

## POSTMASTERS IN CONVENTION

Fourth Annual Meeting of Heads  
Of Utah Offices Opens To-  
day at Manti.

### PRESIDENT THOMAS' ADDRESS

Growth of Postal Business Illustrates  
Development of Nation Not Equaled  
In the History of the World.

The fourth annual convention of the Utah postmasters' convention at Manti, opened today, as per program with a gratifying attendance. President A. L. Thomas of this city made the opening address, in which he congratulated the postmasters on the holding of their fourth annual convention, which promised to be as successful as the three preceding ones. He said the postmasters of the state and the postal employees of every grade and class had reason to be thankful for the generous policy of the national administration and Congress in the passage of the recent law making appropriations for the postal service, and said the credit for the passage of the law was mainly due to First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, who had proven to be one of the ablest executive officers the postal department has known.

### AMAZING NATIONAL GROWTH.

Speaking of the growth of the postal department, President Thomas said it was one of the amazing evidences of our national growth and development, not equaled in the history of any other nation. The 100 postoffices of 1790 had increased to 66,000 in 1907, with over 205,000 employees. In 1790 about 2,000 pieces of mail were handled daily as against 31,126,276 handled daily in 1907.

### FREE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

President Thomas spoke of the growth of the free delivery system, which was first commenced in cities of large population in 1863, and was now in operation in over 1,184 cities. Free delivery was first extended to the rural districts, commencing in 1892 with 84 routes. Today there are 25,766 routes, with 35,698 carriers. In 1902 free delivery on star routes not available for city or rural free delivery was commenced, supplying about 60,000 families in 1907.

### CARELESS WITH THEIR MAIL.

The speaker alluded to the carelessness of people in the handling of their mail. He said on one day in February, 1907, 153 pieces of mail were dropped in the Salt Lake City postoffice either in postage or address, entailing a great deal of unnecessary work upon the postal force. He said the postoffice was a good school in which to learn human nature, and it was almost an invariable rule that the man who made the loudest complaint was the most careless in the handling of his mail. He related an incident where a man had claimed the Salt Lake City office had lost him a financial loss because of failure to dispatch a registered letter to a Wyoming office. It subsequently transpired that the man had absconded with the letter, and the postoffice was a good school in which to learn human nature, and it was almost an invariable rule that the man who made the loudest complaint was the most careless in the handling of his mail. He related an incident where a man had claimed the Salt Lake City office had lost him a financial loss because of failure to dispatch a registered letter to a Wyoming office. It subsequently transpired that the man had absconded with the letter, and the postoffice was a good school in which to learn human nature, and it was almost an invariable rule that the man who made the loudest complaint was the most careless in the handling of his mail.

### WHAT THEY MISS.

President Thomas said the postmasters of Utah were to be congratulated upon escaping some of the troubles which beset postmasters in other portions of the country. It was published recently that a postmaster in Florida had to post a notice that he would not accept live alligators for mailing over ten feet in length, and a Nevada postmaster had to give notice that dynamite would be mailed at owner's risk.

### FOR NERVOUS DISORDERS

Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate  
Restores strength and induces refreshing sleep without the use of dangerous drugs.

### AMONG CRAZY MOUNTAINS.

Party of Harvard Students Studying  
Geological Conditions in Montana.

A party of 10 Harvard students in the summer school of geology has just arrived at the Crazy Horse mountains, in western Montana, under the direction of Dr. G. R. Mansfield, and will visit Salt Lake before returning to Cambridge. The students are equipped with wagons and camping outfit, proposing to take in the geological section of the Bridger range, and the intervening cretaceous formation near the base of the Crazy mountains. At this latter place they will be joined by Prof. Vail and Marvin in making a revision of the geology of the mountains. The students are to spend three weeks in studying the eruptive rocks of the range and of the grand exposures in the canyons, with scrutiny of extinct local glacial action.

### SPECIAL SALT LAKE TRAIN.

Real Estate Day  
10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and every 45 minutes thereafter.

### DIPHTHERIA AT MURRAY.

Four Members of Mayor Brown's  
Family Down With Disease.  
(Special to the "News.")

