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## THE POSTCHECK SYSTEM.

The post check plan, now before congress, proposes a simple method for the transmission by mail of small amounts of money and promises to be a welcome addition to the present money order system. The proposed postcheck is a most ingenious device yet so simple that it is strange it was not long ago invented. The idea is to have printed on all small denomination paper money issued by the government the following: "Pay to \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or order." When this blank is not filled out, the bill is to pass as money, just as now. The possessor of the blank bill, if he wishes to pay an account at a distant point, will merely write, in the blank space, the payee and his address. Then the bill becomes useless for general circulation to be cashed at the postoffice on proper indorsement, and retired, and another blank bill issued in its place. The only expense to the remitter is the affixing of an ordinary two-cent stamp on the face of the bill when converted into postcheck.

Under the present money order system the fee for an order of less than \$5 is three cents, all of which, in third and fourth class offices, goes to the postmaster issuing the order. The expense of transmitting the actual money and of the complicated checking of the accounts is met by the government. It is estimated that it actually costs the government three cents additional to handle a money order. As the entire fee, in seven-eighths of the postoffices, goes to the postmaster, it can be imagined how much the government loses on small money order business. It is claimed there would be practically no expense attached to the postcheck system except the comparatively small one of printing the bills, and that, with cheaper service to the people, there will be net revenue to the postoffice department.

Certainly a postcheck system of the kind described would be of great convenience to farmers and others who live in the country. When the nearest postoffice don't issue money order and many do not, it is necessary to make a trip to town to remit. With the postcheck, if a subscription to a paper is to be met, or some other small bill paid, all needful would be to fill in the payee's name on an ordinary piece of paper money, put on a two-cent stamp, and dispatch it via the rural mail carrier to its destination. There would be practically no danger of loss in transit as in the case of ordinary money, for the check would be payable only to a designated person at a designated place. The postcheck plan has the endorsement of the experts of the postoffice department, while its simplicity and convenience must appeal to everybody. Letters and petitions to members of congress, especially to the members of the postoffice committee, will do much to secure this improvement in the postoffice service.—Iowa Homestead.

## AT THE TOP.

It is more than likely that if the suggestion of the governor is taken and an amendment to the election law is adopted, providing for the placing of propositions for a constitutional amendment at the head, rather than at the tail of the poster Australian ballot, it would be easy to pass any reasonable amendment to which there is no organized opposition. As the amendments are first in importance to the voters they should be given a conspicuous place instead of being relegated to the extreme rear where the man who is accustomed to vote straight without scrutinizing the entire broadside of the ticket, will see it at first glance even before he has made his mark in the circle that means a party vote all through.

Every proposition to amend the constitution has been declared defeated by the election boards since the adoption of the present instrument in 1875. One was recanted by the legislature and found to be carried after a week spent in recounting the vote, the returns having been the other way through the carelessness of the judges and clerks of election in many precincts in neglecting to report the vote on the amendment which was equivalent to a return of a unanimous vote against it. But if the amendment was at the head of the ticket it would not be so easy for the voters or the election board to forget it. Doubtless, with such a change in the relative position on the ticket, the proposition to increase the number of the judges of the supreme court would be easily carried at any general election. All that is required is that the voter shall not forget to mark his ticket in the circle opposite the amendments.—State Journal.

The weather man must have entered into a new contract with the coal barons.

As a promoter of good resolutions the lenton season is a clause second to January 1.

The legislature is having quite a wrestle with the revenue bill but we predict it will come out all O. K. yet.

The land syndicate are opposed to the district attorneyship bill now pending in the legislature. The reason is easily apparent.

"The wages of sin are death." A Lincoln girl shot her false lover and then killed herself in the rooms of her lover in the capital city last Wednesday evening.

The editor of The Frontier was renominated for postmaster of this city by President Roosevelt last Wednesday. The present commission expired February 16.

\$70,000,000 is to be appropriated to help build up the United States navy. This is as it should be and more encouragement should be given to young men to enter the service of the navy department.

