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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS No. 1,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 6th, 1914.

Mr. F. D. Coppock,  
Greenville, Ohio.

My dear sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your recommendation of John R. Gallagher, for the  
position of Postmaster at Ludlow Falls. I am extremely  
grateful of your estimate of his worth.

Yours truly,

JDP-E

*J. D. Post*



J. H. GOEKE  
4TH DISTRICT OHIO

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House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

May 29, 1914.

John R. Gallagher, Esq.,  
Postmaster,  
Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

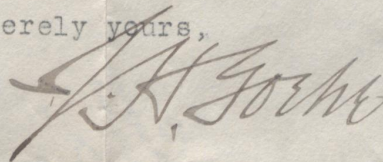
My dear Sir:-

Pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you in relation to my candidacy for renomination to Congress. I do so at the suggestion of our mutual friend Congressman Post. May I ask you to write me at your leisure, giving me your attitude as to this subject, and if you are in accord with my aspirations, tell me what the sentiment in your community is. Will you also be kind enough to give me a list of prominent Democrats to whom I can write on the subject. I will be glad to furnish you at a later date my record of three years' service in Congress.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JHG/JL





Tudlow Falls, O.

April, 19:1915.

Postmaster:-

I here-by, at  
this date, Resign. as Sub.  
Rural Carrier.

Glenn W Pearson.



Postmaster,



Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

September 3, 1925.

Mr. Allan R. Trumbull,  
Swanton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Trumbull:-

Am herewith enclosing minutes  
of the State convention held at Cleveland, Ohio.

I wish you would go over these  
and any corrections you care to make kindly do so  
as they must meet with your approval before pub-  
lished in the Postmasters Advocate.

After being corrected will you  
kindly mail them to the Advocate, at Washington,  
for publication as I have a letter from Mr. Conklin  
requesting that this report be in Washington in  
time for the September issue.

Just as soon as possible, after  
I receive a list of the postmasters from Mr. Collins  
at Cleveland and Mr. Hoover, at Cincinnati, Ohio, I  
want to meet you with others at Columbus and go over  
ground for a campaign this fall and winter.

Now, Mr. Trumbull, as I have all  
ready told you I want you to be free and tell me  
what you want done and I will try and take it in the  
same spirit as given for I want the largest member-  
ship this coming year of the history of the organ-  
ization and with your help I feel sure something  
can be done.

I hope at the next convention  
Ohio will have at least six delegates to the meeting.

With best wishes for your  
success, I am,

Respectfully yours,

J. R. Gallagher.



OFFICE NO. 19486

THIRD CLASS

# U. S. Post Office

SWANTON, OHIO

A. R. TRUMBULL, POSTMASTER  
PRESIDENT OHIO DIVISION  
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF DISTRICT POSTMASTERS

September 4 1925.

Mr. J. R. Gallagher, Secretary,  
Ohio League of District Postmaster,  
Ludlow Falls,  
Ohio.

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

It is a real pleasure indeed to have your letter for confidentially it is the first one I have received unsolicited from an Ohio secretary for a long time. After arriving home I found a great deal of work to fill in the time and also have succeeded in making definite arrangements to leave the service about October first.

I am going to suggest that you go to Cincinnati as soon as possible and meet with Mr. Hoover, Mr. Birdseye, and Mr. Behymer as well as any others that may be interested. It would probably be best to write Birdseye and have him arrange the time so that all could be present. As head of this division his co-operation will be very vital to the success of the venture and he should have the first right to make suggestions and his previous interest has shown him to be the logical man to head this work. Then when this is done you can call a meeting for Columbus and we will get under way.

I hardly think you have the books yet so I am writing Mr. and Mrs. Collins to close them as they stand. There will be some criticism on their part no doubt and especially on account of my expenditures at Cleveland but I feel that it was money well spent. In this connection, I wish you would remind me at Columbus to tell you about collecting from the National Treasury for part of my last years expenses which I think can be done if properly handled.



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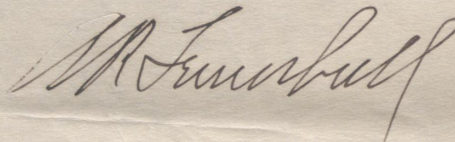
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The position which I am taking will require my immediate resignation but I shall be glad to assist in any way possible as we agreed in Cleveland. However, in view of the developments at Cleveland I think you will agree that you and the other officers will have a much better standing with the organization when I am out and at the same time I can still give you the benefit of any experience that I may have had. So that I think it advisable to get things under way as soon as possible and will appreciate your efforts to arrange the state meeting in the very near future.

