

delivery to all is not possible. On routes in business districts it sometimes happens that a few persons report that the first delivery reaches their premises before they are opened for business, but that they are unwilling to wait for the second delivery. In these cases the only remedy is to provide a box attached to the outer door and connected with an opening therein through which mail may be delivered by carriers on the first trip.

Pension Letters.—Carriers are not permitted to deliver pension letters to any one but the addressee without a written order from party addressed.

Every person calling at Post Office for pension letters must be identified before same can be delivered.

2. Special Delivery.

Letters bearing special stamp, in addition to regular postage, are delivered from general Post Office daily from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. On Sundays, letters must be mailed before 12:30 p. m. to insure delivery.

On December 18th, 1899, mail boxes were first used in the street cars of Grand Rapids. It was the first experiment of the Postoffice Department in any large city of the country for using street cars in carrying the mail. From the first it was a success. All mail is now transferred between the railroads and the Post Office by street mail cars especially equipped for that purpose. As a result transfers are made in quicker time than by old methods.

Again by having mail boxes on the street cars factories and business men in outlying districts can send their mail down town and have it go out on the first trains possible after it is written. Again people can write letters at their homes and place them upon the nearest street car; as a result they go out of town at the first opportunity.

Internal Revenue Office.

The United States Internal Revenue office is on the second floor of the Government Building. The Internal Revenue service for this District was organized during the last months of 1862 and the early months of 1863, during the days of the Civil War. Its headquarters have always been in this city. It was organized under the direction of Aaron B. Turner, who was the first collector and