

IS SIXTY YEARS OLD

OTTUMWA POSTOFFICE FIRST OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN 1843.

HODDY'S LONG SERVICE

Pioneer Ottumwan Entered Postoffice in 1853 and Served As Clerk for Nineteen Years—Changes in Location and Equipment.

Nineteen years a clerk in the Ottumwa postoffice during the years when Ottumwa was a struggling village is the record of Alfred F. Hoddy an aged resident of this city, who first became an employe of the government in 1853 when the only mails received here were brought in by stage coaches. Mr. Hoddy worked under six different postmasters, during the administrations of six different presidents and witnessed many striking improvements in the system of handling the mail over the plan followed when all the mail received in the office could be held in one hand and when the entire postoffice equipment consisted of a distributing table made of rude slabs and two shoe boxes divided into nine compartments for the then few number of postoffice patrons.

Ottumwa's Postmasters.
The recent change in the office of postmaster brought about by the resignation of A. W. Lee, recalls to mind the previous changes in the management of Uncle Sam's postal business in this city and to those who remember the postoffice in the earlier days it brings back memories of the former postmasters. The Ottumwa postoffice was first opened in 1843 and the following is a list of the postmasters who have served to the present day:

- Paul C. Jeffries.
- R. H. Warden.
- Stephen Osburn.
- John C. Fisher.
- Thomas J. Holmes.
- Dr. A. Hawkins.
- J. W. Norris.
- Gen. J. M. Hedrick.
- A. H. Hamilton.
- S. B. Evans.
- R. L. Tilton.
- J. R. Burgess.
- A. W. Lee.
- F. W. Wilson.

Dahlonega Made Claim.
The first postoffice in Ottumwa was opened in 1843, with Judge Paul C. Jeffries as postmaster. This point was argued quite extensively for many years, as Dahlonega, which was then a thriving village, contested Ottumwa's claim for the honor, but it was later conceded that to Ottumwa belonged the honor.

Long Term of Service.
Alfred H. Hoddy first entered the postoffice October 21, 1853, when Stephen Osburn was postmaster. He served until early in 1856, when he left and was succeeded by A. C. Leighton, now a prominent resident of this city. Thomas Potter, later general manager of the Burlington, was a clerk in the postoffice a few years later. Mr. Hoddy again entered the postoffice as clerk after the appointment of John C. Fisher as postmaster. He served over a year at this time and during Thomas J. Holmes' term of office served at different times as substitute. He left the service then to take a position as postal clerk on the Burlington, which had then been returned from Burlington to this city, returning again in 1863, when J. W. Norris was postmaster. Mr. Hoddy remained as clerk in the office until General J. M. Hedrick's appointment as postmaster; he served throughout General Hedrick's term and helped turn over the office to Major A. H. Hamilton, and he worked two years with Major Hamilton, completing the long term of nineteen years in the service.

Many Changes in Location.
There have been many changes in the location of the postoffice from the time of Mr. Hoddy entered the service until with the completion of the present well appointed structure a permanent home was secured. When Mr. Hoddy first went into the postoffice it was located in the rear of a tumble-down building on the site now occupied by the Ottumwa National bank. The office was moved a short time later to a building but little better equipped for the purpose on the west side of South Court street, south of the alley between Main and Second streets. Postmaster Hawkins again moved the office to a little frame building on the northwest corner of Court and Main streets, where it remained until Postmaster Norris moved it to a little building on South Market street, south of the old Courier office. Then the office was moved to the present site of the Potter building on the corner of Court and Second streets, when after a short period another change in location was made to the corner where now stands the State bank.

Changes Since the War.
General Hedrick, upon taking the postmastership moved the office to the old building owned by Pat Doran on East Second street, just east of Court, which has since been torn down. The next move was to an old building where the Hoffman office building now stands, then the office went to the corner of Main and Court streets in the building now occupied by the Ottumwa Savings bank, from which it was moved while Major Hamilton was postmaster to the room now occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Co., in the Leighton block. The next move was to the present splendid postoffice building.

