

LARGE QUANTITIES OF POSTAL PIECES LOST DURING YEAR

Millions of Letters and Thousands of Parcels Fail to Reach Destination Through Carelessness.

FAULTY ADDRESSES BLAMED

Postoffice Department Gives Directions Which, if Followed, Will Help Overcome Difficulty.

Astonishingly enormous figures of the number of postal pieces lost during the last 12 months, because of insufficient addressing, are given in a circular received by the Portland postoffice from the first assistant postmaster general.

During the last fiscal year there were sent to the division of dead letters and its branches 14,451,953 pieces of undelivered first class mail, and 562,129 pieces of parcel post, which could not be delivered because of inadequate addresses, says the circular.

Millions of letters were sent to the directory section in postoffices to supply addresses originally deficient. While this mail finally reached its destination, yet the necessity for directory service entailed delay in delivery.

Rules Governing Addresses

Here are some rules to follow in addressing and preparing parcel post matter for the mails:

Write address plainly, and, if possible, in ink.

Put name of sender plainly in left hand corner.

See that tag containing address is fixed securely to package.

Wrap package securely.

The damage of parcel post packages is the effect of two causes—improper packing or preparation, and improper handling by postoffice employees.

Adequate or improper packing results in many instances from the use of poor wrapping material. On the subject of handling parcel post within the service the department recently has issued instructions to its employees requiring them to handle parcel post in the most careful manner. These instructions will be enforced rigidly with the hope that justifiable complaints in this respect will be reduced to a minimum.

The matter of losses is being studied carefully and steps are being taken so far as possible to fix the responsibility for losses. Employees upon whom responsibility for losses is fixed will be summarily dismissed from the service.

Better train service which will result as an end of the war will facilitate the handling of mail in general and will improve the service, the circular asserts.

During the war the railroad administration found it necessary to reduce passenger train service in general on the more important railroads, but with the end of the war and curtailment of train service it is believed that the postoffice department will be able to obtain better transportation facilities.

White Pine Blister Will Be Considered At April Meeting

A convention for discussing the white pine blister rust has been called for April 23 and 24 at the Imperial hotel by E. P. Bars, botanist and plant pathologist of Oregon Agricultural college.

Scientists will be in attendance from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The purpose of the convention is the protection of white and sugar pine forests from the invasion of the blister rust which has attacked eastern forests.

Among the eminent pathologists expected to be present are: Dr. Haven Metcalf, in charge of the office of forest pathology, Washington, D. C.; Professor W. A. McCubbin, director of pine blister rust work in Canada; Dr. E. P. Meinecke of San Francisco, who has had charge of intensive work in Oregon and Washington; Dr. J. R. Weir of Washington; Professor J. W. Eastham of British Columbia; Dr. G. H. Hecke, head of the quarantine system at San Francisco, and L. M. Dean, quarantine expert from Washington.

The blister rust is spread through the shipment of infected currant and gooseberry bushes.

Following the blister rust convention, the Pacific division of the American Phytopathological society will hold a two day conference.

Former Policeman Irvin Is Released

E. R. Irvin, former policeman, who was arrested Sunday night on a charge of being implicated in a bootlegging scheme, was released Tuesday afternoon on the recommendation of the United States authorities.

John Knowlton and Victor Hammer, also held on the same charge, were released, and Dave Leightner, said to be the ringleader of a gang of bootleggers operating in the city, was held for further action by the federal authorities.

E. Irvin, 35 years of age, is being held for the United States government. Irvin has been formally discharged from the police department, but will be prosecuted further by either the state or federal authorities.

The investigation showed that he had no part in bringing the liquor into the state, but that he failed to arrest the bootleggers, whom he knew were operating.

Bishop McGrath to Be Consecrated

Tacoma, Wash., March 18.—Consecration of Rt. Rev. Joseph McGrath as bishop of the diocese of Baker, Or., will take place March 25 in St. James cathedral at Seattle.

Among those who will attend will be Archbishop Alexander Christie of Portland. Bishop McGrath will leave for Baker about March 30.

BREAST VEAL ONLY 15c

At Frank L. Smith's, 228 Alder street: Veal steaks, 15c; Beef steaks, 12 1/2c; Pot. roasts, 15c; Beef steaks, 12 1/2c; Veal cutlets, 25c; Loin cutlets, 25c; Smith's bacon, 35c; Tender steak, 20c.

Hold on to Liberty Bonds Yield Interest to Thrifty

Hold onto your Liberty loan bonds. Every time you sell your bond for some luxury, you hurt the government. Yanks who fought in France did not quit and Liberty bond holders must not quit by disposing of their bonds.

