FAKES MUST STOP

Postmaster Young to Enforce Box Regulations.

REFERENCES ARE REQUIRED

Applicants for Boxes Must Give Bona Fide Credentials or They Will Not Be Accommodated — Various Swindles Have Been Worked.

Fakers, swindlers and persons desiring to carry on clandestine correspondence will find it difficult to rent postoffice boxes in Portland hereafter.

Postmaster Young has decided to draw the Postal Department regulations as tightly as possible on doubtful customers, and favorable identification will be imposed on all applicants for box facilities hereafter.

Prior to the present time references have been required from persons applying for postoffice boxes, but owing to the pressure of business and the small working force, these references have not been followed up as closely as desired. The need of reform in this particular is one of the grounds on which requisitions for additional clerical assistance in the Portland Postoffice are made.

In the past, it has been possible for a person or firm carrying on an illegal business to rent a postoffice box, give a reference, transact considerable business and make a get-away before the local postoffice authorities would have time to communicate with the person given as reference. Hereafter the references given by new box customers will be looked up immediately and if not bona fide, or if given without authority, the applications will be rejected.

One Unauthorized Reference.

Postmaster Young has had one unauthorized reference in the short period during which he has been Postmaster. An applicant for a box referred the box department of the Postoffice to a substantial business man and in answer to the communication from the Postmaster, the business man simply replied, "This man had no authority to refer you to me." The application was rejected.

In a city the size of Portland new fakes are continually being perpetrated on the public and the postoffice authorities have to exercise great care to prevent fraudulent use of the mails.

One of the late swindles perpetrated with headquarters in this city was that of an "apron" company which operated successfully for a time. This company advertised throughout the country for women to make aprons at home. Upon receipt of $1, a pattern would be sent by the company and when an apron had been made from the pattern, the company promised to purchase it, if satisfactory, for $3. The patterns were sent but the company never paid for the aprons. The women who made them, if they complained, were told that the work was unsatisfactory. This company was finally denied the use of the mail and when the case was finally closed by postal authorities there were three big mail sacks full of letters for the firm held at the Portland Postoffice.

Fake Commission Firm.

A more recent swindle is reported from the town of Union by a rancher named Frank Hempe, who alleges to have been swindled by a fake commission firm in Portland. This firm rented a postoffice box, but maintained no offices. However, it had printed attractive stationery, embellished with engravings of the big building it was supposed to occupy. It alleged to have offices also in Tacoma and Seattle, and sent out attractive offers for farm products.

Mr. Hempe says he shipped two carloads of hay, valued at $300, to this firm. That was the last he heard of the firm or the hay. Drafts drawn on the company were returned unhonored and Mr. Hempe came to Portland last week to secure a settlement. He was unable to locate anything ever possessed by the firm, except the postoffice box. It is said this firm did an extensive business throughout Washington and Oregon, many farmers having been swindled out of the value of products shipped to Portland.

Marriage Bureaus Stopped.

The scheme is not a new one, and has been worked within a comparatively short time throughout the Southwest. The perpetrators of the swindle work quickly, securing large consignments by offering fancy prices; then disposing of the products rapidly to other firms by making prices below the market value.

It is the operations of such firms as the fake apron company and the swindling commission merchant that the postal authorities are particularly desirous of making impossible.

The practice of young girls renting postoffice boxes for the purpose of carrying on clandestine correspondence, marriage bureau swindles and all kinds of minor grafting of the gullible through the agency of the United States mails is to be stopped so far as possible in Portland. Postoffice boxes are to be used in this city only for legitimate purposes.

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WILL CONVENE IN ST. PAUL

National Y. W. C. A. to Hold Its Second Biennial Convention.

The second biennial convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America will be held in the city of St. Paul, Minn., opening on Thursday afternoon, April 22, and continue until Tuesday morning, April 27, 1909. All sessions of the convention will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church. Hotel Ryan has been selected as headquarters for the National board members and secretaries. A large number of representative women are to be present and careful preparations have been made to make the convention a successful one.

The programme will have inspirational features which will deal with the church, social and missionary questions, educational features which will deal with volunteer service, secretaryship, co-operation and economic aspects, and business features.

Miss Mary E. Wooley, president of the Mount Holyoke College, will give a general address on the association movement. Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., will speak on the social teachings of Jesus, and the Rev Francis J. McConnell, D. D., president of DePauw University, Indiana, will speak on the "Relation of the Association to the Church." An address on the world-wide evangelization will be given by the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D. D., of the student volfinteer movement. A series of three addresses on some spiritual theme will be given by the Rev. John Douglas Adam, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at East Orange, N. J.

The reports will be interesting, and the recommendations from the national board will be important. Saturday afternoon two sectional conferences will be held in Minneapolis. The delegates meeting in the Minneapolis Young Women's Christian Association building.

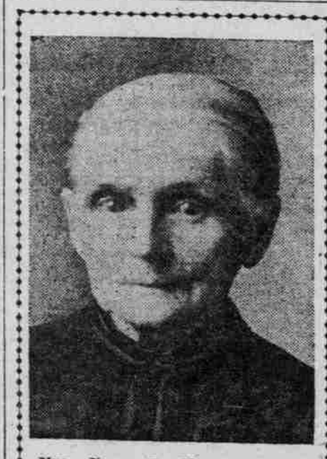
Mrs. Thomas Gladding, of the National Board, will speak at the Vesper service on Sunday afternoon. The foreign work will be represented by Miss Agnes G. Hill, of India.

A recommendation to be brought before the convention which will be of interest to the workers in Oregon, is that Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana be organized, and have a territorial committee with headquarters either at Seattle or Portland. As it now stands, there is the State Executive Board for Washington, with Seattle as headquarters, and the State Executive Board for Oregon, with headquarters at Portland. Approval of all the associations in the territory is necessary, as in that case there would be only one place for headquarters. This will be a hard thing to decide; but when it comes to the decision it is believed there will be the thoughtful yielding to the inevitable, and all will work harmoniously.