Contrasts in Facilities.
But more marked than is the change from the old rickety, tumble-down building where Uncle Sam's business was first handled to the present postoffice building is, are the changes in the manner and equipment of handling the mails. When Mr. Hoddy first became an employe of the government the Ottumwa mails were received

daily from the east and west by coach. The westbound coach came from Keokuk and the east bound one from Des Moines, both places being what were called the distributing postoffices. The coaches always arrived during the night and it was the duty of the clerk to open the pouches, look through the entire pile for the Ottumwa mail, and overhauling the entire contents of the pouch except that mail labeled far west and again send the coach on after routing the packages and mailing out what matter there was to go from Ottumwa.

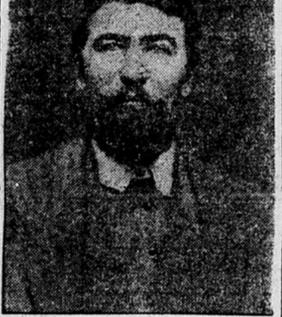
Way Bill for Every Letter.
It was then necessary to make out a way bill for every town to which mail was assigned. This was necessary as some of the letters were paid in advance while others were sent collect. It was the duty of the clerk to keep a record of all the way bills received and to make a quarterly report, when an account was made of the letters paid in advance which had been received, and of those upon which the postage was collected on delivery. The postage rates run from twenty-five cents to five cents, depending upon the distance to which the letters were assigned.

An Old Letter.
The Courier was recently shown a letter received at the Ottumwa postoffice in October, 1844, over fifty-nine years ago when Judge Paul C. Jeffries was postmaster.

The letter was written by Lydia A. Humphreys, of New Carlisle, Clark county, Ohio, to her father, John Humphreys, a pioneer of 1843, who resided three miles west of Ottumwa on the Eddyville road. The postage on this letter of one page was 25 cents, which was collected here when the letter was delivered.

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Mrs. H. B. Jones, of 423 West Fourth street, this city, another daughter of the above mentioned John Humphreys, stated to a Courier representative that in 1846 a letter was received for them at the Ottumwa postoffice on which 25 cent postage was due, and as the circulating medium at that time was not what it is now, about 750 per cent.

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ready money was extremely scarce, and it became necessary for the Humphreys family to churn and take the butter to town and sell it in order to raise the 25 cents to pay the postage due on the letter.

Received Small Compensation.
Mr. Hoddy received \$10 per month when he first became connected with the postoffice. Out of this amount he was compelled to board himself. He was allowed or rather was compelled to sleep in the office at nights and this tended to keep down expenses. The postmaster was then paid a commission instead of a salary and the position was not a very lucrative one. The duties of the postmaster however, were light, according to Mr. Hoddy, as he says that it was seldom that his chiefs in the earlier days did any work around the office.

Registered Letter Lost.
Mr. Hoddy tells many humorous anecdotes concerning the early days in the postoffice. He told of one instance when he was responsible for the delay in the delivery of a registered letter. He stated that at that time the manner of registering a letter offered no security to the sender as the money was placed in a large envelope, counted in the presence of the sender, sealed up with sealing wax but no receipt was given for it. In this instance he arranged the registry package and supposed it had been properly sent out but that he was surprised a short time later to learn that the letter had never arrived at its destination. He told of finding the package at the end of three months while moving the distribution table. It had dropped between the table and the wall and as no voucher had been sent and no receipts taken as is the plan followed now, there was no method of tracing the package.

Nearing Golden Wedding.
Mr. Hoddy is now in his sixty-ninth year and has retired from active work. He is well preserved, however and has most distinct memories of the early life in the city. He was married in this city in 1855 to Miss Minerva Louden and he and his wife still reside in their home on West Main street where they have lived the better of their forty-five years of married life.

