

LESS MONEY FOR STAMPS

Recent Agreement Between Postmasters of Great Britain and United States—New Rate Goes Into Effect on October 1.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.
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Washington, D. C., July 8.—The recent agreement between the postmasters-general of the United States and Great Britain upon a letter postage rate of 2 cents an ounce, is expected to broaden the field of international correspondence greatly and lead to a large increase in the revenues derived from the trans-Atlantic postal service. The new rate, which goes into effect October 1, will be substituted for the current rate of 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents for each additional ounce. By this agreement Great Britain will join Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Panama as the beneficiary of the present United States domestic letter-postage rate, which also extends to Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam, the Philippines, Midway Islands and Alaska outside the continental United States.

The new rate is in the nature of an experiment, but that it will prove successful is not doubted. It is predicted that its success will lead other foreign countries to seek a similar concession from the United States, reducing the rates of postage between the principal European countries and this one to the present American domestic rate of 2 cents an ounce, perhaps the dream of the so-called penny postage enthusiasts will be realized by the enforcement of a 1-cent per ounce rate on domestic letters. Whether other countries will be added to this list will depend, so postoffice department officials believe, upon whether they think a 2-cent rate would increase or diminish their revenues. America does not conduct its postal service as a money-making institution. The policy of this government has been, and doubtless will continue to be, to furnish the best practicable postal facilities for all the people regardless of cost or revenue. The rates of postage are not so with other countries, however. They derive a large part of their national incomes from the postage they usually need the money, whereas we have had a deficit for many years in the postal service.

Increased Business.

The reduction of postal rates leads to an increased business and larger receipts in the end. The history of the United States postal service proves this. In the case of our foreign mail business with Great Britain, for instance, the number of letters received from that country was 11,000,000 annually 10 years ago. Since then there has been an increase of nearly 100 per cent, the total number of letters received here from Great Britain having been 20,000,000 last year. It has been estimated that during the year ending June 30, 1907, the receipts from the operation of the new postal agreement there will be a falling off of \$800,000 in the receipts of the British treasury. A similar decline is expected in the United States, but with a very few years it is believed the revenues will increase over what they are now, by reason of the expected growth in international postal business.

Last year the total weight of mails dispatched by sea to different foreign countries aggregated 145,422,830 pounds, of which 2,078,117 pounds were letters and post cards. During the same period, it is estimated, \$8,573,775.46 was received by the postoffice department as postage on articles exchanged with foreign countries, of which \$6,579,043.48 was collected on mail matter from countries other than Great Britain. In excess of the net cost of the service with all countries except those named. However, the cost referred to does not include the cost of transporting foreign mail matter or articles destined for foreign countries to and from the offices where they are delivered and mailed. This expense is borne out of the annual appropriation for transportation of mails. It is stated, however, that the receipts from the foreign mail service are large enough to pay all the expenses of the United States, and leave a comfortable surplus besides.

Mail Convict Escapes.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Boise, Idaho, July 8.—Ira Harbor, who was serving a half a dozen years in the penitentiary here, has escaped and the officers are scouring the country for him.

A GOLDEN WEDDING

Means that man and wife have lived to a good old age and consequently have kept healthy. The best way to keep healthy is to see that your liver does its duty 365 days out of 365. There are 80 germs in the house and take it whenever your liver gets inactive. 50 cents per bottle. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of *Wm. Wood*
See Pan-Atlantic Wrapper Below.
Very small and as easy to take as sugar.
FOR HEADACHE, FOR DIZZINESS, FOR NERVOUSNESS, FOR TORPID LIVER, FOR CONSTIPATION, FOR SALLOW SKIN, FOR THE COMPLEXION.
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NEW GLUE IN MURDER

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ITALIAN MANIAC ARRESTED AT ALTAR

While kneeling at the altar of St. Michael's church in early morning devotion, an unknown Italian whose actions have struck terror to the priests and worshippers of the church in the last few days, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Jones.

The man is declared by the physician who later examined him to be a dangerous type of maniac. At 4 o'clock in the morning he would be seen at the church, waiting for the doors to be opened so that he might enter. He was sullen and his demeanor was such as to frighten other worshippers. Father Ig. A. Valls feared that the man would commit some desperate deed and made complaint to the sheriff Monday.

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For Bedroom

If you want something different in the line of bedroom furniture—furniture that possesses strong individuality—your wishes can be satisfied here.

No. 215—Royal oak or fir Dresser, regular \$15; made of well-seasoned material, serpentine front; reduced to \$9.25

No. 5108—Golden oak Dresser, regular value \$21, swell front, 22x27 oval French bevel-plate mirror, now reduced to \$12.40

No. 198—White maple Dresser, regular value \$17.50; 20x24 oval French bevel-plate mirror, serpentine top; red. to \$11.75

No. 148—Chiffonier, regular value \$17.50; 15x19 French bevel mirror, serpentine top, 5 drawers, made of well-seasoned hardwood \$11.75

No. 7100—Regular \$19 natural ash Bed, colonial design; reduced to \$10.50

Powers' Pre-Inventory Sale

Our Pre-Inventory Sale has been a wonderful success. For bargains Portland has never seen anything to compare with it. We have again gone through the lots, replenishing them from higher-priced lines, determined that the many people that come tomorrow will find as many tempting bargains as were offered during the first days of this sale.

No. 8534—Regular \$22.50 China Cabinet; has 4 shelves, round glass ends; in golden oak and weathered finish; reduced to \$14.35

No. 327—Regular \$35.00 Extension Table, 45-inch top, 6-foot, 3/4-sawed oak, in \$18.25

No. 2192—Regular \$26 China Cabinet, solid oak, in golden finish; has four shelves and round glass ends; reduced to \$16.75

No. 1920—Regular \$36 Buffet, quarter-sawed oak, polished finish; 23x45-inch top; French bevel-plate mirror; reduced to \$23.50

No. 2705; Regular \$32.00 Buffet in golden oak or weathered oak finish; 2 doors and 3 drawers; 10x34 French bevel-plate mirror..... \$18.75

No. 5303—Regular \$16.00 Side Table, solid oak, weathered glass ends; reduced to \$9.75

GO-CARTS

Steel Range \$27.75
Regular Value \$36

\$11.00 Folding Foyer Go-Cart, rubber tire, spring seat and reclining back; reduced to, special..... \$7.50

No. 3204—\$6.00 Folding Go-Cart, rattan seat and back, rubber tires; special..... \$4.75

No. 8240—\$12.00 Folding Reclining Go-Cart, upholstered seat and back, rubber tires and parasol; reduced to..... \$8.00

No. 8146—\$15 Folding Reclining Go-Cart, red body, cushion rubber tire wheels; reduced to..... \$10.00

No. 9864—Regular \$19.00 Baby Carriage, heavy red body, cushion fire wheels; special price for this sale only..... \$11.00

EASY CHAIRS

Steel Range \$27.75
Regular Value \$36

No. 2407 1/2—Regular \$29.00 Sleeping Hollow Chair, weathered oak finish, upholstered in genuine leather; reduced to..... \$17.50

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No. 4108—Regular \$22.00 high-back Comfort Rocker, polished mahogany, olive leather seat, slat back; reduced to..... \$12.25

No. 5634—Regular \$17.50 Rocker, solid quarter-sawed oak, golden finish, leather seat and back; reduced to..... \$9.75