Your interest in the past has been very helpfull to the League and to me personally and I am confidently expecting big things from you in the way of increasing memberships. Will forward the report to the Advocate and await further instructions from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,





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November 16 1925.

Mr. J. R. Gallagher, Secretary,  
Ohio League of Postmasters,  
Ludlow Falls,  
Ohio.

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

You will find enclosed a letter addressed to you and the other state officers telling of my resignation. This has not been done without a great deal of thought and consideration. First, the demands on my time are so great that I can not do the job justice. At least it would mean neglecting my present work which I can not possibly afford to do now.

There is also the fact that my dues were not paid up and I am no longer a member of the League. For this I am not entirely to blame as I had told Mrs Collins to keep my dues paid up and charge same to my account and since there has been no time in the past few years when I was president, that the League did not owe me expense money this did not seem an unreasonable request. However, I should have attended to this myself and place the blame on no one else. I might say that the National officers have not written me so that I presume I am automatically dropped and could not hold the office even if I wanted to do so unless I was again elected.

Despite the present circumstances, I would still continue except for one fact and that is that the present state officers can manage things better without me than with me. You especially have made good on the job and it pleases me very much to think that I was partly instrumental in getting you placed there.

I am sorry to say that Miss Culvers bill has been lost during the time I was not in the office and will have to ask you to attend to securing a new one which the new president may sign.



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The position is one which I would probably have taken under like circumstances and I blame no one for not agreeing with me. I have always been opposed to persons outside the Postal Service holding positions in the League and this is a typical example of why it will not work, for my view-point as an outsider is not consistent with that of members in the service.

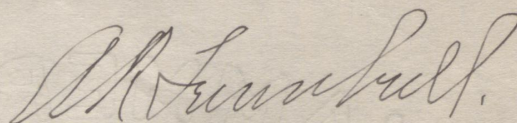
I did agree at Cleveland to stay at the head of this organization in Ohio until the vice-presidents could handle the matter and since they are now able to do so, I am asking that I be relieved from further responsibility. I am responsible for the fact that my membership expired in the League last August and while I had asked that my renewal be taken care of automatically by the secretary and the amount charged to me, this in no way excuses this lapse. The fact remains that I am not a member of the organization now and altho I have not received notification, I understand that I have been officially removed by your National Officers.

My new position demands so much of my time that I can not properly care for the work connected with this office and in view of this I am sure it is for the best interests of the League that I resign now. This causes me many regrets for during the past five years I have hoped much for the League that has not come to pass. Principally I had hoped to see the National Organization manned by people with the interests of the Postal Service at heart. I have come to realize just how important this service is and to know what an honor comes to us who serve even in the small places.

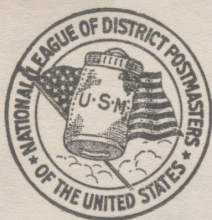
More than anything else I regret that I am not to be associated longer with those in the service whom I have come to know as friends and my fondest hope is that I may be able to so arrange my work that I can meet with you at some future time.

Trusting that you will see fit to comply with my request and assuring you of my continued good will to you personally and to the Organization, I am,

Sincerely,







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HYANNISPORT. MASS.

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Washington Representative,  
V. H. STONESIFER,  
1110 F St. N. W.

January 7, 1926.

Mr. John Gallagher,  
Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

Dear Brother Gallagher:

You have probably received the letter which has been sent to all 3rd class postmasters. There were approximately 15,000 of these letters sent out at no expense to the States and all membership received will be immediately remitted to the States.

A letter was sent to all the secretaries saying I would like to have placed in the hands of every non-member of the fourth class a copy of the Bill which would benefit them, also asking them to become a member. Mr. Stonesifer informs me he has not heard from you in regards to this, although he has heard from the majority of the States and they have agreed to the same. By majority, I mean at least seventy-five percent.

I would say I have repeatedly asked if the secretaries would not suggest something along these lines to assist us in our campaign and I want to congratulate you as being the only one out of the entire lot from whom I received a suggestion. As my letter had already been printed you will find there was embodied in it something like your suggestion.