AGED WOMAN DIES.
Mrs. Martha McGuire of North English Passes Away in This City. Mrs. Martha McGuire of North English, aged 88 years, passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. Taylor, 1021 Hackberry street, whom she was visiting, at 5:30 o'clock last evening. The remains will be taken to North English this evening at 4:55 o'clock on the Milwaukee where the services and interment will take place tomorrow.

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SHORT TALES CONCERNING PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

THE VICINITY OF OTTUMWA IN BRIEF

GIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, MOVEMENTS OF YOUR ACQUAINTANCES AS CHRONICLED BY COURIER'S STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS WHO KNOW WHEREOF THEY SPEAK.

Eddyville.

Eddyville, Nov. 24.—Mr. Hatfield a coal miner from Givins moved his family to the Joseph Roberts tenant property on Second street Thursday.

Mr. Sims finished his contract Saturday of hauling the miners' horse from Monkey's Nest to the Central depot here for shipment to Mystic. In all about 40 horses were moved, including two or three from Lost Creek and the work of tearing them apart, loading them on wagons and hauling them to Eddyville, has given several men and teams employment for about six weeks. In taking the horses to places several accidents were narrowly averted.

The infant child of D. W. Thompson on South Third street has been quite sick with congestion of the lungs and bronchial tubes.

Born, Friday, November 23, 1903, to Mrs. and Mrs. H. S. Moore, near Pleasant Corners, a daughter, weighing about eight pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bell went to Ottumwa Friday afternoon and after a short visit with relatives there, will go to Oklahoma to spend the winter with their son.

What might have terminated in a serious accident but happily resulted otherwise occurred at the Little coal mine on the farm of Lewis Harding, north of town, Friday. Allie Belzer was driving a team of mules attached to three tram cars, and while passing over a small bridge the cars left the track and fell a distance of about 30 feet to the ground dragging the mules with them. One of the mules was killed, but the driver managed to save himself from injury. Two boys were also riding on one of the cars. One of these, a lad by the name of Burke, living at Muchaknock, was carried down with the car, the car landing on top of him, but in some miraculous way he escaped uninjured. The other, a young colored boy, was also unharmed.

Robert O'Connor has assumed a position as clerk in the company store at Coalfield. Ed Gray of this place is employed in the same building as operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Swan entertained a number of friends at their home on Sixth street Wednesday evening from 8 until 11 o'clock. The evening was passed in playing games. The guests were treated to fruit. Sixteen people were present.

F. M. Whitman, a traveling man from Altona, while returning from the country about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon was the victim of an unfortunate accident. While driving down the Bridgeport hill a bolt came out of the shaft of the buggy and Mr. Whitman attempted to jump out, but caught his foot under the step and received painful injuries to his right ankle, breast and hip.

Lloyd Myrick who has spent the past summer with his uncle, Thomas Oden, near Lakota, returned to Kirkville, Mo., Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rosebrook of Oskaola came down Saturday morning and drove from here to Buxton and Coalfield on business.

Arthur Elliott who is employed as machinist at the packing house in Ottumwa, was an over Sunday visitor with his parents here.

The Pleasant Corners Mutual Telephone Co., held a meeting at the home of Joe Himelick near the Corners, Friday night. O. H. Seifert, in attendance as a representative of the Eddyville Telephone Co. The company now has 12 members or a full number as follows: C. I. Norman, Thomas Van Winkle, Peter Miller, Joe Himelick, J. J. Miller, Mrs. Jane Blake, H. S. Moore, H. C. Moss, Jas and Frank Griffin, Jesse Palmer and Charles Shafer.

the fall term will be succeeded for the winter term by G. B. Lanning of near Lakota, who returned from a trip up north some weeks ago. Mr. Lanning has taught the same school several terms previously.

Mrs. David Moran west of town leaves in a few days for a week's visit with her sons, Tom and Frank Moran at Marshalltown.

A much needed improvement has been made by the city in putting in a new iron pump at the corner of Walnut and Second streets.

Mrs. Jesse Swan and son, Ray, went to Ottumwa Saturday morning on business, and remained for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. Swan's mother.

