

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Proves Such a Success and is So Liked by Farmers That it Will Be Extended.

Arrangements are being made at the post office department to extend the rural free delivery service at the beginning of the fiscal year.

If the petition is indorsed by the member representing the district the post office department sends a special agent to look over the ground, map out a route, select carriers for appointment, and recommend the establishment of the service, if in his judgment it can be successfully and economically carried out.

Illinois will undoubtedly secure a large slice of this appropriation, as a number of applications are already on file, and will be acted upon favorably.

DOING GOOD WORK.

Splendid Schools Established in Porto Rico by the United States Government.

Hon. John W. Eaton, who in company with Dr. Victor S. Clark, was sent to Porto Rico last January as inspector of public instruction, has returned to make his report.

"We have tried in our work," he said, "not to throw the American system just as it is at the Porto Ricans, but to adapt it to their needs, retaining the fundamental principles which have long ago proved their correctness, but changing the details to suit the best interest of the people.

"We have started a great change in this state of affairs. Gen. Henry authorized the appropriation of \$35,000 for the good of education during the coming year, and the Society of Education, which has been formed for the benefit of the children, is doing a great work for good in that direction.

HAD REMOVED REMAINS.

Body of "Barefoot King of Hawaii" Found to Have Been Taken from its Tomb.

The report comes from Honolulu that when the tomb of Lunailo, the "barefoot king of Hawaii," was recently opened it was found that the remains had been removed and that the metal casket contained only portions of the grave clothes.

European Cycling Tour. While on his present trip to Europe President Keenan, of the League of American Wheelmen, will complete the appointment of L. A. W. representatives in all of the continental countries.

Rhine Wines. A German chemist explains, in Prometheus, why Rhine wines are famous, even if they are apt to be sour.

Dairy Progress in Great Britain. As a result of dairy progress in Great Britain the import of Canadian cheese fell last year to the extent of about \$2,000,000.

GROVER A POACHER.

Ex-President Ordered Off a Farmer's Fishing Grounds.

Wanders Into Forbidden Waters and is Not Recognized by the Excited Owner of the Place—Unwittingly Got Even.

Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, was stopped while poaching trout on the land of Frank Johnson, a farmer of Tyringham, near Winsted, Conn., the other day, and ordered from the place.

The distinguished statesman went to Tyringham as the guest of Richard Watson Gilder, who has a residence there. The place is in the Berkshire hills, just over the Massachusetts state line.

HUNTING AND FISHING ON THESE LANDS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY LAW.

Johnson has some of the best fishing waters in the neighborhood, and protects them with difficulty. A few weeks ago he caused the arrest of a poacher.

When he saw Mr. Cleveland on his grounds he "stalked" him, creeping along a hedge until he came to the spot where the large, lone fisherman had just landed a big trout.

"Ha!" he shouted, as he burst through a thicket and rushed up, waving a stick. "I've caught you at last, Mr. Cleveland.

"Don't you 'dear sir' me," shouted Johnson, who was white with anger. "You just get off my property, and don't you lose any time about it, either, or I'll have you arrested."

Neighbors went to Mr. Johnson and told him who the trespasser was. Instead of being sorry, he said: "Grover Cleveland, eh? That's the man who wouldn't appoint me village postmaster when the whole place indorsed me. It beats all how vindictive some men are, and I never did a thing to him."

TAKES A JAUNT TO PARIS.

New York District Telegraph Messenger Boy Goes on a Vacation on Borrowed Funds.

Carl Wonderman, 15 years of age and repentant, is in the New York Tombs for the little matter of a jaunt he too to Paris in company with another lad, Henry Myer, on money which did not belong to him.

The boys went to Philadelphia, where they spent some of the money, and returned the next day, taking La Gascogne for France. What followed is told in a letter dated May 19 from Armand de Folliard at the American law office.

He received \$237.50 from the Union Trust company and a check and some other coupons at two Wall street institutions. Some time later Carl met the Myer youth in East Broadway.

THE CAPTURED CANNON.

War Department Gets Rid of a perplexing Task by Turning it Over to the Governors.

The war department has solved the question as to the disposition of the artillery captured from Spain in Cuba and Porto Rico by turning the whole matter over to the governors of the states.

Cousin of Lincoln and Davis. John Peverley, a commercial traveler of Wichita, Kan., is a distant cousin of both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis.

WOULD TAKE HIS PLACE.

Young Woman Who Wanted Secretary Alger to Let Her Relieve Her Sick Soldier Lover.

Secretary Alger recently received a novel letter from a Pennsylvania girl which rather startled him and stamped the young woman as a heroine of the highest type.

The second was one which made the secretary's heart swell in admiration of the girl's courage. This was a proposal that if the soldier could not be spared she should be permitted to take his place in the regiment.

Secretary Alger did not lose any time in acting in the matter, and immediately telegraphed Gen. Otis to discharge the soldier and send him home on the first transport leaving for this country.

INDIANS SELECT A CHIEF.

Pottawatomie Pick an Honorary Successor to the Dead Pokagon—Tradition of Tribe Observed.

About 100 of the Pottawatomie-Pokagon band of Michigan and northern Indiana held a council two miles north of Hartford, Mich., under the old council tree, nearby the residence of Indian Mexis.

