

# INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES

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## Two-cent Postal Cards and Three-cent Stamps is the New Order.

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Postmaster J. A. Knapp has received official word from the postoffice department that under the act of congress approved, Oct. 3, 1917, changing the rate of postage, the department will begin issuing 2-cent postal cards and 3-cent postage stamps and stamped envelopes as soon as a supply can be furnished.

The order states that it will be possible, however, to supply them in sufficient quantities to exchange stocks of 1-cent postal cards, 2-cent stamps or 2-cent envelopes held by the public or by postmasters. It will therefore be necessary, beginning Nov. 2, when the new postage rates become effective for postmasters to continue the sale of 1-cent cards and 2-cent envelopes while their stock lasts, and for the public to fix stamps to cards and envelopes to the amount of the increase of postage.

Printed price lists will be issued to Postmaster Knapp by the post-office department as soon as received from the printer.

Another change has been made by the postoffice department. Beginning with the first of this month the Cooperstown postoffice was made the central accounting postoffice for Griggs county. The other postoffices will get all their supplies of postcards, stamps, stamped envelopes, and stamped wrappers through the Cooperstown postoffice instead of each sending individual requisitions to Washington. All the reports for these offices will go through the Cooperstown office. Postmaster Nelson of Cooperstown will have more work to do as a result of this order tho it will not mean more business for his office.

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