If you please, I am not satisfied with the way business has been done in Ohio during the past two years. Your President made the remark at Cleveland that he did not wish to have the members increased and did not wish to work in harmony with the National Officers. During 1924-25, his previous administration,



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Mr. Mudding agreed Chairman

Trumbull resign accepted - Moved  
Rothgast Second Miss Culver -

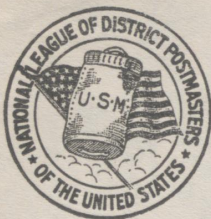
Budage & Horn invited to attend  
now Conklin Sec Rothgast

Motion Conklin Secor Culver  
to ask for Cleve Mudd

McCreary Breckinridge Curry  
4th Vice President

Rothgast moved to adjourn  
and Galtgast Second





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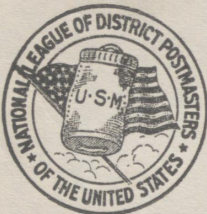
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as far as I know only one letter was sent out and that to the 3rd class only. Mr. McKinley, a former <sup>Postmaster</sup> President of Ohio came into my room at Cleveland and wished to know why Ohio was not up to the standard as in former years. During his administration Ohio was the leading State in membership. You know what it is at the present time. By consulting the Advocate you can see how Arkansas and Kentucky have come up. We took it out of the hands of the officers in those States and circulated the States once by letter with two follow-up postal cards. To-day our membership has increased very much, also, there is a large amount in the Treasury. That same thing can be done in your State. I am well satisfied your President will do everything to retard your membership. Your former secretary was informed not to answer any of my letters or any of the National Officers. By the way, I am inclosing a letter he wrote to our National Secretary and his reply. Your President has received more benefits belonging to the League than any other postmaster. There are less than 80 duly qualified Assistant Postmasters recognized by the Department and also on the Civil Service list. It was through Mr. Stonesifer at Washington it was worked so the office your President holds is one of the 76, which may not be the exact number, but I think 76 is right. The past two years he was not a member of the League for a number of months. Believing as I do that you are a man's man and will do absolutely right, I would strongly advise your taking it up with him in a diplomatic manner in which you can say you wish to have the State come up to





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normal, etc, etc. Do not mention I have mentioned it to you in any way or shape, for I don't want any trouble with anyone, but I intend to do what I think is best and right and if I do get into any trouble by this method, well and good.

Now I know you will take this in good part, if I am any judge of man and I conversed with you only a few moments at the Cleveland station.

With the kindest regards to you and yours and wishing you all a Prosperous New Year, I am

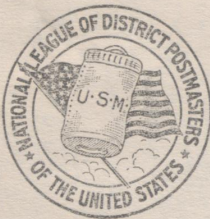
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Hyannisport, Mass., Feb. 23, 1926.

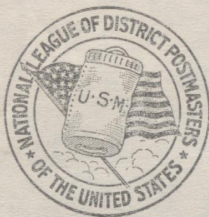
Mr. John R. Gallagher,  
Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

Dear Brother Gallagher:

I received your letter Saturday and carefully read the same. I am not surprised by any means at your not receiving any reply to your letter to your former President in which you asked him to render you a statement for expenses incurred, for which you paid \$45.00. Your former President, I understand, is no longer in the Postal service, the reason for this I cannot for a fact tell you. However, I am well convinced that the people in his locality will be better served than they were with him as postmaster. Out of the forty-eight States he was the only President who forbid his State secretary from having any communication with any of the National Officers, also he wrote at different times letters that were insulting and uncalled for. The former President and also I wrote him letters at different times, letters which he probably has on file, asking for some definite information as to how the National Organization was not run on business-like principles, as he was continually stating. We asked him for suggestions, not only by letter, but verbally, if he knew how the business should be run any differently, but he never would and never did at any time give any ~~such~~ suggestions.

Ohio is a grand old State. Ohio has had the privilege of entertaining the National Convention three times and did it with credit. The first two times without any expense to the National League. Infact, I would





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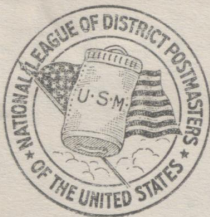
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say right here that I have belonged to the League since it was first organized and most of that time have been on the Executive Committee, and this is the first bill that was ever presented to the National Officers for expenses incurred by the State for entertaining or any other expense. As I wrote you in my previous letter, he gave a party in Chicago, probably this was part of his expenses; he also went to Cleveland twice, once at my request and once at his own account to attend or rather attempt to attend to the duties which consisted of securing quarters for our Convention. In this he bawled things up by giving two hotels the idea theirs would be the hotel we would meet at. After a time I had to straighten this out by letter. Your former President will probably never send you an itemized expense bill. This is my opinion, and in my opinion, which I believe is also yours and which you will probably never do again, this bill should not have been paid unless it was itemized. You understand and I understand this is a good business policy to follow.