It was proposed that one of the oldest Indians of the band should be chosen honorary chief, and inasmuch as different candidates would be presented that they should be voted for by ballot.

This was finally agreed to. Two veterans were selected to run for honorary chiefs. The chairman instructed one of them to take his position on the east side of the old council tree and the other on the west side.

TO STUDY HYBRID WHEAT.

Prof. Webber Will Pay a Visit to Europe for This Purpose.

Prof. H. J. Webber, of the division of vegetable physiology, department of agriculture, has sailed for Europe to attend a meeting of hybridists in London, held under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural society.

Garton Bros. have for ten or fifteen years been experimenting in wheat, with the intent of producing a hardier and more fruitful variety than any yet known.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

The Fine Steamer Paris to Be Left to Her Fate on the Manacle Rocks.

Second Vice President James A. Wright, of the International Navigation company, says that the owners have given up the Paris, now on the Manacle rocks off Cornwall.

Liquor in St. Petersburg. There are 5,000 licensed liquor shops in St. Petersburg, against 25,000 a few years ago, and under the law a person can obtain but one drink of liquor in one tavern.

TO BE FINE SHIPS.

Six New Cruisers to Be Added to American Navy.

They Will Constitute a Distinctly New Type of War Vessel—Utility for Offensive Purposes is the Leading Characteristic.

Agreement has finally been reached after several months of discussion by the naval construction board on the details of the six fine cruisers, the Denver, the Des Moines, the Chattanooga and the Galveston, the Tacoma and the Cleveland, authorized by congress on March 3.

The approved designs contemplate greatly improved vessels of the Raleigh type, heavier in armament and protection, with much wider radius of action, at a sacrifice of two knots' speed, but with added comfort for the men and comparative independence of dry docks.

Utility for offensive purposes is the characteristic of the Denver class, that object having been kept sharply in view in the design as superior to all other desirable qualifications.

One of the most remarkable features of the new design is the large displacement adopted, congress having allowed only for vessels of the Detroit class.

The battery of these ships shows what faith the experts have in the five-inch caliber of 50 calibers in length, burning smokeless powder.

MUST FIND OUTSIDE MARKET.

Future of German Beet Sugar Industry Depends Upon Large Export Trade.

A report of interest to beet sugar growers has been received by the state department from Consul Henry Diederich at Magdeburg.

"As the future of the German export trade in sugar has of late been engaging many minds, I would call special attention to the above figures bearing on this export up to the present date.

SPINNING METAL.

Invention of a Cleveland Man That Promises Great Things for Metal Manufacturers.

James H. Bevington, a Cleveland (O.) inventor of note, has completed a device for spinning metal which promises to work important changes in various lines of metal manufacturing.

Female Mariners. Female sailors are employed in Denmark, Norway and Finland, and they are often found to be most excellent mariners.

PROBLEM OF UNIFORMS.

Complaints Received from Officers in Cuba and the Philippines—Proposed Changes.

Complaints continue to be received from officers in Cuba and the Philippines in regard to the uniform which the troops are wearing.

Many of the articles issued to the troops are declared unsuitable for military uses. This is accounted for by the fact that inferior goods were bought in the haste of acquiring military supplies in the days just before war broke out.

It is proposed, among other things, to authorize coats and trousers of bleached cotton duck for non-commissioned officers and bandmen and of unbleached duck for the privates.

AGUINALDO'S THEFT.

How the Filipino Chief Became Possessed of a Supply of United States Shells.

Military officials are not much surprised to learn that the insurgents driven out of the territory around Bacoor by Gen. Lawton had a supply of five-inch shells marked "U. S. Navy Yard."

There has been no secret of the fact that Aguinaldo helped himself at Cavite with the permission of Admiral Dewey, as the insurgents were then supposed to be faithful allies.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Crops and Business in the West Promise Well—Opinion of Anson R. Flower.

Anson R. Flower, head of the firm of Flower & Co., who has just returned to New York from the west, said, in discussing his trip: "I visit the west every year at about this season with the object of learning for myself the state of business and the crop outlook.

UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE.

Wilbur Rogers Corbin and Miss Rebekah Howe Morse Married in Operating Room.

Everything was ready in the operating-room in New York when the clergyman reached the sanitarium.

American's First Electric Road.

The first electric railroad operated in America was constructed and first run successfully in Baltimore.

Fencing Masters of Paris.

There are more than 70 halls in Paris devoted to fencing, each presided over by a fencing master more or less famous.

SUBMARINE VESSELS.

Doubt as to Their Adoption by the Navy Department.

Another Test of the Holland to Be Made—Demand That She Run Submerged for Two Miles.

There is a division of expert opinion within the navy in regard to the submarine boat, which is still in its experimental stage.

Now the board of inspection has laid down rules governing the trial which are deemed excessive by the designers of the boat.

The matter has been laid over until the return of Rear Admiral Hichborn, the chief constructor of the navy, who is believed to be not especially in favor of submarine construction.

WATER TUBE BOILERS.

Engineer in Chief of the Navy Declares That the Straight Tube Variety Shall Be Used.

Rear Admiral Melville, engineer in chief of the navy, has determined that in ships of the cruiser class above the type of torpedo boat destroyers water tube boilers of the straight tube variety shall be used.