

WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE R. F. D. SERVICE? GEORGIA MAN WRITES PARCEL POST NEWS THAT A GEORGIA STATESMAN SECURED FIRST APPROPRIATION.

East Point, Ga., Jan. 2, 1914. Editor Parcel Post News, Marinette, Wis.

I notice in the last issue of your paper a quotation from the Birmingham (Ala.) Age Herald in which it is stated that Henry C. Clarke, an official of the post office department, who died recently, was credited with originating the Rural Delivery Service.

This must be a great mistake. On Feb. 17, 1893, Hon. Thos. E. Watson of Georgia secured an appropriation from Congress which carried 10,000 dollars for experiment rural service, outside of incorporated towns and cities. This was the first appropriation ever granted by Congress for rural service. Hon James O'Donnell, a Representative of the State of Michigan, had introduced a bill for rural mail service Jan. 5, 1892, but he failed to get his plan enacted into law. But on Feb. 23, 1893, Mr. Watson by a vote of 79 to 41 passed the first R. F. D. Act. Mr. Watson first introduced his bill on June 1, 1892. This bill asked for 100,000 dollars and he fought for it all along the line till Feb. 17, 1893, then by reducing it from 100,000 to 10,000 it was put on the books.

But no official of the department urged this money until Oct. 1, 1896, where one experimental route was put on. Then about one hundred followed the first year. Now it may be a fact that Mr. Henry C. Clarke was the first official to try out that experiment, and put on the first route, raising the money from Mr. Watson's appropriation which had been carried over from year to year since 1893.

But Mr. Watson is the first man who ever secured from Congress an appropriation of money which carried with it the purpose of putting on rural mail routes to deliver mail to country people, and is therefore the undoubted founder of the R. F. D. service.

These facts may be verified by consulting the Congressional Record of 1892 and 1893.

Very respectfully, WM. G. TRAVIS.

Comment.

ONE of the great daily papers of Texas is, The Houston Chronicle.

I have no idea that it would knowingly slander the people of Georgia.

Yet, without any investigation whatever, it accepts the statements which Collier's published about the Frank case, and repeats them as though they were true.

The Houston paper says, "it may be safely assumed that Collier's quotes correctly."

What is it that Collier's pretends to quote? Why, it is Solicitor Dorsey's speech against Leo Frank.

What does Collier's say of this speech? In answer, I quote from the Houston Chronicle:

According to Collier's, the speech was "venomously partisan," and the wish is editorially expressed that all lawyers in the United States could read it and let that paper know what they think of it. So presumably it was stenographically reported, and it may safely be assumed that Collier's quotes correctly. It says the Reuf case, the Rosenthal murder and other crimes in which Jews played a part were dragged into the argument.

Collier's charges that Dorsey lugged the Reuf and Rosenthal cases into the Frank case to prejudice the jury against Frank; and the Chronicle presumes that Collier's was basing its charge upon a stenographic report of Dorsey's speech.

Taking it for granted that Collier's had been honest enough to consult Dorsey's address to the jury, and to quote it correctly, the Hous-

affairs. One more administration like this, I dare say we will be in the throes of rebellion. If you are not already overworked, please sound the cry of a robbed, perishing and panic stricken Southland. The subsidized editor of the Atlanta Constitution advising the farmer to sell his cotton and pay his debts, when the price will not pay the farmer one penny for his year's labor, nor one penny of interest on his investment. Do you not think it the ultimate aim of the corporations to own the farms and control the farmers absolutely as their employees and to educate farmer's sons for agriculture only?

THIS IS WHERE "L. A. L." NEARLY GETS THE BIG-HEAD.

Dear Sir: Will you permit one who believes in justice and fair play to express himself as to his honest convictions in regard to The Jeffersonian and its editors in general? I have just laid it aside to take up my pen, after reading to my wife, who is in sympathy with its policy and sentiments entirely.

