

GIVING OUR BIRTHRIGHT AWAY

A Preachment on the Parcel Post by Elbert Hubbard

What is Parcel Post? I'll tell you. It is an extension of the business of the postoffice department so that all business now done by the express companies shall be done by the postoffice department.

Gradually the postoffice department in all civilized countries has grown until it is now the best example we can name of a Socialistic betterment. It works for all, and no matter how rich or how influential you are, you cannot buy stamps at a discount.

With the express companies, however, it is different—if you know how, you can participate in the perquisites. Express rates are arbitrary, changeable, and very often towns that are on the line of the American Express one day awake the next morning to find themselves sold out to the Wells-Fargo. Places we once could send packages to at a single rate now require double.

There is not a civilized country on earth that divides up its postoffice business with express companies as we do.

Giving a Birthright Away.

Why we as a people pay tribute to the express companies I do not know. There is not a single valid argument that can be put forth for their existence. The postoffice department belongs to the people—to all the people. We delegate carriers and agents to transport our letters. But packages above four pounds we piously give to the hands of private corporations who have no direct interest in the people beyond the desire to exploit them. We pay these corporations double for doing the work that we could do for ourselves.

It is as if my own boys could and would spade my garden at ten cents an hour, but instead of letting them do it, I hire it done by a corporation at twenty cents an hour.

Things sent by registered mail are safer than if sent by express, because the penalty for rifling mail is much more severe than for appropriating express matter. You can monkey with

Tom Platt, but you cannot play the same game on your Uncle Samuel.

Wanamaker-Knew Why.

When John Wanamaker, the man who inaugurated the one price system, and the greatest merchant of his time, was postmaster general of the United States, he was asked his opinion of the parcels post.

"Splendid," was his reply; "splendid—I wish we might have it here."

"Well, Mr. Wanamaker, why cannot you inaugurate it?"

"There are five insurmountable obstacles."

"Will you name them, please?"

"First, there is the American Express company; second, the United States Express company; third, the Adams Express company; fourth, the Wells-Fargo Express company; fifth, the Southern Express company."

If we ask for the parcels post, and ask in faith, we will get it. Work and pray—hustle and supplicate—there is nothing finer.

Farmers everywhere pray for the parcel post.

Sixty-nine per cent of our population lives in cities of ten thousand and under. Sixty-nine per cent of our population is urban or suburban.

We want the parcel post.

The rural free delivery has educated the party that inaugurated it. Every good thing begins as something else, and no one seemed to anticipate the R. F. D. would be an object lesson in applied Socialism.

Making Rural Carriers Useful.

No sooner had the rural carriers commenced their task of carrying mail, when the people along their routes began asking them to do errands. Instead of 40 farmers going to town to buy 40 spools of thread, the mail carrier, with his little wagon, did the business. This useful servant of Uncle Sam, besides carrying letters and newspapers, carried telegrams, thread, binder twine, sugar and sacks of flour. In many instances his business increased so that he drove two horses instead of one, and had a wagon that could carry a ton. All he officially had to do was get over his route within a certain time and deliver and gather his mail. Beyond this the department made no restrictions.

But soon the express companies saw what he was doing. They and the local merchants combined and complaints were lodged with the postoffice department.

An order was issued that carriers should not carry packages that weighed

FACTS IN NATURE.

Not Only Do We Get Inspiration From Nature, But Health as Well.

For people who are run-down and nervous, who suffer from indigestion or dyspepsia, headache, biliousness, or torpid liver, coated tongue with bitter taste in the morning and poor appetite, it becomes necessary to turn to some tonic or strengthener which will assist Nature and help them to get on their feet and put the body into its proper condition. It is becoming more and more apparent that Nature's most valuable health-giving agents are to be found in forest plants and roots.

Nearly forty years ago, Dr. R. V. Pierce, now consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., discovered that by selection of extracting and combining certain medicinal principles from native roots, taken from our American forests, he could produce a medicine which was marvelously efficient in curing cases of blood disorder and liver and stomach trouble as well as many other chronic, or lingering ailments. This concentrated extract of Nature's vitality he named "Golden Medical Discovery." It purifies the blood by putting the stomach and liver into healthy condition, thereby helping the digestion and assimilation of food which feeds the body, and it cures weak stomach, indigestion, torpid liver, or biliousness, and kindred derangements.

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four pounds or less—all such had to be stamped.

But the carriers still carried bags of flour, dogs, calves, and occasionally led horses. They also carried telegrams, but on each one placed a two-cent stamp, thus making it a letter.

But behold, on July 1, 1904, an order went out that no carrier should carry anything that was not strictly mail matter.

Will Help Farmer Most.

Then the farmers howled and they will howl more. They will howl until they get their parcels post.

Why shouldn't the carriers serve the people by carrying anything the people need or want?

And nobody can tell why, excepting Tommy Mephisto Platt and the local merchants.

But many of the local merchants realize that the R. F. D. is a good thing for them. The carrier used to bring them many orders and in various ways served them by delivering goods to customers.

That leaves Tom Platt alone as a kicker against the parcel post.

What good are the express companies?

None at all. Everything they do and every service they render could be done safer better and one-half cheaper by the postoffice department.

Way to Meet Deficiency.

A deficiency of \$15,000,000 in the postoffice department for the current year, as all parties are, is owing to the extension of the rural delivery.

When the rural delivery carriers were allowed to carry all kinds of packages on their own account, and thereby accommodate and serve the people along their routes, there was only a very small deficiency. And even this deficiency could have been avoided if we had paid only a fair and just rate to the railroads for handling mail cars.

When the order was issued that rural carriers should not carry packages that were not stamped, the government had to pay the carriers more money.

We had largely taken away their usefulness by limiting the size of the package they shall carry.

The law positively forbids any carrier delivering a package that weighs over four pounds, unless this package has come across the sea, in which case some foreign government has received the whole pay for carrying and delivering the parcel.

A Captain Kid Law.

The reason that there is a postoffice deficiency is because we have a Captain Kidd law to the effect that no package weighing over four pounds shall go through the mails.

There is a pleantry to the effect that laws exist only through the consent of the governed. This refusal of the part of the postoffice to carry packages weighing over four pounds is against the positive desire of most of the people. It is solely for the benefit and in the interests of the express companies.

Suppose the government should issue an order that no man should ride in his own wagon on penalty, nor should he carry packages except of a certain size and weight! Well, that is exactly what is happening now; the carriers, paid by the people, daily cover the routes by wagons and on foot, and the express companies dictate what they shall carry, forbidding them to serve the people, who employ them as the people desire.

Who has the \$15,000,000 deficit? Where Our Money Goes.

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The postoffice department exists for the people, we are told. The real fact is that to a great degree it exists for the railroads who handle the mail cars, and great care is also shown not to interfere with the express companies, which are owned by the same men who own the railroads.

Give us the parcel post and there will be no deficit.

And the way to get the parcel post is to vote only for congressmen who are pledged in favor of it, and who remember that pledge in Washington, and use their influence to bring it about.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for 11 years." Sure cure for biliousness, neuralgia, weakness and all stomach, liver, kidney and bladder troubles. A wonderful tonic. At J. C. Perry's drug store. 50 cents.

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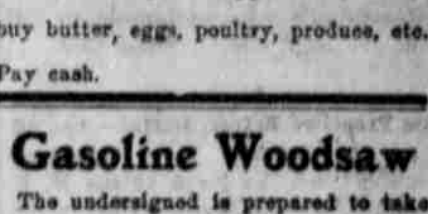
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