

PARCELS POST CUTS COST OF SENDING XMAS PRESENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Real cash, the hard-earned sort, will get Mr. Common People, his wife and their children this year through the operations of one of Uncle Sam's departments. A brief comparison of what it cost to send gift packages by express or mail last year with the rates possible under the parcel post system this year shows how the government can aid when it is permitted to. In no instance are the express rates reduced less than one-half and in many of the amount of reduction is far more. And the money which last year went to the express companies this year goes to the people themselves. Say for instance that you live in Baltimore, and want to send four pounds of candy to someone in New York as a Christmas remembrance. Last year it would have cost you, mailed, 1 cent an ounce. It would have cost you 64 cents to send four pounds by mail. By express it would have cost you for the same distance 40 cents—the expressage from Baltimore to New York for anything weighing less than five pounds. By expressing it, then, you would have saved 24 cents last year. You would send a similar gift this year. The express rate is the same as before—40 cents for packages weighing up to five pounds. You turn to the postal rates. You find a difference in rate, and it is difference that is going to save you and everyone else a lot of money this Christmas, for you don't have to pay a 64-cent rate, as last year when you mailed it, and you don't have to pay a 40-cent rate, as you did when you expressed it last year. You pay just eight cents, just one-eighth of what it cost you before to send the four pounds, 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent a pound for every additional pound. What is more, this year you can send five pounds or fifty pounds, whereas last year you couldn't persuade any postmaster in the country to send a package if it weighed a fraction over four pounds. To express a four-pound box of candy from St. Paul to New York would cost 75 cents, more than to have mailed it last year. Now, by mailing the package you save yourself just 38 cents, a little more than half of the express rate. Next year, thanks to the sweeping reductions in parcel post rates, the same package will cost only 33 cents, a saving of 42 cents over the express rate. The new parcel post rates will become effective New Year's day.

NUMBER OF IDLE INCREASE IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—J. Stitt Wilson, ex-socialist mayor of Oakland, was taking the initiative in efforts to help the unemployed. In San Francisco he wants the city supervisors to open a municipal employment agency. Governor Johnson, he thinks, should call a special session of the legislature to deal with the situation throughout the state. Resolutions to this effect have been drafted for submission at a mass meeting Wilson will address in the Pavilion rink Sunday afternoon. Social workers said the volume of unemployment was steadily increasing in San Francisco and will become exceedingly grave before the end of the winter unless steps are taken promptly to provide work for the involuntarily idle. The Sunday meeting was called to consider definite plans.

BEAR AND COUGAR FRIGHTEN CHILDREN

(Ashland Record.) The family now living on the old E. L. Martin place at the head of Mountain avenue report a bear prowling around in that edge of town. Children of the family went to a nearby spring for water a few days ago and found the bear lapping from the spring. Our informant says the bear and the children took to their heels in opposite directions and it is a question which was going the fastest. A. L. Hopkins, living twelve miles from Ashland, beyond Buckhorn Lodge, reports that one of his children was badly frightened while on the way to school a few days ago by a large cougar which jumped into the road nearby.

WALLA WALLA FRONTIER DAYS AT PAGE THEATER, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20-21



FANCY DRESS BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE.

More than 500 invitations in the form of tickets have been mailed for the fancy dress ball given on New Year's eve by the music section of the Greater Medford club. The committees having charge of the decorations are Mrs. J. T. Sullivan, chairman of the decoration committee for the ball room and palm room, and Mrs. M. L. Alford, who has charge of the card tables on the mezzanine floor. Mrs. H. C. Dehling has charge of the refreshments. Delicate sandwiches, olives and coffee will be served without extra charge. The music will be a special feature, Searles' orchestra of four pieces having been secured. The music section is working hard to make this ball one of the most unique and select ever given in Medford. Its hope is to raise a goodly sum to apply on the purchase of a grand piano for the use of the Greater Medford club. Invitations have been sent to a great many out-of-town people from Ashland to Grants Pass. The wearing of fancy dress is not insisted upon as a great many will come to the ball who do not dance. Card tables have been arranged for on the mezzanine floor.

**DIED**  
MATHEWSON—At Ashland, December 16, Mrs. Sarah F. Mathewson, aged 70, a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania. She married William Mathewson, whom she survived nearly fourteen years. The family moved to Kansas in 1882, where they resided over a quarter of a century. The deceased leaves a son, George Mathewson, of Merlin, a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Young of Ashland; a sister and four brothers, one of whom is J. R. Tozer of Ashland. Mrs. Mathewson accompanied her son and daughter to southern Oregon four years ago and has since made Ashland her home.

BUILD OIL SHIPS FOR COAST TRADE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Oil and shipping men were intensely interested today in the story current here that the British interests concerned in the General Petroleum company contemplate establishing either in San Francisco or elsewhere on the Pacific coast a big plant to build crude oil-burning ships for the coastwise trade. Just how far the reports were to be accepted as true no one seemed to know definitely, but they circulated with a wealth of detail which sounded convincing. Andrew Weir, the English financier at the head of the oil syndicate, is known to be largely interested in the shipping industry, and associated with him, it was said, is Lord Pirrie, head of Harland & Wolff, the great English shipbuilders. The enterprise, if actually launched, it was declared, would mean a boom in coast oil and shipping development almost beyond calculation.

RECORDER GUILTY OF \$3000 EMBEZZLEMENT

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 19.—A verdict of guilty is returned today in the case of W. J. Leaton, ex-recorder of East Side, charged with the theft of \$3000 of the city's funds. It was worry over the loss of this money to the little town that caused the suicide of Mayor Jordan several months ago.

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA'S FUNERAL AT ST. PETER'S

ROME, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Rampolla's funeral was held today at St. Peter's. The cardinals, the papal court and most of the foreign diplomats in Rome were present.

SCHMIDT DEMANDS RIGHT OF TELLING STORY OF MURDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—"I demand the privilege of addressing the court and the jury and explaining why I killed Anna Amuller." In a loud voice Hans Schmidt made this request when court opened today for his trial on the charge of having murdered Miss Amuller. Defense Attorney Koebler fears he will be compelled, against his will, to put the defendant on the stand. Koebler is afraid that Schmidt will attempt to address the jury from his chair if he is not allowed to testify.

GOETHALS BLAMED FOR CANAL ROAD GRAFT

PANAMA, Dec. 19.—Not the civil government of the canal zone, but Colonel George W. Goethals, will be responsible for the Burke investigation, Governor Metcalf said today. He intimated his belief that evidence exists sufficient to warrant the removal of several department heads.

AD WOLGAST FIGHTS CHARLIE WHITE TONIGHT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—Both Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, and Charlie White of Chicago were reported in prime condition today for their scheduled ten-round no-decision contest, to be staged here tonight. They were to weigh in at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and both expressed confidence in their ability to make the stipulated 133 pounds at that hour.

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1 lb. Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb.....25c  
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Via the SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
The Exposition Line, 1915.  
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SALE DATES AND LIMITS  
Christmas Holidays: Between all points in Oregon; also from Southern Pacific points to points in Washington and Idaho Dec. 18 to 24 inclusive. Between Oregon and California points Dec. 20 to 25. Return limit all points Jan. 5, 1914.  
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