

MUST STAMP ALL LETTERS.

Important Ruling in Regard to Rural Route Mail Matters.

The postmaster general has just made a ruling of considerable interest to all the patrons of the rural delivery routes, as well as to the carriers.

A carrier found in a small box on his route two letters that were intended for the owner of the box and had been put there by some one passing. The letters were confiscated and sent to the government at Washington with a request for a ruling. The government approved the action of the carrier and said that all mail found in any box without stamps or the proper amount of money for postage must be collected and taken route is operated and held for postage. This ruling means that the owner of the mail box has absolutely no control over it.

That the neighbor who drops a note into his box is subject to legal proceedings for infringement of the postal regulations and the note or unstamped letter to seizure.

Farmers oftentimes, upon their way to town, drop their neighbors a line by means of the mail box, but under the new ruling made by the department such action in the future will be tabooed. The fact that the boxes are generally upon the main way and easy of access without traveling from the main thoroughfare has led to considerable communication among farmers by means of rural route notes.

OBITUARY.

The Normal school was greatly shocked this morning by the announcement by Prof. McFarland of the death of a student, Miss Nina Curtis, of Dazey. It was known only to the principal and a few students that she was dangerously sick. She was taken with la grippe the 15th but pneumonia rapidly developed and by the 18th it was necessary to telegraph her parents. They came at once and were with her to the end. All that loving hands and expert medical science could do was unavailing. She died at her rooms at the Booth residence at 2 o'clock this morning.

She was a girl of great natural refinement, companionable and happy. Although a member of the school only a few days before the close of the fall term, she

had a great attachment for it. She died in a strong Christian faith as a result of the training of a Christian home.

The remains were removed to the farm home nine miles from Dazey in Griggs county this afternoon, where the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

The students have arranged to send a contribution of flowers as a mark of esteem and the school will be closed Saturday afternoon as a mark of respect.—Times-Record.

Nina was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis formerly of this place. The many friends of the stricken family extend sympathy.

HOUSE SPEAKS AS ONE VOICE.

Denounces Reduction of
Tariff on Farm Products.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 20.—Representative Phelan, of Dickinson, a former secretary of the railway commission, offered a resolution yesterday for which every member of the house went on record.

The resolution, a concurrent one, opposes any reduction in the tariff on seed wheat or farm products of any character. Mr. Phelan asserts that the organized and persistent agitation for reduction of the tariff on farm products, so apparent in twin city papers, is leading government officials and others to believe that the northwest, including North Dakota, is favorable to action detrimental to every interest in this state. Such agitation leads to unrest and the undermining of confidence in farm and ranch investments, and ultimately, if persisted in, will impare the value of farm products and the revenue resulting to merchants and transportation interests, retarding the development of new land and unsettled regions of the state.

A part of the agitation has resulted in a plea for free seed wheat from the Canadian northwest, when such a supply is ample for North Dakota within the state.

AGAINST BUCKET SHOPS.

Representative McCrea offered a bill prohibiting the operation of bucket shops within the state. The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for any corporation, association or society, person or persons, to keep within this state any store, office or other place, wherein is conducted or permitted the pretended