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POST OFFICE HISTORY.

(CONCLUDED.)

In 1775, according to the statement of Dr. William Douglas, in his histories and political summary of the British settlements in North America, the regular posts extended only from Portsmouth, N. H., to Philadelphia.

An irregular mail—whenever a sufficient quantity of matter offered—was sent South as far as Williamsburg, Virginia, and occasionally this was continued to Charleston, S. C.

On the occurrence of hostilities between the colonists and the mother country, they became dissatisfied with the management of the office by the British officials, and organized a temporary, informal establishment of their own, which they styled the "Constitutional Post Office."

They were mainly moved to this procedure by Mr. Goddard, the editor of a very independent newspaper in Philadelphia, who complained of the restrictions laid on his circulation by the British authorities, and who visited most of the large towns for the purpose of delivering harangues, and publishing exciting appeals on the subject.

In consequence of the disuse of the British mails and post offices, and the disrespect with which the persons in charge of them were treated by the colonists, the British Postal Secretary in America, Francis Dashwood, issued a printed notice at the city of New York, on the 25th of December, 1775, stating that he was compelled, for the time being, to stop all his majesty's posts in the colonies.

One of the first objects of attention by the Provincial Congress, when the colonies revolted against the arbitrary measures of Great Britain, was the post office. On the 10th of May, 1775—more than a year prior to the Declaration of Independence—this venerable body, at its second session, held in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, passed a resolution setting forth that the critical situation of the colonies rendered it highly necessary to devise ways and means "for the speedy and secure conveyance of intelligence from one end of the continent to the other."

They also appointed a committee for the purpose, consisting of Mr. Franklin and others.

The committee having reported, the same body, on the 28th of July following, resolved to appoint a Postmaster General—unanimously electing Dr. Franklin to the post—who was to hold his office at Philadelphia, and receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, with authority to appoint a Secretary and Comptroller, with salaries of three hundred and fifty dollars each, and such number of deputies as he might deem necessary.

Also, that the Postmaster General should establish a line of posts from Falmouth, in New England, to Savannah, in Georgia, with such cross posts as he might think fit. Dr. Franklin appointed Richard Bache, his son-in-law, as his Comptroller, whose duties, doubtless, were to audit the accounts and keep the books of the establishment.

The resolutions passed at this time show that Congress invested the Postmaster General with very unrestricted authority in the management of the concern.

On the 7th of November, 1776, Dr. Franklin being absent, the Continental Congress appointed Richard Bache to succeed him, who continued in the office till the 28th of January, 1778, when Eusebius Hagar, who had rendered important services as a Surveyor of the posts, was elected to the position, which he filled till the debt of the Federal Government, in 1789.

The details recorded in the public archives in relation to the operations of the office between 1775 and 1789, are exceedingly meagre. The statistics presented show that it made little, if any progress during the course period of about fourteen years, there being at the close thereof but 75 post offices, and 1875 miles of post roads. Its stationary condition was owing, it is presumed, to the prostrating effects of the revolutionary war upon commerce and business generally, and the consequent check upon correspondence.

The little ledger of the establishment kept by Mr. Bache, in 1776 and 1777, is still to be seen at the Department. It consists of about three quires of foolscap paper, half bound filled in with an exceedingly legible hand, and is very properly regarded as an interesting relic.

Stages ran over the road between New York and Philadelphia as far back as 1760, but the first line of mail coaches of which we have an account, was established in pursuance of an act of the Continental Congress, passed on the 7th of September, 1785, to extend from Portsmouth, N. H., to Savannah, Ga.

During the period of the confederation of the colonies, the energies of the office were cramped by its lack of power to arrest depredators on the mails, without the co-operation of the individual colonies in which such arrests were to be made. A stronger arm than the Provincial Congress was needed to supply it with proper authority for this important purpose, as well as adequate resources in other respects.

