

MAKING THE MAILS SURE

Postmaster Thomas Offers Suggestions to Patrons of the Post.

GENERAL POSTAL INFORMATION

Commonest Errors Made by People Who Send Letters, and How a Great Deal of Trouble May Be Avoided.

Postmaster Thomas has studied some of the problems presented by the postal service, and makes these suggestions to the public as tending to make the service better:

"Patrons of the Omaha postoffice expect and rightfully expect a large measure of efficiency from the men who handle their mail, but, on the other hand, they should not forget their duty in relation to the postoffice, or fail to appreciate the fact that in so complex a machinery, requiring instant decision in handling so many thousands of pieces of mail, mistakes must necessarily occur. That a vast majority of the errors are due to no fault of the postal employes, is evidenced by the fact that each month an average of 3,000 letters are sent to the dead letter office as hopelessly undeliverable, or returnable, and this, only after the most patient scrutiny and effort to discover either the addressee or the sender.

"The matter of properly addressing an envelope and preparing it for the mail would seem simple enough not to require special instruction, but as this is one of the most serious handicaps to the working of the system it cannot be too thoroughly drilled into the public mind.

"Mistakes in this regard are of two kinds—one in which the employe of the postal service is simply made extra labor, and hindered in his work, and the other, probably delayed in transmission, and the other where the mistake is such as to make the delivery entirely impossible. Among the first class may be mentioned the 'fad' of putting the stamp on the envelope on the lower left hand corner, in the center, near the top, or on the back. This results in the Omaha postoffice, where a machine is used to cancel stamps, in obliging the clerk to use a hand stamp; it furthermore requires careful watching of each letter, whereas if the public could be depended upon to put stamps on envelopes in the same place, all this loss of time, trouble and care could be avoided. In the country postoffice, where a hand stamp is used, this failure to put the stamp on the right place probably results in the postmaster pounding his thumb in an unconscious last moment effort to reach the misplaced stamp with the iron dater.

**Prepayment of Postage.**  
"A frequent cause of delay and trouble is insufficient postage. Mail matter is divided into four classes. First-class includes written matter and matter closed against inspection, and the rate of postage is 2 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. Limited weight packages, Domestic rates of postage apply alike to Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Great Britain and Germany.

"Patrons should avoid the common mistake of putting third or four-class matter with the first-class matter, and forgetting that this subjects the whole package to first-class rates. Any form of writing, whether by hand, typewriter, carbon or letter press, subjects the matter to first-class rates. Accurate scales can be purchased very cheaply, but in their absence there is no safe rule to follow, except in case of doubt, put on another stamp.

"Postal cards, whether issued by the government or by private individuals, are first-class matter, and the postage is 1 cent each. Cards bearing particles of glass, mica, metal, sand, tinsel or other similar substance are unmailable, except when enclosed in envelopes.

"The rate for second-class matter is 1 cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof and applies only so far as the public is concerned to newspapers. There is no limit as to weight, but patrons should be certain before mailing a package of newspapers that the wrapper has on it sufficient postage, as without it the package will not be forwarded. Cards should also be secured not to have the mailing address so as to prevent the wrapper being removed, as this subjects it to first-class rates.

"The rate for postage for third-class matter is 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof—the limit of weight is four pounds except it be a single book—and includes books, newspapers, periodicals, circulars, printed matter not personal correspondence, proof sheets, corrected proof sheets, manuscript accompanying the same and characters for the blind.

"The rate for fourth-class matter is 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, and includes merchandise and all other matter not included in any other class.

**Insufficient Address.**  
"The second class of mistakes which render delivery impossible is due to incomplete address or illegible address, more frequently the former. Letters addressed to be delivered in cities should invariably have on them the street and number, as this not only insures delivery, but prompt delivery. The name and address of the sender should appear in the upper left hand corner and the stamps placed in the upper right hand corner. The following may be accepted as a model form of address for letters:

After—Dora Return to  
Paul H. Fry,  
124 Howard street,  
Omaha, Neb.

Miss Maud E. Spencer,  
1724 Grand Avenue,  
Milwaukee,  
Wis.

