

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR POSTAL SERVICE

To Be Made Where Clerks Have To Do Unnecessary Work; Explanation

No longer will Uncle Sam's post-office department play private secretary to careless correspondents, according to advices received by postmasters which tell of new regulations being put into effect that place charges on postal services that once were courtesies.

The changes affect not only errors in addressing, but apply in other respects where the postal officials no longer feel that the postoffice should do clerical or other work that mailers should do themselves.

The trend became noticeable recently when freak addresses were barred from the mails. Such addresses as "The Lipstick that Won't Rub Off, New York City," were delivered because someone in the postoffice would recall that a certain cosmetic house used that slogan in its advertising. But that's out now.

Charge Aids Correctness

Then came a 10 cent charge for the delivery of "C.O.D." packages on which the sender made some change in the details after package had been mailed. It was common for a sender to notify the postoffice that it had made an error in the "C.O.D." charge and request a correction; or for some other detail to be changed. Such changes required additional clerical work, which the department now feels should be avoided. The charge is made to encourage correct mailing.

In October a 5-cent demurrage charge will be placed on parcels held in the postoffice over 15 days. Such parcels have required additional storage space and the postoffice department feels it is not in the warehouse business. Salesmen are in the habit of ordering goods "C.O.D." from jobbing houses and leaving them in the postoffice until they are ready to call for them.

Keep 10 Per Cent

A new order affects perishable goods. On such articles as chicks, meats, fruit, eggs, etc., which cannot

be delivered and which there is not enough time to return to the sender before they spoil, a charge is now made. The perishables are sold by the postoffice and the proceeds remitted to the sender less 10 per cent commission kept by the postoffice. The minimum charge is 15 cents.

There is pending before congress a bill to charge 5 cents for directory service given to mail. The proposed charge here, too, is to encourage mailing correctly at the source.

Warns Against Wildcat Fur Farming Ventures

The securities division of the Wisconsin railroad commission is beginning an active war against wildcat fur farming ventures, it became known yesterday. A bulletin urging the public to use great care in investing in any such business has been issued.

"The commission is impressed with the dangers surrounding speculative promotions in so-called fur farming projects," it announced in an official statement.

"For some time many of these organizations have carried on business in the state of Wisconsin and other states, including projects for raising foxes, mink, rabbits, muskrats, beaver and other animals.

"This form of promotion offers such unusual and effective opportunity for fraud that the securities division has felt it should warn the public to use great care before making an investment in any form of fur farming venture."

History Is Likely to Repeat, Despite Crape

The politicians and journalists, who predicted in 1922 that an increased tariff would boost the cost of living, reduce wages, cause unemployment and destroy our foreign trade—all of which prophecies were fulfilled by contraries, will not be at all embarrassed when their recent lugubrious forecasts about the effect of new tariff are similarly discredited because by that time they will be out with an entirely new set of prophecies.



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