## A Counting Contest.

The Lincoln Daily Star, Nebraska's brightest and best daily newspaper, is conducting a counting contest among its subscribers in which they are offering \$150 in gold prizes. The contest is proving a very popular one on account of its simplicity, and the large prizes awarded. The conditions governing the contest are few and easy to be complied with. If you will send a postal card to the publishers asking for a sample copy containing the particulars they will send you one, and you can take part in the contest and perhaps win one of the prizes.

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## The Market.

(Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants South Omaha, Nebraska.)

South Omaha, Feb. 25, 1903.

Schwartzschild & Sulzberger have had a buyer here since last week, which has been a big help to our cow market. We sold a load of cows Thursday at \$3.90 and one cow at \$4.30. The steer market is also higher but heavy steers show the least gain. Two days this week bring liberal receipts and a steady market but Wednesday is weak to 10 lower.

We quote best beef steers \$4.40 to \$4.90, good \$4.00 to \$4.40, warmed-up \$3.50 to \$4.00; choice cows and heifers \$3.50 to \$4.00, fair to good \$2.85 to \$3.40, canners and cutters \$1.0 to \$2.50. Choice stockers and feeders \$3.65 to \$4.25, fair \$3.25 to \$3.75. Bulls slow sale at \$2.00 to \$3.25; veal \$4.00 to \$6.50.

Hog receipts liberal and market is weakening. Range \$6.60 to \$6.95. Sheep receipts fair. Market 10 to 15 lower.

Killers	\$5.00-\$6.25
Lams	5.25-5.75
Yearlings	5.00-5.25
Wethers	4.00-4.65
Ewes	

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# Commissioners Meet.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 16, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar, and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into the committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with the county officers.

The committee arose at 5:00 p. m. which time the board adjourned until Tuesday morning, Feb. 17, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m.

E. S. Gilmour, O. F. Biglin,  
Clerk Chairman pro-tem.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 17, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

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Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with the county officers.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the committee arose, at which time the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., Feb. 18, 1903.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips,  
Clerk Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 18, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read

and approved.

The board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with county officers.

The committee arose at 5 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

E. S. Gilmour, O. F. Biglin,  
Clerk Chairman, pro tem.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 19, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

The committee arose at 5 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1903.

S. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips,  
Clerk Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 20, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler and Simar.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

Committee arose at 5 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips,  
Clerk Chairman.

## WITH THE HUMORISTS

LATEST JOKES AND JINGLES OF REAL MERIT.

**New Meaning Given Old-Time Legal Expression—Why Mrs. Snitner Was Indignant at Her Husband's Heartlessness.**

**It's Never Given Away.**

"Pa," said Johnny, who is a persistent knowledge seeker, "what is a lawyer?"

"There isn't any such thing, Jimmy," replied the old gentleman, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time.

"But this book says that somebody was a great lawyer," persisted the youngster.

"Then it's a mistake," rejoined his father. "Law is never given. It's retailed in very small quantities at very high figures."—Stray Stories.

**The Brute Carries His Point.**

"Madame," he said, during a lull in their quarrel. "I propose to know, once and for all, if you are going to mind me?"

"Mind you, indeed!" cried his wife. "You are beneath my notice."

"Thanks. I was going to ask if you'd mind me smoking in the parlor, but since you won't mind, here goes."

**Knew His Nephew.**

Old Peterby is rich and stingy. In the event of his death his nephew is to inherit his property. A friend of the family said to the old gentleman: "I hear your nephew is going to marry. On that occasion you ought to do something to make him happy."

"I will," said Mr. Peterby. "I'll pretend that I am dangerously ill."

**Noble Effort Toward Atonement.**

Jinks—Why do you suppose men lie so terribly in devising the epitaphs of their friends?

Winks—Don't know, I'm sure; but there's this to be said in extenuation of their conduct; they invariably do their utmost to set the matter straight by their conversation afterwards.—Town and Country.

**Swiss School Rule.**

A child's absence from school in Switzerland in punished with a fine, which is increased daily unless the child is ill—in which case, of course, he is free to stay at home. Should the school authorities doubt the genuineness of any child's illness they send a doctor to see him, and if their suspicions prove correct the parents have to pay his fee.