**Aim of the Postoffice.**  
"Formerly the postal business was conducted on the principle of bringing the patrons to the postoffice; now it is conducted along progressive lines of bringing the postoffice to the patrons. This has been unfolded in the establishment of post-offices in sparsely settled places, the letter carrier system, establishment of substations, rural free delivery, and we may confidently expect that the future will add to this system all the more modern methods of rapid transmission of thought, as well as those yet to be discovered.

"Enlargement of the idea of 'safety' has marked the inauguration of the registry and money order system, and it would seem that we are now on the eve of a decided forward movement in this direction in the establishment of a postal savings system, and from the fact that the patrons are willing now to pay for the privilege of depositing their money with the United States in the form of money orders purchased for the sole purpose of safe deposit to the extent of many thousands of dollars yearly, at the Omaha postoffice alone, there can be no question, but that the postal savings bank, when authorized, will be eagerly used and appreciated by the public.

"Patrons should remember that perfection can be reached only by a knowledge of the imperfections, and if they have a well-founded complaint to make they should promptly report the matter to the postmaster, together with all of the exhibits and data possible to be obtained. It is possible and entirely probable, that relief cannot be given to cover the particular item complained of, but the information retained in the complaint will be used effectively to remedy the weak point and prevent a recurrence of the injury, and for the general good of all the individual patrons should be willing to place in the possession of the postmaster the facts which have come to his knowledge of defective service, and which the postmaster could not obtain otherwise by any means of any espionage at his command.

**VAGRANTS TAUGHT A LESSON**  
**Police Hope Events in Court Saturday Will Serve as Warning to Other Lazy Men.**  
With the putting away of a number of habitual "drunks" and vagrants for terms of from ten to ninety days in jail, police officers expect to have their daily work considerably lightened for a while. In police court Saturday morning the sentences given most of the men arraigned for vagrancy were cautions to others who are wont to have no visible means of support. Pat McCann, an unfortunate who has both legs and one arm cut off above the joint, was let off with a ten-day sentence, for although he has been arrested a number of times for drunkenness and other offenses, the court was inclined to be lenient. Anton Chada, who has a habit of getting drunk and then going to the police station and curling up to sleep in a corner of any room he happens to get into, from the detective office to the court room, drew thirty days, as Night Turnkey Byrnes became tired of lodging him every night and looked him up as a prisoner Friday night when he found him intoxicated.

James Miller, an elderly man, received the maximum sentence for vagrancy. He was sent to the county jail for ninety days, Turnkey Byrnes saying that he is a chronic "vag" and a nuisance. Newell Jones, a colored man, arrested several days ago on suspicion of stealing and selling a quantity of coal, was classed with the others and given sixty days.

A general roundup of colored men and women living in the Third ward and believed to be mere vagrants, was instituted by the police and detectives Saturday morning. Before 11 o'clock twenty arrests had been made, mostly by Detectives Murphy, Ring, Maloney and Van Deusen.

**STORE BUILDINGS ARE WANTED**  
**Greatest Necessity Says Real Estate Man, Who Points to Ads to Prove Case.**  
"The greatest necessity in a realty way in Omaha today," declared C. C. George, "is store buildings for merchants. Even in the less desirable districts there is little opportunity for new comers to locate, and in the better section none at all, despite numerous advances in rent. The Bee has been carrying an ad for several days inserted by some one who wished to rent a large store between Dodge and Harney streets. He may get it, but it will be disappointing for one or two other reasons in respect to store buildings at least, are all that property owners could desire.

"There will be a good deal of building this spring, more than ever before in some ways, and the number of men who will build homes in the outskirts is remarkably large."

Plasterers and paperers are at work on the fourth floor of the Board of Trade building, and for the fifth or sixth time A. P. Tukey & Son moved Saturday from one of their offices to another. "It's cheaper to move than pay rent, anyhow," declared Henry Tukey as he picked up a safe and lightly swung it into the next room. "At least, some tenants I have known of have proceeded on that theory. Not our tenants, of course, but other agents."

