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Readjustment of Postal Rates

Washington, Nov. 28.—The ways are now being greased for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of Congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committees are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis. A zone system of rates for second class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rate has for some time been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul. The postal committees have been besieged by petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousand letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view to making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to permit the granting of a 1 cent rate on local delivery in the next session of Congress.

Chairman Moon of the House Postal Committee, today said: "I think that the Committee will take up this second-class mail matter at the next session and settle it to a conclusion at once. While I cannot speak for the committee, this is my desire in the matter. I do not know what kind of a bill we will pass, whether it will have a zone feature attached to it or not. This view has been presented frequently in the past, and sometimes received favor and sometimes not. As what shape the legislation will take I am not able to say, but I am sure the Committee will give it the best possible shape in the public interest."

Congressman Dill, of Washington, said "such legislation would be specially valuable to local merchants in developing business. The country is growing more prosperous each year and a cheaper drop letter postage would, in my opinion, aid in making it more prosperous than it has ever been."

Congressman Julius Kahn, of California, said that: "Since the government derives a very great benefit from letters carried and delivered at distant points it is

certain the profit realized on local, or the so called drop letters, must be exorbitant. In view of this condition, which is vouched for by postal experts, I believe that Congress will be justified in taking immediate action."

Congressman McArthur, of Oregon, takes the stand that "the cost of transporting a letter should have something to do with the postage rate, and there is no valid reason why more than one cent should be charged for local deliveries. If my bill becomes a law it will have a great tendency to stimulate business."

Congressman Humphrey, of Washington, said: "I cannot believe that it is fair or just that all the people should be taxed for the benefit of the magazine publishers of the country. This is exactly what is done under the present system of two-cent postage. Every person that places a two-cent stamp on a letter is taxed one cent for the benefit of the magazines."

Congressman Randall, of California, a member of the postal committee and author of the zone rate bill for second-class matter, says that his bill is designed to remove several gross evils or abuses from which the American people suffer in the administration of the postal affairs of the country. "The time has come," said Mr. Randall, "when the postal service must be put on a business basis. Discriminations against the man who buys the 2 cent stamp, and against the publisher of the newspaper in the local field must cease. The postal rate of 1 cent per pound which is granted as a virtual subsidy to the national papers of the magazine class has resulted in fabulous fortunes for private interests, and to which the postal department is given a plain contribution of eighty million dollars annually."

Freshen Cows In Fall

The biggest event of the last month's work in the Turner cow testing association was the wonderful production of two cows owned by J. B. Bowne. His grade Jersey Roanie I produced 1460 lbs. of milk and 82.06 lbs. of fat and her full sister, Roanie II milked 1426 lbs. of milk containing 75.58 lbs. of fat, milked two times a day and with ordinary care outside of a liberal ration which all cows of such capacities should receive. The butterfat alone from these two cows sold for over \$60 in the month of October. Both are daughters of Mr. Bowne's registered bull, Hazel Ferns Tormentor.

K. Hanneman, Tester.
See our Clubbing offer.

Ditter, Bell & Co. Store Robbed

When Mr. Bell of the Ditter, Bell & Co., of Sublimity opened up his store last Saturday morning he found that the store had been broken into and robbed during the night.

The thieves had forced their way into the rear door and apparently had made themselves perfectly at home by going through the stock of goods and helping themselves to whatever their fancy indicated. They got away with several gum slickers, a large assortment of knives, several pair of shoes, socks and underwear and in all they made a fair sized haul and so far no trace of them has been found.

The same parties or some of their gang seem to have a spite at Ditter, Bell & Co., as this is about the 4th annual visit in as many years, however this time they did not bother the vault as they seemed to want was merchandise.

Heart Failure Cause of Death

Mr. C. E. Taylor was called to Portland Tuesday Nov. 21st, by a phone message from an old sailor fireman friend, A. S. Gower, who had been at the hospital for over three weeks, suffering from asthma and a weak heart. A change of altitude and surrounding conditions being the surest and speediest way to bring permanent relief in such cases and as he had no friends to care for him or look after his little wants while in the hospital, he was determined to leave there and accepted Mr. Taylor's invitation to come and stay with him until he got straightened up again, so they left Portland on the 2 p. m. Southern Pacific train for West Stayton, Wednesday Nov. 22nd, and things went along fine and he stood the trip well until they got near Hubbard, when Mr. Gower suddenly died.