You paid him \$45. Now the Executive Committee has left it entirely in my hands to settle with you, and as one of them said - it is well worth the \$45. to get rid of him, for he was no good to himself, village, State or Nation. This is the opinion of only one of the Executive Committee. However, I want to do what is fair and square in this matter and am perfectly willing to meet you half way in any proposition you may set forth, but the proposition I am going to make to you is what I call liberal, inasmuch as if your former President had submitted a bill to either the National Secretary





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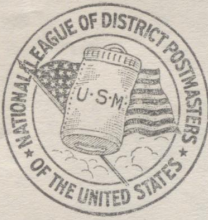
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of myself, that bill would have been paid immediately out of the National funds. But coming the way it has, and probably he made up his mind that was the only way to secure the money without controversy, I feel at this time I would be willing to let the State of Ohio have \$25.00 of the \$45.00 you paid out, but mind you, you must send a bill directly to me for serviced rendered by your former President and O.K'd by yourself and I will O.K. the same and allow the \$25. If this is not satisfactory to you, let me hear from you and your reasons why the National Officers should pay more than \$25.

My sincere wish is that the National Officers will work at all times in harmony with the State Officers and the State Officers will be willing to reciprocate. We are working for the good of the third and fourth class postmasters and also for the Service. We have accomplished much and are accomplishing something almost every day. Hardly a day while I was in Washington during the past five or six weeks but what our Representative or myself would tramp down to the Department and take up problems for postmasters who had written us. I would say further by straightening out these problems of clerk hire, separating mail, rent, and numerous other things has virtually turned thousands of dollars to different postmasters.

We are not supported on the Civil Service Bill by the third class postmasters as we should have been. In fact, of the 12,000 of more petitions placed in the hands of the second and third class postmasters, I





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think less than 1,000 have come back. They were asked to write to their Congressmen and the replies they sent us did not amount to enough to light one's pipe over a dozen times. We have had no support, although we are not going to lie down on the job.

The fourth class postmasters are somewhat different. We have hundreds of letters from Congressmen, their replies to the fourth class postmasters in which they agree to support the Bill, the same of the Senators. I think the outlook for the rent, light and fuel for the fourth class is very much brighter than for Civil Service.

I expect to return to Washington very shortly and am going to do everything I possibly can for the enactment of the two bills.

Thanking you for what you have done and are doing for the State of Ohio and wishing you success, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

National President.

TFP/L



# National League of District Postmasters

OHIO DIVISION

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

February 26, 1926.

Mr. T. F. Phinney, President,  
National League District Postmasters,  
Hyannisport, Mass..

My dear Mr. Phinney:-

Your letter of February 23, 1926 in regard to amount Ohio paid our Former President, Mr. Trumbull, account making arrangements for the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, August 1925 received.

You will remember that this forty-five dollars was paid to Mr. Trumbull by our former secretary, Mrs. Nellie F. Collins and not by myself. and the only way I am mixed up in this is that after the election of officers (State) in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Trumbull and my self went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then he told me to write to you in regard to this money and as stated in previous letters to you I have tried my best to explain to you that I knew nothing of any arrangement being made only was obeying our President.

At an Executive Committee meeting held in Columbus, Ohio Jan 14, 1926 I was again instructed to write you in regard to the money and I feel that the entire Executive Committee believes the National always pays for bills like they instructed me to write you about. I have not written them about this for I feel we can get this settled satisfactory and all will be well between Ohio and the National. You no doubt have received my letter stating I had received a letter from Mr. Trumbull and only gave me the amount of money spent in a letter and not enclosing an itemized account. No doubt but what you will answer that letter before you receive this one so I will not write until after I receive a reply to this one. You will see by my other letter that any way you decide will be satisfactory with us and I know Ohio does not want anymore than other States. I know if you and I could talk this over same would be settled in few minutes.

In conclusion, I want you to be entirely satisfied with this transaction and in your reply it will be final.

Wishing you all the success, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

J. R. Gallagher.

I sent to you a copy of letter that I am mailing to all Second and Third Class non-members in Ohio on Feb 26, 1926. What do you think of this.



From J.S.Wertz.

Washington Boro, Pa.

Sept 22nd 1926.

Hello Old Tops:-

Surely glad I am home for we railroaded all over the State of Iowa due to floods and wash outs.

