

POST OFFICE STATISTICS.

Interesting Table Prepared by the Free Delivery Division.

Percentage of Cost of the Carrier Service in the Larger Cities—Number of Square Miles Covered.

Chief Machen, of the free delivery division of the post office department, has prepared an interesting table giving a mass of information regarding the carrier delivery service at 50 of the largest post offices of the country.

The number of square miles served by carriers in the above named cities is in round numbers:

New York, 65; Chicago, 128; Philadelphia, 120; Brooklyn, 36; Boston, 63; St. Louis, 63; Baltimore, 50; San Francisco, 42; Cincinnati, 51; Cleveland, 33; Buffalo, 40; New Orleans, 53; Pittsburgh, 28; Washington, 30; Rochester, 14; Kansas City, 16; Indianapolis, 26; Syracuse, 18; Richmond, 22.53, and Atlanta, 11.

BITTEN BY A TARANTULA.

Brakeman Suffers Twenty-Nine Amputations of a Finger.

James Hemmingway, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, has just been discharged from the country's hospital in Sedalia, Mo., after four months' treatment for a tarantula bite.

On the night of September 9 Hemmingway touched a tarantula and was bitten on the tip of the middle finger of the right hand. He felt a sharp pang of pain at the time, but paid little attention to it, and went on with his work.

The bitten finger began to swell off with a kind of dry rot, no pus forming. The hand and arm became filled with pus, and were swollen to three times their natural size.

Finding that the wound would not heal, the surgeons cut the finger again and again, making 29 amputations of the member. The final operation was performed nearly two months ago, the hand being split from the knuckle of the middle finger to the wrist and the bones taken out back of the knuckle to the wrist.

JUDGE ON HIS MUSCLE.

Missouri Jurist Adjoins Court to Justice Parr.

Justice of the Peace Parr, of Milan, Mo., is always willing to support his legal opinions with the muscle of his good right arm.

During the progress of a trial the other day a bench warrant was issued for John M. Clapp, attorney for the defendant in a petty suit, charging him with contempt. Clapp had remarked audibly upon being overruled on a point that Justice Parr would make a better plowman than jurist.

Justice Parr sentenced Clapp to five hours in the county jail, but later modified the sentence to a fine, which was paid. But Clapp, burning under the punishment inflicted by the court, continued his irritating comments during the progress of the trial, finally requesting Parr to adjourn court for two minutes so that the judge and lawyer would be on the same footing.

PHONOGRAPH AND VIEWS.

Volunteers of America Give Novel Gospel Service in New York.

A gospel service, with stereopticon views and phonograph hymns and short talks for the benefit of the working classes, was held at New York in the Auditorium, in Cooper Union, under the direction of Cols. Merrill and Crafts, of Ballington Booth's command.

Corn in Kansas.

In 1897 Kansas produced 152,140,993 bushels of corn, the market value of which was \$28,555,293.

Wages in Corea.

The average rate of wages in Corea is 15 cents a day.

DEATH ON ICE FLOE.

Frightful Experience of a Detachment of Seal Hunters.

While Searching for Game a Terrible Blizzard Sets In and They Lose Track of Ship—Forty-Eight Meet Death.

The men who engage in the northern seal fisheries are inured to hardships and their constitutions can withstand intense cold, storm seas and plenty of the roughest kind of hard work, but it is rare, indeed, that a crew experiences the terrible suffering and death that met that of the sealing steamer Greenland, recently, and it is a miracle that any of the poor men who underwent the experience lived to tell the story.

As it is 25 dead bodies were brought back by the steamer to St. Johns, N. F., 23 bodies were never recovered and 55 men were moaning with terrible suffering from pain of frost bitten limbs and bodies.

The Greenland set sail from St. Johns, N. F., several weeks ago on her fateful voyage. She was commanded by Capt. George Barbour and carried a crew of nearly 300 hunters. The steamer proceeded northward with the rest of the sealing fleet, but after a couple of days she diverged on a separate track and reached the hunting grounds not long after. All went well until one Tuesday the seals were quickly encountered and several good packs were secured. On that morning the hunters left the ship about seven o'clock as usual, when the lookout in the Crow's Nest reported ice plentiful around them. The men were clad in light clothing, for the slaughtering of seals is an exhausting work. Scattered over the ice field, they wandered far from the protection of the ship and a gale and snow storm shut them out from view. The ice floe parted and they drifted away from the steamer. Long ere the storm subsided many of the unfortunate fellows had succumbed to the terrible cold and exposure. Those who did not were terribly frostbitten and suffered excruciating pain.

