

Moves Like Tortoise

Recently the U.S. Post Office Department abandoned the horse as its official symbol and adopted in its place the eagle. The switch, it was explained, was appropriate since the slow "pony express" is obsolete and the eagle would denote the greater speed in mail delivery now achieved by the postal service.

Recently, we have been plagued by some very slow service. It took eight days, for instance, for a full page color ad to be transported from Anchorage to us in Fairbanks.

And we were particularly dismayed last week when our pre-election issue remained in the post office here untouched from Thursday night until Monday morning. We were told that the reason the papers were not dispatched with speed resulted from the glut of political campaign material that flooded the office here.

We also continued to find that it takes up to five days to get delivery on letters from College while delivery of New York to Fairbanks mail usually occurs in two days.

The only thing we can suggest is that the post office consider changing its symbol from the eagle to that of the tortoise.

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