

UNCLE SAM TO CENSOR MAIL

Parties Receiving Mail at Postoffice Must Pass an Inspection.

BAR ON THE GENERAL DELIVERY

Order from the Department Extended to Put Some of the Letter Writers Out of Business.

The Postoffice department and Cupid have at last crossed swords in earnest after many threats, counter threats, and mutual throwing of divers insinuations.

Almost from time immemorial these "billets de amour" have found protection under the great cloak of Uncle Sam's general delivery which, it is conceded, has hidden a multitude of sins.

Most Obey the Law. The other day the postmaster at Omaha received an order from Washington directing him to obey this law in all its malevolent literalness.

The general delivery "evil" which is as old as the postoffice itself, has been a perplexing question to all large city postoffices. Up to now, the various postmasters have looked in vain for a remedy and it was not until the officials in Washington called their attention to this dormant and almost forgotten law that they woke up and pressed the claims of this law upon all abusers of the old, good natured general delivery.

Assistant Postmaster James I. Woodward of the Omaha postoffice in speaking of local general delivery conditions had this to say to a representative of The Bee:

"The abuse of the general delivery here by persons who ordinarily should receive their mail at their homes has not been so great as one would expect. We have not been troubled to the extent other larger cities have in this respect and I can give no reason for it. Of course we have a certain share of the evil, but it has never become such a nuisance as to necessitate drastic action."

"Most of these general delivery patrons or a great many of them," continued Woodward, "are what you may call people of the street. What I mean is that mixed in with a great deal of clandestine correspondence directed to parties who have residences in Omaha is other correspondence directed to 'floaters,' women of the world, etc. This is the most objectionable feature of the situation that the clerks have to deal with."

Children and Callers. "Minors are to blame for much of the abuse of the general delivery. These children will flock here in droves, boys and girls alike, and receive mail which should be addressed to their homes. Under the orders from Washington users of the general delivery must furnish in writing their names and addresses and give statements of their reasons for preferring to be served at the general delivery. Minors must furnish the names of their parents in order that they may be notified and have an opportunity to control the delivery of their children's mail."

According to the assistant postmaster the labor of the clerks has already been considerably lightened in consequence of the order.

W. E. Deacon, chief clerk of the local postoffice, is the official inquisitor of all would-be users of the general delivery in the future. Nowadays if things look queer to the practiced eye of the clerk who stands before the general delivery window, the queer one is ushered into the presence of Deacon, who crosses questions of their reasons for preferring to be served at the general delivery, for using the general delivery and other sundry things that a suspicious man may ask.

In consequence of his newly acquired duties at the postoffice Deacon has been dubbed "the maud fist."

In the estimation of an experienced general delivery clerk the chief culprits in the order of their transgressions are about like this: Married men and women, single men and women, women of the world, children, old maids and bachelors.

FRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Teacher—It is said that a camel can go seven days without water.

Small Boy—Please, ma'am, how long can he go if he has water?

"Minnie," said a mother to her little daughter who had the telltale habit, "why is it you can't keep a secret?"

"Because, mamma," explained the precocious miss, "two of my front teeth are gone, and the secrets just slip out."

Little Edith was light-hearted and merry over everything. So one day her mother decided to invite a very serious young person to dinner and he was placed next the light-hearted girl. Every thing went well until she asked him:

"You speak of everybody having a mission. What is yours?"

"My mission," said the parson, "is to save young men."