The long night passed, but morning brought no help, for the storm still raged, and the atmosphere was thick with snow driven before the gale. Snow continued nearly all day, and the evening brought no cessation to the high wind. Another night, one which seemed to the helpless, drifting sufferers who still lived, a thousand times longer than the first, was passed in unrelenting agony. Some of the victims had already given up hope, and in despair lay down and died, and every hour witnessed at least two deaths on that awful night on the ice floe. Toward morning the storm subsided, and clear weather enabled the survivors to see that the Greenland was not far away, searching for the missing. The steamer bore down on the drifting field of ice, which had by this time separated into a number of sections, and began the work of picking up the bodies of the dead and the numb bodies of the living. Twenty-five corpses were taken on board that morning, but 23 men were still missing, and though the search was continued all day, no more were recovered. Thursday night the Greenland headed for shore, reaching Bay de Verde, and proceeding thence to St. Johns with her ghostly cargo. Most of the men who met this awful fate on the treacherous ice floes are married men with large families, who are thus deprived of all visible means of support.

PREHISTORIC VILLAGE FOUND.

Farmer Near Massillon, O., Makes a Valuable Find.

The remains of a village and the burial ground of a prehistoric tribe have been discovered on the farm of John Stepper, in Sugar Creek township, a few miles southwest of Massillon, O. Recent and valuable discoveries have been made and plans for a more thorough search are being executed. Mr. Stepper, who has devoted much time to the study of antiquities, with the assistance of several antiquarians, uncovered several graves which were closed by slabs of limestone land in a substance resembling brick. A careful investigation revealed the fact that the layer of brick and stone in each case was found a dark substance and pieces of charred wood intermingled with black loam.

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INCIDENTS OF THE ECLIPSE.

Rapid Fall of Temperature and an Earthy Smell Were Noted.

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FLAG ON A STEEPLE.

The Lafayette avenue (Brooklyn) Presbyterian congregation belongs to the church militant, and it has its sign out. At the very top of its 250-foot steeple flies a great American flag.

The unusual spectacle at this time of war talk has been the cause of much enthusiastic comment in Brooklyn. The flag has been floating since early the other morning, when a man of seafaring appearance made his entry from where no one seems to know. He climbed up through the church till he came to the openings of the belfry. Then he clambered out of the narrow windows, and, clinging to such slight projections as the surface of the tower afforded, made his perilous way to the very summit.

The sailor had carried the flag done up in a close bundle and slung over his shoulder. When he reached the top he swung fast by his legs and spread the flag to the breeze, while those gathered below shouted in great glee, moved as much perhaps by the spirit of mischief as that of patriotism.

REVIVING MISSISSIPPI TRADE.

It is not improbable that the line of 800-ton steel barges which is to ply between St. Louis and New Orleans, carrying grain at three cents per bushel, may prove formidable rivals to the railroads, which have so crippled the once enormous steamboat traffic of the Mississippi. These barges, which draw when loaded, only 15 inches, will, moreover, probably be the precursors of light, strong, safe, swift steamers, which, moving at the rate of an average passenger train, will revive some of the ancient glories of steamboating on the father of waters.

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AFTER FOREIGN CYCLISTS

Elaborate Plans for Out-Door Racing During Next Season.

Efforts to Operate a Cycle Track in New York City and a Racing Circuit Taking in Large Cities.

More foreign racing cyclists are to be brought to America for the next outdoor racing season. A new race promoting syndicate that proposes to operate a cycle track in New York City and to conduct a middle-distance racing circuit that will include the largest eastern cities of the United States and Canada, has sent a representative to Europe to secure the best possible available talent for that circuit. That representative left only the other day, bound direct for Paris, France, which at present is the headquarters of European cycle racers. He was commissioned to offer alluring inducements to every prominent middle-distance rider on the continent and, if possible, to arrange terms with the best short-distance men also. Cordang, the long-distance Dutch champion, and Houret, the long-distance French champion, are also on the list.

The circuit is being arranged and among the cities that will probably be included are Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Toronto and Montreal. Negotiations are pending with a number of other cities that may be included in the circuit.

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