If bonds sell at less than par it is because people are dumping them on the market. These are some of the reasons given by Portland bankers and Liberty loan workers why bonds should not be sold. They say, furthermore, that a promise of sale of bonds will have a pernicious effect on the Victory loan campaign in April.

"The war is won, but we are still paying for it and we have soldiers yet in France," said Robert E. Smith, state manager of the Liberty loan workers. "Bonds were sold as a way to finance democracy's victory. They yield interest and to their holder mean thrift. Bonds should be sold at lower than par only when imperative."

Bondholders are cautioned to beware of various offers of doubtful value to exchange stock, a method, it is said, to take bonds from the wage earner and place them on the open market.

Lend Helping Hand To Ireland, Is Plea By Bishop Carroll

Impassioned appeals for freedom of Ireland from England's rule by the Right Rev. John P. Carroll, bishop of Helena, Mont., and other eminent speakers, and a program of music and humor made up a successful St. Patrick's celebration in the auditorium of the Lincoln high school Monday night. It was given under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who were all there and who brought many friends.

"Let America pay her debt to Ireland, to whom she has been indebted since the revolution. America has never been better able to pay that debt than she is today." In such words the Rev. Mr. Carroll urged Americans to lend Ireland a helping hand as they did France.

John B. McCurdy Arrested

John B. McCurdy was arrested by the police Tuesday morning on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is being held in default of \$500 bonds.

Walter C. Hughes Delivers Talk to Makers of Candy

Walter C. Hughes, secretary of the National Confectioners' association, addressed a gathering of Portland confectioners Tuesday at the Portland hotel. Mr. Hughes was made head of the candy manufacturing in the United States food administration during the war.

Monday with Mrs. Hughes he was taken on a trip over the Columbia highway. He was accompanied here from San Francisco by Walter K. Lewis, secretary of the Western Confectioners' association.

The war department has decided to maintain 10 flying fields and three balloon fields as a part of the permanent military establishment.

The Quality Store Meier & Frank Co. Established 1857 Meier & Frank Co. 62 Years in Portland Meier & Frank Co. Store Opens 9 A. M. Store Closes 6 P. M.

New Fashions! New Economies!--at Meier & Frank's

Four Evenings of Art and Song

Tomorrow, the second in the series of four evenings of Art and Song, will be given at Little Theatre, 23d and Washington, 8:30 p. m.—subject, Greek. March 28, Roman, Byzantine, Romanesque—April 4, Gothic. Auspices Business Women's Committee, Y. W. C. A. Tickets Book Shop, Fifth Floor.

University of Oregon Twelve Lectures

Friday, the second in the course of twelve lectures on Growth of American Ideals and Psychology will be given, auspices Junior League, by Dr. E. S. Conklin, at First Presbyterian Church House, 13th and Alder, 11 A. M. Tickets Book Shop, Fifth Floor. Lecture every Friday until May 30.

Whatever Is New! Whatever Is Good! Whatever Is Fashion-Favored in Separate Skirts

Ready in Ample Selection Here

In addition to all the above advantages, women and misses who select their new spring skirts at this store are sure of receiving the utmost in value. Our buyer is now in the eastern market — practically every day new skirts arrive — see our displays tomorrow.

Skirts for dress, street and sport wear. Cloth skirts, silk skirts. Plain skirts, pleated skirts. Plain colored, striped, checked and plaid skirts. Every skirt your fancy could suggest is here. The price range — \$6.50 to \$27.50 — allows every expenditure to be gratified.

New "Co-Ed" Dresses

for misses and small women are now ready in a special spring showing on the Fourth Floor. Lovely dresses in serge, taffeta, satin and wool jersey and in all the latest styles and colors. Moderately priced—\$19.50 to \$55. Here exclusively in Portland.

—Meier & Frank's: Fourth Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Merchandising Mastery

With Its Resultant Better Values Keeps the Store for Men First in Favor With Keen Buyers — For Example This

Pre-Easter Sale of Ties

will attract to our easily accessible Furnishings Section men and young men desirous of laying in a supply of high-grade spring neckwear at decidedly less than regular prices. The higher-priced group offers an especially fine assortment of scarfs for Easter and dress-up occasions. Every tie in whatever price group is an excellent "buy."

\$1.55 High quality silks in a remarkably fine selection of tasteful patterns and colorings. A group that will appeal to fastidious dressers.

\$1.05 Ties that are altogether unusual values. Reliable silks in the shapes, patterns and colorings most popular for spring.

55c Neckwear of a quality and style distinction usually associated with an appreciably higher figure. A broad assortment.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Pre-Easter Sale of PERRIN'S Fine Lambskin Gloves

Remarkable Values \$1.78

An out-of-the-ordinary sale of women's lambskin gloves—the famous Perrin's make, you know the quality. A special purchase just received accounts for this low price.

