

# PARCEL POST RATES LOWER

GOVERNMENT WILL HANDLE  
PACKAGES UP TO 20 POUNDS  
FOR LESS COST AFTER AUGUST 1.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—Plans for the extension, improvement and reduction in rates of the parcel post were announced by Postmaster General Burleson. The changes, which are to become effective August 1, include an increase from 11 to 20 pounds in the maximum weight of parcels; a material reduction in the postage rates in the first and second zones; and the abandonment of the parcel post map as a means of computing rates and the substitution for it of a rate chart individualized to every postoffice in the United States. The plans contemplate the purchase of a large number of automobiles to be used exclusively for the delivery of parcel post matter.

While for the present the maximum weight limit of 20 pounds and the reduction in rates will apply only to the first and second zones, from any given postoffice—a distance of about 150 miles—the changes directed constitute the first step toward a universal extension of the system and a general reduction in the rates of postage on parcel matter.

"It is my expectation and belief," said Postmaster General Burleson, "that eventually—and it may be 15 or 20 years—the postal service will handle practically all of the small package transportation business in the United States. The maximum weight limit, extended now from 11 to 20 pounds, I expect to see increased to 100 pounds, and experience may demonstrate the practicability of handling the parcel business at even lower rates than we now propose. I appreciate fully the sentiment for an increase in the weight limit and a reduction in rates to all zones, but it is necessary for us, in a sense, to feel our way. For that reason we have made the change proposed apply only to the first and second zones."

Mr. Burleson announced the changes as follows:

"The first zone shall include the area within the local delivery of any office and the first zone of area which will apply to all parcel post mail deposited at any office for local delivery or for delivery by city carrier or on rural routes emanating from that postoffice.

"The second zone shall include the remainder of what is now the first zone, together with the present second zone and shall include the units of area located in whole or in part within a radius of approximately 150 miles from any given postoffice.

"The rate of postage on parcels weighing in excess of four ounces in the proposed first zone will be reduced from five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof to five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional two pounds or fraction thereof, and the rate for the second zone will be reduced from five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound or six cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof to five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

"The maximum weight of parcel post packages will be increased from 11 pounds to 20 pounds, the increase of weight to apply only to the first and second zones. No change has been made in the size or form of package."

Statistics collected by the department show that quite one-third of the total parcels mailed are handled within the proposed first and second zones and the postmaster general believes the increase in the weight limit and the reduction of the rates of postage in the first and second zones, as proposed, will benefit greatly more than one-third of the public, and that the producer, the consumer and the local merchant will profit materially by the changes. He points out, too, that the farmers who were led to participate much benefit from the parcel post service will be afforded a cheap means of transporting their products directly to the consumer and that the local merchant whose trade does not justify the employment of extensive delivery service also will be benefited, as the system will put him in close touch with his customers.

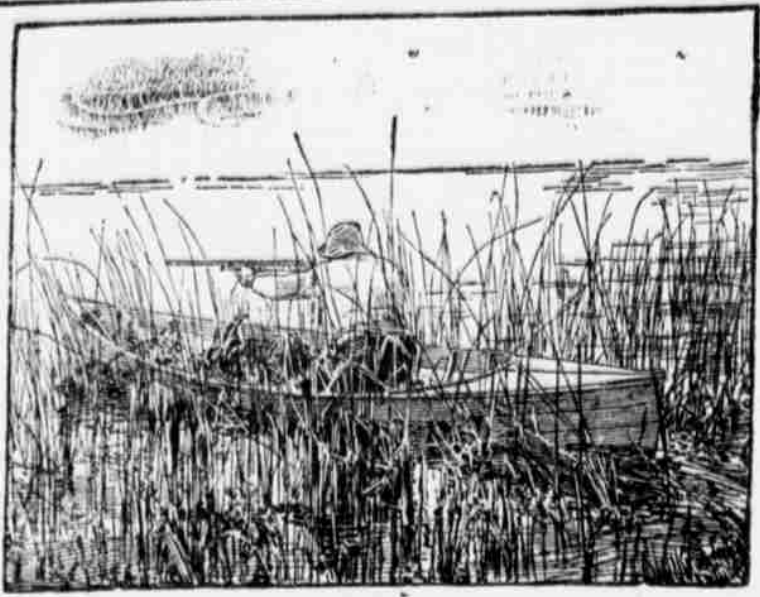
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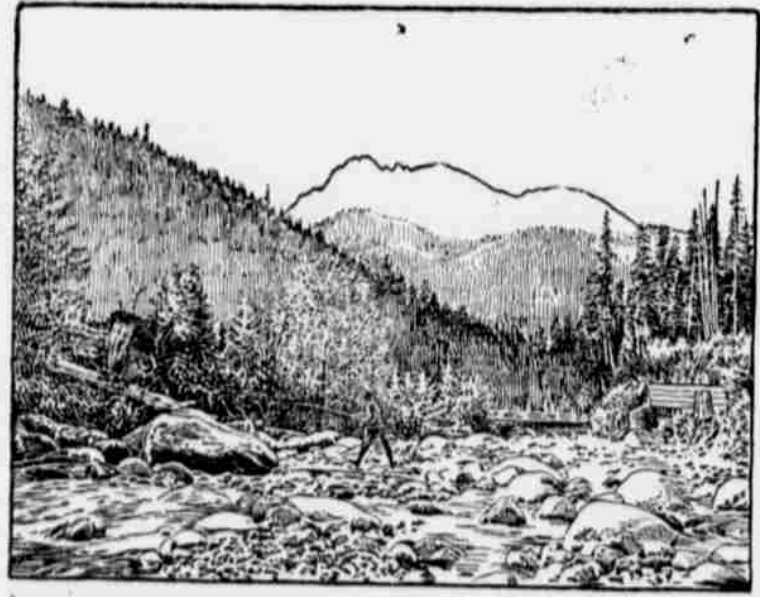