Mr. Webster of Buffalo, N. Y., an old time Eddyville citizen, but now a traveling salesman, was here over Sunday. Mr. Webster was engaged years ago in conducting a general store here in partnership with a man by the name of James Gray, but Mr. Webster left Eddyville 40 years ago last Saturday and has since been at Buffalo, N. Y.

A Thanksgiving program will be given at Bluff Creek, Union Chapel north west of town, Thursday evening.

Work was commenced Friday on the grade for the new sand plant switch on the Iowa Central.

Thomas Albers of Lost Creek has been ill, a sufferer from malaria.

Among the Oskaola business callers from Eddyville and vicinity the past few days were: Misses Mary and Maude Denning and Walter Laferty, on Thursday; John Jager and Lewis Townsley on Friday; and Joseph E. Barnett, north of town on Saturday.

Miss Laura Allen, who has been teaching school near Lovilla has been at home on a visit.

Miss Hamilton and two other ladies from Jerseyville, Ill., have been here for several days on business.

Harry Saunders will play with the Metropolitan Giants or Oskaola team at the football game at Albia Thanksgiving. The Iowa Central will run an excursion train to Albia that day and it is probable that several of Eddyville's people will take advantage of the excursion to spend the day in Albia witnessing the game or visiting relatives and friends.

W. W. DeLong was a passenger to Ottumwa Friday morning on business. The high school library benefit entertainment, given at the opera house Friday night was quite well attended.

In addition to the program published a few days ago, there was a closing chorus by the high school. The drill with candles by nine girls was very pretty.

Bunch.
Bunch, Nov. 24.—Oliver Preaver and family visited at the G. A. Burkheart home Sunday evening.

Robert Cavins and wife are preparing to move to Kansas in a few days.

W. S. McConnell and family will leave for Ottumwa in a few days to make their future home.

Hubert Kinsinger visited his brother, P. J. Kinsinger of this place last Saturday.

Perry Morrison was a pleasant caller at the home of Miss Perl Collins last Sunday evening.

Hayesville.
Hayesville, Nov. 24.—The Hayesville school began today with G. A. Fredrickson as principal and Elsa Gilliland as primary teacher.

Mrs. J. Rogers and son and Mrs. J. Ulin and Mrs. Burt Fischer were county seat visitors Thursday.

Misses Julia Stevenson and Ora Utterback were visitors in town Sunday. Endeavor Sunday evening.

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock preaching services will be held by Rev. Verne Pike. Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, superintended by Minnie Crabb, preaching by the pastor at 11; Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Missions, India," conducted by Minnie Crabb, and preaching at 7. A large attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Utterback are to assist in the Lancaster Thanksgiving program.

Jessie Palmer, Ralph Richardson and Ross Bedle were visitors at the George Griffin home Saturday evening.

Misses Minnie Crabb and family, Mrs. Belle Wiseman visited Mr. and Mrs. P. Stonebraker and family Sunday.

Misses Grace Duree and Tena Wiseman were in Lancaster last week.

Alva Jacobs and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Utterback Sunday.

Eldon News.
Eldon, Nov. 24.—Mrs. M. A. Flowers was an Ottumwa caller today.

Mrs. J. Jacques and children of Ottumwa returned home today after a visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. M. Lutz of Batavia, returned home today after a pleasant visit with Eldon relatives.

Harry Hul, while in the employ of Vass Bros., had the misfortune to run a hay fork in his foot while handling a bale of hay. He will probably be laid up for four days.

Mrs. J. S. Dillon and son Glen of Belknap returned home today after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Galoway, of this place.

Mrs. Mrs. E. E. Fiealy was an Ottumwa caller today.

Norwood.
Norwood, Nov. 24.—Fannie Snuggs returned last week from a few weeks' visit with relatives near Liberty Center.

The protracted meetings at the U. B. church are fairly well attended. Elmer Stewart is assisting T. D. Ashby in gathering corn.

There was a show in the Norwood school house Thursday evening, being attended by all whose duties and obligations would permit. Of course it was good.

