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MAPS RECEIVED SHOWING PARCEL POST LAW ZONES

Postmaster Ralph Woodford has received from a department a map showing the different zones under which the new parcels post law operates. He has been advised that maps will be offered later by the department for sale.

There are eight zones. The first includes all postoffices within 50 miles of Medford; the second covers all postoffices within 150 miles; the third nearly all of Oregon and south to San Francisco; the fourth south to Santa Barbara, east to the west line of Wyoming and north to Canada; the fifth east as far as the Dakotas; the sixth cuts through Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas; the seventh runs as far east as Chicago while the eighth includes all out side points.

The rates and rules briefed of the new law follow:

Parcel Post stamps required on all packages. Weight limit, 11 pounds; size limit, 72 inches in length and girth combined.

Flat rate of 1 cent per ounce up to 4 ounces regardless of distance. Present rate on seeds, bulbs, etc., unchanged.

Above four ounces, rates are by the pound, or fraction thereof, and varying with distance as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Rate, Weight, Distance. Rows include Rural route and city delivery, 50 mile zone, 150 mile zone, 200 mile zone, 600 mile zone, 1000 mile zone, 1400 mile zone, 1800 mile zone, Over 1800 miles.

MANY MEDFORDITES LURED BY LOS ANGELES EXCURSION

A special train will leave Medford over the Southern Pacific December 29 for Los Angeles, which will carry about 100 people of the Rogue River valley to the city of sunshine. Special rates are being offered. Some of those who have already placed their names on the list are as follows:

- J. C. Smith, Mrs. N. D. Dunlap, F. Zana, Esther Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nye, Mrs. Emma Sprague, Mrs. N. B. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Shapleigh, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Winsley, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler, L. A. Lee, Miss Wood, Mrs. T. J. Malmgren, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knight, Mrs. Martin McDonough and Mrs. C. Flammer.

Bob Taylor, A. Loomis, W. F. Quayle, Miss Butz, Mrs. J. F. Hale, Mrs. Sather, Dr. F. C. Page, Mrs. L. D. Jones, Mrs. H. Foster, R. R. Hotchkiss, E. E. Morrison, J. A. Barkdull, Clarence Reames, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Downing, Mrs. George Robinson, Merrill Robinson, A. C. Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Emerson, Judge Crowell and Dr. Barber.

S. A. Newell, M. Gill, R. H. Bullcock, Mrs. D. Jones, L. King, Dr. C. R. Ray, Mrs. Frazier, Dr. J. M. Keene, Arthur Hazelrigg, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gregory, J. I. Barkdull, H. H. Hicks, Mrs. A. E. Hall, George Collins; Messrs. Bates, Hubbard, Humphrey, Postmaster Woodford, Enyart, Horace, Dr. Conroy, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Outman, A. H. Downing and L. R. Spessard.

SWALLOWS BIG PEARL ALONG WITH OYSTER

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—While eating oysters in a restaurant here, Louis Lajamb, 24, suddenly jumped up with a cry of pain. For several minutes he was speechless, but he finally made it known that he had swallowed a big slug pearl from an oyster. An effort will be made to remove it today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

THE Mail Tribune wishes each and all of its readers a Merry Christmas, though Christmas cheer and the Christmas spirit lie wholly within themselves. The world is bright or dull largely as we make it and as we regard it. Most of us spend our days and nights in pursuits utterly selfish, becoming more and more self-centered as the years roll on, and it is small wonder life becomes a very serious business when we reflect how insignificant and unworthy the aims.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," the doing for others instead of ourselves, most of us practice one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five and call it Christmas. That is, for a few fleeting hours we try to practice the precepts of Christianity. The balance of the time, we are as selfish and unchristian as the rankest of pagans—no matter how much mummery we indulge in.

We are a nation of hypocrites, preaching one thing and practicing the opposite. There is little of real Christianity in the world—just the empty form. The spirit is lost in the strenuous struggle for self—now and then emerging, as if to show that there is a spark of something besides the animal lingering in us.

Let us be thankful that there is even one brief period when by universal consent we throw off the shell and are decent, when we mar the occasion by making useless and meaningless gifts, which are supposed to typify our love—and the less we love, the more absurdly extravagant the gifts.

