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A Hilo Postmaster's Cares and Responsibilities—A Life of Vexatious Details and Worries—Queer Questions Asked and Odd Requests Made—A Bureau of Information and Matrimonial Possibilities.

The casual visitor to the post-office to secure his mail little realizes the varied and intricate duties of a postmaster. Postmaster Madeira was conceded to be one of the most genial and obliging officials one would care to meet, yet his patience was often taxed to the limit. Aside from telephone requests to forward mail, which the department will not accept, and daily calls for mail by strangers, or persons who have negligently left their keys at home, there are numerous vexatious questions constantly arising. The Postmaster is not permitted even to advise patrons over the telephone whether there is any mail for them. This is both to guard against fraud and to protect the public and the government.

Not long since an innocent young school marm, who ought to have known better, inquired of Stamp Clerk William Weight whether she could get thirteen two-cent stamps for a cent and a quarter. When told that she might, she asked for "five cents' worth," and was surprised when she only received two twos and a one cent stamp. It appears she expected to receive fifty-two two-cent stamps for her nickel, having forgotten that a cent and a quarter amounted to twenty-six cents. Again, not long since, Postmaster Madeira was asked if he gave a commission on sales of stamps by outsiders. He was compelled to answer "No," as he only receives a small margin on his stamps from the government, which the purchaser might have by tearing off when bought in whole sheets.

On nearly every mail Postmaster Madeira received inquiries regarding persons, business opportunities and matrimonial possibilities within the Territory. Some of the writers labored under the impression that Hawaii is still the Sandwich Islands of their geographies, peopled by cannibals. The story of Captain Cook will probably never die. A Montana farmer recently wrote Mr. Madeira asking if he knew of any available sugar plantation which he might buy, as he had about \$200 to invest. Requests for Hawaiian stamps form an important feature of his correspondence, and the most he can do is to turn over these communications to the Hilo Promotion Committee or Board of Trade.

Barney Trolzky, an Irish Russian, residing at 147 Baden street, Rochester, N. Y., wants an assortment of Hawaiian postage stamps, for which he is willing to pay a liberal reward.

But seriously a postmaster's job is no sinecure, as many suppose. Postmaster Desha will have much to learn and the absence of experienced clerks will make the mastery of the ins and outs of the service doubly difficult.

In the first place the postmaster and all his assistants must become familiar with the correct name of every patron, the number of his box and its location among the five hundred pigeon-holes in the side of wall. Often three or four different individuals get mail in one box and cooperation and company boxes receives mail for as many as twelve employees.

Before passing to the clerks for distribution in these boxes, the incoming mail must be counted, sorted and thrown into the distributing case, which is divided into three compartments or sections according to the location of the lock boxes.

The general delivery letters must be separated into English, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese, for respective windows which must be opened promptly. Dexterity in sorting and separating mail, comes only with experience, a clear head and rapidity of movement.

The mailing division for outgoing

mail, while not requiring as much speed of action, is quite as important, for a mistake in the dispatch of a wrong pouch means an adverse report to Washington and a prompt "jacking up." Not long ago, a green clerk in the Hilo office forgot to send on the train to Puna a pouch of letters, and to cover his mistake rode the thirty miles on a bicycle with the missing bag of mail. Outgoing mail is sorted into packets of 100 or more for different destinations. These are known as "tie-outs" for states, large cities, railway post offices, foreign and domestic service. Every bundle bears a slip containing the name of the state and number of letters contained therein, with the clerk's initials. There are separate bags for various island offices, foreign countries, eastern and western states and through routes. This requires care and precision, as well as a thorough knowledge of geography and mail routes. A postal clerk cannot stop to look up the name or location of a post office, but must know it at a glance at the envelope. Letters are dispatched in leather pouches, papers and other mail matter go in canvas sacks, which stand in an iron rack in the center of the room, staring open-mouthed like meal bags. A competent mailing clerk stands in the middle of the semicircle and throws the mail into these two dozen or more mail bags. A mistake is fatal and means a reprimand from headquarters.