**In a Chemist's Shop.**

Wild-Eyed Man—I want some soothing syrup quick!  
Chemist—What size bottle?  
Wild-Eyed Man—Bottle! I want a barrel; it's twins!

**All in Stock.**

"I want to see some Brussels," began the prospective customer.  
"Carpets, sprouts or point lace?" asked the universal provider, briskly.

**Why Delay?**

Gerald—I'm going to kiss you when the clock strikes nine.

Geraldine—Wouldn't that be foolish; the clock sometimes runs down.

**Provided For.**

Pat—Hov yez made a will?  
Mike—Yis. Oi lift everything to the doctor that saves me life.

**He Asked A-Miss.**

"What's the trouble, my boy?" queried the minister of a young member of my flock. "You look sad."

"And I feel sad," replied the young man. "I asked Miss Silverton to be my wife and she declined the honor."

"That's too bad," said the parson. "But it's in accord with the Scriptures which say, 'Ye asked and received not, because ye asked amiss.'"

"Well, what would you advise me to do?" queried the youth.

"Next time ask a widow," replied the good man with a suspicious twinkle in his eye.

**No Need of Shouting.**

"Shut the door," bellowed the irate merchant. "Where were you brought up, sir—in a sawmill?"

"Well, I'm not sure as to that," replied the young drummer in honeyed accents, pressing both hands to his ears, "but of one thing I can assure you, my dear sir, and that is that I was not brought up in a boiler factory."

**The Best He Could Do.**

Wigg—Before they were married he said he would be willing to die for her.

Wagg—Well, he has partially proved it. At any rate, he doesn't seem able to earn a living for her.

**Going Over His Accounts.**



**Knew the Sex.**

Wederly—My wife owes her dressmaker a little bill. I must stop in and pay it this morning.

Singleton—Why don't you give your wife the money and let her pay it?  
Wederly—Not much! She would order another new dress.

**Friendly Comment.**

Bill—Who was that girl you were walking up the avenue with yesterday?

Jill—You mean the one with the big muff?

Bill—Why, yes; I said the one you were with, didn't I?

**Positively Brutal.**

Mrs. Diggsby—A woman can make up her mind in less than half the time a man can.

Diggsby—Naturally. She devotes the most of her time to making up her face, and, moreover, she has less mind to make up.

**A Compromise.**

"Whew!" exclaimed Nuwed, "what's the matter with this mince pie?"

"Nothing," replied his wife, who was a white ribboner. "I followed your mother's recipe except where it called for brandy. I put root beer in instead."

**Still in the Family.**

Jack—My grandfather had a fine collection of silver, which he bequeathed to my father on condition that it should remain in the family.

Ethel—Then you have it still?  
Jack—Well—er—my uncle has it.

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**May Soon Become Invisible.**  
Citiman—So you've got a servant at last?  
Subbubs—Yes.  
Citiman—White or black?  
Subbubs—Green, very green.  
**The Climax.**  
Sam—Who won de cakewalk?  
Remus—It ended in a draw.  
Sam—A draw?  
Remus—Yes, ebrybody present began to draw deh razahs."

**Just Comparisons.**  
La Mont—A spider has eight eyes.  
La Moyné—Whew! What could be any worse than a spider with styes?  
La Mont—Why, a centiped with chibblains, of course."

**Proof Positive.**  
Jiggers—I'll bet that juggler is two pawnbrokers in one.  
Biggers—How do you know?  
Jiggers—Because he keeps the six balls going so well.

**Her Dearest Friend.**  
He—"Do yo think blondes have more admirers than brunettes?"  
She—"I don't know. You might ask Miss Turner; she has had experience in both capacities."

**Who Wrote "Dixie"?**  
Will S. Hays of Louisville claims to be the author of "Dixie." He was assisted, he says, by Charles L. Ward and David P. Faulds, recently deceased, published the song. The authorship of this popular southern melody has been in dispute for many years.