Harry Benway was among the Norwood shoppers at Chariton Wednesday.

Rev. Dunn of Lacon is the guest of Robert Miller and family Wednesday.

Grace Wallace is still the guest of Chariton friends.

While on his way to Chariton last week with a load of chickens, Tute Nyswong's team became frightened and ran a short ways, stopping against a wire fence.

Cecil Keen returned home last week after an extended stay in the west.

Albia.
Albia, Nov. 24.—Frank Claret, who was convicted a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Roberts to pay a \$200 fine or 90 days in jail. He plead insanity, but

the commissioners, after a careful investigation, adjudged him sane.

The clerk of the district court issued a marriage license yesterday to John Ryan, aged 26, and Miss Maggie Hurley, aged 25, both of Georgetown, S. D. The union took place at Kirkwood, Ill., here on business today.

Chariton.
Chariton, Nov. 24.—R. W. Eggart is unable to go out on the road this week as he is having a siege with the tonsillitis.

H. A. Baker of Russell was in the city yesterday on business.

F. C. Berry went to Derby this morning on business.

Attorney O. A. Bartholomew made a business trip to Mt. Airy Monday.

Miss Wilda Bell of Derby spent Sunday in the city with her friends, Mrs. Carl Swanson.

The contest between the members of the Baptist Young People's society closed with the Sunday evening services. The defeated side was to entertain the winning one and they will entertain them on Thanksgiving evening at the home of the Misses Duke.

The union of the singing services will be held in the Baptist church preach the sermon.

Thirty of the members of the Red Men lodge came up from Lucas last evening, bringing with them their working team. Chas. Lyman and John McBee were initiated into the mysteries of the order. The Lucas team is well drilled and carried on the work in a systematic way. The visiting members were entertained by the members of the lodge here.

Miss Polly Dismore went to Afton yesterday for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wells buried their 18-month-old babe yesterday. The funeral took place from the house with interment in the Chariton cemetery.

Miss Selma Freburg goes to Rock Island, Ill., tomorrow to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert went to Cambrie yesterday, Mr. Gilbert going on business.

J. A. Edwards and family are having the goods shipped to Omaha as they are undecided where they will locate, but are thinking of going to California.

Y. M. C. A., FOR MINERS.

First One Entirely for Colored People in the State of Iowa.

Oskaola, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The Consolidated Coal Company, which owns and operates several big mines at Buxton, decided at a meeting last night to erect a Y. M. C. A. building at Buxton, the cost of which shall not be less than \$20,000. The association will be under the management and for the special benefit of the colored people who work at the mines. This is regarded as a splendid move in the right direction, and it goes without saying that it will meet with favor among the men of Buxton, who number several hundred, and are nearly all colored people.

First in State.
"There are a great many colored Young Men's Christian associations throughout the United States," said B. C. Wade, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. when asked in regard to the Buxton association. "The association at Buxton," continued Mr. Wade, "will be the first colored association in the state of Iowa. During the past year the national committee has been developing a new feature of association—work known as industrial associations. There are but very few of these yet organized, and if the Buxton association is organized along these lines it is probably the first colored industrial association in the world."

C. C. Michener, who was formerly assistant state secretary, and who is well known in Ottumwa, has charge of the work of organizing these industrial associations. Mr. Michener has recently made a visit to Buxton, and it is probable that the details of the association were worked out at that time.

The Industrial Association.
"The industrial association is organized and located especially for the benefit of a certain craft. One of the first of these was organized by the national committee under the direction of Senator Proctor of Vermont, at his home town, Proctor, for the benefit of the men who work in the great stone quarries at that place. Mr. Michener has been assigned especially to this branch of the work. He has organized an association in Old Mexico, one or two in Colorado and perhaps two or three others during the year and a half that the work has been in his charge. This branch of the work has proven very beneficial and great results are expected from it in the future. The work at Buxton will be watched with interest.

TO GET NEGRO TROOPS.
Colored Soldiers Will Guard Convicts At Fort Des Moines.

