

Sharp Revision of Increases in Postal Charges

Senate Committee Modifies Bill as Recommended by Postoffice Department; Early Action Sought.

(Continued From Page One.)

acceptable in this class is reduced from eight to four ounces. Increases in this class had been proposed by the postoffice department.

Service charges. Likewise, present fourth-class mail rates, including those on parcel post, are retained. A service charge of 2 cents on all parcel post packages is provided, however, and the excess charge on packages weighing over five pounds is increased slightly.

A new provision creates an expedition service for the parcel post at a cost of 25 cents per package. Under this service packages would receive special dispatching and handling from the point of origin to delivery.

Increases recommended by the post office department on money orders, registered mail, special delivery and insurance and collect-on-delivery services were approved.

Thus, on insurance fees, the minimum is advanced from three to five cents with lesser adjustments in the higher fees. C. o. d. fees are increased from the present 10 and 25 to 12, 15 and 25 cents. Present fees of 3 to 20 cents on money orders are increased from 5 to 22 cents. Registered mail is advanced from 10 to 13 cents with a three-cent fee for return receipt. Present special delivery rates of 19 cents for all matter up to two pounds is unchanged.

Revenue increased. While reduced rates are recommended for second class mail as compared with those proposed by the post office department, Senator Moses estimated the two-cent service charge on parcel post will bring in \$20,000,000 additional and the new expedition service at least \$3,000,000 annually.

Likewise, the reduction on advertising matter in the upper zones is expected by Moses to bring a considerable increase in volume of second class mail by eliminating the use of express and freight by many of the large publishers. The reduction in weight of packages acceptable as third class, he believes, also will drive much business into other classes requiring higher rates.

While the rate increases were generally agreed to in committee, all members reserved the right to seek specific changes when the bill is taken up on the floor. Senator Odde, republican, Nevada, indicated he would seek a cut in the proposed increase on first and second zone rates in second class mail.

Early Action Sought. Acting in almost record time after the conclusion of hearings on the bill, the committee was able to get the

measure before the senate before it votes Tuesday on President Coolidge's veto of the salary increase bill. In fact, Senator Moses indicated he might seek adoption of the new measure on Monday before debate is opened on the veto.

Meanwhile interest over the veto increased today with the suspension of six postal supervisors on charges in connection with the use of money to influence pending postal legislation. The action was discussed in the senate by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, who declared it "smoke screen." He read a statement by officials of four national organizations of postal employees saying the men mentioned had no connection with those organizations.

"The organization involved, the National Association of Supervisory Employees," said the statement, "is composed exclusively of the supervisory officials in first and second class postoffices. In private industry these supervisory officials would be classified as employers or with the managerial or boss group."

At the same time administration leaders expressed confidence that the veto would be sustained. The new rate measure includes the salary increase bill as it was vetoed but with some administration changes made by the committee today.

Ernest Nathan, Sr., Dead; Leaves 56 Descendants

Columbus, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for Ernest Nathan, sr., 80, Nebraska pioneer, who died following a paralytic stroke at his home near Belgrade, were held at St. Paul Lutheran church near there. He is survived by four sons, Julius, Ernest, jr.; Herman and Otto, all of Belgrade, and two daughters, Mrs. Otto Blank, Emblem, Mo., and Mrs. August Zueker, Lindsay, Neb.; also four grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He came to America from Germany in 1869 and settled in Dodge county, Wis. He came to Nebraska by wagon in 1872. His wife, whom he married in 1867, died in 1908.

Injured Man Buys Market Interest With Compensation

York, Jan. 2.—John Zieg, who lost an eye last September was awarded compensation from his employer, George Zieg, at the rate of \$15 a week for 125 weeks. He asked for the money in a lump sum and was given \$1,620.67, with which he purchased an interest in a meat market in Omaha. Zieg was employed in telephone construction and his eye was injured with a piece of wire.

Fire Victim Recovering.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—Mack Anderson, Burlington bridge foreman, who was severely burned about the hands and feet in an attempt to save his son, Roy, in a bunk car fire a few weeks ago at Cuba, Kan., in which he lost his life, has been removed to his home from a hospital here and is slowly recovering. He lost his watch, tools and all his personal effects.

