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FARMERS OBJECT TO INCREASED PARCEL POST RATES.

Farmers are objecting strenuously to the proposals carried in the Paige-Kelly-Edge bills which would increase the parcel post rates three times and also raise the rates on fourth class matter, and farmers are urged to voice their objections to their representatives.

These bills will give an increase of \$150,000,000 to the postal employees and this increase would be paid primarily by the farmers because it is proposed to secure the money for these higher salaries through advancing the rates on parcel post and fourth class matter only. The parcel post business represents only a small proportion of the total business of the Postoffice department and yet the increase is to be paid through the parcel post and by the people whose purchasing power is the lowest of all the farmers. This is rank injustice. It is being opposed by the Farm Bureau Federation.

The farmers know that some of the postal employees may not get as high pay as they should and they are also appreciative of the high grade service which the department renders. Nevertheless the farmers cannot see the equity in requiring them to bear the entire burden or even any considerable proportion of the increase in salaries.

Farmer Pays Rates Both Ways.

There is no argument as to who pays the parcel post charges as far as the farmer is concerned, for the money which he gets for his products which he markets through the parcel post is the city price minus the cost of getting the produce to the city. Likewise when he orders goods from the city he has to pay the cost of bringing the goods to his door. Since he is by far the largest parcel post user there is no doubt but what he would have to pay practically the entire increase in postal salaries under this arrangement.

More than a year ago congress decided to go into the question of postal rates on a scientific basis. It appropriated one-half million dollars for that purpose. It has a vast amount of data regarding the carrying of all classes of mail and the charges for money orders, registered letters, special deliveries and insured packages. But it has not had opportunity to study the figures which it has obtained from a number of sources and it will not be in position to make recommendations based upon these facts for the next three months or more. Consequently any action taken by congress at this time in saddling the cost of increased salaries on to the parcel post system and the farmer is unjustified, for congress, in appropriating the one-half million dollars, admitted that the rates should be adjusted scientifically and not blindly.

Post Office Department Want to Be Fair.

Upon being forced into the position of recommending an increase in postal salaries at this time the postoffice department recommended an increase of \$40,000,000 instead of \$150,000,000 carried in the bills now under consideration. We believe the postoffice department is much more competent to determine where the increase in rates should be made—if they have to be made—than members of congress who do not have access to any such data.

We further believe that the postoffice department itself would be in a much better position to recommend changes in the postal rates after it has studied the data which it has recently secured and we therefore believe that no increase should be made in the parcel post rates until the study is completed. Certainly no congressman will reflect the farmers' views in this matter until he is able to prove to them that he has made use of the one-half million dollars which he appropriated to the postoffice department. Local, state and federal taxes are more than the farmers can bear at this time and even the other groups of our national life admit that the farmers are paying more than their share.

There is no proof to show that the parcel post is being operated at an actual loss, or a material loss, and the deficit in the postoffice department in all of its activities was less than half as large last year as it was in 1920.

Further, there is nothing to show that an increase in the parcel post rates would not actually increase the loss in the department instead of decrease it. Parcel post rates now are so high in some instances that it is cheaper to use the express companies' service, and an increase in the parcel post would be quite likely to build up the express business at the expense of the postoffice department.

Thus if congress places this additional burden on agriculture it may also increase general taxation through actually increasing the postoffice deficit which, of course, must be met by federal taxation.

The senate has passed the soldier bonus bill with some slight amendments which when accepted by the house will put the bonus up to President Coolidge.

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POWELL VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmblad and Mrs. Augusta Palmblad took dinner last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gustafson and family in Portland Sunday and attended the Swedish Baptist church, in the evening, hearing the new pastor, the Rev. J. Alfred Erickson, who has recently arrived from Duluth, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan Magnuson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gustafson and family at dinner last Sunday.

The Rev. O. J. Wilner will speak at the Mission church Sunday morning on the theme of "The True Relationship," and in the evening on "My Lord and My God." The evening service will be in English. He will preach at Damascus at 3 p. m. on "The Eternal Knowledge." The confirmation class will meet Saturday at 2 p. m. and the young people's meeting will be Tuesday evening.

Miss Audrey Johnson underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils Wednesday.

Mrs. David Johnston visited from Sunday till Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lundquist, her husband spending the time with a party which went to Bend on a fishing trip. He was successful in landing 50 fine trout.

Mrs. Frank Gustafson visited with her brothers, Charley and Albert Palmblad and families on Wednesday, also was the guest of Miss Ellen Unis for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Versteeg, the former one of the pipe line construction overseers, are boarders at the H. P. Christenson home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tilgner of Gresham, also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swanson of Victory were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson.

Mrs. John Hulander has been bedfast with an attack of the grip but is in a fair way to recover at present.

Mrs. Swan Magnuson will be the hostess for the Deborah Ladies' Aid

which will meet at the church Thursday afternoon, May 1, at 2 o'clock. H. J. Svarvari came down from Silverton Tuesday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Arvidson till Wednesday. They were old acquaintances in Lake Norden, South Dakota.

SPANISH AMERICAN VETS FUN FESTIVAL

The Spanish-American war vets, Scout Young Camp No. 2 and allied orders, will put on a two-day fun festival at the public auditorium, Portland, May 2 and 3. The object is to raise funds to send a strong delegation back to the 1924 National Encampment at Michigan city to pull for the 1925 encampment at Portland, Oregon.

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