Detailed records must be kept of everything by the postmaster. A correct count of all letters, papers, packages, in and out, is required. A monthly and weekly report of the time of arrival and departure of island, state and foreign mails. Box rent is paid quarterly, entailing the writing of receipts for five hundred subscribers and a correct report, with the cash to the department.

The registry division has been in charge of Miss Jennie Marlin, who proved to be a very capable clerk who from nearly five years experience was familiar with every department of the local office. Parcels must be safe guarded and a report made every six months to the department.

The Money Order Division is the most important and intricate branch of the work, requiring the utmost care and responsibility. Here is where the leaks if any are liable to occur and too often have fourth class postmasters found themselves facing charges of embezzlement because of shortages in money order funds. A report must be made weekly, monthly and quarterly, giving a strict account of all funds, which must be forwarded to the Honolulu office when they amount to more than \$400.

K. Maithara retains his position at the Japanese window and Geo. Manu looks after the Hawaiian and Portuguese window. Besides being in charge of the Mailing Division, G. W. Weight had charge of the stamp window, where he was held accountable for all stamps, postal cards, stamped envelopes sold over the counter. Herman Ludloff will now be stamp clerk, and Chas. Siemsen is in charge of the money order department under Postmaster Desha. The other clerks will be retained and no further changes made if the present office force proves efficient.

Many a man over whom hangs a cloud is often located through the post office department, either officially or otherwise. And little do the public know of the ways of tracking a criminal to his very lair by means of the postal service. The department proves its usefulness not only to justice but to the community in manners not always

apparent on the routine mechanism of the office work. Of course, the Postmaster is supposed to keep whatever information of this nature to himself and only discloses it as the occasion may require.

Frequently the postmaster is importuned to locate the whereabouts of wayward husbands, sons or daughters who may be residing in the Islands under assumed names. One interesting communication was from a deserted wife and family, inquiring of a husband and father who left his home years ago and was at that time residing in Hilo under another name and surrounded by another wife and family subsequently acquired.

A writer residing at Warren, Ohio, writes regarding a brother-in-law, Dr. James Scott Smith, who died presumably in Hilo, on April 7, 1879. The correspondent desires to have a half a dozen photos of the tomb of the deceased, erected over his grave, taken by "one of your good and honest artists."

The postmaster, besides conducting a general information bureau, may prove a matrimonial bureau. Here is an extract from a recent letter from a gentleman residing at Wessen, Miss.:

"Are your customs there anything like they are here? What part of the year is hot and what part cold, and is there any extremes either way? Could you not suggest some nice young lady to whom I could write, so that I can learn the ways and costumes of your people? I don't suppose that the rules of society there will forbid her corresponding with a stranger in a foreign land. My purpose is to seek information, and we can send each other literature which will prove very interesting to both of us. Hoping to hear from you real soon, etc."

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gress enact a law providing that children born in the United States whose parents were ineligible to become citizens, should be barred from naturalization. The resolution passed by a vote of 19 to 3.

Harris's bill to prohibit the use of trading stamps, guessing contests and similar devices for gaining trade passed by 16 to 10.

Senate Bill 26, to provide a penalty for impersonating an officer or agent of the Board of Health, passed.

Senate Bill 70, requiring second-hand dealers to procure licenses, passed.

Senate Bill 77, regulating the payment of license fees, passed.

Sheldon's bill for the appointment of District Magistrates, who must possess the qualifications of attorneys-at-law, failed to get the necessary 16 votes by one and was lost.

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD.

The House in Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Taxation Bill on second reading. When the section on income tax came up, several amendments were presented. The original section in the bill provides for an exemption on incomes of \$1,000. Sheldon wanted to increase the exemption to \$2,000 and others intermediate amounts but these were withdrawn and the section passed as in the bill.

A new section was introduced on Coelho's motion to exempt for five years all property actually used in producing tobacco, rubber, cork, oak, Manila hemp, sansaveria, Salonic hemp and cacao for commercial purposes.

The County Bill, as amended by the Senate was referred back to the House, but the reading of the bill was dispensed with and the bill with amendments ordered printed.

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