Christmas gifts should be confined to children for whom Christmas is or should be the gladdest event of the year. The laugh of a little child is the sweetest sound on earth. As Ingersoll said:

"The laugh of a child will make the holiest day more sacred still. Strike with hand of fire, O weird musician, thy harp strung with Apollo's golden hair; fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft toucher of the organ keys; blow, bugler, blow, until thy silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlit waves, and charm the lovers wandering 'mid the vine-clad hills. But know, your sweetest strains are discords all, compared with childhood's happy laugh—the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy. O rippling river of laughter, thou art the blessed boundary line between the beasts and men; and every wayward wave of thine doth drown some fretful fiend of care. O laughter, rose-tipped daughter of joy, there are dimples enough in thy cheeks to catch and hold and glorify all the tears of grief."

And may Christmas bring to all hearts something of the spirit of childhood's happy laughter.

BENTON BOWERS' CHRISTMAS CROW.

"BOWERS' case saves much. Supreme court upholds Judge Calkins in every point in Medford bridge case, excepting regarding the \$18,000 appropriation," says the Ashland Tidings in a pathetic attempt to pull off a little white meat from the Christmas crow presented Benton Bowers by the supreme court.

"Calkins sustained at every point" except the point at issue, is excellent. It reminds one of those surgical cases wherein the operation is a complete success, but the patient dies.

"Instead of being a reversal of Judge Calkins, it sustains him in all but one point and modifies the injunction in one point," triumphantly exclaims the Tidings. All of which is entertaining as satire.

"The decision decides that the acts of the county court in past years in paying for road work out of the general fund have been illegal," says the Tidings. This was a contention of the appellant, not of Judge Calkins.

"Another point in which the suit means a great deal to the taxpayers is in compelling Medford and the P. & E. to pay \$16,000 toward the Medford bridge. At the time of the signing of the contract there was no talk of Medford or the railway donating toward the bridge. It was apparently the plan to pay the entire \$34,000 out of the county funds," states the Tidings. This assertion is false, for the people of Medford had voted bridge bonds, the city council had authorized the expenditure, and both city and railroad appeared before the court and agreed to pay the \$16,000 before the county let the contract, and had it not been for this agreement, under the supreme court's ruling, the county would have had to pay the entire amount.

"Thus the Bowers case has saved the treasury \$16,000, even if the county does have to pay \$18,000 toward the bridge" concludes the Tidings. The Bowers case has not saved the county a cent. All the county was ever asked to pay was the \$18,000, which Judge Calkins held it did not have to pay.

The decision speaks for itself. Every contention made by Bowers and sustained by Calkins, was overruled. That is all there is to it. Even a cross-eyed man can see it as he rubs.

No wonder Mr. Bowers asks the county to donate a little gravy for his crow in the shape of costs.

SMUDGE POTS IN USE IN ORANGE ORCHARDS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Smudge pots lighted at the warning of the weather bureau and a system of telephone communication in one or two localities are declared today to have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars to citrus growers in Southern California. In many orange sections the temperature during the early mornings of recent days has dropped below 30 degrees and heavy frosts have been the rule. But in almost every case the smudge pots, lighted upon warnings have held the damage to an insignificant figure. Slight loss however, has been caused by heavy winds of the last few days.

PREACHERS TO PROTEST NEW YEAR'S EVE ORGY

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—To protest against the usual New Year's orgy, 500 ministers are planning here today to march down to the mayor's office next Monday. If the protest is unheeded they propose to institute legal proceedings to close the saloons. Chief of Police McWeeny extended the closing hours on that night from 1 a. m. to 3 a. m.

John A. Perl Undertaker 28 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

O. A. C. Band Concert in Corvallis a Splendid Success

The O. A. C. Cadet band which is to appear in Medford on Friday evening gave its concert in Corvallis last Friday evening. Every seat in the opera house was taken and many persons were standing. All this, in spite of the fact that there was another big attraction in the town the same evening, shows how the band is regarded by the people of Corvallis and the college. Since the concert here has been nothing but praise for every member of the program.

Here is what a stranger in Corvallis said to Mr. Beard the next morning: "Well, sir, you can take that band anywhere. I am from London where we have many fine bands. I heard the best there during the coronation two years ago, but I tell you right now that when you got through playing that selection from H. Trovatore last night, I was just as full as if I had a gallon of whiskey in me."

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