**SHOTGUN VICTIM NOW SUES**  
**Henry Agnew Asks \$3,000 Damages Because Isadore Friedman Potted Him in Foot.**  
A suit for damages was filed Saturday morning in the district court by Henry Agnew against Isadore J. Friedman for alleged carelessness in the handling of a shotgun, the explosion of which inflicted several wounds upon Agnew's feet. The plaintiff claims the accident caused him great suffering and confined him to the hospital, Agnew asks \$3,000 damages.

The affair happened in the second-hand store of I. Friedman, 21 South Twelfth street, on the morning of January 4. Friedman started to demonstrate the weapon while ignorant that it was loaded and, turning toward the rear of the store, pulled the trigger to test the action. It exploded, catching Agnew in the feet.

**UNION PACIFIC CUTS ICE**  
 **Begins the Harvest Along Its Lines to Cool the Fevered Brown.**  
The Union Pacific has begun its annual harvest of 125,000 tons of ice to be used along its lines. Large forces are now at work at Evanston and Laramie, Wyo., and North Platte and Gothenburg, Neb. At Evanston the ice is taken from above a dam in the Bear river and at Laramie from a dam in the Laramie river, at Gothenburg from the Platte river irrigation company's reservoirs and at North Platte from a pond and dam. The ice is moved from these points to the different houses along the line.

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**REGULAR**  
TOPS ..... \$4.00  
**TEN INCH**  
TOPS ..... \$5.00

**DRESHER'S**  
1515 Farnam St.

**Monday you can have a \$30 suit or overcoat made to your measure for \$17.50 at**

**Drexel Shoe Co.**  
1419 Farnam Street

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE OMAHA LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 31, 1908

ASSETS  
Loans ..... \$2,151,638.89  
Interest due from members ..... 1,346.88  
Real Estate ..... 5,196.00  
Foreclosure pending ..... 10,776.05  
Furniture and Fixtures ..... 100.00  
Home Building ..... 35,000.00  
Sundry persons and accounts ..... 882.80  
Cash ..... 82,465.05  
Total ..... \$2,287,405.67

LIABILITIES  
Capital Stock and Dividends ..... \$2,151,199.66  
Incomplete Building Loans ..... 75,862.04  
Earnings and Building ..... 4,561.16  
Reserve Fund ..... 52,098.57  
Undivided Earnings ..... 3,684.24  
Total ..... \$2,287,405.67

The business for the past year has been the most satisfactory and the largest of any year since it started in 1883. The small amount of delinquent interest appearing as due from members is a good index of how well the business of the Association has been looked after. The amount of dividends allowed members for the year was \$104,535.87, and the present Undivided Earnings in the Reserve Fund amount to over \$60,000.

The number of homes built by the Association since its organization is over 4,100, and the present membership of the Association is 5,800, of which there are over 2,000 borrowers.

The present Reserve Fund and Undivided Earnings amounts to \$57,000.

Stock holders are permitted to make partial withdrawals of their accounts, and the entire account on thirty days' notice. All loans require the monthly payment of a portion of the principal as well as the interest and are almost exclusively made on Douglas county improved properties. Dividends are declared at 6 per cent per annum on January and July 1st.

Monthly payment accounts of \$1.00 and more a month may be opened any day, and lump sums not exceeding \$5,000 of paid-up stock are received. Dividends may be withdrawn when credited to the accounts.

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Ask any of the following druggists about these goods:  
Bell Drug Co., 1216 Farnam St.  
S.A. Beranek, 1402 South 16th St.  
Small Cermak, 1812 South 15th St.  
Crissey Pharmacy, 24th and Lake St.  
H. E. Blum, 2304 South 15th St.  
Foster & Arnold, 213 North 25th St.  
J. J. Freytag, 1914 North 24th St.  
Green's Pharmacy, Park Ave. and Pacific.  
Haines Drug Co., 16th and Farnam Sts.  
Hanscom Park Pharmacy, 1501 So. 29th.  
Howell Drug Co., 297-299 N. 16th St.

South Omaha, Neb.  
J. L. Kubat, 110 North 24th St.  
Schafer's Cut Price Drug Store, 15th and Douglas Streets.  
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Walnut Hill Pharmacy, 40th and Cumine.  
O. H. Wirth, 40th and Hamilton Sts.