Murray, July 10.—There is an epidemic of diphtheria in Murray, May or Brown is quarantined at his home, four members of his family being down with the dread disease, including his wife. Two other cases are quarantined with the same disease, those being a little daughter of D. A. McMillan, cashier of the First National bank, and J. R. Warburton, the tinner.

### Ideal food for children.

**DR. PRICE'S  
WHEAT FLAKE CEREAL  
FOOD**  
makes the children plump and strong and prevents sour stomach and constipation. The best food for growing children, invalids and the aged.

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For sale by all Grocers

## OBITUARY.



JAMES THOMSON.

James Thomson, a pioneer real estate man being one of the first to enter into that business in this city passed away at 2:53 Monday morning at the age of sixty-four years, from a complication of stomach and heart trouble at his residence 276 East seventh south. Mr. Thomson was born March 15, 1843, as Heathfield, Sussex, England. When a mere boy with his parents he became a member of the Mormon Church, and some years later with them and other members of the family emigrated to Utah, arriving at Salt Lake City in October of the year of 1863. He passed through all the hardships with the ox-team and handcart as a mode of travel, and was called upon to bear the loss of his sister in this city three of the time, excepting five years spent in Provo where he was engaged in the general merchandising business. During his life time

here, he has been engaged principally in the real estate business. He was well known and was a member of the Utah legislature in the lower house during the sessions of 1897, was always an energetic and useful citizen and member of the community, and there are many who still have reason to cherish his memory for his many good deeds and acts of kindness, and his unselfish efforts to assist others to happiness. He was the father of fifteen children, six of whom he survived, and is himself survived by his wife, Margaret S. Thomson, and nine children. The children are Mrs. Mary J. Loring, Mrs. Rosalind M. Mortenson, Mrs. Lillian M. Durrant, Mrs. Rhoda J. Gill, Mrs. Annie G. Holliday, James B. Willard, S. Geo. E. L. and Bryan H. Thomson. Funeral service will take place at Fifteenth ward assembly hall, corner of Eighth west and First South streets, at 3 P. M. Wednesday afternoon July 10th. Friends are invited.

## Assessment Levy Against Public Service Corporations

Company.	In State, 1907.	In County, 1907.	In County, 1907.
Utah Light & Railway company	\$1,502,162	\$1,191,078	\$1,085,485
Rio Grande Western	8,841,750	1,229,284	1,604,558
Oregon Short Line	2,211,850	1,022,582	645,920
Salt Lake & Ogden railroad	150,654	49,678	36,416
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad	5,548,528	452,941	452,582
Western Union Telegraph company	420,493	17,855	18,559
Postal Telegraph company	12,656	3,431	2,320
Bell Telephone company	1,053,005	521,274	453,446
Independent Telephone company	383,469	223,907	237,402
Telluride Power company	532,328	44,735	1,522
Pullman Car company	187,392	28,890	
Armour Car company	54,750	8,470	
Union Tank Car company	11,200	1,783	
Pacific Express company	54,397	33,928	
Wells Fargo Express company	121,074	54,472	

The above table shows the assessment levy against public service corporations in the state as reported to the county auditor by the state board of equalization yesterday. A general increase all along the line is noticeable and in several instances the raise is considerably higher. The Rio Grande has \$265,000 more on its assessment than before. The state board assessed the Utah Light and Railway for the first time, this having been done heretofore by the county board. A law

passed by the last legislature empowers the state board to assess all corporations doing inter-county business. The results of this work are then passed down to the auditors of those counties in or through which the corporations do business. The levy is computed by figuring the mileage or business done within the state. The increase in Salt Lake county was about \$100,000. The county auditor is now apportioning the county's share among the various school districts.

## FORTY TRAINS FOR REAL ESTATE DAY

Saltair Management Will Break  
All Records in Effort to  
Handle Crowds.

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST.

Secretary of Real Estate Association  
And Force of Special Clerks  
Are Kept Busy.

Tomorrow is Real Estate day at Saltair. For the association this means that every member has a bunch of tickets trying to inflict them on a suppositively waiting public at 25 cents per ticket. For the resort management it means that Mr. Langford has spent today hunting for extra cars and engines, and that at noon he announces that 40 trains will run to the beach tomorrow.