The infant Hercules had hitherto slumbered in his cradle, exhibiting but faint indications of his future strength, when the processes adapted to the development of his powers should be better understood, and when the point of aid of the steam-paddle and the iron horse should be called in to augment his native energy. The legislative authority referred to was supplied by the transfer of the Establishment to the Federal Government, organized in 1789, under our present Constitution.—U. S. Mail.

WEARING RUBBER.—The tendency of India-rubber shoes is to make the feet cold, and in such proportion as to endanger health; hence, they are useful only in walking when the ground is muddy or slushy with melting snow. In these cases they are invaluable, and there is no equal substitute. Two rules should be observed, whenever it is possible; when rubbers are on the feet, persons should keep moving, and remove the shoes on entering the house, if it is intended to remain over a few minutes. If the rubbers have been on the feet several hours, both shoes and stockings are necessarily damp by the condensation and confinement of perspiration, therefore all should be removed, and the naked foot held to the fire until warm and dry is every part. It is then a

TELEGRAPH

TO THE
DAILY ADVERTISER AND FARMER.
By the American Telegraph Company's Printing Lines
Office 64 Water St., (up stairs,) opposite foot of State St.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—There was an immense concourse of people at the raising of the flag at the Post Office building today.

General Skinner in behalf of the officers and clerks of the department opened the proceedings by addressing the President. The latter was enthusiastically greeted by the crowd. He then hoisted the flag amid deafening cheers, and the band played the "Star Spangled Banner." The President said, several weeks ago the Stars and Stripes lankly hung about the staffs all over the Union. So it was to-day when this flag was raised, but this glorious breeze has unfolded it and it now floats as it should. He hoped the same breeze is now spreading over our glorious flag all over the nation. This expression met with general enthusiastic applause.

Postmaster General Blair remarked, that it seemed for a time that the affection of the people for the flag had gone in one section, but this was a great error. The old flag is yet dear to all parts of the Union, and people are coming forward every where to uphold and maintain it. It was not because of the beauty of its colors, it was not because of the stars and stripes upon it, but because it is associated with all that is dear to American freedom and glory, the emblem of popular Government so deep in the hearts of the nation. It is for this, and this only, that the people are protecting it—not as a party; because we have ceased to be a party. [Cheers.] We are Democrats, Whigs and Republicans; we are Americans, standing up for free institutions, [renewed cheers] and mean to show to the world that in pursuance of the great principle of maintaining free institutions; we are as one people, devoted to that end—the end far or near.—Do not mistake our Southern friends; I am a Southern man; they beg you to come and rescue them from the conspirators against their freedom. (A voice—"Hang every one of them.") Disarm every one of these conspirators, and these Southern men, like you, will echo your voices in enthusiasm for the Stars and Stripes. (Applause.)

Mr. Seward said, you here have known well-stated men and orators of some of the Southern States. We have known their courage, the spirit and resolution of the people of all the Southern States, but knowing all these things, we know two things which even they cannot do, one is to destroy Hail Columbia, the other is to destroy the Star Spangled Banner, (cheers and exclamations of "No, never") they will fail to do it only because human nature needs the one shall continue to be so and that the other shall continue to float over sea and land—and what human nature needs, the Lord Almighty, the father of human nature deposes. (cheers)

Secretary Smith said, he knew their hearts were warmed by the same feelings of patriotism which promoted those who exhibited to them to-day, the glorious banner of our common country. No sight has ever been presented to the American eye, none calculated to warm our hearts, excite our patriotism and kindle anew a flame of love for our country than the sight of that glorious banner, the emblem of freedom and civil liberty, (applause) but if ever there was a day when the sight of that flag should excite afresh our patriotism and love of country that day now. Treason has erected her hydra head and threatens now to crumble into ruins, the glorious fabric of Union cemented by the blood of our fathers and to trail in the dust, that flag which is looked to as the last hope of the oppressed throughout the world. Upon you, my friends, who live in this age, is devoted a higher duty than ever rested on the American people; for when George Washington led our fathers through the fiery ordeal of the Revolutionary War, the duty and responsibility resting on those illustrious patriots was small in comparison with that resting on you—their descendants. (Cheers.) More than seventy years have elapsed, prosperity has crowned our country, and we, their descendants, owe to their labors all the wealth and happiness, as a nation, that we enjoy. On us devolves the responsibility of preserving the liberty they won. He expressed the belief that the American people are equal to all emergencies, that treason will be crushed, and the foundation of the glorious Republic become stronger and more enduring after these troubles have passed away, and that our flag will again float over a prosperous and united nation, over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The band again played the "Star Spangled Banner," and a number of voices joined in the words.

