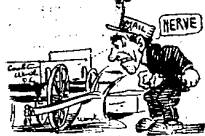


NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



Sent the Congressman's Cedar Box by Freight



WASHINGTON.—While the postoffice department has long since stopped the shipping of boxes and household furniture through the United States mails by the use of a congressional frank, it still permits a member of congress to frank to and from his home a large cedar chest in which he is supposed to carry his letter files and other documents necessary to the proper handling of his congressional affairs.

At least one of Uncle Sam's postmasters was not aware of the cedar chest provision and proved recently to the entire satisfaction of Representative Rucker of Colorado. After the congressman Judge Rucker moved his office from a Denver hotel to his farm at Rucker ridge, near Fort Logan, departing later for Washington.

Uncle Sam's Revenue Cutters Were Busy in 1912

THE United States revenue cutter service—the Red Cross of the sea—broke all its previous records during the fiscal year 1912. Thousands of lives and hundreds of steamships were saved from the perils of storm-tossed seas by the little cutters which guard the coastline of the United States in an unbroken line from Maine to Texas and from Alaska to California, nervously alert for the "S O S."

The annual report of Capt. E. P. Berthoff, commandant of the service, made public the other day, is a recitation of thrilling adventures of this arm of the federal government, older than the American navy. A total of 250 distressed vessels were assisted during the year, and their crews and 212 souls rescued from impending death. One hundred and six persons were actually saved from drowning.

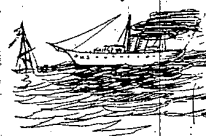
"For every dollar the government expended in the maintenance of the revenue cutter service," says Capt. Berthoff, "there has been a return of \$4.36 in the form of property saved from the perils of the sea, and this in addition to lives saved and other benefits."

In an Untraveled Section of the Capital City



THERE is an untraveled section of the Pierce Mill road which invites a picturesque trip. This ancient road runs along through an interesting country from Wisconsin avenue to Connecticut avenue, east of the latter splendid highway the traveler who would enter Rock Creek park will turn southeast along Connecticut avenue till coming to Tilden street, which leads to the park edge. Then, by passing the more than century-old spring house, a gray stone structure roofed by green and mossy shingles, which was erected by Isaac Pierce in 1801, you enter Rock Creek park by "Pierce's" mill by way of the Pierce Mill road.

On the east side of Connecticut avenue grading and building have effected

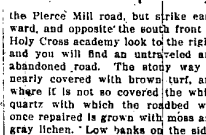


official acts performed." To accomplish this work there have been 25 cruising cutters and 18 harbor vessels and launches employed during the year.

Among other unusual incidents, Capt. Berthoff told of how "piratical" natives "swarmed" down upon the Hamburg-American steamer Prinz Joachim when, with a large party of American tourists aboard, including William J. Bryan, she stranded on Atoll Island, near the Hawaiian Islands, December 22, 1911. The revenue cutter Albatross restored order by standing guard over the steamer and arming her crew.

Two mutinies were quelled by the cutters during last year—one on the Haitian gunboat Perrier in Charleston, S. C. harbor, and the other on the Uruguayan bark Drema in Mobile bay.

Cost of Bugs More Than the Upkeep of Schools



IF all the 600 colleges and the college endowments in the United States should be destroyed tomorrow the insect tax of one year would replace them, but would leave a balance sufficient to endow thirty-two new universities. In the sum of \$16,000,000 each year.

It costs more by many millions each year to feed our insects than to educate our 20,000,000 children.

It is clear to those who know most about the subject that unless radical and immediate measures are adopted to restore a sure, safe and natural equilibrium between insectivorous birds and their foods, the time will soon come when the country will be invaded by insects to agriculture in this country alone will be counted in billions instead of millions of dollars. The estimated annual loss to farmers through insects is now \$100,000,000.

The heaviest loss in 1904 cost the wheat-growing states \$500,000,000. Chick bugs cost the crops in the Mississippi Valley \$100,000,000. One year, Rocky Mountain locusts, cost the northwest more than \$150,000,000. Cut

worms have caused a loss of \$100,000,000 at one time. This is seen that the terrible loss of \$800,000,000 in one year is fairly easy of proof.

The fecundity of many insects is beyond imagination. The green grasshopper or aphid, so destructive of the hop industry and many other of our most valuable fruit and vegetables, reproduces its kind at the rate of ten fold, traveling at the rate of 180,000 miles per second, 2,500 years to reach the file leader.

BUSY WOMAN IS TOLD HOW TO MAKE A PRETTY FLOWER GARDEN

Pulling Weeds and Spading Soil Affords Pleasant Relief From Monotonous Daily Routine of Housework—Old-Fashioned Plants Bloom Freely Throughout the Year.

(By EBBIE E. HENKOFF)

Every season I get many letters asking something like this: "I love flowers, I am a very busy woman and haven't much time to devote to gardening, but I must have a few garden beds. I wish you would tell me which kind to grow; kinds that require the least possible amount of care, and give the most flowers, for the longest time."

I am always glad to answer such inquiries, because I know how much the average woman needs the pleasure a few flowers can furnish, as well as the change that takes her out of doors to care for them. Pulling weeds and spading soil may not be very easy tasks, but they are so unlike the daily routine of housework that they afford a positive relief for the overworked woman who has to spend most of her time indoors. I wish every woman could be prevailed on to have a flower garden this summer. It would prove as enjoyable as a concert or the theater to the woman who has a family to take care of. She would find health for both body and brain in it.

Now I am a lover of old-fashioned flowers. For several reasons; they are as beautiful as any of the modern ones, many of them much more so.