Have enough of letter heads for organization chairman but as you notice above they are wrong but can use them up if you think so if not send me about 200 of District No 2 with the proper states on when you print new letter heads for the national officers.

Surely gald all went so smooth but if you notice or would have been on the train the Ohio and Miss fellows wanted to nominate a ticket on the train and I held it off and you can rest assured since Fiewiegers death we have Wisconsin with Koch alright now. You can depend on Windsor and I am writing Coe a nice letter to explain the situation to him also.

Israelson was ready to accept anything higher as I spoke to a man named Shaeffer from 15 miles from my home and he is now living near Israelson and we must watch him for next year as this man Shaeffer states he is always after something in Utah.

This letter id confidential.

I am sorry those 1927 dates are the same week as my towns Centennial- cant we put off the Convention a week later



Iowa Branch.  
National League of District Postmasters.  
Office of the Secretary.

Williams, Iowa,  
Feb 24, 1927.

Mr. T. F. Phinney,  
Hyannisport, Mass:

Dear Captain:

It has come to my notice that the officers of the state of Iowa are on the Blacklist with the National Officers, and that they are slated or rather wanted out of the League. It has further been told me that prior to the National Convention held at Cleveland all my correspondence with a former National Officer was forwarded to you or another National officer and you were thus kept informed and knew in advance just what Iowa was thinking of doing and all our efforts were thus blocked and completely overcome before the convention was ever called. Also that since the Chicago convention when Iowa voted against the clause to give national officers the power to oust state officers, on which we at the same meeting reversed our vote, and thus carried it, we were blacklisted. In fact since the convention held at Chatanooga at which time I saw fit to vote against the wishes of our then State president I have been blacklisted. I remember him saying at that time that if I ever wanted to get anywhere in the League I would have to do as the national officers wanted me to do, and that if I did I was listed for a good position. I had quite a spat with Harry Gate at that time, and told him just as I think at this time, that I was not an officer seeker, state or national, and as long as I had a word to say in the League, and this I expected to have as long as I am a member, I would follow my conscience and do what I actually thought was best for the League. This I have always done and shall continue so as long as I am with you. I may, and know that I am, wrong at times, so are all of us, and therefor I am always open to "be shown".

Now then Dear Captain: I very seldom pay much attention to any propaganda or idle talk, but this has come to me so strong, that I must investigate it, and therefor I come direct to you who are involved, and here is my question; Am I wanted in the League or am I wanted out of it? Personally I don't think that the National By-laws will hold good as far as ousting an active officer, at least not from this state. As long as the members of the State see fit to retain me, and I might say that I have never turned a hand to be reelected--I don't believe that the Iowa members will stand for replacing any of the present officers. But I do want this information from you direct.

Will you go back in the history of the League the past five or six years. When Cate and Lynd took hold of the Iowa Branch--rather Lynd--Iowa had sixty-five members. When Cate stepped in to office we had a few over a hundred, possibly two hundred. It is true that Harry pounded away at them a good deal with but just the one argument, and the one thought in mind, and that was to get Iowa just strong enough so that he might get a National office. This he confided to me more than once, and admonished me to do like wise to gain any recognition from the national officers, which were necessarily located in the east. As I said before I refused to bow down to any one for such gains. It cannot be truthfully said that I have not at all times co-operated with the national officers, and have always been willing to do more than my share of the work, altho I did not always agree with you on certain questions, and do not yet. But you are the man we elected, and you are the one whom we supported in practically all doings. Coming back to membership in Iowa the members got sick and tired of Harry, and a steady decline in membership took place.



The good old man Mr. Perdue was then elected after Harry left the service, and he just left the work to me and the one vice president we then had. We started a systematic campaign, and since then the membership has been growing, and the records show that Iowa has been one of the largest contributors to the National Treasury since, a number of years the largest. But she never received any recognition for this in as far as being given any office outside of some little job or any chance at a state convention what ever. The latter is desirable -very much so because Iowa is one of the leaders over all states, and has consistently contributed to the National Treasury. The first mention in above paragraph is not sought after. We have plenty of work in Iowa without any other office.

Now then Captain this whole epistle is NOT to criticise, but merely asking for your information. I want it straight, and from you. I want to know where you stand. I want to know if our efforts in behalf the League are for the good or a detriment. If the latter than we will change our tact if for the benefit of the League we will continue to go on.

