial roses at either end, is very attractive and charming for young girls. Silver and gold-tipped 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 Magazine club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Harry Land, of North Thirtieth street.

The Criticism Literary society is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Crawford of North A street. The club is studying the United States and one hour in each afternoon's program is given for the discussion of current events.

The Dorcas society is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. John Marshall of South Thirtieth street.

The Madrigal Club under the direction of Justin LeRoy Harris, assisted by Harry E. Paris, will give a concert at the Lytham Temple, February 2. The successful concert which was given last year by Mr. Harris, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGibney, of Indianapolis, will doubtless be remembered by the music lovers of Richmond and should warrant a good attendance this year. The program will be rendered almost entirely by the club.

A concert will be given February seventh by the pupils of the Garfield school at the high school. The program will be announced later.

Tuesday, February fourth, the members of the choir of the First Presbyterian church will give a recital. The program will be announced the last of this week.

The Musical Study club will meet tomorrow morning in the parlors of the Starr Piano company. The program is as follows:
American Composers—Mrs. Wig-

THE "LIE" GIVEN BY ROOSEVELT TO PATRONAGE CHARGE

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and for the last two years has spent a good part of his time traveling not only in Indiana, but in other states, notably through the south, opened, ad vacating and working for the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks. It there is a single Taft supporter among the federal officials in Indiana he is unknown to the president or to any member of the cabinet. If any official under Mr. Roosevelt has been permissively active in politics it has been District Attorney Keating. In this instance it has been the desire of the president so expressed to Attorney General Bonaparte that out of courtesy to the vice president extreme leniency should be shown to the rather amazing course of Mr. Keating and that he should be called to account only in the event that his political activity proved an actual hindrance to his progress of official business in his charge.

It is not at all unlikely, however, that before long there will be something of a crisis in Indiana; the persistent misrepresentation of the President by the Indianapolis Star and his ex-cathedra tone may compel the President to present to the public certain facts regarding the condition of the federal office-holding machinery in that state. It is undesirable of doing anything however, that would embarrass the Vice President or his candidacy.

Every single appointment made by the President in Indiana has been on the recommendation of the two senators from that state and results show that the latter have not hesitated to appoint men who could be depended upon to support and work for Fairbanks' candidacy. The activity of these officials is all a matter of official record, and sooner or later the public may demand the facts. The President will cheerfully give them in no state will the showing be more interesting and significant of the fecklessness of the Fairbanks federal office machine than in Indiana. The Transcript article goes on to

gins, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. King, Miss Range, Miss Clements, Miss Myrick, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Gorman, Miss Karl.

The Merry-Go-Round club will meet Friday with Mrs. Sol Frankel of the Reed flats.

The South Thirtieth Street Sewing circle will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Theodora McClellan.

Miss Lydia Swain entertained the members of a sewing circle in a delightful and informal manner at her home, 274 Pearl street. The afternoon was spent in sewing and social conversation, after which refreshments were served.

The East End Aid society of the Christian church, will give a social Wednesday evening from seventh-thirty to ten at the home of Mrs. J. M. Holligan, 125 North Seventeenth street. A short program has been arranged and all the members of the church are invited to attend.

Mrs. James Mulford has returned from Indianapolis, where she has been the guest of relatives for nearly a week.

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. Allee, 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. Ellis, 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. Gaines on North Seventeenth street. The club will at this meeting, reorganize.

A CONSTANT WORRY

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 Dukhubors Desires to Appear in the Streets Undressed.

MAKE APPEAL TO RUSSIA.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 27.—The band of Dukhubors 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 there are trying to arrange with the Russian government to bear the expense of transporting the Dukhubors back to Russia, but that thus far their efforts have been unfruitful.

The Russian authorities asked for the names of the religionists, but the members of the sect refuse to divulge them.

The Dukhubors 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 Dukhubors 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, sir?" asked a student.

"Yes," the surgeon answered. "I only took off the wrong leg."—San Antonio Express.