The whole affair was one of the most interesting and enthusiastic scene ever witnessed in Washington.

FROM OLD POINT.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—A Massachusetts Regiment arrived at Old Point, yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, and were received with great cheering by the squadron and garrison.

The officer of the Georgia, report having heard occasional shots in the distance by blockading squadron, cause unknown, probably merely overhauling vessels. The Monticello it is said received a ball or two in her hull from the battery at Sewell's Point.

SAILING OF TROOPS FROM BOSTON.

BOSTON, May 22.—The steam gunboat Pembroke sailed from Fort Monroe today, taking the Wightman Rifles, Captain Clark, and the Richardson Light Infantry, Captain Davis. The Pembroke also takes

large supplies of provisions and clothing for the Massachusetts troops at the Fort.

FROM BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—Colonel Lewis' regiment removed from the damp quarters near the fort to Federal Hill, this morning. It is reported that more arms have been seized in this city.

The steamer Georgia from Old Point reports all quiet there.

RELEASE OF SHIP ARGO.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Journal of Commerce states that the Administration has consented to release the ship Argo, the Bremen minister having remonstrated against her detention, as the cargo and charter belong to Bremen citizens.

RIOTING AT HARBOR GRACE, NEW-FOUNDLAND.

PICTON, May 22.—There has been more rioting at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. It was quelled by the troops without loss of life. Some prisoners were taken.

SAILING OF A STEAMER FOR VIRGINIA.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The steamer Bowman sailed for Old Point with 40,000 feet of lumber, a large quantity of hay and small stores.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Flour—Sales 102,000 bbls. State and Western better, rather more doing. Superfine State \$7.00 a \$5.10; Round Hoop Ohio \$5.60 a \$5.65. Southern quiet and firm. Sales 1,200 bbls. [Mixed to Good \$5.80 a \$6.35.

Wheat, good sound grades a shade firmer. Unsound dull and heavy. Sales 80,000 bush. Chicago Spring \$1.15 for fair. Milwaukee Club \$1.15 a \$1.21. Amber Michigan \$1.33 White Western \$1.50 a \$1.75.

Corn steady. Sales 35,000 bushels. Old mixed Western 56 cts. Beef inactive. Pork dull. Lard steady. Whisky firm at 153 a 16.

Stocks are irregular but generally lower and dull. Chicago and Rock Island 34; Cleveland and Toledo 22; Illinois Central 34; Michigan Southern 114; Erie 214; Pacific Mail 614 buyer 10; Canton bds. 84; N. C. sizes 60; U. S. sizes of '81 Coupons 86; U. S. fives of '74 coupons 79; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 57; Galena and Chicago 584; Panama 106; Michigan Central 424; New York Central 714; Pennsylvania Coal Co. 77; Louisiana sizes 504; Tennessee sizes 434; Virginia sizes 474; Georgia sizes 60; Missouri sizes 394.

BREAD, CAKE, & CRACKER BAKERY

REVOLUTION AT THE SOUTH!
FIRST GREAT BATTLE!

1776 1861

1,000,000 Loaves Bread Demolished and 1,000 BARRICKS OF CRACKERS TAKEN PRISONER!