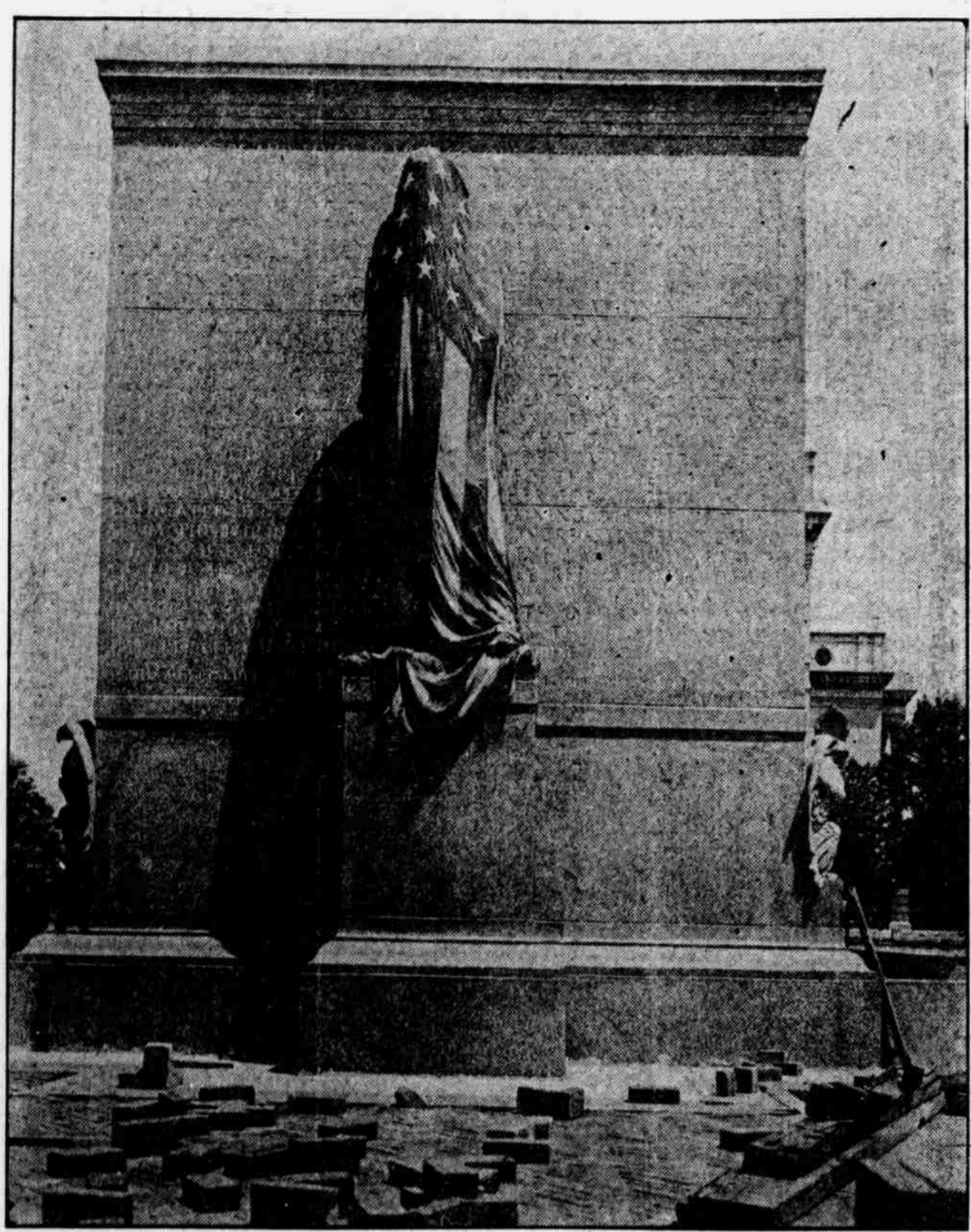
"Good," replied the girl. "I'm glad to meet you. I wish you'd save one for me."

A boy was asked by his mother to go to the country with her, but the boy refused.

All the coaxing and pleading was of no avail.

When the father came home that evening he was told by his wife that Johnny (the boy) refused to go to the country.

Waiting for Its Dedication



APPEARANCE OF THE DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH STATUE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AS IT STANDS NOW ON THE STATE HOUSE GROUNDS AT LINCOLN.

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Demand for New Houses Growing Greater Than Demand for Old.

BUILDING BOOM AT BELLEVUE

Village Building Pumping Station, College Structures Being Overhauled and Several Residences Going Up.

Bellevue is experiencing a small sized building boom. The McDermott building presents an imposing appearance as it approaches the Bellevue station. It is of cement blocks and is 100 feet long with a sixty-foot front on Washington street. It will be used as a summer hotel and residence.

B. R. Stouffer is building a substantial modern residence at the corner of Jackson street and Mission avenue, south of the college.

