

**DEFINITE LIMITS FOR TIME ZONES WANTED**

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Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Montana Will Be Affected by New Regulations.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash- ington, Nov. 16.—Fixing definite time zone limits to be uniformly observed in all parts of the United States has been occupying the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission for several months, and an order is expected shortly which will make radical differences in time in a great many localities. Parts of Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana will undoubtedly be affected.

Up to last Spring, there was no authority of law whatever for the fixing of time zones. That is to say, the points at which one must change his watch forward or backward as he journeys east or west has been fixed by the various railroad companies to suit their own local convenience. Theoretically, the division between Eastern and Central, and between Central and Mountain time, and between Mountain and Pacific time are located on certain meridians.

**Pocatello on Line.**  
Pocatello, Idaho, is on the meridian where the time should be changed between the Mountain and Pacific zones, but in practice watches are changed at Huntington by people going over the Oregon Short Line. For local convenience, Mountain time has been extended as far west as Burns. Farther north the true meridian passes near Cut Bank, Helena and Butte, Montana; Idaho Falls, Black Foot and Pocatello, Idaho; and Ogden, Salt Lake and Delta, Utah. In practice, however, clocks are changed at points near the west line of Montana and the east line of Oregon and California.

One of the most remarkable of the variations from the meridian division of time zones is seen in the Gulf states. In the northern part of the United States, Eastern time is observed as far west as Detroit, but down on the Gulf there is no Eastern time, for Central time includes all of Florida and extends as far west as El Paso, Texas. In that section of the United States, therefore, the clocks are running on the same schedule across nearly two-thirds of the length of the country.

**Time Zones Planned.**  
It is understood that Commissioner Clyde B. Aitchison, formerly a member of the Oregon Railroad Commission, was assigned to the task of supervising the establishment of time zones. Under his direction a large number of hearings have been held in various parts of the United States. Railroad operators, bankers and public officials were the persons chiefly consulted.

It is also understood that two general principles were adopted in fixing the zone boundaries. First, that large cities would not be placed on the zone line, and, second, that in the case of towns on a railroad running north and south, an effort would be made to get all of them within the same zone so that all railroad stations on the line would observe the same standard time.

**Large Cities Avoided.**  
The purpose in avoiding placing large cities on the zone divisions is to prevent confusion where small towns adjacent to the large city on one side observe one time while those on the other side will observe the other, the difference in the two times being one hour. The least confusion will result if the zone lines are run in such a way that a large city is some distance inside the zone limit.

While there is no intimation as to the exact lines that will be established in the Pacific Northwest, it may be predicted, in view of the effort of the commission to follow the meridian as nearly as possible, that the time change on western railroads will occur in the vicinity of Pocatello, Helena, Butte and Salt Lake rather than farther west as at present. If this should occur, residents of towns between Pocatello and Huntington, and between Helena and the western line of Montana will find their clocks set ahead one hour. What is now 12 o'clock noon, will then be only 11 A. M.

**Castle Rock Will Sing.**  
CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special)—The Woman's Council of Defense of Castle Rock is arranging for Castle Rock's part in the community sing to be held at 4 o'clock Thanksgiving day in every state and county in the Nation. Miss Inez Underhill has been appointed director and Rev. W. E. Roseman will lead the singing.



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