

U. S. POST OFFICE HAS LONG HISTORY

Interesting Review of Growth of Department Since Its Inauguration

The terms postoffice and postroads have been used for more than two thousand years according to Isaac Gregg, chief of the Information Department, writing in the current issue of the National Republic, under the title "History of the Mail Service." Mr. Gregg says that the post roads system of communication was worked out in Persia by Cyrus the Elder shortly after the conquest of the empire in 550 B. C. Cyrus performed this work in order to get a system of communication with the distant parts of the empire and he constructed a system of post roads with post houses at convenient intervals. In getting down to more modern times and our own country Mr. Gregg says:

"In America the postal system dates from 1639, when the general court of Massachusetts, by an ordinance legalized such a means of communication and directed that all letters brought from overseas should be left at the home of Richard Fairbanks, in Boston, and by him transmitted to the proper part of the country to which they were directed. He was allowed a penny compensation for the transmission of each letter and was accountable to the authorities for any dereliction of duty.

In Virginia

"The Virginia colony soon afterwards established a postal system and under an ordinance required each planter receiving a communication to pass it along to his nearest neighbor. The penalty imposed for his failure to do so was the forfeiture of a hog-head of tobacco.

"In July, 1775, the Continental Congress established the postoffice with Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General. However, Samuel Osgood, of Massachusetts, was the first Postmaster General under the Constitution, appointed by George Washington. It was not until 1829 that the Postmaster General became a member of the cabinet.

"During the period of the Revolution, the Postal Department was a very insignificant part of the government that had been established. The total number of postofficers in operation in 1776 was only 28, 14 of which were in the state of Massachusetts. In 1812 there were but four clerks in the postoffice at New York and part of their compensation was board with the postmaster.

Began in 1789

"So far as the United States is concerned, therefore, development of the postal service really began in 1789, and the marvelous progress which has been made during the time intervening between then and now is a matter of record familiar to most every American citizen.

"Under the act of May 8, 1794, the appointment of letter carriers was authorized. They were permitted to be employed at such postoffices as the Postmaster General might direct, and for the delivery of each letter the carrier received two cents. This law was re-enacted with minor modifications in 1810, 1825, 1836 and 1851. The act of 1836 required carriers to

