

## Letter Registry is Higher

Postmaster General Will Increase Fee From Eight to Ten Cents.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has signed an order increasing the fee for the registration of mail from eight to ten cents, to take effect November 1.

This action followed the recommendation of the committee now investigating the registry service and is in accordance with the views of the registry experts recently in conference on the subject at Washington.

The order also increases the maximum indemnity paid to the owner of a lost or rifled letter from \$25 to \$50, thus doubling the department's liability for valuable articles entrusted to its registry branch. This additional insurance of \$25 for two cents is granted at a much lower rate than is offered for similar amount by any private concern.

The changes ordered, the Postmaster General says, constitutes the first move toward making the postal service self-sustaining.—Washington Herald.

### A SNAKE IN THE ROOM.

The Tale of an Odd Adventure in Northern Brazil.

Mr. Edward H. Cooper's article on South America and his reference to its poisonous snakes remind me of an interesting adventure of a friend of mine in northern Brazil.

My friend was making a collection of the poisonous snakes of the neighborhood, and as every one around us was aware of the fact many gifts of the kind were offered him. One evening he was writing at a table when a local person brought him a small specimen of one of the most deadly poisonous snakes of the neighborhood. My friend who was very busy asked him to put it in a glass jar on the table, which was accordingly done.

Unfortunately the hot night and other soporific influences proved too much for my friend's waking powers. He went to sleep with his head on the table and slept peacefully till awakened by a fearful crash. He had knocked the table over, with the lamp on it; the lamp had naturally been put out, and, as his senses slowly returned he remembered that the glass jar had also fallen to the floor and the snake must now be loose.

Obviously the best thing to do was to jump on the bed and shout for help and light. But the hut was empty and no help came. One could spend the night standing on a bed roaring for help; so, as there was only a space of about eight feet between him and the door, the snake collector jumped down from the bed and resolved to make a rush for it. He had taken his boots off at an early part of the evening, and as he jumped he felt as sharp vicious nip in the heel of his right foot.

My friend was a man with plenty of cool presence of mind. A servant entered the hut at that moment. He summoned him, told him curtly that he had not five minutes to live and proceeded to dictate a will and various directions to his traveling companion and one or two other persons. But death tarried an unaccountably long time, and presently the reason of this became apparent. The snake was curled up in a far corner of the room, swaying and hissing angrily, and my friend had jumped off the bed on to a piece of broken glass with which the floor of his room was liberally strewn.—London Saturday Review.

Miss Grace Hill, 12 years old died at the home of her parents near Caraway Oct. 6th, and was buried in the Sheppard cemetery October 7.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Spoon were visitors at Joel Hammond's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Smith of Michfield were welcome guests at Wm. Cox's Sunday.

Clason Hammond spent Sunday afternoon at Newton Allen's.

Several of our young people attended services at Scott's Chapel Sunday.

Mrs. O. D. Lawrence and children and Miss Pearle Spencer of Why Not spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives on Seagrove R. F. D. No. 2.

Miss Jewel Alled spent part of last week with relatives in Why Not.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Allen spent Sunday at Dr. D. J. Johnston's near Why Not.

Uncle Branson Presnell who is very sick does not seem to improve.

### Caraway R. F. D.

The farmers are busy fixing to sew wheat.

Rev. J. F. Allred preached his last sermon for this year last Saturday night at Mt. Tabor, we are sorry to note.

E. M. Yates has moved to Denton where he and others will run a lumber plant Mr. Yates will be missed in the church as was the organist at Mt. Tabor. Good luck to Mr. Yates and his family.

Miss Sallie B. Lucky visited Miss Bessie Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Ridge is on the sick list we are sorry to note.

### Ramsur.

Mrs. A. R. Vestal of Greensboro spent the past few weeks with her mother Mrs. Bray at Coleridge. She spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Harris Marley and left Monday for her home.

The Chrysanthemums in town are beginning to show up nicely and we predict that there will be many fine flowers to be seen at the coming show.

Master Graydon Allred fell and broke his arm on last Friday.

Sam Slack of Asheboro has been spending the past week with his parents.

Acie Macon of Ramsur No. 1 is with Watkin Leonard Hdw. Co

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Miss Olive West spent the past two weeks in Greensboro.

A revival meeting is going on in the Holliness Church this week.

The parsonage of the M. E. church has been considerably enlarged.

### Holly Springs.

Shuckings are thick in this section.

A 11½ lb boarder arrived at E. W. Brown's last week, making the tenth child.

J. T. Scott and wife are visiting at Gulf.

Paten Cox, of Indiana, is visiting relatives in this section. He is a brother to Caroline York, who died last week. He was reared in this neighborhood but of late lived in Oklahoma where he had a valuable farm until about 18 months ago when a terrible cyclone swept him and his family, except wife, quite a distance, destroying practically everything he had. He has since been renting his farm, and came to Indiana to live.

Joe Welborn and wife attended the fair this week at Greensboro.

Master Edgar Stimpson of near Brown has been spending some time with his uncle Chas. Bray.

Several of this section attended the protracted meeting at Mt. Carmel last Sabbath.

The Baraca class at this place will be reorganized next Sunday, so we hear.

Gurney Brown contemplates moving to Ramsur in the near future.

Vasco Brown and sister Miss Lena attended the baptising at Moffitts Mill last Sunday.

Miss Beaman Comer returned home last Monday after spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. J. Scott.

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