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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1897.

IN THE report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General for the fiscal year ended on the 30th last June, a recommendation is made urging that hereafter all classes of mail matter shall be fully prepaid before dispatch in the mails. The question of compulsory full prepayment of postage has been discussed in the past both by Congress and the Postmasters General, with the result that the present laws provide that all classes of mail matter except letters and all first class matter shall be fully prepaid before transmission through the mails, but first class mail matter may be dispatched if one full rate of 2 cents per ounce is prepaid, the additional postage, if any, being collected on delivery. It will therefore be seen that the present law nearly coincides with the views of the Third Assistant Postmaster General and that his recommendation applies only to first class matter, which if adopted by Congress and enacted into law would mean that thereafter any article deposited in the mails with less than the full amount of postage prepaid would be "held for postage," and, the sender being unknown, a notice sent to the addressee entailing a delay of from 1 to 12 days in the delivery, and in the event of the addressee failing to remit sufficient stamps to pay the postage such articles would be sent to the Dead Letter Office and the sender would not only lose the amount of postage paid

but the value of the contents as well and the government would be the gainer to that extent without performing any service whatever. We do not agree with the recommendation regarding first class mail matter, neither do we believe in compulsory full prepayment on any class of matter mailed by the general public; but, on the contrary, believe that a change should be made in the present law allowing all classes of domestic mail matter prepaid one full rate of postage to be transmitted through the mails charged with the unpaid postage, if any, to be collected on delivery to the addressee, and thus give equivalent service for the money paid in postage.

It may be said that such a law would result in loss to the government, as many people would purposely send mail matter insufficiently prepaid if they knew it would be forwarded to destination, and thereby multiply the amount of unpaid mail matter which, if undelivered, would cause additional expense to the Post Office Department; but we believe the people have grown beyond the thoughts and ideas prevalent years ago when all postage was paid on delivery, and that the only real reason why any class of mail matter is now posted short-paid is through inadvertence and lack of knowledge as to the exact amount of postage needed, and especially so in free delivery post offices where the people seldom go to the office. The people have for many years been educated to prepay postage and undoubtedly desire to do so under all circumstances. Most people dislike to send parcels to friends or others with unpaid charges. In these days it would hardly be a polite or friendly thing to do.

Ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker in his annual report for 1892 presented a very strong argument for a change in the present law in line with the opinion we have expressed, which, if adopted, would make the postal service what it was and is intended to be—a prompt and sure means of communication between the people.

WE are pleased to learn that our suggestion that the public road between Pinehurst and Carthage should be improved is bearing fruit. We understand that Lawyer McNeil of Carthage is circulating a petition to raise money to straighten and grade the road, put up sign boards, and place mile-stones at the proper places. We wish Mr. McNeil success in his efforts, and THE OUTLOOK will be glad to receive any contribution to accomplish the object sought, and turn it over to Mr. McNeil for proper disbursement.

ON our first page we present an article on Pinehurst mechanically, from the pen of Mr. A. C. Butler, chief engineer of the mechanical department. Mr. Butler has

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## They Like "The Outlook."

We are daily in receipt of letters from people in all parts of the country praising THE OUTLOOK and expressing the intention of visiting our village during the coming winter. The following are samples:

ALTON BAY, N. H., Nov. 4, 1897.  
MR. F. T. SPINNEY, PUBLISHER:

DEAR SIR,—We have received the third number of THE OUTLOOK and like it so well that will go you fifty cents better by enclosing money order for one dollar for one year, instead of six months. Am in hopes to see you before winter is gone; can't tell for certain. Give my best regards to the editor.

Truly yours,  
J. H. DOWNING.

F. T. SPINNEY, PUBLISHER:

I enclose fifty cents for THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK for six months. I enjoyed my stay in Pinehurst very much and hope to go again, and I wish to keep posted on what is going on, the improvements being made, etc.

Yours truly,  
MRS. GEORGE M. STEARNS.

Last night a thomas cat mounted a fence in the rear of a Southside residence and called "Marier!" Directly a window was raised and a sweet voice replied, "Is that you Willie?"—Exchange.

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