E. S. White, vice president of the newly organized Omaha State bank, is building a fine residence on Hancock street, east of the college.

Prof. W. H. Nichols' new two-story bungalow overlooks the river and commands a lovely view of Elk hill from its location on Warren street.

The village of Bellevue is erecting a cement block building at the corner of Mission avenue and Jackson street as a pumping station for the village water works.

The usually quiet old village has taken on an air of unwonted life and activity, which will be further increased by the building operations on the college gymnasium, plans for which are in the hands of the contractor.

Business Manager Baskerville of the college is superintending the renovation of the college buildings preparatory to

the opening in September. Considerable changes are being made in the shower baths and toilet arrangements of Hamilton and Philadelphia halls. The residence halls are to be repaired and painted and everything made fresh and sanitary.

President Stouffer reports an unusually good prospect for a large attendance and is especially gratified that a number of additions will be made to the upper classes.

The demand for new houses instead of the old is growing greater every year, according to Byron Hastings of Hastings & Heyden, a firm which has built nearly 100 houses this year.

"We are not building any more houses than we can sell," he says, "but are simply supplying the demand. We have built nearly 100 houses and only a few of that number are unsold."

"The demand for new houses this year is even greater than last. People are getting away from the idea that houses built by real estate men or by anyone for the purpose of selling are bad houses. A house built for a home is not always the best house. There are many instances where the house built to sell is better."

John Groves, a farmer of Cass county, has bought the Doney ranch in Boyd county from Toland & Wiley. He intends to move on it soon and stock it with cattle, hogs and horses, the present prices of which are causing the farmers to seek more pasture land.

Dorsey brothers have bought, through Toland & Wiley, a 22-acre farm two miles from Ashland. They paid \$155 an acre for the property. From this it can be judged that eastern Nebraska land has not lost any of its value.

One of the big sales during the week was a 100-acre farm on the West Dodge street road, three miles southeast of Elk-

horn. Mrs. Margaret Powers was the owner and A. J. Love the purchaser. The deal was made by the Orin S. Merrill company. The consideration was approximately \$20,000. The new owner gets possession March 1 next.

Work on the new medical college of the state university is progressing rapidly now that the difficulties with the foundation have been passed.

It is expected that the building will be open for inspection by the incoming legislature.

F. L. Haller, regent of the University of Nebraska, is taking friends there to look it over and has invited all Omaha to watch the work. The building will stand at Forty-second street and Dewey avenue.

Natural Obstacles. "I feel that I could overcome any obstacle for you," he declared.

"There is only one obstacle that you will have to overcome to get me," she replied.

"What is it? Tell me, and I will overcome it."

"I have made up my mind that I will never marry anyone whose ears stick out like the wings on a monoplane. Get yours to flatten themselves against your head and the obstacle will be overcome."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Of Course Not. "My pa is a church member."

"So is mine," boasted Henry.

"He ain't neither. My pa says your pa don't come to church, and even when he does he doesn't put nothing in the collection box."

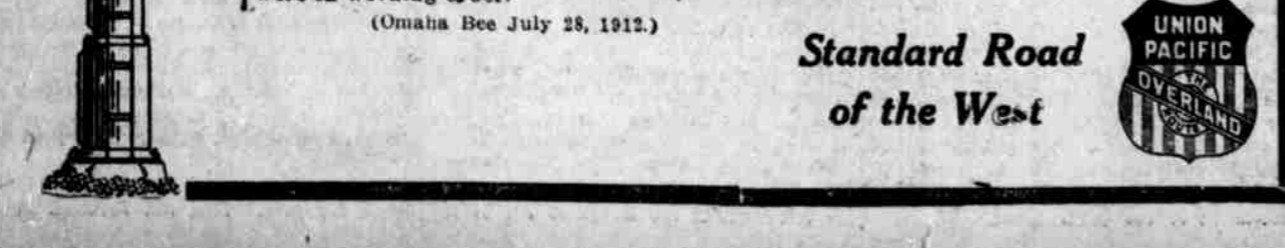
"Huh! My pa is an honorary member, and honorary members don't have to ship in!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tough Luck. "What's the matter with Deacon Hardup?"