No. 1. HUNTING.

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WHEN one has packed his things and shipped his ammunition and camping outfit, when he has left the office for the last time and is indeed on his way to the train that is to take him to the hunting grounds, what a feeling of exhilaration comes upon him! Nothing to do for a week, two weeks, or a month, but hunt and fish and be refreshed in a life near to Nature! Even now those whose inclinations have this bent are planning and preparing for their fall hunting trip. It may be that you will go again to Dakota for wild geese. How well you remember last year's trip—the getting up before dawn, the freezing drive out over the prairies, then the tramp to set the decoys, the wait in the bitter cold, the break of dawn in the east, and finally the "honk, honk" and the whistling whir of the approaching birds!

Or did you go for ducks along the shore of the Chesapeake? If so, you recall the early trip to the shooting blind, the setting of the decoys, and then how you settled back into as easy a position as possible which you could hold without much moving about, and how surprised you were to find yourself just nodding for a second, and to



No. 2. FISHING.

GENTLY the man in the khaki suit made his way down the bank, and out on the dead, overhanging cedar trunk. Off somewhere a woodpecker was hammering, and in the big oak near at hand a squirrel was chattering. The only other sound was the laughing and bubbling of the little stream. Just down the stream the rapid turned and tumbled until suddenly it sank out of sight in a deep, black pool. That was the spot! Carefully holding his rod, the man flew straight to the center of the pool—splash! A gleam of silver, a sputter of the surface, and he felt the deep delight that always comes with a pull of the line and a head of the rod. The fish fought and sulked and fought again, until at last, guiding the line carefully with his left hand, the man bent low and scooped him in with the net in his right. Three pounds, silver and speckled, and pointing with the unequal struggle!

There is no more exhilarating sport in the world than trout fishing, despite the hard work, the long walks, the discomfort of pushing through the bushes and branches, and the slipping on the wet stones and logs.

Muskalonge fishing is different. If you are after this fish, you go to the smaller lakes in the North, or to Canada. Either with frog or minnow bait, or with a fly and "spinner." It is best to cast along early evening. It is necessary to have a guide or one of the party row the boat, for a muskalonge of any size is all you will want to handle.

wake and see the water alive with ducks which you had to shoot away before you could get a wing shot. Then you vividly live again those few days you spent with your good dog among the woods and partridges; your tramping cautiously about the undergrowth until the covey was pointed, and the rising birds gave you a right and left shot, which you made, to your great delight.

Perhaps you go after bigger game—deer in the north, or moose in Canada. How you shook with excitement when your first moose came by, so that you made a clean miss, although the target was big enough and the shot an easy one. Since then you have grown to be an old hand with the rifle, as the mounted heads in your club and your den evidence. Even the grizzly and the mountain lion of the Rockies may have succumbed to your prowess as a hunter, and the long, hard climbs, the hunting for "sign" and the days of no success have merged into a remembrance of weeks pleasantly spent among glorious surroundings, air that was invigorating and redolent of pines, scenes of beauty beyond description, and an appetite that would make an ostrich bury its head in the sand.

All this time the oarsman has been pulling you into deep water, and you have had a chance to take in a good deal of slack line. Then, fired up with the fight, the fish is pulled to the top and captured. The muskalonge is often called the tiger of fresh-water fish because of its fierce characteristics, and it sometimes grows to a very large size.

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