Every Pair New—On Sale for the First Time

Finest quality lambskin gloves in one-clasp style. P. K. and P. X. M. sewn. White gloves with black or white embroidered backs, some plain stitched. All first quality. All sizes. Every pair fitted. Buy for Easter.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

New Columbia April Records On Sale Tomorrow

The April list of new Columbia records contains many popular songs, instrumental numbers, Easter selections and various other records that are sure to please. A few of the best:

"On the Road to Calais" (Sings) By Al Jolson

"I'm Glad I Can Make You Cry" By Lewis James

"In the Land of Beginning Again" (Medley Fox Trot) By Columbia Band

"Come On, Papa" By Avon Comedy Four

"Girl Behind the Gun" (Waltz) By Yerkess Jazarium Orchestra

"Memories of Easter" By Marie Morrissy and Columbia Stellar Quartet

Many others equally as good. —Meier & Frank's: Sixth Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Two New Models in Women's "Welworth" Blouses

On Display and Sale For the First Time \$2.50

The model illustrated is a finely tailored blouse of superior quality Shantung. Buster Brown collar. All seams are double stitched. This is one of the two new styles in Welworth blouses on display and sale for the first time tomorrow.

These nationally worn and universally admired blouses are sold in Portland only at MEIER & FRANK'S. Limited number.

—Meier & Frank's: Fourth Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Continuing Tomorrow Our Great Sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Hosiery

Very Special Prices in Effect on 3-Pair Purchases

We have made the prices for this sale of men's, women's and children's hosiery so attractive on purchases of three pairs that everyone should lay in a full supply for spring and summer. There are 12 special lots for women, children and infants and 3 special lots for men. Cotton, lisle and silk hose included in all colors and sizes. Every pair taken from our regular stocks and reduced for this sale.

—Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

Shoulder Hams, Pound 25c

Nicely trimmed, properly smoked shoulder hams, weighing 6 to 10 lbs. each, lb. 25c.

Great 3 Days' Sale in Women's SAMPLE Low Shoes

Regular Good \$4.00 to \$9.00 Values \$1.98-\$4.85

The very newest and most wanted styles as well as many staple models are in this fine lot of 300 pairs SAMPLE Oxfords and pumps for women's spring wear. If bought in the regular way these shoes would retail for \$4 to \$9—almost half price at \$1.98 to \$4.85.

Patent, gunmetal and kid uppers. Brown, black and gray. Low and high heels. Lace and buckle styles. SIZES 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 ONLY.

Come early for best selection.

Women's New Spring Oxfords and Pumps

All new and wanted styles in women's new spring Oxfords and pumps in brown, black and gray. FULL RANGE OF SIZES. Pair \$4.85 and \$5.85.

—Meier & Frank's: Lower Price Store, Basement Balcony.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday—Great 3 Days' Sale Wash Day Needs

\$3.00 Folding Springer Ironing Boards, large size, with sleeve board \$2.39

\$3.50 Oregon Willow Clothes Basket, medium size, special at only \$2.89

\$6.25 Wood Frame Clothes Wringer, 12-inch roller, guaranteed 5 years \$4.99

Mrs. Potts' Sad Iron Sets, 3 irons, 1 handle and stand, special, set \$1.79

\$1.00 Willow Clothes Baskets, small size, special at \$2.28

\$2.28 Galvanized Wash Tubs, No. 2 size, special \$1.72

\$3.10 Copper Bottom Wash Boilers, No. 8 size \$2.45

\$1.85 Umbrella Clothes Dryer Racks, special at \$1.35

30c Clothes Pin Bag and 72 Clothes Pins, special at 23c

50c Wire Clothes Line, 75 feet, specially priced at 43c

75c Vacuum Hand Washers 37c

Exactly half price for these heavy tin vacuum hand washers with cup for holding soap. These washers will cleanse the heaviest fabrics and will not injure the finest materials. As illustrated.

Elektro Irons \$3.39

Good, serviceable "Elektro" electric irons guaranteed for one year. Complete with 6 feet of electric cord.

—Meier & Frank's: Basement. (Mail Orders Filled.)

"Acorn" Double Range

The Acorn "double" range burns wood and coal or gas—two complete, ranges in one. It has two separate ovens—one for gas, the other for wood and coal—may be used separately or at the same time.

This Acorn range possesses all of the excellent baking and cooking qualities that have made Acorn ranges famous from coast to coast. The Acorn double range will meet your every requirement. It saves on fuel, time and space. If desired—

Make Your Own Terms in Reason —Meier & Frank's: Sixth Floor, Fifth Street.

