

Postal Receipts Display Increase

Improved Business Conditions Shown in Department Report for March.

Washington, April 7.—Better business conditions than a year ago are indicated in the receipts of the 50 largest postoffices. They show an increase of \$1,621,821 or 5.91 per cent for March over that month last year. Total receipts of these offices, announced today by the Postoffice department were \$29,085,090, compared with \$27,463,268 for March last year.

Only six of the 50 postoffices showed decreased rates; Minneapolis, Washington, Portland, Ore., Toledo, Providence and Fort Worth. Jacksonville, Fla., had the largest increase with 20.64 per cent; Dayton second with 17.86 and New Orleans third with 17.84.

Of the five largest offices having receipts of more than \$1,000,000, Philadelphia had the largest per cent of increase with 9.15 per cent; New York second with 8.15, Boston third with 5.32, St. Louis fourth with 4.16 and Chicago fifth with 3.60.

Scottsbluff Students First in Scholastic Competition

Bridgeport, April 7.—In a scholastic competition between students in the commercial departments of the Bridgeport, Scottsbluff, Alliance, Chadron and Crawford high schools, held at Scottsbluff, Bridgeport won third place, with 12 1/2 points. Scottsbluff was first with 4 1/2 points and Alliance second with 21 points, the other two schools falling to score.

There were tests in novice and champion typewriting, novice and champion shorthand, spelling and penmanship, and Bridgeport placed in all classes. Dean Miller, Winifred Richardson, Leona Johnson, Fern Hayden and Delores Loy were the point winners for Bridgeport.

Two of these were also winners in the declamatory contest a week ago in competition with Oshkosh, Theford, Alliance and Mullen schools.

Ohio Runaway Boy Found Working on Nebraska Farm

Fremont, April 7.—Frank Lapinta, 17, of Cleveland, likes Nebraska farm life but will have to return to his parents in Ohio who wired local police to detain the youth until transportation was forwarded.

Young Lapinta was found working on a farm near Nickerson. He made his way west in box cars to seek his fortune in his first trip away from home. Landing in Nebraska, he felt confident that his goal had been reached and he settled down to become an adopted son of the Cornhusker state.

His plans went awry when Deputy Sheriff Cond Davis brought him to Fremont to await further word from the boy's parents.

Two Gretna Men Arrested for Liquor Law Violations

Fremont, April 7.—W. C. Gehring and George Grady, both of Gretna, Neb., are under arrest here, the former charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor and the latter with possession. The men were arrested at Nickerson after their car ran into a ditch and upset. Neither of the men was injured but the car was badly damaged.

Park Offered Bedford.

Bedford, Ia., April 7.—When A. L. Bibbins, Bedford druggist, died five years ago he specified in his will that his administrator purchase a 20 acre tract of land and improve it for a city park at its next meeting. Although backed by the community club, the proposition is meeting considerable opposition because of a 2 mill tax which it would be necessary to levy.

LOUP CITY HAVING BUILDING BOOM

Loup City, April 7.—Loup City is having a building boom. C. F. Bushausen has announced that he will build a new furniture store, 50 by 100 feet. H. M. Eisner is having plans made for a new jewelry store. O. S. Mason has secured a permit to build an extension on his implement building. The Nebraska Power company is getting ready to enlarge its plant and install bigger engines in addition to construction of the new transmission line to North Loup. W. L. Maciejewski has completed a new garage and several additions to homes are in progress.

Two Gangsters Sentenced; Admit Guilt in Thefts

York, April 7.—Summer Burnham of York and James Tyre of Aurora were sentenced in Judge Landis' court at Aurora last week to serve one to five years in the penitentiary. They admitted complicity in thefts of harness, saddles, auto robes and other things in York, Hamilton, Merick, Hall, Clay and Fillmore counties.