First, I wish to express my appreciation and congratulate "L. A. L." on her "Purely Personal" article in the last issue. We, (wife and I) on reading it were led to exclaim, oh, if there were a few more "L. A. L.'s" there would not be near so many girls and boys in their teen's on the streets and everywhere going on the downward path with no restraint apparently, and who have apparently no moral training or teaching. In fact, "L. A. L." and her efforts for "Home and Purity" should have a monument to commemorate her. She hits right where the nail needs to be driven, and I hope she succeeds in driving the nail into the sluggish minds of some of the suffragette wives and mothers (?) for when they are successful, if ever, what then? We may as well bid good bye to Home and Morality in America.

Mr. Watson allow me to also congratulate you on your able argument in the Frank case, and your arraignment of those who are trying to defame Georgia and her courts. I was surprised to learn from the last issue of The Jeff that our Postmaster General was asking for power of Congress to exclude such papers as The Jeff from the mails. Were that done, what then? Will God raise up a Moses to lead the people out of bondage? Or is he already raised? Will the American people tamely submit to have their

ton Chronicle proceeds to comment, with severity, upon a State's attorney who do such an outrageous thing.

Very properly the Chronicle says:

The district attorney represents the aggregate, the State, and his only function to see that all the testimony that is admissible which will enable the jury to determine whether or not the defendant is guilty as charged, and it is his duty to bring forward, no evidence, either against or for the defendant, is kept out of the case and from the jury. It is his duty to use an illustration or citation calculated to arouse the passion or prejudice of the jurymen or to appeal to their emotions.

In England, where trials are conducted nearly along proper lines than they are elsewhere in the world, a crown's counsel will make a denunciatory or emotional appeal which would be adjudged in contempt. With such a speech, and a crowd already prejudged the case filling the courtroom, a fair trial in the meaning of the constitution was impossible.

The Chronicle says that, with "speech," "a fair trial was impossible." Now, why didn't the Chronicle publish the speech, and find out for itself whether "such a speech?"

Does the Chronicle take its information about other public matters from Collier's? Does it accept the Collier's view of white women who complain of negroes and who thus cause negroes to be in the label on your paper, so only when they are caught up their illicit relations with negroes

compelled to take part in the latter, mind the home, the church and school, and is censured for not keeping the home tidy and the children clean. We pay tax to have our teachers teach our children, and when I have to worry myself to teach them at home, I feel I have a right to go to that school and see how and what the teachers are doing. No I don't want to vote myself, but as I have had to take a very active part in and around the farm, if the time ever comes when women are to vote, I will then try my hand at that. The attitude Mr. Wilson showed towards the women that were pressing their issue is also shown when the better element gets in behind the liquor and white slave traffic. You get just about such treatment as President Wilson gave to those sisters that want to vote so bad. I think the pension for the widowed mother a good thing if managed in the right way; it certainly would relieve a lot of suffering. There are many mothers with large families of children who have worked hard, and who do not have any better advantages than many of the widowed mothers. I have all the sympathy for widows and their children, and think it a Christian duty to look after them and see that they do not get in needy circumstances, but there are mothers who have raised large families whose husbands have worked hard to feed and clothe them. Many could not bear up under the weight of it all and have given up in despair and yielded their lives, only to leave wife and children to the care of the pensioner. God meant for man to handle the weightier things of life and he ought to protect his wife, children, and community, and we must not think that we can help him any by voting.

Yours for better homes, better schools, and for pity sake give us back some of our tax in better roads. Respectfully,

Ga. M. A. B.

DEATH OF A JEFF FRIEND.

Dear Sir: It is my sad mission to write you of the death of my one best friend, T. Henry Jones of Stratford, Mo., who passed to the unknown Jan. 12, 1915.

Bro. Jones was fearless in defense of what he believed to be right, a great admirer of the Jeffs and their Editor, at one time visiting Thomson to see and talk to T. E. Watson who gave him one of his books which he prized very highly.

I have seen my friend tried in the way that few men ever called to endure, his was the most magical I ever had the pleasure of seeing a friend and brother.

Friend ever lived, no heart ever beat, and weekly visits and discussions of his writings and matters of the day.

Shams and hypocrites as ways hate them. desire and effort was to bring for the down-trodden, and means were always believed in for the betterment of our fellow men.

meet, but we shall miss will be his vacant chair, linger to caress him comrades gather there."

Very sincerely yours, S. A. WRIGHT.

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