

THE OBSERVER

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WHAT SHALL PARCELS POST CARRY.

The Parcels Post created by act of Congress August 4, 1912, to begin operation Jan. 1, 1913, has awakened great interest all over the country, especially in rural districts. Other countries enjoy the benefits of this cheap and convenient method of sending small packages; and our government, in treaties, agrees to deliver parcels sent in the manner from such countries to persons in the United States. There seems no reason, therefore, why we should not use the system to the advantage of a large proportion of our people. The scheme is yet only an experiment, but will probably become a valuable institution. Its success will depend upon the rates charged, in comparison with those of express companies.

The writer learned, at the Post-Office department, that while a large part of the office force is busy perfecting plans, there are still important details yet unsettled. The act creating the parcel post is briefly as follows: Fourth class mail is extended to include everything not now included in other classes; provided the packages do not weigh more than 11 lbs., nor measure more than 72 inches in length and girth combined; and further provided they be not of a shape or character to injure other mail, or to spoil before delivery in a reasonable time. This is practically the whole bill except as to rates. It is easy to regulate the size and the weight of parcels, but not easy to decide what may be too perishable for each distance or too dangerous to other mail.

Shall live animals be admitted?—and such things as butter, eggs, milk live pigs and whiskey? It is the evident intent of the bill to provide for dressed poultry, butter, eggs, and liquors, for farm and factory products are especially mentioned. But such articles must of course be put in safe containers which may possibly be sold like envelopes.

Dangerous explosives cannot be accepted, and live pigs and turkeys will usually be excluded by weight. But live chickens, for short hauls, may become a common part of the postman's delivery.

For the purpose of fixing rates, 8 zones are created, based upon units that are about 30 miles square, or half a degree of latitude. But for practical purposes we may say that the first zone includes all points with in 50 miles of the sending office; the second points between 50 and 150 miles distant; the third, 150 to 300; the fourth 300 to 600; the fifth 600 to 1000; the sixth 1000 to 1400; the seventh 1400 to 1800 and the eighth all areas beyond 1800 miles from the sending office. The rates proposed are as follows:—

Zone	Miles	or frac	Rate	or frac
1	50	5 cents	3 cents	
2	150	6 cents	4 cents	
3	300	7 cents	5 cents	
4	600	8 cents	6 cents	
5	1000	9 cents	7 cents	
6	1400	10 cents	8 cents	
7	1800	11 cents	9 cents	
8	over 1800	12 cents	10 cents	

For small parcels and short distances this is much cheaper than present express rates of fourth class mail. But for parcels of five lbs. they closely approximate the usual express charges, and for larger packages and longer distances exceed them. But both express and postal rates, on small packages are likely to be lowered in the near future.

WANTED—Furnished house or three furnished rooms. Call H. R. Kamlich, Black 1241. 12-12-12

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Chadwick of Union arrived in the city this morning to attend to her Xmas shopping.

Miss Lewis who has been visiting Mrs. Ball of 1509 Monroe avenue, returned to Elgin this morning.

Mrs. Piddock departed this morning for Elgin. She spent several days with Mrs. Dave Allen.

F. G. Wilson of Elgin was in the city looking after his business interests.

Mrs. L. Porter left this morning on a trip to Michigan to visit relatives. She will see these people for the first time in a period of 24 years.

Mrs. Herbert Hawkins returned to her home in Elgin after a few days of visiting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Kemp.

Mrs. Colberson has spent several days at the Hugh Bell home. She returned to her home at Palmer Junction this morning.

G. Green of Joseph spent several days in our city transacting business and renewing acquaintances. He departed for home this morning.

Wm. Sion, a prominent farmer of the Summerville district, passed through La Grande this morning on his way to Baker where he will transact business.

Mrs. J. B. Wade, a prominent Eastern Star member, was in the city shopping. She returned to her home at Palmer Junction on the branch this morning.

George Lindgren of Elgin went to Union today to attend a big roll call gathering of that lodge tonight. Two state officers were scheduled to be present.

Uncle George Webb of Pendleton arrived last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jap H. Stevens and to visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gremond, who have lived in La Grande for the past few years, departed this morning for Williamsport, Ind., where they will make their future home.

Mr. Pross, a junk dealer from the city of Portland, returned to the city this morning and stated that he would be back in a few days. He reported business very good.

Roderick McRea, proprietor of the Hotel McRea at Wallawa and "one of the best men in the world," to quote Dan Sheahan and other friends of his is in the city on business.

Mrs. Morgan and sons Victor and Cecil of Kamela spent several days in the city shopping and looking for Santa Claus. They returned with a goodly supply of nice things for the holidays.

Attorney H. E. Dixon went to Union this afternoon to attend the roll call and banquet of the K. P. lodge at that place. Attorney Oliver, former grand chancellor of the lodge, will attend. A number of others are going from here.

Attorney Dan Sheahan of Enterprise returned from Portland this morning. Mr. Sheahan is one of the leading lawyers of Enterprise and had the honor to attend the Democratic convention in Baltimore.

Prof. Armstrong went to Imbler this morning to give music lessons. He says his work is branching out in all directions and that in the near future he will have all the work he can attend to. He is trying to induce a teacher of voice to locate in La Grande, and thinks there is a good field here for such a man.

Mrs. Eldridge and Miss Eldridge, Mrs. Boyle and Baby Howard, and Miss Nelson of Spokane who spent a number of delightful days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dorden, 2012 Cedar street, returned to their home this morning via Portland. They think La Grande a very pretty place and report a jolly good time during their stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Klooster returned from Portland this morning on No. 6. They spent several days visiting their sons in Oregon City. Mrs. Klooster wishes it understood that all roses that are on bushes are not in bloom, and that the weather in Oregon City is anything but conducive to the culture of roses at this time of the year and that the reports of blooming roses are to be taken with a grain of salt. "Our climate," said she, "is just as good as the boasted climate of the western



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part of the state." They returned to their home on the branch line this morning. Incidentally she volunteered the information that thousands are out of work in the metropolis.

Mrs. Evans of Cambridge, Ida., who has been visiting here with relatives in South La Grande, went out to Summerville today to visit with the Wade family there.

will think many times before the sack is gone. So a dollar and 35c makes a big showing, looks big, tastes good and lasts many days. There's more truth in this than poetry. Think it over. Are we right? If this Blue Stem flour was not good, we'd say so. Our name on the good kind. Look for the name.

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LOST—Elk tooth watch fob. Finder leave at Sommer hotel. Initials L. L. S. engraved on tooth. Reward

LOST — Gold belt buckle. Finder please return to Sherry's theatre. 11-13-12

LOST—Check No. 261333 issued by United States of America for \$36. Finder please return to Ash Bros.

WANTED—Stenographer and book-keeper. Apply La Grande Investment Co., References required. 12-11-12

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