It might be said here that for the past number of years Iowa has set the pace for all other states to follow. Iowa has never copied from others the past few years. Others came to us to copy our system, but others got the recognition. These might seem like hard words, but my ability is not sufficiently strong to write them one way and mean another. I speak them as I think them, and I am sure that's the way you want it.

I am eager to hear from you on this subject. If there is nothing to it all it will have to go no further, and I assure you that I will keep it as much of a secret as I know you will do with this. One time you wrote and told me that I played politics prior to the Cleveland convention. Well I am a poor politician, or I could give my words a different expression, and you would have to be a politician to get the meaning to them.

Assuring you that the interest of the League is always uppermost in my mind, and that Iowa is at all times ready to co-operate, I am,

As always yours,

Signed by Carl Walkau.



Office of the National President

Hyannisport, Mass March 1, 1927.

Mr Carl Walkau,  
Williams, Iowa.

Dear friend Carl:

When I say "friend" I mean it from the bottom of my heart.

In the first place I will answer your letter and then I will give you a few facts which I think you should know. Carl, the last conversation I had in our office in Washington with Mr. Stonesifer was in discussing you and your State president. That discussion, if you could have heard it, would, I think, have pleased you very, very, much. Mr. Stonesifer and I were going over the files and when we came to Iowa, I don't know whether I made the remark or whether he did, but it was said that if we had in all our States such conscientious workers as in the State of Iowa, the duties of the National officers would be very light and we would have no need whatsoever of going into the different States in the endeavor to increase our membership. There are but two other States outside of yours, Carl, that we consider perfect. Those two States have a president and secretary just as conscientious and hard workers as President Russell and yourself. Far be it from me to not want Iowa in the League. Iowa has been a State which I have often times held up to the other States as an example of what can be done by earnest and energetic workers.

The second insinuation in which it is said that National Officers kept me informed of Iowa previous to our Cleveland convention, is absolutely false. I will meet any man, woman or child in any place in the U.S. and face them with the fact it is absolutely false, I not only say this but would be willing to forfeit \$1000. if proof of this can be given that I received information from some other National Officer from time to time that was not intended for me to know.

One other thing, Carl, Mr. Stonesifer and myself have discussed you and your office, but in a way I think would be pleasing to you, inasmuch as Mr. Stonesifer informed me there were obstacles coming up in which you were afraid you would not receive your reappointment. We have consulted together on this a great many times, trying to devise a scheme to assist you in retaining your office. Did you consider this confidential to Mr. Stonesifer? If you did, then he is guilty of taking the matter up with me for your benefit. Mr. Russell, your president has also been discussed between Mr. Stonesifer and myself and his name was mentioned at our Ex. Com. meeting in Washington in which he was commended for being one of the best State presidents we have in the whole U.S.

One thing, I was not surprised in hearing from you, for in a letter Mr. Wertz sent out to a State president in one paragraph he said- "Walkau, Volez, Cooper, Collins, Trumbull, Griffin and a score of others have been dropped overboard because they will not stand for the "gang" any longer". He also speaks in the same letter of calling a meeting of the Executive Board by securing the signatures of ten State presidents asking for this meeting. For what purpose would this meeting be called?

Now I will give you the inside or what transpired at our last Ex. Com. meeting held in Washington. If you please, Mr. Wertz laid me in changing the dates of our National Convention of 1927. He was informed that by the unanimous vote of the Ex. Committee these dates were adopted. Previous to this he had sent a bill to me in which he had charged \$138.00 for attending Convention at Salt Lake City as an Organizer. I made reply to this letter in which I stated it would be placed before the Ex. Committee for their consideration at our next meeting and if it were allowed, a warrant would be drawn in his behalf. Not being satisfied with this, under date of January 15th he sent out the following letters to a number of the State Officers, perhaps you may have received one of them.



March 1, 1927.

Copy

J.S.Wertz, Chairman  
District No 2.

My dear State Officer:-

Washington bere, Pa  
Jan 15th, 1927.

I have refused to allow Phinney circulize from Washington, D.C. on the 50/50-this takes away from the fourth class cancellation that helps pay the 4th Class P.M.

It also keeps Phinney in D.C. at a big expense thich dont show against the letter sent-if he wishes to live there let him work like us and not the League back the expense.

P.S.-He been in and back and will be most of the session-that dont get us anywhere--V.H.S. is there for that.

Hope you will back me up on this and the executive committeee should not pay those hotel bills when they come up.

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He then wrote a letter to the different members of the Ex.Committee(not one of them to me) in which he charged me with five distinct charges.