4,000 Eggs in Incubator in Farm Barn Basement

York, April 7.—At the Ludwig farm, just north of town, chicken

raising on a large scale is going on. In a basement of a barn is an incubator holding over 4,000 eggs. At hard coal stove furnishes even heat through pipes which pass around the incubator. Electric appliances give warning in the house of any change in this temperature. The eggs are turned four times a day by hand.

In small pens in the rooms above are 2,500 chicks. Brooders, artificially heated, mother the chicks at night and the rooms where they are kept are warmed to the proper temperature.

BILLIARD CHIPS CASHED AT BANK

Fremont, April 7.—Sneak thieves, who recently looted the cash drawer at the Italo billiard parlor, succeeded in cashing a quantity of trade chips at a local bank, where the chips were innocently passed on to a patron. The trade chips are the same size as nickels. With real nickels on top and bottom, the chips were rolled into packages representing \$1 in five-cent pieces.

The clerks at the bank failed to discover the fraud and it went by undiscovered until a local business man unwrapped one of the rolls that he got for his cash drawer.

Officials were unable to discover who cashed the chips at the bank in the first place.



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When your bowels refuse to work and the poisons have to find other outlets such as your lungs, kidneys and skin, you are courting sickness and shortening your life. You are also running grave danger of dreadful disease. Do your bowels act at least twice daily? If not you are constipated and must do something right away or you may be gravely ill.

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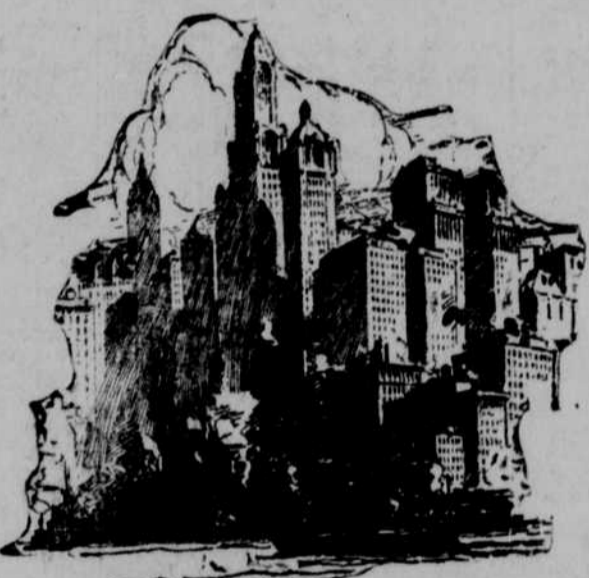
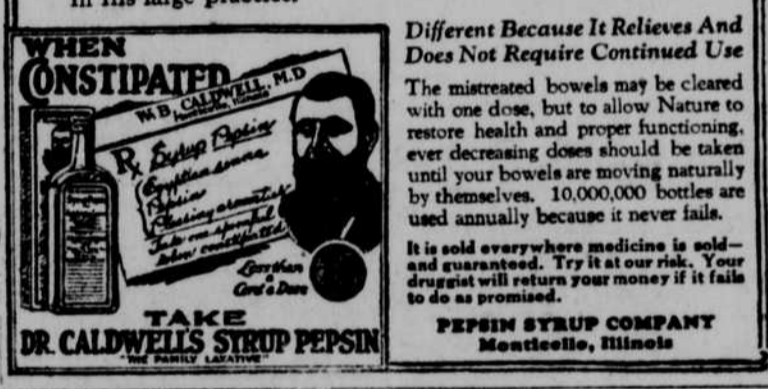
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The mistreated bowels may be cleared with one dose, but to allow Nature to restore health and proper functioning, ever decreasing doses should be taken until your bowels are moving naturally by themselves. 10,000,000 bottles are used annually because it never fails.

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In America's cities everywhere, towering high above the streets, are the "skyscrapers," monuments to industries, builders, and all whose thought and achievement enable hundreds or thousands to work and live comfortably under one roof.

These human hives, and the activity they shelter, are made possible by the telephone, with its cables and wires spreading from floor to floor and from room to room.