Two companies of negro infantrymen will be transferred to the army post at Des Moines to guard forty army convicts who are soon to be placed in custody there.

Orders have been issued by the war department for the transfer of the military prisoners from the various army posts to Des Moines. The convicts will be employed in grading and doing other light work about the army post.

A desire to employ convicts in this capacity was largely responsible for the order transferring two companies of negro infantrymen from Fort Niobrara, Nebraska to Fort Des Moines. The negroes will be used to guard the convicts and compel them to labor diligently.

One hundred steel cages of the best pattern made in this country have been placed in the guard house at the army post, and these will constitute the future home of the convicts that are to be sent from Leavenworth and elsewhere.

The colored companies will be chosen from the Twenty-fifth Infantry which had a brilliant career in Cuba and the Philippines. They are scheduled to reach Fort Des Moines about December 1. The transfer of the military prisoners will take place a few days later.

SITUATION IS GRAVE.
San Domingo is Still Besieged by Rebels Demanding Surrender.

San Domingo, Nov. 23.—(Delayed.)—The peace negotiations have been suspended. Firing on the city was resumed Sunday evening, resulting in further damage to houses here. The bombardment was continued this morning. The government refuses to surrender the capital and the situation is growing worse.

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JOHN R. KANE INJURED

Eldon Saloon Keeper is Said to Have Been Shot by Jack Phillips, His Rival in Business — Phillips Previously Convicted of Killing a Man.

Eldon, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—A difference of five cents in the price charged by rival saloonkeepers for hot drinks is said to have been the cause of a serious shooting affray which took place last evening in the saloon conducted by John R. Kane. Jack Phillips, another saloonist here, is charged with shooting Kane in the left shoulder and inflicting a wound which confines Kane to his home though it will not prove fatal unless blood poison should develop.

Quarrel Starts Trouble.
Phillips, who is said to have been intoxicated, entered Kane's saloon about 9:30 o'clock last evening and engaged the proprietor in conversation. Phillips noticed that Kane was serving hot drinks and asked him what he was charging for them, according to the story told by bystanders. Kane answered that his price was ten cents, whereupon Phillips is said to have grown abusive, claiming that Kane should charge the same as he (Phillips) did—fifteen cents.

During the course of his remarks Phillips is alleged to have found that a gun would prove a good argument and witnesses say that he produced a revolver and shot at Kane, the bullet taking effect in his rival's shoulder.

Phillips was arrested soon after the shooting by Sam Crow and it is thought he will be brought to Ottumwa and confined in the county jail until action is taken upon his case. After being arrested he told the officer that he had not intended to shoot Kane but only to intimidate him and that he did not know the gun was loaded.

Has Had Trouble Before.
Phillips is the same man who was tried and convicted on the charge of causing the death of Clarence DeBord a few years ago when Phillips was acting as special policeman at the Eldon Big-Four fair. He has never served time in the penitentiary for this crime, being released by the action of Governor Cummins.

Kane Will Recover.
Kane this afternoon is not in a serious condition, though the bullet is said to have passed close to the heart. He will not be able to leave his bed for some time on account of his injuries, but there is no fear that he will not recover.

FUNERAL THURSDAY MORNING.
Mrs. Ella Chambers Dies at Home of Brother John Feehan.

Mrs. Ella Chambers, aged 65 years, died last evening at the home of her brother, John Feehan, 610 East Main street, at 5:30 o'clock. The funeral will be held Thursday morning, the services being conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic church by Rev. Father Foley at solemn requiem mass at 9 o'clock. The interment will take place in Calvary cemetery.

JAPANESE IMPATIENT.
Popular Meetings in Three Cities Protest Ministerial Inactivity.

Yokohama, Nov. 24.—No reply has been received from St. Petersburg on the subject of the Japanese overtures. There are many indications that the delay in the negotiations is embarrassing the Japanese foreign trade and raising impatience in Japanese popular circles as shown by the public meetings at Tokio, Yokohama and Osaka, protesting against the ministerial inactivity.

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