The corpse was taken off the train at Woodburn and the Coroner was called, who stated the cause of death was heart failure. The brother at Lincoln, Neb., and a sister in Maine were notified of his death and his brother wired the Masonic Lodge at Woodburn to bury him; which was done the afternoon of the 24th. Mr. Taylor remained with him until he was buried, returning home Friday evening.

Happily Wedded

A very pretty wedding was one that occurred at the Catholic church Tuesday morning, the 28th, when Rev. Father Laik officiated at the ceremony that united for life Miss Josephine Laux and Arnold Senz, in the presence of a number of friends.

The bride was attired in white satin, and attended by Misses Mamie Laux and Mamie Zimmerman, who wore light blue silk. The groomsmen were Frank Senz and Peter Laux.

A reception was tendered the happy pair at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Senz, near Mt. Pleasant, where a bountiful dinner was served to a number of relatives and friends, among the number being Matt VanHandel, wife and baby, of Portland.

The young people received numerous presents and start out in married life with the best wishes of many friends.

Glasses repaired at Dr. Eaton's



With its request for co-operation in making the 1916 Red Cross Seal sale the most successful in state history and its announcement of "Tuberculosis Sunday," which will be observed either December 3 or 10, the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis brings a record of accomplishment which justifies the original declaration that "every seal sold is a bullet in the war against the Great White Plague."

Efficient organization, low administrative cost and personal service freely given by public spirited citizens have combined to make every dollar contributed toward the work of the Association practically do the work of two.

"Tuberculosis Sunday" furnishes a reason for definitely carrying the state-wide debate for preventative effort against the disease and adequate care of the stricken into every pulpit and before every church audience of Oregon. It will be made a time too, for gratitude and thankfulness because of the great economic and humanitarian value of the results obtained.

The Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has commenced a survey of the state, county by county. The surveys in Lane, Clatsop, Jackson, Josephine, and Washington counties have been completed. Results will be announced in detail when the work is done.

The survey has already proven that by its means information never before gathered will be tabulated. The facilities or lack of facilities for the care, treatment, and prevention of tuberculosis in each county will be shown. The number of cases will be listed and segregated as to whether they are incipient, moderately advanced or far advanced, and also as to the number of cases reported before the survey and the number reported as a direct result of it. The survey will provide for each county a history of the disease in that county, indicating its increase or decrease how many of the afflicted contracted the trouble within the county and the number that had the disease when they moved into the county. Then it will be shown how tuberculosis is distributed as to cities, towns and rural communities. Cities and towns having city hospitals, clinics and dispensaries, school inspection, and open air rooms will be designated.

The county's care of tuberculous patients in such institutions as jails, and poor farms will be discussed and whether the county has a relief board and what assistance is granted in tuberculosis cases.

The survey is definite and thorough and its value to all health and public officials will be so great that the work has the hearty approval and full co-operation of the Oregon State Board of Health.

The proceeds of this year's sale of Red Cross Seals will be used to carry on the survey and to maintain the preventative work organized by the Association.

Road Meeting Votes Three Mill Tax

There was a well attended meeting of road district No. 32, Monday afternoon. A 3 mill tax was voted for a permanent improvement fund. At the meeting a month ago it was voted to use a one mill assessment for the oiling of new macadam roads before they were thrown open for use, but on account of the new 6 per cent law carrying in the recent election, the meeting voted 6 per cent of what was raised Monday for oiling the roads, thus giving a permanent fund for that work.

The meeting went on record instructing the road supervisor to oil such macadam as he constructs this year out of the general fund which is levied by

the County Court. All new macadam roads therefore will be oiled before they are considered completed.

J. H. Dyer, Assistant General Manager of the Southern Pacific returning from a month's absence brings cheering reports of the car shortage situation and says that the first lot of new cars recently ordered by the S. P. Co., now is beginning to arrive. The cars will be distributed among shippers throughout the Southern Pacific territory, and Oregon will get its share. Business throughout the Pacific Coast is improving says Mr. Dyer.

Salem—A committee of citizens is making a survey to report on needed reforms at the state prison. About all they find really wrong is that the men are kept in idleness and need employment.

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