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THE PARCELS POST—ITS ADVANTAGES.

"In my recommendations to Congress for the establishment of a parcels post on rural routes, I have met the objection of the retail merchant and the country storekeeper. The rate which I advocate is five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound, or twenty-five cents for an eleven pound package. This will enable the farmer or the patron of a rural route to order his supplies by telephone or postal card when it is not feasible for him always to drive to town. It will increase the consumption and in that way improve the trade of the country merchant."

Mr. Mever declared that the parcels post now in existence is an injustice to the American people inasmuch as they must pay more for sending packages within the borders of the country than for those sent to twenty-two foreign countries with which the department has made parcels post conventions. What the progressive postmaster general will recommend, therefore, is that Congress abolish this un-American practice. The pound rate to twenty-two countries now is twelve cents while it is sixteen cents within the limits of the United States. The weight limit to these countries is eleven pounds, while our citizens may not send more than four pounds in a single package.

The recommendation of a much lower rate on parcels for rural delivery naturally appeals very strongly to farming communities. Of course, the postmaster general expects much opposition to these advanced ideas. But he is devoting much of his time to perfecting arguments in favor of a parcels post along these lines, his postal savings bank plan, etc. He promised the delegates to the postmasters' convention that all of the influence of which he is possessed will be used in the effort to put these plans through Congress next winter. He takes a business view of the situation. He is at the head of the post-office department for the purpose of administering its affairs for the best good of the people and the government—which is the people.

Special Assessment Notice No. 136.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a sewer be constructed in the ravine running north-easterly through blocks 20 and 29, in said City of Highland Park; also in Linden avenue from said ravine northerly to a point in said avenue opposite the north line of lot 4 in block 20, in said City of Highland Park, with manholes and house junctions, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the County Court of Lake county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having

been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1907, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in seven (7) installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

CHARLES L. FINNEY,
Officer appointed to make said assessment.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, November 1, A. D. 1907.

Special Assessment Notice No. 137.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a connected system of sewers be constructed in Glencoe avenue, Lincoln place and Lincoln avenue in said City of Highland Park, together with manholes, one flushing connection and house junctions, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the county court of Lake county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1907, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments from and after date of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

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