CROSSED PLAINS IN 1862

Mrs. Nancy C. Glenn Will Be Buried at Vale This Afternoon.

Nancy C. Glenn was born in Lake County, Ohio, November 24, 1831, and died in Portland last Thursday. Her maiden name was Beckwith. She was married to William S. Glenn in 1851. Of this union 10 children were born,



Mrs. Nancy C. Glenn, Malheur County Pioneer, Who Died Thursday.

seven of whom are living—Mrs. Rinehart, of Portland; Mrs. Murray Bokker, of North Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. D. C. Wells, of Vale; Mrs. J. H. Holland, of Burns; Walter Glenn, of Ontario; Arthur and Frank Glenn, of Vale. Her husband died at Vale May 7, 1900.

With her husband Mrs. Glenn crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862 and located in Grand Ronde valley. A few years later they moved to what is now Malheur County and made their home on the tract of land on which Vale now stands. They returned to Grand Ronde valley in 1870, but the following year were attracted to Malheur City, which was then enjoying a mining boom.

"Mother Glenn," as she was affectionately called, had since the death of her husband resided with her daughter, Mrs. Rinehart, at North Yakima until last December, when they moved to Portland.

With her when death came were her two daughters, Mrs. Rinehart and Mrs. Bokker, and her sons, Arthur and Walter. Mrs. Holland arrived a few hours after her death. The remains were taken to Vale on yesterday's train and the funeral will be held at Vale this afternoon, when she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

Hoquiam Tidies Up.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—Following a proclamation by Mayor Frary, today was clean up day in this city. Practically every resident cleaned up his back yard and bonfires of rubbish were numerous. Parking strips are generally cultivated in the residence sections, and the city is becoming more beautiful each year.

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STATE MASTER WRITES OPEN LETTER TO GRANGE.

Declares Delay of Appropriation Would Be Blow to Practical Education in Oregon.

State Master Buxton, of the Patrons of Husbandry, of this state, has submitted an appeal to the Granges to stand by the Oregon Agricultural College, and condemns the referendum movement started by citizens of Jackson County to hold up the appropriation made at the last session of the Legislature. In response, resolutions are being adopted by Granges all over Oregon condemning the referendum, so that there is no doubt where the farmers' organization stands on this question. Mr. Buxton in his address to members of the Grange reviews the referendum, and in part says:

Such a movement at this time is much to be regretted, and I am taking this means of calling attention of the members of the Granges to the matter in the hope that the influence of the organization may everywhere be enlisted in active opposition to the movement. I do not consider it necessary to go into details in defense of this position. The Grange and the people of Oregon as a whole believe in the system of education for which the Agricultural College stands—practical education along industrial lines.

I do not believe that there is any question as to what the ultimate outcome of a vote upon such a proposition would be. I believe that the people of the state would sustain the appropriation by a large majority, but the vote cannot be taken until a year from next November. It will then be too late to enter on any building operations until the following Spring. So the effect of a successful effort with the petitions would be to tie up all the contemplated improvements for a period of two years. This, in the present stage of development, would be a most serious drawback to the interests of the state. Not only would it seriously hamper the further development of the institution, but, what is worse than this, there is grave danger that it would cause the loss of the Government appropriation, which supplies a large part of the funds for running expenses.

It should be, if it is not already, generally known that the National Government contributes a considerable sum to the support of land-grant colleges in each state. In our state the sum furnishes perhaps the chief source of revenue for defraying the running expenses. The state in accepting the grant from the National Government has agreed to furnish the necessary buildings, grounds and equipments for all the needs of the institution—none of the Government funds can be used for this purpose—hence, if the state breaks faith with the National Government, the latter will be in a position to withhold its support.

Mr. Buxton discusses the referendum at length, setting forth its probable effects on the college should a vote be obtained, and declares:

"Mr. Kaiser (who started the referendum) is right in saying that 'it is not the Agricultural College that will suffer.' It is the educational interests of the state that will suffer. It is not a matter of choice with the college. It is a creation of the state. It is there to serve the people. The Agricultural College belongs to the people. I have sufficient faith in the Patrons of Husbandry of Oregon to believe that not one of them will be willing to stand by and see such an effort as this go unrebuked."

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CHEHALIS TO HOLD FAIR

SUBSCRIPTION OF $15,000 TO BUY SITE COMPLETED.

Half a Dozen Counties in Southwestern Washington to Be Represented in Exhibits.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—The Southwestern Washington State Fair is assured. The recent Legislature voted $15,000 to be spent in erecting buildings, laying out a track and for other purposes. However, the lawmakers were kind enough to attach a string to the state appropriation, whereby the people of Lewis County were required to provide 30 acres of land for a site. Recently an option was secured on this, the property being a part of the Somerville farm, located east of the Northern Pacific main line, half way between the cities of Chehalis and Centralia. The land will cost $6000, and committees in Chehalis and Centralia set to work to raise an equal amount in the two towns. Today the subscription lists are practically closed.

It is proposed to hold the first fair in early September. The fair is intended to promote the general resources of Southwestern Washington and half a dozen counties, including Lewis, Thurston, Pacific, Chehalis, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz are to participate. A committee of 12 members, appointed by the Governor, is to control, each of the counties to have representation.

The location, midway between the twin cities of Lewis County, is regarded as an excellent one, and it is believed that one of the fastest tracks in the Northwest can be built, as the soil is well adapted for such purposes. The interurban electric line to be built by the Twin City Electric Light & Power Company, grading for which will begin next week, will pass directly by the fair grounds.

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