

THE
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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

AMERICAN DISTRICT MESSENGER CO.

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LOS ANGELES LOCAL EXPRESSES

AMERICAN DISTRICT MESSENGER CO.



AM. DISTRICT MESSENGER
25¢ STAMP : PURPLE & RED
CONTROL # 704 3



AM. DISTRICT MESSENGER
25¢ STAMP : BACK COVER
CONTROL # 704

Kupfer had several problems with his employees. News reports indicate that, at least twice, messengers were arrested for stealing packages or payments from the company.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
LOS ANGELES HERALD
DECEMBER 24, 1909

tomorrow.

DELIVER PACKAGES, KEEP MONEY; PLEAD GUILTY

Harry Branch and James Johnson pleaded guilty to the charge of having embezzled \$21.50 and \$24 respectively from their employer, A. M. Kupfer, proprietor of a delivery company at 324 East Ninth street, in Justice Chambers' court yesterday.

Kupfer testified that the prisoners delivered a number of packages and collected the money, but failed to turn it in at the office. Kupfer then said that he went to Branch's room, compelled Branch to open his trunk, and therein discovered an envelope which he claims contained the exact money that Branch is alleged to have taken.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

LOS ANGELES LOCAL EXPRESSES

AMERICAN DISTRICT MESSENGER CO.

This express company was organized by Albert M. Kupfer. Mentions of the company exist in newspapers dating as early as 1903. It is not to be confused with the telegraph company of the same name.

The company sold 25¢ stamps in booklets. The back cover of the booklet could also be used as a stamp when attached to a package.



AM. DISTRICT MESSENGER
25¢ STAMP : PURPLE & RED
CONTROL # 688 2



AM. DISTRICT MESSENGER
25¢ STAMP : PURPLE & RED
CONTROL # 688 9



AM. DISTRICT MESSENGER
25¢ STAMP : BACK COVER
CONTROL # 688