

SPECIAL STAMPS FOR PARCELS POST

**Distinctive Stamps to be Used on
all the Fourth Class
Matter.**

The U. S. Postal department has sent out special instructions to postmasters throughout the country regarding the parcels post, which goes into effect January 1.

The department has requested that the widest publicity possible be given to the new regulations. The bulletin states that among other things distinctive parcel post stamps must be used on all fourth class matter beginning January 1, 1913, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "held for postage." Stamps other than regulation parcels post stamps placed upon such packages will be lost to the sender. Parcels will be mailable only at post offices, branch post offices, letter and local-named stations and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster. All parcels must bear the return card of the sender, otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

The new stamps have been received at the local office. They are made in five denominations—1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 cent. The one cent stamp shows a post office clerk at work, the two cent shows a city carrier, the five cent a mail train, the ten cent a steamship and mail tender, and the twenty-five cent a manufacturing scene.

Heavy Mail

The rural carriers out of Binford report a heavy mail during the month of November. The previous month was expected to be a lot heavier, owing to the large amount of politi-

tical matter, but from a statement showing the November business, the carriers have had no relief.

The mail on route number one, C. F. Heinsen, carrier, was the heaviest. During the month he handled 10,282 pieces, the weight of which was 1,052 pounds. Of this number 8,914 pieces were distributed and 1,368 collected. All the collected mail was first-class matter. 3,522 pieces of first-class matter were distributed.

On route two, J. D. Reid, carrier, 4,558 pieces were handled, weighing 509 pounds. 4,078 pieces were distributed and 480 collected. 824 pieces of first class mail was distributed.

Knute Rogny, on route three, handled 4,556 peices, with a weight of 507 pounds. 4,110 pieces were distributed and 446 pieces collected. He distributed 800 pieces of first-class matter.

In all, 19,396 pieces, weighing 2068 pounds, were handled by the three carriers.

Best Gift of All

Remember when you are planning your Christmas gifts for your many friends who live at a distance, that a year's subscription to this paper will be the most acceptable gift for the ones who have at one time lived in this vicinity. It is a weekly letter telling of the doings of old time friends and can be sent for the same cost as a written letter, less the time taken to write the pages. The paper will tell more things in one week than you would write in fifty-two weeks. Whoever is the recipient of your kindness will remember you with thanks each week for a whole year.

FOR SALE—My pool hall in Binford, N. Dak. I will sell on easy terms and will accept a new Ford runabout or good horses, or part cash and the balance on terms to suit purchaser.—Ben Ford, Ryder, N. D.

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