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UNITED STATES POSTAL AFFAIRS.

THE MONEY-ORDER SYSTEM.

Operations to Begin This Month.

LIST OF MONEY OFFICES.

HOW TO SEND ORDERS.

Operations under the postal money-order law will begin in about two weeks—probably on Monday, the 16th instant.

The authorities at Washington endeavored to have the preparations completed in time for a beginning to-day; but a sufficient number of blanks are not yet printed, and some other arrangements remain to be perfected. The intervening time will, no doubt, be occupied to good account.

The postal money-order bureau in Washington, under the charge of Dr. C. F. Macdonald, will be the controlling office; but New York will be the real centre of the system, not only on account of the large general business done, but as the great depository of the country.

The New York office will do the banking business of all the other offices; the money taken for orders everywhere will be sent there, and postmasters elsewhere will draw on the New York postmaster for the funds they may need.

Offices in other cities are divided into classes; small offices depositing with the large ones, and the latter accounting with the New York office. Mr. John W. Norton is in charge of the money-order department here. He has long been connected with mercantile and banking business in this city, and more recently has been the head of the Dead Letter Department in the Post Office—acquiring experience which will be of great value to him in his new position.

One hundred and forty-seven Post Offices in various parts of the country have been designated as "money-order offices." It was thought best to include only such as were of most importance, and whose officers were qualified to perform the new duties now devolved on them. The defects of the system will be more easily obviated, and improvements made. The number of offices will then be increased according to circumstances.

The following is a list of the offices already designated:—

MONEY-ORDER OFFICES.

Office.	State.	Office.	State.
Albany	New York	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
Alexandria	Virginia	Montpelier	Vermont
Alton	Illinois	Muscatine	Iowa
Annapolis	Maryland	Nashua	New Hampshire
Auburn	New York	Nashville	Tennessee
Augusta	Maine	Newark	New Jersey
Baltimore	Maryland	New Bedford	Mass
Bangor	Maine	Newbern	N. Carolina
Beaver	Pennsylvania	Newburg	New York
Binghamton	New York	Newcastle	Pennsylvania
Bloomington	Illinois	New Haven	Connecticut
Boston	Massachusetts	New London	Connecticut
Bridgeport	Connecticut	New Orleans	Louisiana
Brooklyn	New York	Newport	Rhode Island
Buffalo	New York	New York	New York
Burlington	Vermont	Norfolk	Virginia
Burlington	Iowa	Norwich	New York
Cairo	Illinois	Ogdensburg	New York
Chattanooga	Tennessee	Old Point Comfort	Va.
Chicago	Illinois	Oswego	New York
Chillicothe	Ohio	Ottawa	Illinois
Cincinnati	Ohio	Peoria	Illinois
Cleveland	Ohio	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Columbus	Ohio	Pittsfield	Massachusetts
Concord	N. H.	Plattsburg	New York
Cumberland	Md.	Portland	Me.
Davenport	Iowa	Portsmouth	N. H.
Dayton	Ohio	Portsmouth	Ohio
Des Moines	Iowa	Portsmouth	Virginia
Detroit	Mich.	Pottsville	Pennsylvania
Dubuque	Iowa	Poughkeepsie	New York
Easton	Pennsylvania	Providence	R. I.
Eastport	Maine	Quincy	Ill.
Elgin	Illinois	Racine	Wis.
Elmira	New York	Reading	Pa.
Erie	Pennsylvania	Red Wing	Minn.
Evansville	Indiana	Rochester	New York
Fair River	Mass.	Rockford	Illinois
Fort Wayne	Indiana	Rock Island	Illinois
Frederick	Maryland	Rutland	Vermont
Freeport	Illinois	St. Joseph	Missouri
Galena	Illinois	St. Louis	Missouri
Grand Rapids	Michigan	St. Paul	Minnesota
Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	Salem	Massachusetts
Hartford	Connecticut	Sandusky	Ohio
Honesdale	Pennsylvania	Saratoga Springs	New York
Hudson	New York	Scranton	Pennsylvania
Indianapolis	Indiana	Sheboygan	Wisconsin
Jefferson City	Missouri	Springfield	Massachusetts
Jersey City	New Jersey	Springfield	Illinois
Johnstown	Pennsylvania	Syracuse	New York
Kalamazoo	Michigan	Terre Haute	Indiana
Keene	New Hampshire	Toledo	Ohio
Keokuk	Iowa	Trenton	New Jersey
La Crosse	Wisconsin	Troy	New York
Lafayette	Indiana	Urbana	Ohio
Lansing	Michigan	Utica	New York
Lewistown	Pennsylvania	Vicksburg	Mississippi
Lexington	Kentucky	Vincennes	Indiana
Lima	Ohio	Washington	D. C.
Lockport	New York	Watertown	New York
Louisville	Kentucky	Wheeling	West Virginia
Lowell	Massachusetts	Williamsport	Pa.
Lynn	Massachusetts	Wilmington	Delaware
Madison	Indiana	Winona	Minnesota
Madison	Wisconsin	Wooster	Ohio
Manchester	N. Hampshire	Worcester	Massachusetts
Marietta	Ohio	Xenia	Ohio
Meadville	Pennsylvania	Zanesville	Ohio
Memphis	Tennessee		

HOW MONEY-ORDERS MAY BE OBTAINED.

Orders are to be given at each of these offices upon any or all other offices, for sums of one to thirty dollars. The copies of the blanks to be used (printed below), with some notes and instructions which accompany them, convey a fair idea of the processes for obtaining orders and procuring payment.

The following is a copy of the

APPLICATION FOR MONEY ORDER.

(To be filled up by the applicant.)

No.....Amount, $.....

Date.....186—

Money Order.

Required for the sum of.....

Payable at.....State of.....

Favorite to.....

Residing at.....State of.....

Next to.....

Residing at.....State of.....

Entered in Register:

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.....Postmaster.

NOTE.—The applicant must, in all cases, give his own christian name in full; and when the christian name of the payee is known, it should be so stated; otherwise initials may be used. The christian names of married women must be given, and not those of their husbands. For example, Mrs. *Mary* Brown must not be inscribed as Mrs. *William* Brown.

Names of places and places, and the sums, to be written in the plainest possible manner.

As there are several places of the same name in the United States, remitters must be careful to state which of them they mean; and the postmaster will satisfy himself, before writing out the order, that the place indicated is the one intended.

On the back of the application are the rates of commission, as follows:—

RATES OF COMMISSION.

Charged for money orders,	
On orders not exceeding $10	10 cents.
Over $10 and not exceeding $20	15 cents.
Over $20 and up to $30	20 cents.

No single order issued for less than one dollar or more than thirty dollars; nor no fraction of cents to be introduced in an order. No orders to be issued on credit.

Orders are in this form:—

COPY OF ORDER.

No.....Issued.....186—

Stamp of Issuing Office. Philadelphia. AMOUNT Dols. Cts.

Pay to the person named in my letter of advice of this date the sum of.....dollars and.....cents.

.....Postmaster. Stamp of Paying Office.

To the Postmaster at .....

The party to whom this order is made payable must sign here his or her christian name, except in the case of firms, where the usual signature will suffice.

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