By the way, these letters were all written "Strictly confidential" and when the committee met in Washington, I requested and brought pressure enough to bear to have each member read each and every letter sent by the gentleman to them and marked strictly confidential, as I was the party attacked and rightfully should know the charges.

President Phinney laid before the Committee letters sent out by J.S. Wertz, Chairman of District 2, said letters going to certain State and National Officers. These letters contained the following charges:

1. That President Phinney and Secretary Stonesifer changed dates of Louisville Convention, overruling decision of Executive Committee.
2. That President Phinney charges expenses while at Washington, D.C. to National League treasury.

That President Phinney uses part of membership fees, received from letters sent out by him on 50/50 plan, for expenses at Washington, D.C.

4. Charge that Phinney repeatedly wrote lies to J.S.Wertz concerning League matters.

- 5 Charge that J.S.Wertz, as Chairman of District 2, received no postage for his work as District Chairman.

After reading of letters sent by J.S.Wertz to members of Ex.Com. containing these charges, it was unanimously voted to send for J.S.Wertz to appear before Committee, guaranteeing his expenses.

Bill of J.S.Wertz presented for part expenses of attending National Convention at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Windsor moved, Meeks seconded, that said bill be disallowed. Also that missellaneous items of bill for expense as District Cahirman be allowed.

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Mr.Wertz came to Washington and declined to meet me or to have any thing whatever to do with me. The Executive Committee met without me and spent three hours in his room or someone else's room in hotel Harrington.



March 1, 1927.

Court

I was not invited into the room, and although I am familiar with Court proceedings, it is the first time I ever heard of an accused party being kept out of the room while the trial is going on. I was informed by one who was in the room that Mr. Wertz said that he (Wertz) would roast in hell before he would come into a room where I was. Consequently I do not know what arguments he put up any more than it was the unanimous vote by the Executive Committee exonerating me from all charges. It was also voted unanimously to remove Mr. Wertz as chairman of District #2.

I also have a letter sent out by Mr. Wertz to a State Officer in which he has said a number of things that are absolutely untrue. I do not like to go into law, but I am informed by one of the leading attorneys that I have a clear case against this gentleman for depravation of character and I could make it very warm for him in any Court in the U.S. If I am pushed too hard, it will be the only course to take.

Carl, I never intended to be a candidate again for re-election, but under the present situation I shall be a candidate for President at Louisville and will go on the floor of the Convention and tell them the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I have made mistakes, we all make them, but I feel gratified and pleased to know that through the activities of our Representative as well as myself at Washington during the past three winters we have succeeded in securing an increase in pay for the fourth class, an increase in clerk hire for the third class and restoring to the fourth class what was taken away from them by the decision of the Comptroller General. If we do not succeed in securing rent, light and fuel for the fourth class this year, our labors have not been in vain, for as true as the sun rises in the East and sets in the West, it will go through the next Congress, although it will require work and some money.

Just received a telegram from Stonesifer in which he says the bill for rent, light and fuel and equipment for the fourth class was passed by the House last night. The chances are very doubtful whether it can be carried through the Senate or not at this session.

Mentioning money- If you will look back on the reports of our convention of the year 1925, I mentioned in my address the amount of money that had been collected by voluntary contribution, the expenses and the amount in the Treasury. Through an oversight last year it was not included in my address, but a statement was passed to each and every one of the Ex. Committee and at the end of the Convention we had, as near as I can remember, about \$1500, it may have been a little more or a little less. This money was placed in the bank in a joint account as T.F. Phinney and Victor H. Stonesifer for legislative purposes. Not a dollar of this fund but what was spent legitimately. No man or woman can traverse the halls of the Capitol of the U.S. and be a tightwad. If he wishes to secure and legislate, he has to entertain and do other things that require the use of money. If we had not used some cash, we would never have secured that which we did for the benefit of the third and fourth classes. I have a card system of every dollar that was sent in. I had it with me at our last Convention so should any one who contributed to this fund wish a show-down and wished to pay for an auditor, I had the goods to show them. The same thing will happen at Louisville. We have spent more than a half of the money which we had on hand at the close of our Convention.

In 1913 we had less than \$10. in the National Treasury and we owed something more than \$100. On February 16th we had \$7,984.76 in the Treasury. The gentleman from Pennsylvania will do everything possible to cut this down by making an expense of calling another meeting of the Ex. Committee. A meeting of this nature will cost not far from \$1000.



March 1, 1927.

