

Stamps

Washington, Jan. 21-More than 22,000,000 Panama Pacific Exposition stamps have been destroyed in the bureau of engraving and printing because some official in the third assistant general's office did not know the difference between the Gatun and San Pedro Miguel locks of the big ditch.

It was discovered two days ago that the entire issue bearing the impressive picture of the Panama canal locks which follows closely the recent etching by the artist, Joseph Pennell, was labeled "The Gatun Locks." Some veteran of the Panama excavation who saw the stamps pointed out that the picture was not the Gatun locks but of the Pedro Miguel locks.

An investigation showed the postal authorities their blunder and rather than subject themselves to criticism and ridicule they decided to destroy the entire issue. They were glad that none of the issue had left the bureau of engraving and printing before the mistake was discovered.

"I don't care to say who is responsible" said Clarence B. Hurrey, chief clerk. "We have our own theories about that. It is a closed incident now."

The loss to the government is not more than \$2,000 as the post office contract with the bureau calls for stamps at the rate of 5 1-2 cents a thousand. It is said the new issue will bear the inscription "Panama Canal" without any reference to the identity of the locks. The picture will not be changed..The Yakima Herald, January 23, 1913.

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Hereafter 10 cents in ordinary postage stamps will secure special delivery of mail. Heretofore a special stamp has been required. This stamp was not always possible to secure and much inconvenience resulted. The Yakima Herald, July 24, 1907.

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Special stamps issued by the postoffice department in honor of the centenary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday have been received by the North Yakima postoffice and will be on sale from 9 to 10 o'clock on Friday, February 12, thenational holiday.

Postmaster Lemon has received only 3,000 of the two-cent stamps and it is expected that there will be a big demand for them. For this reason no sales will be made of over 50 stamps to any one person.

The Yakima Herald, February 10, 1909.

Population

In 1880 the Territory of Washington had a population of 75,116. By the official count just completed the population of the state is shown to be 347,390 , an increase in a decade of 274,274 or over 450 per cent. Statisticians figure that in 1895 Washington will have a population of 548,488 and in 1900 a population of 1,096,976--Yakima Herald, January 1, 1891.

Post office

Mail arrives from the Dalles, Goldendale, Ellensburg, Wenatchee and
Watches daily, Sunday excepted at 6 p.m.

From Fort Simcoe, daily, Sundays excepted at 6 p.m.

From Ainsworth and Konewock, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
at 6 p.m.

From the Cowyche (copy) every Saturday at 2 p.m.

Mail closes

At thirtyminutes before departure of the mails. Office
hours from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Post office boxes.

Sec. 297, chap. 7 postal laws and regulations" Letters
addressed to friends of the owner of a box, stopping temporarily with
him may be placed in his box if addressed in his care. Each box
must be restricted to the use of one family, firm or corporation."

Box rent must be paid one quarter in advance.

Money orders: Orders issued from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sundays
excepted, positively none issued after 4 p.m.

G.W. Carey, P.M. Mrs. L.M. Carey, Asst. P.M. Miss Adolla Carey,
registry clerk--The Yakima Signal, Nov. 8, 1884.

Post office directory

C.W. Carey, postmaster, North Yakima.

~~Dred~~ Mrs. I.M. Carey, assistant postmaster. Miss Della
Carey, registry clerk. Alvin G. Barton, special clerk.

Mails arrive via NPRR daily, Sunday's excepted at 11:35 a.m.
and depart at 1:30 p.m. This includes Kennewick, Prosser,
Pasco, Brown's and Ainsworth.

Arrive from and depart to old Yakima daily. Mail to and
from Kennewick and Port Simcoe go by this route.

Depart for Ellensburg, Wenas and Burge at 8 a.m. Arrive at
2 p.m.

Cowychew and Tappaco mail arrives and departs Saturdays.

Mails close an hour before departure.

Office hours: Week days 7:30 a.m. until 8:30

P.M. Positively no departure from this rule. Office hours Sundays
from 11 until 1 p.m. for the accommodation of the public who
will please remember that postmasters are not required to keep
office open Sundays except during the arrivals or departure of
mails.

No mail arrives or departs from North Yakima Sundays...

The Yakima Signal, August 2, 1885.

Mails

In the early settlement of the country east of the Cascades the mails in winter from the Pacific coast used to go from San Francisco to New York and thence overland to Ft Benton and thence by Pony express and snow shoe carriers to this region.

At that time Hon. Thos. H. Brents, now delegate in congress from this territory was the carrier between Canyon City and The Dalles and Joe Clark, the present superintendent of the Moulton Mill at Butte was the carrier from Helena to Walla Walla. ~~But~~

It is suggested that since the snow blockade on the O.R. and N now has lasted ten days and ^{no} ~~the~~ prospect of its being raised for some time, the Yakima mail should again go by vessel around Cape Horn or else that the excruciating red tape system of the postal department be dispensed with under the present difficulties at least so that the wagon loads of mail now lying at The Dalles, for Yakima, by the snow bound stage line may be ordered sent via Ainsworth to this place on the cars--The Washington Farmer, Christmas Day, 1884.

Moxee

The Moxee post office has been discontinued. Hereafter The
Heralds which have been mailed to that point should be called
for at the North Yakima office--Yakima Herald, September 8, 1892.

Postoffices --Wenas

After Mrs. Emily Chambers resigned as postmistress of Wenas the office was discontinued and those living in that section of the country have been compelled to come to North Yakima for their mail.

At times this has resulted in much inconvenience and in response to a numerously signed petition the department has decided to reestablish an office at Wenas with the necessary service, and it is understood that Mrs. Frank K. Kandle has been appointed postmistress. Yakima Republic, August 4, 1899.

Postoffices

Simcoe (Wapato?)

The people of Simcoe feel that they are deserving of a post-office and have petitioned the department to grant them one.

As it now stands all Simcoe mail must go to Toppenish and reach its destination by way of the rural farm delivery. This causes a delay of about 18 hours--Yakima Herald, August 26, 1902.

Mail Route Proposed

We learn that an effort is to be made to obtain for Yakima and Klickitat counties the mail facilities to which they are justly entitled. These counties have not a post office or post route, and they have a population of nearly 300 persons and return an assessment roll of nearly \$200,000-Standard.

-- The Dalles Mountaineer, July 27, 1867

Post office

The Columbian says there is talk of a mail route being established between Kennewick and North Yakima via Moxee, Cold Creek and the lower Yakima--Yakima Herald, Nov. 15, 1894.

Postoffices

Toppenish
Nile

J.B. George has been appointed postmaster at Toppenish, vice Mrs. C.B. Jordan resigned and Henry Sedge has filed his bond as postmaster at Nile, the newly created office 20 miles northwest of this city.

The office at Toppenish has been removed to the store of Mr. George.
Yakima Herald, Dec. 10, 1896.

Mrs. Elizabeth Loudon, postmistress at Yakima City was in town yesterday and reports that citizens there are going to join heartly with us in celebrating the Fourth and they are arranging to be represented in the procession with a car of liberty or some other allegorical float.-Yakima Herald, June 21, 1894.