Proclamation of the People.
Fellow Citizens of Connecticut generally and Ladies and Gentlemen of Bridgeport, we are very happy to meet you here to-day, even this good old State of Connecticut, Southern of the most Southern kind, the running of the yard and the walls of Wallace's Cracker periodically. Nearly every mill in the State of Connecticut, Cracker, to be distributed to Southern people, thereby threatening to drive us out. We can endure this no longer, and therefore we do hereby declare to the United States and New Jersey that hereafter, we, the people of Connecticut, will maintain our rights and our honor, and we will not be intimidated by the Government or any one else.

call and look at these beautiful cakes the Prince of Wales admitted as much when he was here, which Wallace has on exhibition, and for sale at 10c per dozen. One look at the many good things always on hand and for sale at Wallace's will give you your face a delightful expression to sit for one of Rogers' superior Ambrosy.

AMUSEMENTS.

RETURN OF THE FAVORITES!
SAM SHARPLEY'S MINSTRELS!
Now on their return from the East, respectfully announce a concert in this city, together with all the old favorites.

FRANKLIN HALL.
ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 24th,
On which occasion the following talented Artists will make their first appearance in this city, together with all the old favorites.

MR. J. E. TAYLOR, Comedian.
MR. OTIS H. CORLES, Tenor.
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An entire new Program, comprising all previous efforts. Every act new and original.
Admission 25 cents. Children 10 cents.
Doors open at 7. Commence at 8 o'clock.
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WILL GIVE HIS INCOMPARABLE LECTURE ENTITLED
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FROM NO. 11 STATE ST. TO WALL STREET.
THREE DOORS FROM MAIN ST.
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Large additions have been made to our stock since our removal, and we feel warranted in saying that we can furnish goods in almost any branch of trade at lower prices than can be found elsewhere. Buying and selling for cash in these times, gives us great advantages over our competitors. We are now offering a large quantity of every description of goods at a low price. Private sales at the average auction price.
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NOW FOR THE
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In order to close up the business, we have determined to offer our goods on hand at GREAT BARGAINS. Our stock consists of a general assortment of READY-MADE CLOTHING and FINE GOODS. Must be sold off between this and the first of April, 1861.
67 WATER STREET.

GOOD CLOTHING
BENEFITS EVERYBODY!
LOW PRICES HURT NOBODY!
POOR ARTICLES! NONE WANT!
HUMBUGGING WON'T PAY!
GOOD GOODS TELL THEIR OWN
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The best of CLOTHING all wish for, and those they can find by calling at
COHEN & FAIRCHILD'S,
NO. 6 STATE STREET.

CLOTHING EMPORIUM!
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Just arrived a large and well selected STOCK OF CLOTHING, GENTS' AND YOUTHS' for the Spring trade. The custom department is still under the supervision of MR. P. GROUNDWATER, and satisfaction in all cases guaranteed.
READY MADE CLOTHING.
LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS HERE! As I have a large assortment of my own manufacture, made up from our stock brought low, under the pressure of the hard times, and can therefore sell it at less than the regular price. To all those who examine our Clothing before purchasing elsewhere, we are sure to sell. We will not be used.

BEACH.
MERCHAND TAILOR,
NO. 5 STERLING BLOCK,
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RECEIVES NEW GOODS THIS DAY.
Buying as we do, or Cash, we offer great inducement to those who want new Garments this Spring. Gentlemen, give us a call and then judge.

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ALL PURCHASERS ARE INVITED
TO CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK.
COUNTRY MERCHANTS
WILL FIND IT FOR THEIR ADVANTAGE TO DROP
IN AND SEE US.
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WE have no time or room to enumerate; come and examine our goods and learn our prices. We are sure you will buy.
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Cordially invites the ladies of Bridgeport and vicinity to call and inspect her large stock of fashionable Spring Bonnets and Millinery Goods.
SPRING BATHS made up in the latest and most fashionable style. Bonnets bleached and pressed, at short notice.

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