The messages they send and receive, now despatched so quietly and speedily in all directions, would require an army of messengers that could neither be mobilized or directed.

Without such a service as the telephone for the transmission of spoken messages, America's monumental business architecture would not exist, and men would still have to live and work close to the ground, instead of in the air.

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Mid-Week Bargains

M. E. Smith \$1.50 Women's and Misses' Middies 79c Excellent quality cambric, blue and rose shades, neatly trimmed and piped, sizes 38 to 44. (Second Floor)	M. E. Smith \$10.00 Girls' Tweed Knicker Suits \$5.00 Just the thing for hiking and play. All wool tweed material, coat made in becoming Norfolk style, fully lined, well tailored, only 25 suits in the lot. Sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16. (Second Floor)	M. E. Smith Mina Taylor Apron Dresses 69c In light and medium colors, all sizes. \$1.25 values. (Annex)	M. E. Smith Mina Taylor Gingham Tub Frocks \$1.95 All colors and sizes. Mina Taylor style and quality, dresses worth to \$5.00. (Annex)	M. E. Smith Gingham Rompers 69c Sizes 2 to 6 years. All colors, wonderfully tailored, fast colors, regular \$1.00 quality. (Annex)
M. E. Smith Overblouses 95c Sheer dimities and flaxons, in white, blue, tea rose, and ecru, sizes 38 to 46. \$1.49 and \$1.98 quality. (Annex)	M. E. Smith Silk Dresses \$9.75 200 to select from in all the new silks for summer, also cantons, and satin faced cantons. M. E. Smith's \$15.00 and \$16.75 dresses. (Annex)	M. E. Smith Ladies' Union Suits 49c Suit Fine knit, open and closed seats, tight and loose knee, built up and bodice tops, self and ribbon shoulder straps, exceptional values. (Bargain Annex)	M. E. Smith 49c White Lawn 17 1/2c yd. 40-inch, fine sheer quality, high mercerized finish, values to 49c. (Bargain Annex)	M. E. Smith Bookfold Percales 16 1/2c yd. 36-inch, standard quality, fast colors in a wonderful assortment of neat patterns, light and dark backgrounds. (Bargain Annex)
M. E. Smith Moose Head Suiting 45c yd. 36-inch, warranted fast colors, an ideal fabric for spring wear, in a full line of all the new shades. Very special. (Bargain Annex)	M. E. Smith Printed Sunshine Dress Crepe 49c yd. Styles copied from silk crepe de chine, reliable fast color, 36-inch fabric. M. E. Smith wholesale price, 57 1/2c, our price, 49c. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith 70c Pequot Sheeting 55c 72-inch natural color cotton sheeting. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Matchless Linen Napkins at Half Wholesale Price. All the sample 1/2 dozen from the M. E. Smith stock (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith \$3.39 Ironing Board \$2.49 Ridgid ironing board, stands firm, will not slip or slide, open end. (Downstairs)
M. E. Smith 77 1/2c Rayon Silk Checks 69c All colors, 36 inches wide. Wholesale price 77 1/2c. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Jersey Lingerie Cloth 39c Yard Regular 50c, prettiest shades, softest silky finish. Main Floor	M. E. Smith \$2.50 Pure Silk Hose \$1.19 Full fashioned hose, in all the new shades, all sizes, some are worth up to \$2.50. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith 7-8 New Socks 50c pr. In nice assortment of colors and beautifully colored tops. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith 60c Clothes Line 39c Sash cord, 50-ft. lengths. (Downstairs)
M. E. Smith \$3.50 Leather Specials Best values ever offered at this low price. Genuine leather bags, the smart flat bag, top and back strap, leather and silk lined, fitted. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Jewelry Suggestions Silver Links, gray finish, snap, regular \$1.00 values, 50c Silver Belt Chains, gray finish, regular \$1.00 values, 69c Men's Solid Gold Front Knives, engraved and engine turned, regular \$2 values, \$1 (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Women's Silk and Fiber Hose 69c Extra fine, all the new spring shades, guaranteed to give good service. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Step Ladders Hardwood step ladders, well braced and rodded under every step, with pail shelf. 5-foot size... \$1.89 6-foot size... \$2.29 (Downstairs)	M. E. Smith \$6.00 Garden Hose \$4.95 50-foot lengths of 1/2-inch, corrugated moulded hose, complete with couplings. (Downstairs)
