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Why Mail Curtailment?

Postmaster-General Donaldson's economy drive in the United States postoffice department has finally reached O'Neill. The result is not good.

Effective Monday, July 3, the service windows at the O'Neill office close at 5 p.m. daily, except Saturday, instead of 6 p.m. The final dispatch of mail each day will be at 6 p.m. instead of 10 p.m.

On Sundays, of course, the windows are never opened and the final dispatch will be at 6. The lobby closes daily at 6 p.m.

We have no idea how much mail flows from O'Neill to Atkinson, 20 miles to the west, but to illustrate the deterioration of mail service by virtue of the new regulations, we'll use the hypothetical case of a letter being sent to Atkinson from O'Neill.

Suppose you find it impossible to ready your letter and mail it until 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday), July 6. That letter will repose in the workroom of the O'Neill postoffice for approximately 23 hours before it even goes to the rail station. Then, on Friday night it will leave O'Neill about midnight on an eastbound—yes, eastbound train—and go to Norfolk, arriving there about 3:30 in the morning. By now it is Saturday, July 8. The westbound train that morning, meeting the eastbound train at Norfolk, will carry that letter back through O'Neill and drop it at Atkinson about 7:30 o'clock. By 8:30 o'clock on Saturday, July 8, your correspondent will have had your letter posted in O'Neill some 38 hours earlier—provided, of course, he has nothing else to do but linger at the postoffice.

Thirty-eight hours to travel 20 miles—from a county seat to the second largest city in the county; 36 hours when a score of years ago service was infinitely better.

As far as we are concerned the postoffice department essentially is an efficient unit, and in the scheme of government agencies and departments it enjoys a very good reputation.

It is handicapped because its employees come under civil service and the civil service, rather than the postoffice department, fixes the salaries and the number of hours the employees shall work. It is further handicapped because it draws its funds from congress, which isn't always consistent in its economy or in its spending.

Our point is that Donaldson's edict amounts to a drastic curtailment as far as we are concerned, and we believe it is unjust, unfair and our city is entitled to better service.

The O'Neill postoffice makes 2 dispatches each day to principal mail terminals. These dispatches are at 4:45 o'clock in the afternoon for first-class mail (this is unchanged under the new plan) and the other is at 6 o'clock in the evening (instead of 10 p.m.).

Both dispatches are more-or-less the same, except that the 4:45 o'clock dispatch leaves O'Neill 8 hours earlier. The 6 o'clock dispatch (which reposes at the rail station until midnight) carries what is regarded as "residue" from the day's posting.

If O'Neill enjoyed a good dispatch other than the 4:45 and 6 o'clock mailings, which are so close together they amount to almost the same thing, the situation would be a little different.

But it doesn't seem like sensible economy to us to crowd all the work hours of the postoffice employees into fixed daylight hours and deny O'Neill, which is truly a growing communications center, the type of service which it requires and is entitled to.

He Didn't Know It Was Loaded!



PrairieLand Talk —

Politicians Who Play on Tragedies of Age Should Be Voted Out of Circulation

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—And here comes another for governor with hook baited for votes with the old familiar pension gag!

The Terrible Terry Carpenter, of Scottsbluff, promises all Nebraskans 65 or over \$65 a month out state funds if they will establish him in the executive mansion in Lincoln. An oldtimer informed me the other day that it was announced that congress had set up a pension plan that gave all citizens 65 or over \$100 a month.

This old gent seems to have been the only one to hear the good news, but it opened the way to a momentary thrill for him.

Probably at 85 you do not have many such moments, so don't miss the chance of putting a spark into an otherwise drab life if only for a minute.

"Fine, Jim," I said to him. "Now you spot a likely widow to go your way and you will have \$200 a month. And maybe

this thing will be retroactive and at your age you will get a lump sum of \$24,000!"

Just what is the proper treatment to give politicians who play on the tragedies of age to gain votes? It is about time to be voting them out of circulation.

Prejudice—Previous and unfavorable bias; prejudice without due examination; detriment; injury; to prepossess against; bias the mind of; create a prejudice against; hurt, impair or damage in any way. Have you got it?

Most everybody has a fair-sized dose. More than likely the gent who boasts that he is "broad-minded" is quite completely in the grip of prejudice.

There was a mass meeting to discuss community matters. One citizen accosted another and asked him what the meeting was for. "I don't know, but whatever it is I'm agin' it." Our prejudices deprive us of much that would enlighten, broaden, sweeten and enrich life.

Three or 4 gents propose that our state constitution should be revamped. Things are going along under our present constitu-



Romaine Saunders

Fire Destroys 2 Houses in 10 Days

CHAMBERS — Early Friday morning, June 30, a farm home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Chris McGinn, of Chambers, burned



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to the ground. Fire was of undetermined origin.

The place is located 2½ miles west of Chambers.

Until last week the McGinn house was occupied by Pete Brown, who moved into Chambers a few days before the fire. Consequently, when the house burned to the ground it was empty and without occupants.

Chambers townspeople were routed out of bed about 4 o'clock in the morning to combat the flames.

A fortnight ago another farm home in the same locality was destroyed by fire. It was the Dale Bell house, 2 miles west and 1½ miles north of Chambers. The 2 fires were little more than a mile apart.

Goes To Omaha—

Mrs. R. H. Shrtner went to Omaha Sunday to spend the week. She was driven there by Leo Tomjack.

Swing your Partner!

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tion without hitch or hindrance. Nebraskans in the mass know little and care less about constitutional provisions. There are always a few patriots who think they can better things and so the whirligig of tearing up and making over and mauling around and trying out keeps us stirred up. Surely by this 33d year of statehood prairie-land dwellers should know what they want.

Americans yearly swallow 300 tons of sleeping pills. Rural free delivery carriers de-

liver mail to 30 million citizens. An order of groceries which cost \$5 in the 1930s now foots up to \$9.83, according to the U. S. labor bureau. Don't know how near correct the figures are but maybe like some other things federal bureaus promulgate we have to shake well before taking. Fifty-eight perished in a plane that plunged into Lake Michigan, 48 met a similar fate in Australia, and day-by-day on the Nebraska highways tragedy haunts with horror desolated homes.

Quoted as authority on health they tell us sore throat, typhoid and other human afflictions come from the use of milk as the cow with the crumpled horn makes it. But the hundreds of husky kids and fine specimens of baby beef seen out on the land give testimony that the cow with the crumpled horn knows her stuff.

Little Iceland is not afraid of big Russia. Caught poaching in their waters, Icelanders held up a Russian ship

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COLD CASH SAVINGS AT COUNCIL OAK

FINEST PORK & BEANS 12 1-Lb. Cans	\$1	RICH EVAPORATED CARNATION MILK Grand Coffee Creamer 3 1-Lb. Cans	35c
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