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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Of Indian Affairs,
Washington,

May 5, 1910.

To all Officers of the Indian Service:

The Postal laws (Act of March 3, 1877, 19 Stat. L., 319-355) prohibit the use of official penalty envelopes to avoid the payment of postage on private mail matter and impose a penalty of \$300 for this offence.

The law provides in effect that a Government official may transmit in an official penalty envelope free of postage, mail matter relating exclusively to the business of the Government of the United States.

Several instances of violations of this provision by pupils or employees of Indian schools have been brought to the attention of the office recently by the Post Office Department. Such violations must not occur and in order to avoid their repetition, it is necessary for all officers of the Service to exercise precautions to prevent official envelopes passing from the possession of such officers to pupils, or employees not authorized to use them.

Furthermore, this matter should be brought to the attention of all persons

connected with the school or agency, especially the pupils, and they should be duly cautioned and their compliance with the law should be stringently enforced.

One instance of violation noted by the Office is the sending in Official envelopes of school report cards, with or without personal communications, by pupils to their parents.

Please take this necessary step to carry this order into effect.

Very respectfully,

R. G. VALENTINE,
Commissioner.

PUPILS' ITEMS.

Brewer Hall is undergoing repairs.

John Kelly enjoyed his short visit.

We all enjoyed the band concert last Sunday afternoon.

Ask Harry Stone how he likes to drill with the Springfield.

Bazil Desautel is the latest addition to the woodshed detail.

Antoine Francis is out of school these days on account of illness.

The farmers have commenced to call around for strawberry pickers.

John Robinson is now working for Joe Dillstrom on his ranch down in Mission Bottom.

Thos. Case, who has been working on the farm for a short time, is back on his old detail.

Some of the smaller boys have been working for Mr. Davis, a farmer, weeding onions.

The blacksmiths repaired the chimney of the Pickle-Brewer residence this week. A part of the old brick one was taken down and a zinc one put up.