M. E. Smith Boys' Athletic Union Suits 75c "Topkis" and "Sealpox", best quality, perfect fitting garments, full cut and well made, sizes 24 to 36. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith 45c Boys' Stockings 25c "Bearskin" and Buster Brown hosiery that stand the wear, all first quality. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith \$1.00 Boys' "Ideal" Blouses 69c Well made of madras and fine percales, fast colors, light and dark patterns, sizes 6 to 14. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith White P. K. Aprons \$1.50 200 White P. K. Aprons for waiters, beauty parlor and home use, regular \$2.95 values. (Second Floor)	M. E. Smith Costume Slips \$2.98 Dark and light shades, single and double hems of tricollette, tricotism and baronet satin, bodice tops, all sizes. Values to \$5.00. (Second Floor)
M. E. Smith Children's Shoes \$2.29 \$2.49 \$2.98 3 big groups, factory imperfects, strong sturdy built shoes. All sizes, worth double the sale price. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Printed Felt Base 39c sq. yd. The felt base floor covering with enamel finish and requiring no tacking. 6-ft. width. 59c value. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith Ladies' Neckwear From the M. E. Smith bankrupt stock. We purchased almost the entire stock of ladies' fancy neckwear at this great sale. The majority being new styles bought for the Easter trade. Wednesday we will place this entire purchase on sale in four big lots and will add all small lots from our regular stock at the same reductions. Half Price 1st lot, 50c values, 25c 2nd lot, 75c values, 39c 3rd lot, \$1.25 values, 59c 4th lot, \$2 values, \$1.00 These lots are made up of lace, organdies and lincens, in collars, vests, panels, collar and cuffs, sets, etc. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Men's Union Suits 95c All the men's fine knit union suits, sizes 36 to 48, values to \$1.75. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Women's Pumps and Oxfords \$2.79 5,000 pairs women's factory imperfect pumps and oxfords, patent tan, and patent, satin, etc. All sizes. (Main Floor)
M. E. Smith Children's White Footwear \$1.98 Strap pumps, cut out sandal effects, light trun sole, sizes up to 2. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Fiber Rugs \$9.75 Wonderful color combinations, plain centers with stenciled borders. 9x12 size. \$16.50 values. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith Men's Silk Ties 48c All the silk four-in-hand ties. Values to \$1.25. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Men's Hose 8 pair for \$1.00 3,000 pairs of men's Cotton Hose, assorted colors, 25c values. (Main Floor)	M. E. Smith Men's High and Low Shoes \$2.98 Black or brown, kid or calf, welt soles, factory imperfect, all sizes. (Main Floor)
M. E. Smith Drapery Nets 29c White and ecru, good range patterns, filet and shadow effects. 36-inch width, values 30c to 49c yard. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith Drapery Marquisette 19c yd. Serims in odds and ends but good yardage. Dots, patterns, crossbar, and lace edges. Values, regular 35c yard. (Third Floor)	M. E. Smith Stamped Gowns 79c All ready made, stamped in assorted designs. (Third Floor)	Hayden's Shrubbery Dept. Canna Bulbs, red and yellow, per dozen... 50c Dahlia Bulbs, 5 colors, ea. 10c Gladiolas, mixed, 2 for... 5c Gladiolas, named, dozen... 50c Bridal Wreath... 10c (Mail orders filled promptly.) (Downstairs—North)	

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