"Poor fellow, he's playing in rotten luck. He had a quarter in his hand for advertising and a cent for business; and when the plate came along he slipped the wrong coin."—Baltimore Sun.

"Safety First" The Watchword of the Union Pacific

The Overland Route has recognized that rapid transit is not the first consideration of railway travel—the first is safety and comfort. EVERY INCH OF MAIN LINE IS PROTECTED BY AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC BLOCK SAFETY SIGNALS. In addition, two-thirds of the distance to Ogden is double tracked, which further reduces the liability of accident. In the last four years there has been but a single fatal accident, resulting in the death of one passenger. The above features—Automatic Electric Block Safety Signals and double track, together with its dustless gravel roadbed, fast and splendidly equipped electric lighted trains, direct route and excellent dining cars have given to the Union Pacific its title, Standard Road of the West.



FIRST ROORBACK ON RECORD

How the Name Came to Be Given to a Political Hoax in Way-back Days.

On August 21, 1844, when the presidential campaign of that year (Polk versus Clay) was in full blast, there appeared in the columns of the Chronicle, a weekly newspaper published at Ithaca, N. Y., a communication signed "An Abolitionist," which gave an alleged "extract from 'Roorback's Tour Through the Western and Southern States in 1836.'" This alleged "extract" from the "Roorback" stated that in the course of that part of his travels which embraced the vicinity of Duck river, Tennessee, he "saw a singular spectacle, the most striking one of the kind I ever witnessed. It was a camp of negro slave drivers just packing up to start. They had about 300 slaves with them, who had bivouacked the preceding night in chains in the woods; these they were conducting to Natchez, upon the Mississippi river, to work upon the sugar plantations in Louisiana. \* \* \*

"Forty-three of these unfortunate beings had been purchased, I was informed of Hon. J. K. Polk, the present speaker of the house of representatives, the mark of the branding iron, with the initials of his name on their shoulders, distinguishing them from the rest." This alleged "extract from 'Roorback's Tour'" was extensively copied into the whig newspapers of the country, and constituted one of the most sensational incidents of the presidential campaign. As a matter of fact, however, there was no such work as "Roorback's Tour"; no person of that name having written a work upon travels in this country. In other words, the "extract" from such a work which "An Abolitionist" had pretended to give in the Ithaca newspaper was a hoax, the perpetrator of the hoax having copied the most of the "extract" almost literally from chapter VIII of George William Featherstonhaugh's "Excursion Through the Slave States" (a work which was published in 1840), but that part of it which stated that forty-three of the

drove of 300 slaves seen by "Roorback" were branded with the initials of Hon. J. K. Polk, their former owner, being pure invention. The whig newspapers, no suspecting that the alleged "extract" from "Roorback's Tour" was not what it purported to be, at once fell into the trap which had been set for them, eagerly seizing upon the "extract" as first-class material for party capital and giving it the utmost possible publicity in their columns. The true nature of the "extract" however, was soon exposed and what the whigs had so eagerly seized upon as an effective weapon of political warfare proved to be a boomerang. The laugh was on the whigs, they had been done up with neatness and dispatch. For the rest of that presidential campaign any charge against Polk was branded by the democrats as "another Roorback," and from that time to this the word "roorback" has been a part of our political nomenclature as signifying a sensational hoax concocted for political effect—in other words, a campaign lie.

The perpetrator of this hoax was one William Linn, a democratic lawyer, politician and officeholder of Ithaca, N. Y. He was born in New York City on August 31, 1790, and died at Ithaca on January 14, 1867. The sketch of him given in "Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography," says that he was the author of "the Roorback Papers," purporting to be extracts from the travels of "Baron Roorback," a statement which, as is shown by what has been stated above, is not in exact accord with the facts. Mr. Linn was the son of Rev. Dr. William Linn, and his sister, Elizabeth, was the wife of Charles Brockden Brown, the novelist—Boston Transcript.