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Jno. W. Camp, 505 W. Broadway.  
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Crowns, up from \$2.50  
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**ROSENBLATT'S**  
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Preserve your good disposition and health and wear storm shoes in two widths.—Regular and ten inch uppers, box calf and grain calf blucher styles.

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**SEVERAL OTHER BIG SPECIALS**  
Odd Suits, in sack and frock styles, that retailed up to \$12.50; on sale \$2.98 to close at.....  
Boy's Knee Pants Suits—Very late Knickerbocker styles, \$3.75 to \$5.00 values go at..... \$2.48  
\$1 Knee Pants 69c; 75c Knee Pants 48c; 50c Knee Pants 23c

Don't Miss These Piece Goods Offerings Monday

**January White Goods Sale in our Famous Domestic Room**  
See if you can match these prices:  
**INDIA LINONS**  
8 1/2c quality ..... 5c  
10c quality ..... 7 1/2c  
12 1/2c quality ..... 8 1/2c  
15c quality ..... 10c  
17 1/2c quality ..... 11 1/2c  
20c quality ..... 12 1/2c  
25c quality ..... 15c  
30c quality ..... 18c  
35c quality ..... 20c  
40c quality ..... 22c  
**REGULAR LONG CLOTH**  
12 Yards to Bolt.  
12c quality ..... 8 1/2c  
15c quality ..... 10c  
17 1/2c quality ..... 11 1/2c  
20c quality ..... 12 1/2c  
25c quality ..... 15c  
30c quality ..... 18c  
35c quality ..... 20c  
40c quality ..... 22c  
**FRENCH LAWN**  
15c quality ..... 10c  
20c quality ..... 12 1/2c  
25c quality ..... 15c  
30c quality ..... 18c  
35c quality ..... 20c  
40c quality ..... 22c  
**LONG FOLD WHITE GOODS**, plains or fancies, 5c, 7 1/2c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c and 50c.  
36-inch Muslins 7 1/2c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 19c.  
Waistings, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c up to \$1.00 per yard.

**SKIRTS MADE TO ORDER**  
Select any cloth you want at our regular Dress Goods counter, and we will make you a stylish skirt. Six patterns to select from. The work will be done by one of the very best ladies' tailors in Omaha, and we guarantee to make it from 1 yard to 1 1/2 yards of cloth less than any other house.  
Our prices will be \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 \$3.50 and \$4.00.  
We guarantee a perfect fit or money cheerfully refunded.  
Monday Closing Out all odds and ends of Wool Dress Goods; also a large range of high grade remnants at very low prices.  
100 pieces of Priestley's high grade black Wool Dress Goods, yard 96c  
100 pieces of German imported all Wool Dress Goods, yard ..... 84c  
10 other specials during the day.

**In Our Famous Domestic Room January Linen Sale Now in Full Force**  
Immense stock of high grade Linens, Domestics, Sheets, Pillow Slips, Sheetings, etc. No other house is able to meet the following prices:  
9-4 Best Unbleached Muslin, regular price 23 1/2c, at yard ..... 17 1/2c  
9-4 Best Bleached Muslin, regular price 26c, at yard ..... 19 1/2c  
10-4 2 cents up ..... 8-4 2 cents down  
3 1/2c yard wide fine Bleached Muslin 50c  
10c yard wide fine Bleached Muslin 75c  
12 1/2c yard wide fine Bleached Muslin 85c  
12x30 fine Bleached Sheets, worth 85c, 30c  
18x90 extra fine Bleached Sheets, worth 75c, at each ..... 40c  
12x30 fine Pillow Slips, 75c, 80c, 90c, 100c and ..... 12 1/2c  
10c Bath Towels, for ..... 5c  
12 1/2c Cotton Toweling, for ..... 8 1/2c  
10c Glass Toweling, for ..... 5c  
12 1/2c all Linen Crash, unbleached ..... 6c  
25c Russian Crash, extra heavy ..... 12 1/2c  
12 1/2c Huck Towels, for ..... 7 1/2c  
15c Huck Towels, for ..... 9 1/2c  
12 1/2c Turkish Towels, for ..... 7 1/2c  
15c Turkish Towels, for ..... 8 1/2c  
19c Turkish Towels, for ..... 10c

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