

**To Break Down the Postal System.**

The following is a copy of a circular which is being sent out to the business men of the country. It was handed to us by Mr. A. J. Gustin, who follows it with some vigorous comments:

**WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN.**

**At Once--Shall Letter Postage Be Reduced to One Cent?**

Dear Sir--The Hon. P. S. Post of Illinois has introduced a bill into congress to reduce letter postage from two to one cent an ounce, and it will speedily become a law if we will all do our duty without delay. Please write a letter to your member of congress by first mail, and ask him to give prompt and cordial support to this measure. It is believed that the time has arrived when this change can be made in letter postage without in the least affecting the efficiency of the postal service and if we are ever to have it, *let it come now!* The republican party promised to give it to us in its platform adopted by the convention which nominated President Harrison, and bills were introduced into the last congress by both republicans and democrats to affect it, but upon Mr. Wanamaker's request none of them were reported to the house, his reason being that he had other reforms and improvements he desired to introduce into the service before we had penny postage. This proposed reduction in postage is beneficial to every class of the community, to the poor man as well as the rich, *and we can have it at once if you will instruct your congressman how to vote.* 104 congressmen have thus far promised to vote for this bill. Please send answer to your letter to Lock Box 258, Washington, D. C.

This change will benefit every citizen, rich and poor!! This is business, not politics.

**WHAT IT MEANS.**

To HON. O. M. KEM,  
Member of Congress from Nebraska:

Dear Sir--The enclosed slip was handed me in Omaha today by one of my customers. At first it does not explain itself; a second look, however, transforms its carrier pigeons into vultures ready to feed off the cupidity of supposedly reputable business men. I hasten to forward it to you, and beg you to show it to Representatives McKeighan and Bryan, and also Senator Kyle of South Dakota, and explain the inwardness of this so-called desire to benefit the "Rich and Poor."

The postal service is now some few millions short of being self-sustaining since 2-cent rates were put in. At 3 cents it was a source of revenue above the cost of service and reduction was in order, while now it is the manifest desire of the class of corporation worshipers and wealthy mendicants to cripple the postal service by calls for reduction below the cost of service.

It need not be mentioned to you, gentlemen, or to other true representatives of the people and their cause, that the postal system is the basis on which freight transit must eventually be solved; but to those who have from want of time to consider it, or from disinclination to study the question, it may be advisable to show the duplicity of the enclosed circular, and to draw attention to its stab at self-sustaining departments of government, as well as its brutalizing ambushed attack upon the one true republican who occupies a responsible position under the present administration.

The poor man writes one letter a day on the average, the rich mer-

chant, banker, and manufacturer writes hundreds of them and gets nearer value received in their transit at two cents than for any service he buys: all of which is right, but if the large dealer gets his mail service for less than cost of that service, the deficit must be made up by the general taxation of other service, which is wrong.

The enclosed circular is a bid for the cupidity of business men to flinch from the taxed masses under cover of professed generosity in saving to the writer of one letter a day, or one a week, or one a month, the postage which at three cents per letter would not be burdensome.

The writer, your humble petitioner, voices the earnest wishes of thousands of your constituency in urging your active, earnest, and prompt opposition to this proposed measure of postal revenue reduction.

Respectfully,  
A. J. GUSTIN.

Kearney, Neb., July 6, 1892.

**OVER THE STATE.**

Editor Marvin, who recently sold the Beatrice Daily Democrat, has started the Weekly Gazette at the same place.

Reports from Missouri River points show the water still rising and has reached a height that causes much alarm.

Table Rock is to have a large and commodious depot in place of the one which was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

F. Ricoud, book keeper for the Ox-nard Beet Sugar company at Grand Island, forged checks to the amount of \$200 and is among the missing.

The city council of Omaha has received two carloads of furniture for the council rooms which does not suit the fastidious taste of the Omaha councilmen. It will be returned.

The Burlington railroad will go into court at Nebraska City to prove that the great bridge there is in the channel of the Missouri and therefore not subject to taxation for city and school purposes.

Murderer Fox who has been playing the insanity act all through his trial in Douglas county now admits that he was simply playing it. He says he could not fool the jailor, but he worked the jury enough to save his neck.

The republican delegation from Norfolk to the state convention is instructed for Eugene Moore for state auditor. He is the man that the Wayne Herald (republican) said could give the state auditor's office a much needed cleaning out.

A fellow in Omaha yesterday had a relapse of the Fourth of July and while firing a revolver in a zig-zag way along the street put a bullet through the window of a residence, penetrating a valuable oil painting, a mirror and a hanging lamp.

Beatrice admirers of the national game are feeling galled and disgusted because the female hippos from Denver drew three times the crowd that ever turned out to see a game of ball played in that sporty town. The disgruntled Beatricians seemed unable to realize that it was not the ball that most of the crowd went to see.

**The 4th at Trumbull.**

The hayseeds of Clay, Adams, Hamilton and Hall counties assembled to the number of a thousand at Trumbull to to celebrate the "glorious 4th." Mr. A. V. Cuunningham of Adams presided, and Mr. H. L. Baker acted as chief marshal. The Trumbull cornet band discoursed fine music, and the glee club rendered several patriotic songs. Miss Maud Fanabee read the declaration of independence, after which the people enjoyed a picnic dinner.

In the afternoon Judge Burton of Hastings delivered the oration of the day. He gave a concise and forcible review of the history of this country, dwelling especially on the struggles of the people to secure and preserve liberty. Mr. Myron Holderman then recited "Darius Green and his flying machine" to the delight of the crowd. The rest of the day was occupied by sports under the charge of Major McLellan, consisting of all sorts of races, music, dancing fire-works etc. It was the most successful celebration ever held in those parts.

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