Sears, Roebuck Branch Here Is Now Possible

Big Chicago Business House Would Buy \$500,000 Site, Employ 3,000 at Once.

That Omaha is receiving serious consideration as the city in which Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Chicago proposes to locate a huge new branch to be devoted to both mail order and retail trade was revealed Friday by an official of one of the city's largest concerns.

This official, who asked that his name be not made public, has prepared a list of several sites to show officials of the big Chicago company. These officials were in Kansas City looking at sites early in the week, and are expected to arrive in Omaha within a few days.

Kansas City Fighting. Kansas City is making strenuous efforts to influence the Sears, Roebuck company to locate its branch there. The company already has property in Kansas City, including a retail store. It is believed the officials will make no definite decision until they have inspected sites in Omaha, however, and investigated possibilities of the great trade territory served by this city.

The Sears, Roebuck company requires a site with truckage facilities, and prefers it in at least a semi-residence district," explained the Omaha man who has been in communication with officials of the Chicago concern. "It is their plan, apparently, to operate a retail store in the same building with the wholesale plant. Good street car facilities also are asked."

\$500,000 for Site. The company plans to make an initial expenditure of \$500,000 for land for a site, reports state. When established, the plant will immediately furnish employment for 3,000 persons, and this number would be increased as business develops.

Sears, Roebuck officials expected in Omaha are: C. M. Kettle, president; O. C. Deering, Max Adler and R. E. Wood, vice presidents; A. B. Schmidt, general traffic manager; J. H. Westrich, general purchasing agent, and George C. Nimlin and George Carr, architects.

Stock Brings Good Prices at Farm Sale Near Wymore. Beatrice, Jan. 2.—Cattle and mules brought good prices at the Jones & Harmon farm sale east of Wymore. Forty-one head of cattle brought from \$22.50 to \$71 a head and five spans of mules went for from \$51 to \$182 a head. Horses sold as high as \$75 a head, and farm machinery brought good prices. Mr. Harmon will leave soon for the western part of the state, where he will locate.

CARS STORMED BY RABBIT HUNGRY

(Continued From Page One.)

the human stream was flowing into it. Men and women climbed into the open door. An aged woman boosted her husband up, and he soon came back with three rabbits, and was helped down. About 2,000 rabbits, which were still in the car when the hungry stream of humanity flowed in, were carried off in a few minutes.

General Manager Flynn of the Burlington railroad appeared on the scene and consulted with M. S. Brown, city freight agent, who had been there ever since the cars were "spotted." The Burlington brought the three carloads from Denver to Omaha without charge.

Rich and Poor.

Dean Noyes arrived during the height of the excitement and took personal charge of the distribution.

Automobiles were lined up for two blocks on Jackson street on both sides of the street.

The crowd comprised people of all ages, colors and conditions. Well-dressed men and women alighted from their cars. Poorly-clad men, women and children stood shivering in the snow until they got their rabbits and these were vastly in the majority.

Last 25 Minutes.

Two big truckloads were sent out to each of the half-dozen other distributing stations and were "gobbled up" as fast as they arrived by the waiting crowds. These stations were at Eleventh and Jackson streets, Sixteenth and Fort streets, Thirtieth and Potter streets, Twenty-fourth and Willis avenue and South Omaha city hall.

Two truckloads went to Council Bluffs where, in Bayliss park, they lasted just 25 minutes.

In Fine Condition.

The last rabbit was gone from the boxcar at 10:40, just one hour and 55 minutes after the unloading started.

"I never saw or heard of anything like it," said Manager Flynn of the Burlington. "We're glad to have aided The Omaha Bee in this genuine New Year's feast."

"I think it was the greatest distribution of free meat the state has ever seen," said City Commissioner Noyes. "It was a great idea by The Omaha Bee. The animals were all in fine condition. The cold weather kept them just nicely refrigerated."

Cleveland Minister Accepts Beatrice Call

Beatrice, Jan. 2.—Rev. E. B. Barnes of Cleveland, O., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Christian church here to succeed Rev. M. Lee Sorey, who went to Salina, Kan. Mr. Barnes will assume his new duties next Sunday. His family will join him January 15.