"Forty trains," he declared reminiscently. "Yes, it's a record, but it only means that Salt Lake is growing, and that Saltair is trying to become a real resort in an effort to keep up the city's general pace. Two or three years ago we would never have dreamed of such a rush of business, but now we are wondering how soon we will have to make it 50 trains."

The Real Estate association many years ago commenced its annual outings and secured a long list of prizes from local merchants to offer as inducements for people to attend. The scheme worked beautifully, and Real Estate day each year became historic for its crush of people at the lake. Each year the "yard of prizes" was sought for by people holding ticket coupons and conspicuous winners were those who secured building lots in Wahne or Hawthorn additions, even if the winners never sought out the locations of their prizes.

This year there is the same list of prizes to induce investments in tickets. At the lake there are the ordinary attractions with no special program prepared by either the association or the management, as the latter says its energies will be concentrated on making a success of the 40 trains it proposes to run. During the day the trains will begin to run at 11 o'clock a. m. and will run steadily up to 9 p. m. when the work of bringing in the crowds is expected to become heavy, and continue until midnight.

One new feature of the excursion this year is the fact that the merchants and manufacturers have joined in trying to make it a success. They have decided to make the lake their headquarters for the day, and urge all their out of town visitors to the "home manufacture" exhibit, to go with the crowd to Saltair.

### IDAHO WYO. POSTAL MATTERS.

(Special to the "News.")  
Washington, D. C., July 9.—Postmasters appointed: Idaho—Idaho City.

Boise county, Mary S. Gorenberger, vice S. C. Silsby, dead.  
Wyoming—Ho, Big Horn county, William O. Morton, vice T. L. Wilson, resigned.

M. H. Head has been appointed regular and Nat Head substitute rural free delivery carrier, route 2, Moscow, Ida.

### SALT LAKE'S FIRST TWINS.

Distinction Goes to the Snow Family—  
One Daughter Still Living.

Considerable discussion has been precipitated regarding the identity of the first pair of twins born in Salt Lake valley. The rivalry apparently has waxed warm and the Deseret News has been asked from several quarters to adjudicate the contest.

As far as can be ascertained the distinction rests with twins born in a dwelling on the Old Fort square, this city, Feb. 8, 1848, to Willard and Melvina Snow. Both were girls and were named Ellen and Helen Snow. Helen died at birth and Ellen is still living in the second ward, Salt Lake City. William A. Bringham, of Toquerville, Utah, writes that his brother and sister, Samuel and Eleanor Bringham, residing, respectively, at Taylorville and Salt Lake City, are twins, and were born at Utah's capital April 7, 1850. This statement was made in answer to an Idaho correspondent, who desired to know the names of the oldest living twins born at Salt Lake.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Civic Improvement League Chooses W. Mont Ferry as President.

The election of the Civic Improvement league which is just announced resulted in the election of W. Mont Ferry, president, Orson W. Hewlett, vice-president, Robert Porter, secretary, W. H. Shearman, treasurer.

For members of the Board of Governors: M. H. Walker, John D. Spencer.

### COULDN'T KEEP IT

Kept it hid from the Children.

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The organization has done much good work during the past year under the leadership of Frank B. Stephens as president. Mr. Stephens has resigned feeling that owing to the press of business he is unable to give sufficient time to the interests of the league, but will remain on the board. Mr. Ferry was induced to serve by the committee appointed for that purpose. The committee is to be congratulated upon its choice, as it is recognized that he is a particularly fortunate position to lead the league in times of real value to the city owing to his familiarity with civil affairs.

Mr. Cox, who has resigned as secretary of the league has no less interest in the work than formerly, but does so owing to occasional conflict of the duties of the position with his obligations elsewhere. Robert Porter, who succeeded him, has offices in the Auerbach building and is very much interested in civic affairs in general. At the present time the league is engaged in conducting a contest for the most beautiful front and back yards, in which somewhat over \$200 is being expended for cash prizes. The inspection of these yards will be made within the next ten days and the rewards announced.

### SEA POSTOFFICES.

North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Lines Will Quit with Them.  
Washington, July 9.—Postmaster General Meyer announced tonight that the

North German Lloyd and the Hamburg American lines had informed the German postal administration that on Jan. 1 next they would terminate the present agreement relative to the maintenance of sea postoffices on their steamers because the compensation allowed was not deemed sufficient. The companies, however, have made an offer of a rate at which they will continue the service. Mr. Meyer has decided to send Assistant Postmaster McCleary to Germany to make a new contract.

