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UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

FISHER'S EXPRESS

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FISHER'S EXPRESS

COMPANY HISTORY

Fisher's Express delivered packages between Stoughton and Boston, Massachusetts. The company was organized in the early 1870s, and ran into the mid 1890s.

One news article about the company detailed how Fisher's Express carried questionable packages. Illegal liquor was confiscated from the Fisher's express office in 1884. The alcohol was shipped via the express, who claimed they did not know what was in the packages.

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Stoughton.

Miss Jessie Lander, a lady employed at French & Ward's mill at West Stoughton, fell upon the ice a week ago, receiving internal injuries that caused her death Saturday night.

The police have again balked the liquor dealers of Stoughton and forced them to devise some new means to carry on their illegal traffic. It seems that their latest move was to have their liquors brought from Boston by express and stored in the express office. The police claim that the several dealers had keys to this storehouse and went daily to obtain a small supply, which they carried around with them in flasks. A short time ago the police seized several gallons of hard liquor at Fisher's Express office, and notified the proprietor to appear before the court. The hearing has been appointed for January 23. Mr. Fisher intends to contest the case. It is understood that he claims that as a common carrier he was obliged to receive whatever merchandise was offered for transportation, and that his act in storing the goods was not illegal, in that he was not supposed to know the contents of the cases.

EXPRESS LABEL

One label is recorded from Fisher's Express. The label is large and rectangular, with two addresses listed: 57 Kilby Street, Boston; and 21 South Market Street.



FISX-L1
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
IMPERFORATE