

# KNAPP'S JOB IS SECURE

## President Wilson Issues Order Placing Postmasters Under Civil Service.

Postmaster John Knapp, of the local postoffice, is one of the many postmasters in the United States affected by the executive order issued by the president which puts first, second and third class postmasters under the civil service. Official copy of the order has been received at the local postoffice.

The effect of this order is to take the postoffice department of the country practically out of politics, it is claimed, as all appointees to fill vacancies in these postoffices will have to take civil service examination and can then be removed from office only for cause, on the recommendation of the first assistant postmaster general.

The president's order is as follows:

"Hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the position of postmaster of any office of the first, second or third class as a result of death, resignation, removal, or on the recommendation of the first assistant postmaster general to the effect that the efficiency or needs of the service required that a change shall be made the postmaster general shall certify the fact to the civil service commission, which shall forthwith hold an open competitive examination to test the fitness of applicants to fill such vacancy, and when such examination has been held and the papers in connection therewith have been rated, the said commission shall certify the result thereof to the postmaster general who shall submit to the president the name of the highest qualified eligible for the appointment to fill such vacancy unless it is established that the character or residence of such applicant disqualifies him for appointment. No person who has passed his sixty-fifth birthday shall be given the examination herein provided for."