The German government bears half the expense and it interested this government in continuing the arrangement. Sea postoffices are maintained on vessels of the American White Star, Hamburg American, American and North German Lloyd lines, trips being performed between New York and Germany, New York and Southampton and New York and Liverpool. Recently the postmaster general stated that he intended, if possible, to establish sea postoffices on the steamers of the Cunard line, plying between Liverpool, Queenstown and New York and also on the steamers of the French line. "Such sea postoffices," he said today, "materially aid the New York postoffice in handling mail brought over by the steamers and greatly facilitate its delivery."

## CASTORIA

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The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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## GARDNER DAILY STORE NEWS

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The fancy sort for display above the tops of your ox-fords or the more conservative sort for comfort only.

The more fancy patterns of finest texture at \$1.75c and 50c.

Serviceable weaves in plain and fancy at 35c, 25c, 15c and 10c.

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Other hot weather garments, and a saving on each.

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New Goods are offered in the big Annual Round-Up Sale and prices below all other sale prices. 20% to Half Prices.

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### Little Utility Articles for the Household

- 50 black long-handle Tea Strainer.....2 for 5c
- 100 black long-handle Tea Strainer.....50
- 50 Spout Strainers.....2 for 5c
- 1-pint Mason's Fruit Jars.....45c
- 3-quart Mason's Fruit Jars.....75c
- 1-pint Economy Fruit Jars.....35c
- 1-quart Economy Fruit Jars.....35c
- Jars.....\$1.20
- Jar Rubbers, dozen.....50c
- 1 1/2 No. 7 N. P. Copper Teakettle.....\$1.00
- 1 1/2 No. 8 N. P. Copper Teakettle.....\$1.20
- 1 1/2 No. 9 N. P. Copper Teakettle.....\$1.40
- 25c Tin Teakettle.....15c
- 1 1/2 No. 9 Meat Chopper.....85c
- 156-piece Johnson Bros. Dinner Set.....\$1.50
- Terms to select from \$15.50
- \$1.75 Hammock.....\$1.40
- \$3.00 Hammock.....\$2.40
- \$5.00 Hammock.....\$4.00
- 50c Glass Washbowl.....25c
- 50c Blue Enamel Washbowl.....35c
- 50c Brass Washbowl.....35c
- 25c 75-foot Wire Clothes Line.....15c
- One dozen common Wood Clothespins.....1c
- \$2.25 No. 4 Bread Mixer.....\$1.75
- \$2.75 No. 8 Bread Mixer.....\$2.00
- \$3.75 No. 8-16 Little Steel Range—high closet and waterback—stovepipe and delivered.....\$25
- 5c package 4 1/2 yards any color Shelf Paper.....2
- 101.....5c
- 20c hundred Paper Napkins.....10c
- 20c 8-quart Galvanized Iron Pail.....14c
- 25c 10-quart Galvanized Iron Pail.....18c
- 30c 12-quart Galvanized Iron Pail.....21c
- 35c 14-quart Galvanized Iron Pail.....24c
- 45c 16-quart Galvanized Iron Pail.....28c
- 50c No. 6 Galvanized Iron Tub.....35c
- 60c No. 1 Galvanized Iron Tub.....42c
- 70c No. 2 Galvanized Iron Tub.....49c
- 80c No. 3 Galvanized Iron Tub.....56c
- 90c 14-quart Galvanized Dishpan.....42c
- 90c 17-quart Galvanized Dishpan.....49c
- \$1.25 set "Pots" Irons.....\$1.00
- 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-gallon Cracker Jars for fruit, etc., 50c a gallon, with covers.....
- 60c Wicker Clothes Basket.....40c
- 70c Wicker Clothes Basket.....45c
- 80c Wicker Clothes Basket.....50c
- 90c Wicker Clothes Basket.....55c
- 100c Wicker Clothes Basket.....60c
- \$1.00 Wicker Clothes Basket.....65c
- \$1.25 Wicker Clothes Basket.....75c
- \$1.50 Wicker Clothes Basket.....85c
- \$1.75 Wicker Clothes Basket.....95c