One other thing, Carl, I was asked, and I think by this gentleman, although I am not certain, that I should appoint a nominating committee, which I absolutely refused to do and never shall as long as I am President, unless authorized by a majority of votes by the delegates present, as I believe every man has a right to aspire to any office in our National League which become vacant by expiration.

One more thing that occurred to me. You spoke about politics in your letter. Just after your arrival in Cleveland, Ohio, my room was filled with delegates who came on the train with you. I was informed that a caucus had been held on the train and you were one of the leaders, and they could not decide on your being a candidate for the National Secretaryship and finally they compromised on Frank Griffin for the National Secretary. I am not sure, but I think the gentleman from Pennsylvania was the one who brought the news to us in the hotel, but was in the party who brought the news and it was referred by them that you had taken all of the delegates to a different hotel. Now I had no feelings in this matter, although you may think I had. I am working for the benefits of the third and fourth class postmasters, Carl. I don't give a hang whether they like it or not. I know you are working for the benefits of the third and fourth classes and your President is working for the same and there are not words enough to express the good-will and fraternal feeling I have for both of you. I will predict that your president will be recognized in a few years as one of the leaders of the League of District Postmasters if he keeps on the same methods he has at the present time.

Just a little more and I will finish. I would like you to send me a copy of Mr. Wertz's letter. If you will, I will never disclose to any one where this copy came from or what state it came from. If I have occasion to use any words which he has expressed in this letter, I will use the same kind of expression as I have used in the preceding paragraphs of your letter in which I state "paragraphs from a letter sent to a State officer" Mr. Wertz has never written me a letter or any communications from the time he stated his agitation up to the present time. He has simply shoved a knife in my back and threatens now to write every State officer and stir up feelings against the National Officers, which is entirely uncalled for. I would state right here Mr. Wertz has not been a postmaster for nearly ten years. I am not saying how he came to resign. That is a matter of record.

He also wrote a letter to every one of the Ex. Committee except me, in which he has informed them on February 28th he is going to put it into the hands of a lawyer to collect the \$138.00 which he thinks is due him.

He also intimated in his letters sent to the Ex. Committee that I had appointed National Auditors who were favorably inclined towards me in auditing the books. This is a reflection on every one of the Ex. Com. including the Secretary and Treasurer, as not a bill has ever been paid but what has to receive the signature of every one of the Ex. Com. including myself and it states on the warrant what that warrant is drawn for. Mr. Wertz says he received \$25.00 at Cleveland as Organizer of District #1. I find I did sign a warrant at Cleveland for \$25.00 and it was also signed by Mr. Clapp as a Ex. Committee and Mr. Wick, who was at that time a member of the Ex. Committee. This bill called for cash and there is no way of knowing what it was for. I called the attention of our former secretary to this. This was immediately stopped and further warrants issued showed what the warrants were for. I am glad to say there were only two bills signed by me but show what they are actually for and have to be passed on by the full board of the Ex. Com. Since becoming President Oct. 12, 1924 and the last remittance sent Mr. Wertz was Feb 10, 1927, he has received \$272.96. More than all the rest of our Organizers put together.



Mr. Carl Walkau---- Page 5

March 1, 1927.

Now, Carl, you are at liberty to show this letter to anyone, anywhere, and at any time. I have written you the cold facts as they exist at present.

I would surely appreciate it very much if you should receive any letters from this party if you would let me know the contents of them. The State Officer who sent me the information in regards to who were dissatisfied informed me he would not answer the letter or have any correspondence with this gentleman, whatsoever. You can do as you think best. The whole thing is left in your hands.

I sincerely hope your wife is much better than she was.

I assure you I will do anything I can for you at Washington, for you know I shall feel badly indeed if you loose your Post Office, almost as badly as if it were my own.

I remain,

Your friend-I hope, until death do us part.

TfP-L.

Signed by T.F. Phinney.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Postmaster  
Thompson  
Ohio



IMPORTANT.

Plan now to attend the annual convention of the Ohio Postmasters to be held in Cincinnati next week, at the Hotel Gibson. If you have not as yet ordered your tickets for the Tuesday evening banquet, please rush your order so we will be in position to advise the hotel next Monday morning the exact number attending the banquet.

*Two tickets for Tues  
evening banquet,*  
Hon. Frank C. Staley, Supt. Division of Dead Letters will be another speaker at this banquet.

This meeting is for you and your family. COME. P M  
Let's talk over our mutual problems together.

Very sincerely yours, **THOMPSON, OHIO**

Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

John R. Gallagher, Secretary