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 youngest child, a girl now fourteen 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 subversion in the army, the Sergeants and subalterns of several regiments have been shifted, 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 Senhor Wacahodo, 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.

NO CLUE TO THE MYSTERIOUS MURDER

Body of Woman Found in Lake
Still Unidentified.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—After working for hours on the theory that they had within their grasp the clue to the mystery of the woman's body found in Lake Michigan Monday, the police department was sent back to its starting point today by the discovery that Miss Jennie Fleischman, stenographer in the office of the Western Baseball association, is living with friends on Thirtieth street. Identification of the body in the morgue as that of Miss Fleischman had gone so far that the police were searching for a man with whom she had corresponded.

Mrs. Peter McDonald, who said she lived in Indianapolis, told the police yesterday she thought the body was that of her niece, Miss Alice Hall, San Francisco girl, who left her home to come to Chicago to visit her aunt. Investigation at the San Francisco address, given by Mrs. McDonald resulted in the discovery of a vacant lot.

Boston Store

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JUST AFFAIRS OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

FROM A CO-ED'S VIEWPOINT

In one respect the Richmond high school basketball team falls below the 1007 foot ball squad, for in their lineup they have no (Tallant).

There were no chapel exercises held this morning.

Mr. Ralph Morris, son of Ellwood Morris, who has been in Japan for the last few years, visited the high school this morning.

This afternoon the last term junior and the first term senior classes in English will observe Robert Burns' birthday which was Saturday.

Prof. Edward Birge, supervisor of music in the Indianapolis schools, visited the music classes today. It was because of this that the classes which usually recite on Wednesday, met today. Mr. and Mrs. Birge are the guests of Prof. Will Earhart and wife.

A \$1,000,000 FIRE

Entire Business Block in Portland, Me., Was Burned Early This Morning.

FLAMES UNDER CONTROL.

Portland, Me., Jan. 27.—The wholesale dry goods establishment of Millikin, Cousens & Company, was burned this morning. The adjoining store, occupied by A. F. Cox & Son, wholesale shoe dealers, was damaged by water and smoke. It is estimated that the loss to the two firms and the building owners will be \$1,000,000.

Despite the work of the firemen the flames are their way down through the fourth and third floors of the Cox building, gutting them completely.

After the fire was apparently under control it broke out again in the room of the A. F. Cox & Son's shoe establishment. Before additional lines of hose could be run up, the entire roof was ablaze, and that part of the block with the wholesale stock of shoes, said to be worth \$250,000, was burned.

Aid was granted from Boston, Dover, N. H., Portsmouth, N. H., and a number of Maine cities, as it was feared the blaze would get beyond control. The flames are now under control.

CHICAGO HOTEL BURNS.

Guests Thrown Into a Panic—One
Pipeman Supposed to Be Killed.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—Fire destroyed the hotel Florence, and the W. P. Dunn printing establishment adjoining, this morning. Guests of the hotel were thrown in a panic, but all escaped. James A. Gallagher, a pipeman, is missing and it is believed he perished under the falling roof of the hotel. The loss is estimated at over a half million.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

Ladies and Knights of the Golden Eagle will give a dance at the K. G. E. hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 28. Public invited. 27-1t

TOSSED FROM BERTH IN PENNSY WRECK

Young Woman Sustains Three
Broken Ribs.

Xenia, Ohio, Jan. 27.—The Manhattan Limited, running between St. Louis and New York, and the finest passenger train on the southwest system of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was "side-swiped" by a road engine in the yards of this city while east bound at 11 o'clock last night. One passenger, Miss Julia Bishop, on her way from St. Louis to New York, was thrown from a berth and three of her ribs were fractured. She was the only person injured.

The road engine ran through a switch and side swiped the four last cars of the train, which was damaged to the extent of \$2,000.

"Just a little touch of realism," remarked the dramatist with pardonable pride. "It's a wonder nobody ever thought of it before."

"What is it?"

"Why, my heroine is a brunette in act 1 and a blond in act 2.—Louisville Courier-Journal."

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