"Dear Judge: I didn't see you in making you pay for a telegram about that box, for I thought you must have taken all the clothes you needed right away in your trunk. The man brought the box here all right, but it was a week before I could find anybody with a wagon good to the station. I finally got it there, as you will see by the enclosed waybill, and I hope it gets through all right."

There should be a corner given over to poppies—the great double poppy-like kind with fringed petals of crimson, and pink, and white, and almost purple. And another for Scabious. The latter used to be known as "Morning Bride" because of its dark color. It will be found a valuable flower for cutting, because of its long stems and lasting quality.

Nowadays we have no China asters such as our grandmothers grew, but the varieties developed from that modest old strain to the modern ones are not to be despised. They are not so good as the old ones, but they are not so bad. They are not so good as the old ones, but they are not so bad.

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the soil thrown out for the trench and continue to do this at intervals, until all the soil is disposed of. It gets the roots of the plants down where they will be cool and moist in hot, midsummer weather. Shallow sowing sweet peas often fail in a hot season.

Another meritorious old plant is the nasturtium. "Sturions" our grandmothers used to call them. They bloom generously, and, like the sweet pea, until cold weather comes if prevented from ripening seed. They are shown in the garden, and excellent for eating. But don't make the soil in which you sow them very rich. If you do you will get a most rampant growth of vines and very few flowers.

Balsams—"The Lady Slipper" of a former generation—are deserving of a place in all collections. They bloom profusely, come in a wide range of color, and are easily grown. Do not plant the seeds until all danger of frost is over, as this plant is quite tender. In order to give the flowers chance to display their charms effectively it may be necessary to clip off a good many of the leaves along the main stalks. The balsams of olden times were very variable in color, but those of our day are as double as a rose. The flowers cluster so thickly along the stalks that they look like broken bits of vermillion.

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MICHIGAN BREVITIES

Hastings.—Members of the Ministerial association of the Wesleyan Methodist conference are planning to hold a session in Allegan April 1 to 4. All the ministers of the conference will be in attendance. Among those on the program are: Rev. H. A. Day of Grand Rapids, whose topic will be, "The Italian War Prophets"; Rev. S. A. Maxwell of Battle Creek, "Church Federation"; Rev. M. Garrett of Hickory Corners, "Genesis, a Book of Beginnings"; Rev. H. D. Chapin of Oshtemo, "Modern Friend of Religious Thought"; Rev. C. S. Rennie of Hastings, "The Holy Spirit's Place in Christian Work"; Rev. V. H. Sibley of Clarksville, "Social Side of Church Life."

Pontiac.—Supervisor Peter Hacker of Royal Oak, acting in behalf of the board of health of Royal Oak township, has started suit in circuit court against the Beth Abraham Cemetery association of Detroit to vacate a burial place in Royal Oak township. The action is the same as that started against the Michigan Cemetery association of Detroit, the board of health learning that the two parcels were owned by different Jewish societies. The same grounds for vacating the plot are given, that burials are made in an unwholesome, disgraceful and unusual manner, in shallow graves without caskets.

Jackson.—A private motor ambulance, conveying a patient, Herbert Killa, from the hospital to his home here, was partially wrecked when it ran into a gate at the Michigan Central railroad main street crossing. The steering wheel was forced against the chauffeur, Harry Stiles, injuring him seriously. His assistant, Stanley Johnson, also received severe injuries, while the patient escaped with a bruise on the head. The latter was conveyed to his home in another ambulance, while Stiles was taken to the hospital.

Lansing.—The state board of pardons met in Lansing for the purpose of considering the status of all cases where the inmates have served their minimum sentence, and of all returns to parole violations. Where a man's conduct in prison was found to be good and reformation probable the case was listed for reconsideration at an early date. All cases were passed upon in which an injustice might be done if not considered within the year.

Eaton Rapids.—The Congregational society of Onondaga will celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of the dedication of the church in this village on Saturday, March 22. Addresses by Rev. John Claflin of Eaton Rapids, Rev. A. M. Allen of Leola, and Rev. Peter Schermerhorn of Onondaga church, a banquet and musical and literary program will feature the program.

Flint.—In the annual report of the board of corrections and charities received by County Clerk Westman, the county jail is criticized. The report says the building is too small and calls attention to the poor condition of the bedding and cots used by prisoners.

Bay City.—It required only forty minutes for a circuit court jury to return a verdict of guilty in the case of William C. Green, charged with abandonment of wife and minor children.

Deshbach.—On the way to vote in the town election Richard Goode, land owner, was struck by a passenger train and killed. He was forty-two.

Jackson.—Jacob Wilhelm, proprietor of the German-American Tourist club, was found guilty of having violated the liquor law.

Allegan.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict brought in by a jury in circuit court here in the trial of John Kleis, who about a year ago shot and killed Ted Gearing at Douglas. At the time of the shooting Kleis was an officer. He shot Gearing while attempting to capture him for a misdemeanor.

Port Huron.—Daniel Conway, aged seventy-four, years, dropped dead in the office of the Conway hotel in Quay street, which he had conducted for a number of years. Death was due to apoplexy. Conway served as customs officer during the administration of President Cleveland and then went into the hotel business.

Ann Arbor.—Joseph Neff, who drove his delivery wagon on the street car tracks and was injured by being struck by a car, died in the University hospital here. He leaves a widow and one child.

Lansing.—At the present time there are 6,457 employers operating under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident board, while 336,018 employees are receiving protection as a result of the new law. Since the act went into effect last September, 10,241 accidents have been reported to the board. The report shows that 9,981 of the injured employees were men, while 256 were women. As the accidents have been common there have been 221 fatalities and 1,207 amputations.

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