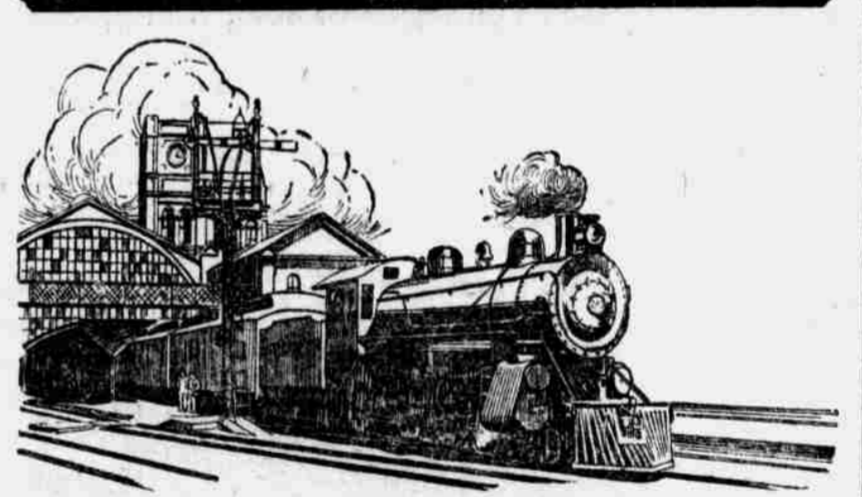
Lessons. "There are many valuable lessons to be learned from defeat." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "but they aren't any good unless you can teach them to the other fellow."—Washington Star. Uncle Pennywise Says. The good cook generally marries the man who can't provide the raw materials.—Courier-Journal.

THESE PRICES TELL THE STORY

This is a general cleanup sale of numerous lines of Shoes for men, women and children, and among the various lots are some of the most remarkable values we have ever offered. It is a noteworthy fact that these are not "bargain" shoes, such as are seen in large quantities in the periodical shoe sales elsewhere, seemingly made for the purpose. All are taken from our own regular stock and reduced. This means that every shoe offered is a safe shoe to buy, and fully guaranteed by us as good value at the original price.

- FOR MEN Williams, Kneeland & Co's gun metal and tan Russia Oxfords, \$4.50 and \$5 values, now \$1.45 Howard & Foster's tan Russia and gun metal Oxfords, \$4.00 values now \$2.95 Twenty lines of \$4.00 and \$3.50 patent, dull and tan low cuts, now \$2.45 500 pairs of Men's Oxfords, broken lines, small sizes, \$3.50 and \$4 values, now \$1.45 20 per cent off on all Boys', Youths' and Little Gents' tan and black Oxfords.
- FOR WOMEN 400 pairs Ladies' Oxfords, on bargain table, small sizes, \$3.50 to \$5.00 values, tans, patents and gun metal, at 95c 400 pairs of Pumps, Ties and Strap effects, worth from \$3.00 up, now \$1.95 10 lines of Russia Ties, Colonials, Pumps and Strap effects, \$3.50 values, now \$2.45 Laird & Schober's patent, gun metal, tan and buckskin Ties and Pumps, \$3.50 and \$5.00 values, now \$3.75 Wright & Peters' tan Co-ed Pumps, patent and suede Pumps, \$4.50 and \$4.00 values.. \$2.95

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Train No. 2, Chicago Express, leaves Omaha 5 p. m., arrives Ft. Dodge 9:37 p. m., Dubuque 4:14 a. m., arrives Chicago 9:30 a. m. Through electric lighted sleepers and chair cars Omaha to Chicago. Buffet club car Omaha to Oelwein, Oelwein to Chicago. Dining car serves breakfast.

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UNITED DOCTORS CURE

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That rheumatism is an incurable disease, that some cases may be helped temporarily, but that no case can be permanently cured, is the generally accepted verdict of a great portion of the medical profession today, and this contention seems to be borne out by the fact that there are a multitude of people who are suffering from rheumatism today who have been suffering for years past. They have tried every form of a cure from one end of the list of drugs to the other; they have treated with numerous doctors, even used patent medicines; they have gone to the springs and health resorts; always with the same result. They are helped for a little while, but soon become as bad or even worse than before. Is it any wonder that they give up hope and expect to live out their lives in pain and misery?

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