Mrs. A. J. Shaw Dies on Coast

Beatrice, Jan. 2.—Word has been received here announcing the death of Mrs. A. J. Shaw, formerly of this city, at her home in Los Angeles. She was a sister of Mrs. John Shaw of this city.

See Want Ads produce results.

Corn Crop Helps Business at York

Conditions in City and County Show Marked Improvement.

York, Jan. 2.—Conditions in all lines of business in York and York county have materially improved in the past few months, owing to the good corn crop and high prices. York county corn crop is reported the best in the state and farmers are disposing of it at a good figure. Being an agricultural region the fortunes of town and county are interwoven so that with improved crop conditions business men in town are reaping a bit of prosperity.

No great building boom is reported, but contractors report a total of 20 homes built or remodeled into late types of bungalow or cottage house. The majority of them have up-to-date built-in features.

The Lutherans have just completed a handsome new church home, costing about \$40,000. York contractors built the state institution building at Beatrice. They have also built several filling stations, single and double garages, a \$3,000 farm barn electrically equipped and one of the largest corn cribs in the state, costing \$6,000 complete with an elevator for moving the grain and all other up-to-date details. A new flouring mill has been built in York during the year, making a total of about \$200,000.

Considerable work has been done in beautifying the town by additional work on the boulevards, taking down signs and in other ways adding to the appearance of the approaches to York.

Farm Home Burned.

Beatrice, Jan. 2.—The farmhouse of Garrett Sathoff, farmer living southwest of Barneston, was destroyed by fire with most of its contents. The cause is unknown. The loss will amount to about \$2,500; insurance \$800.

Not the Greatest Reductions In the City, But the Lowest Prices

This is the time of year when all stores clear their stocks of merchandise to make room for new goods. During the period, this store will sell to its patrons the same high quality they are accustomed to expect, for less than the former prices. We will not have the largest reductions in the city, but we will have the lowest prices.

Thompson-Belden's January Sale is a sale of first quality merchandise, the only sort sold in this store. There will be no seconds or imperfect goods masquerading as bargains.

Featured are Linens, Ready-to-Wear, Silks, Cotton and Woolen Fabrics, Bedding and Accessories.

Thompson-Belder

"The Best Place to Shop, After All"

Buy NOW!

Renewed Electric WASHERS and IRONERS

We have fifty electric washers, completely overhauled and renewed. Each one of these machines carries the same guarantee as the new washers.

Now is the time to buy, for these washers will be quickly purchased at the special prices ranging from \$90 to \$140.

An Opportunity to Save From \$25 to \$35

Every machine in good running order; guaranteed for one year.

Subject To Prior Sale

Thor

Easy

Thor Ironer

We have three Thor electric ironers that are in A-1 shape. These are regular \$165 machines. Your choice, \$140.

15th & Farnam "ELECTRIC SHOP" 15th & Farnam

Nebraska Power Co.

Inventories Sale

At BERG'S

Every Suit and Overcoat in Our Stock Included

Every suit and overcoat that formerly sold up to \$30.00. Look at These Prices

Excellent suits and overcoats, all new stock, values up to \$37.50. \$24.75

Our choicest and finest garments—suits and overcoats that are not surpassed by any clothing in the city. Values to \$65.00. \$34.75

\$17.75

\$34.75

\$44.75

All Sizes -- All Styles Men's and Young Men's Models

House of Kuppenheimer Included

Berg Clothing Co., 1415 Farnam

Buy NOW!

Renewed Electric WASHERS and IRONERS

We have fifty electric washers, completely overhauled and renewed. Each one of these machines carries the same guarantee as the new washers.

Now is the time to buy, for these washers will be quickly purchased at the special prices ranging from \$90 to \$140.

An Opportunity to Save From \$25 to \$35

Every machine in good running order; guaranteed for one year.

Subject To Prior Sale

Thor

Easy

Thor Ironer

We have three Thor electric ironers that are in A-1 shape. These are regular \$165 machines. Your choice, \$140.

15th & Farnam "ELECTRIC SHOP" 15th & Farnam

Nebraska Power Co.