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No New R. F. D. Routes.—Postmaster General Payne has announced that there will be no more establishments of rural free delivery postal service until July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year. This is one result of the investigation of postoffice affairs and of the discovery that at the present rate of increase in the number of routes there would be a deficit of $20,000 in the rural free delivery service by the end of this fiscal year.

Instructions had been given to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow to curtail expenditures by discontinuing the daily establishment of routes, and it is expected that the threatened deficit will be averted. It is not intended however, that the investigation of proposed routes shall be suspended, and that the field work therefore will continue. Mr. Payne estimated that the total number of routes fairly entitled to be established in the entire country would be 38,000, and that at the present rate of increase this would be reached two years hence.

Drowned While Oystering.—Captain George Willing, aged 70 years, a well-known oysterman of Nanticoke Point, was drowned Monday afternoon about two o'clock, while oystering in the Nanticoke River, near Roaring Point bar. The accident happened in sight of several persons, who hurried to his rescue, but the old man drowned in less than ten minutes.

He was in the act of putting the oar overboard to change the location of his canoe, when he fell headlong into the water. It is stated that Capt. Willing was subject to sudden fainting spells, and it is supposed he was siezed with one at the time he fell. The water in which he was drowned was not more than four or five feet deep. It seems strange that after spending nearly all of his life dredging in deep water that he should at last lose his life in water not deep enough to cover his shoulders.

The body was recovered in a few minutes after the accident, but life was extinct.

The hand of President Roosevelt has again reached out and taken another county of the Eastern Shore in its political grasp for the negro vote in selecting delegates to the national convention. This time it is good old and prosperous Caroline. A negro is postmaster of Toulson, a village near the dividing line of Queen Anne's and Caroline counties. The patrons of the post office are nearly all colored people. There is some excuse for the appointment and no one complains.

GAS WORKS AT CENTREVILLE

The citizens of Centreville held a public meeting to discuss the grant to John D. Thomas, of Trenton, of a franchise for a gas plant. It was decided to grant the franchise upon terms and conditions to be embodied in a contract. Among the requirements will be that 75 street lights, of 32 candle power, be lighted every night from sunset till sunrise. Citizens will get gas at $1.50 a thousand feet. The work will be commenced within six months. The franchise is to continue for 30 years. The subject of sewerage was left for a future meeting.

STAMP OUT SAN JOSE SCALE.

The San Jose scale, the greatest and most deadly enemy to the peach that has confronted the fruit-growers of the Delaware peninsula, has been routed. Reports from the inspector to the State Board of Agriculture submitted this month show conclusively that a very general use of a mechanical solution of crude oil has been secured with most satisfactory results. Wherever this remedy is used in orchards of the state, no live scale can be found and the trees have taken on new life almost immediately. Commissioner Shallcross, of Delaware, said:

"From the experiments made with this remedy we are confident that we can stamp out the San Jose scale."

The Idle Hour—*How to Wed.*—The following poem, entitled "The Idle Hour, from the Somerville Journal, tells how husbands select wives in these practical days:

Some marry just for beauty,
Some coldly wed for wealth,
Some make a requisition
For a girl in perfect health.
Some men prefer a woman
Wise enough to write a book,
But the shrewd man when he marries
Picks a girl out who can cook.

For riches sometimes vanish,
And beauty quickly fades,
And frequently men tire
Of these very learned maids.
So husbands often wriggle
On the matrimonial hook,
But a man is always happy
If his wife knows how to cook.

Warning—The season for electric storms is now at hand, and all lightning rods should be examined closely. Mr. Samuel Latham one day last week examined the rods on the residence of Joseph Guest, and found the steel rod under copper covering at several points eaten into entirely. Mr. Latham will replace the rods anew for Mr. Guest.

Black Residuum is said, not only to be sure against trenching of corn, but is claimed to be a positive preventative against blight of tomatoes. See adv. of Joseph Guest who has yet a few tons on hand for sale.

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SUPPOSE
you knew a store that sold sugar a cent a pound cheaper than any other store in the neighborhood. Wouldn't you buy sugar there?

SUPPOSE
that equally convenient transportation to somewhere you wanted to go cost a fourth less by one line than another. Would you pay the higher rate?

SUPPOSE
you were paying an indifferent servant high wages, and found that you could get a thoroughly good one at the same wages. What would you do?

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Here's a store that has all the better elements that stick out in the three "Suppose" questions—a store that charges less than other stores or gives better values for the money, that is convenient to reach and shop in, that gives good service at as little as the poorer service of other stores costs.

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Shoes, Hats and and Pants, Shirts,
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Goods well bought are half sold.
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We will open to-day 25 pieces fine WHITE INDIA LINEN, ranging in price from 6¼ to 25c per yard. Best value in the county.

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