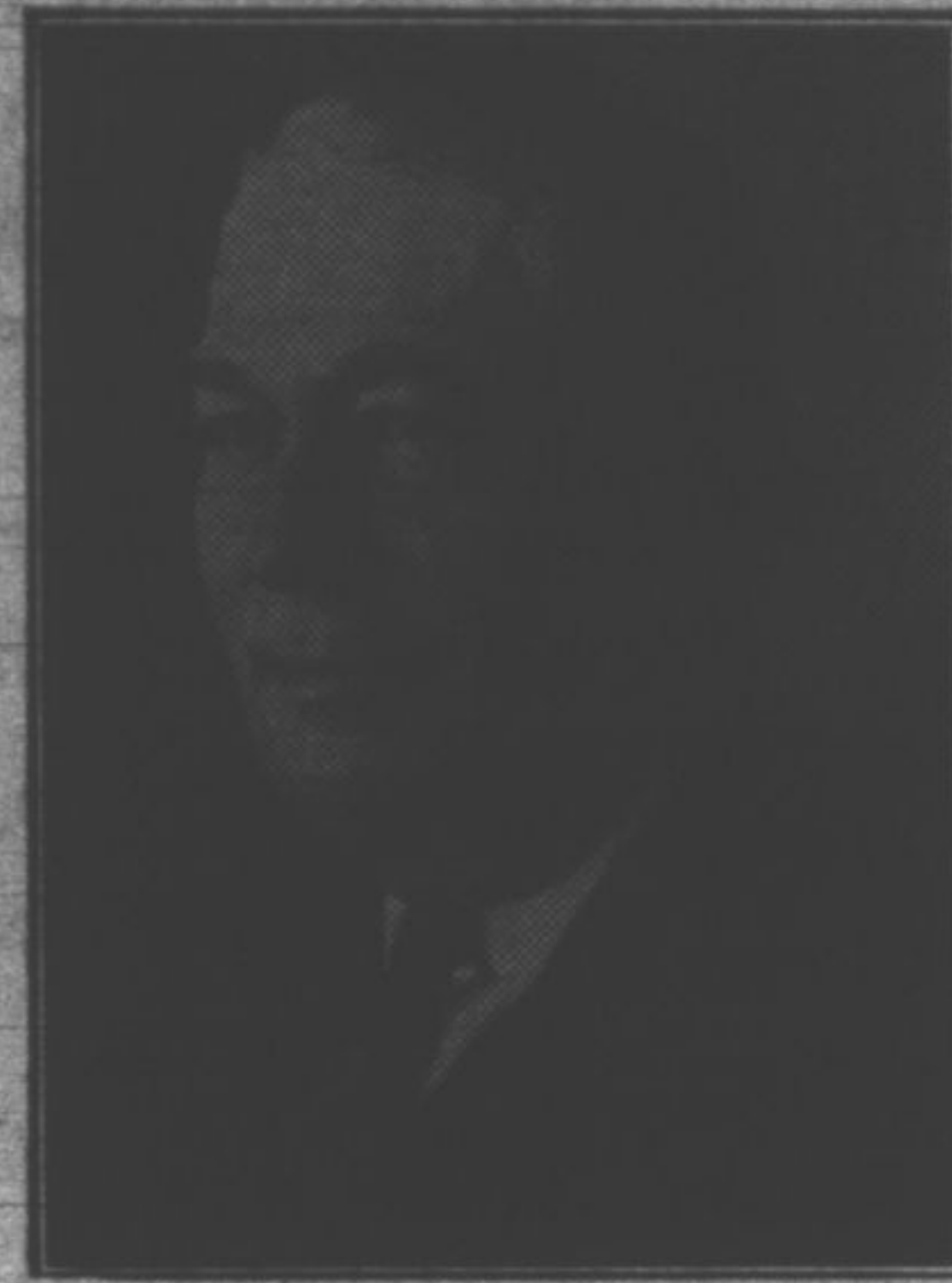
give bond and allowed them a fee of one cent each for the delivery of newspapers and two cents for each letter collected.

"The present form of city delivery service, distinguished from its predecessor by the designation 'free,' went into operation July 1, 1836, under the

provisions of the act of March 3 of that year."

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To The People of Lake County



I wish to announce my candidacy for sheriff of Lake County, subject to the decision of the Republican Primaries to be held April 8, 1930.

In announcing my candidacy, I wish to state that I have been a resident of Lake County all my life and while I was acting in the capacity of state official I drove to my county to cast my vote in all elections and pri-

maries. I believe that my past experience as sheriff of Lake County justifies consideration of your vote. I am running solely on my past record as sheriff and state official.

When I took over the southern Illinois Penitentiary at Menard I occupied the position of Acting Warden and Superintendent of prisons. When, at the end of 3 1/2 years, I turned the institution over to the succeeding Warden, Mr. Welfe, it was in splendid condition.

On May 27, 1926, after the killing of Deputy Klein, I was appointed warden of Stateville and Joliet penitentiaries. I had in my care in these institutions some of the worst criminals in the world. During my administration there were no riots or cause for any. Buildings were built and discipline maintained with a savings of thousands of dollars to the State of Illinois.

I believe that my long practical experience in dealing with all types of criminals as well as my knowledge of court and legal affairs justifies me in asking you for your vote and support.

I am grateful to my supporters and the voters for my past success and I can assure you that if I am again nominated and elected sheriff of Lake County I will devote all of my time to the conscientious performance of my duty.

May I Have Your Vote For This Office

ELMER J. GREEN

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF