

Oregon History and History Makers--Past and Present

Hon. T. T. Geer's book, "Fifty Years in Oregon," is enjoying a great sale, at least in Oregon. More or less of a close observer of men and events and the logic of circumstances, all his life, Geer has wonderful ability as a narrator.

Justice Thomas McBride has fallen heir to a manuscript volume, written by his deceased brother, the late Congressman John R. McBride, of Spokane, Wash., that he is thinking of having published.

Justice McBride also possesses the diary which his father, Dr. McBride, kept crossing the plains, which is a mighty interesting reading.

Now that election is over, and Senator Jonathan Bourne is in the ranks of the defeated, all ought to be satisfied who enjoy destructive tactics in political warfare.

The mass of information he gathered from the four corners of the civilized world, and the investigation he

concluded on the subject of the parcels post and the cognate problem of express rates--and his marshalling of the facts in his final report, passed the bill by sheer force of thoroughness and everlasting mastery of details.

State Superintendent Alderman deserves credit for his proposed law that only one-third of the public school text-books shall be changed at one time. The text-book commission sits once in six years to adopt text-books.

War has been declared by some remnant of past politics on C. N. McArthur, who is candidate for speaker. An effort is being made to render him unpopular by connecting his name with the Heney prosecutions.

Parcel Post Is Operated On Unit System With 8 Zones

Any One Can Learn Postage Rates by Figuring Out Distance From Postoffice.

Country is Mapped Out With 3,500 Units--Government Sells Guides Cheaply.

Beginning New Year's day at 6 a. m. the new parcel post law permits any inhabitant of the United States to send through the mail merchandise of all descriptions, provided it does not weigh more than eleven pounds and is not more than six feet in combined length and girth.

bered units printed on it shows that New York city is in unit 717, which, of course, is in the first zone. Each locality makes its own first zone, so it was necessary for the postoffice department to have printed separate maps for each locality.

At present the number of men in the

The first zone of fifty miles includes what is called the local zone. The

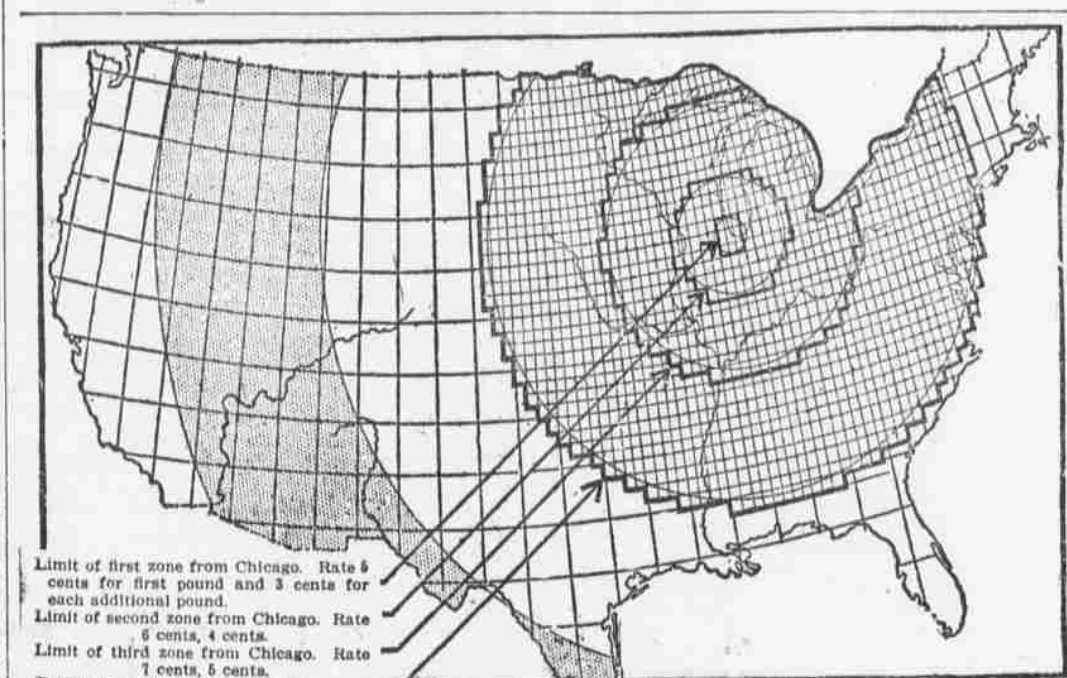
designate the zone. All he has to do is to mark his scale with the zone indicator and the machine will show the amount of postage.

The postoffice department has issued a guide book and map that can be purchased for 75 cents. There is also an insurance against loss of all packages not over \$50.

Among the things that will not be accepted for delivery are intoxicants, explosives, inflammable liquids, live or dead animals, firearms, disease germs, books or printed matter.

The greatest advantage of the parcel post is to the farmer who wants to sell his products direct to the consumer. A postal card for a dozen or more fresh eggs can be sent on one day and the eggs received the next.

It is expected that the parcel post will hurt the express companies' business, particularly in short deliveries, on account of the cheap rates of the parcel post. The suburban poultry and produce markets will be accessible to thousands of town buyers.



TYPICAL DIAGRAM INDICATING PARCEL POST ZONES FROM CHICAGO AND SHOWING HOW TO COMPUTE POSTAGE ON PACKAGES.

This map, made with Chicago as a base, shows how the zone system will be used in arranging rates for the parcel post service which will be inaugurated Jan. 1. Establishing zones by drawing circles of different diameters, with each postoffice as a center, would mean an impracticable amount of figuring.

Table with 4 columns: Weight, 1st zone, 2nd zone, 3rd zone. It lists postage rates for various weights (1 to 11 pounds) across different zones.

Postal service has not been increased. Such a step is considered unnecessary at present. The postoffice department has been working overtime since last July, when congress passed the law.

maximum charge for the local zone is 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound. After that there is a graduated increase, the second zone having a radius of 50 miles, the third 100 miles, etc., until the eighth zone, which includes every town over 1,800 miles.

1 1/2 inches between perforated lines. The color is red for all denominations. In a curved panel across the top, supported by a paneled perpendicular column at each end.

Bad Habits Can Be Broken

Madame Quavilla will be glad to answer any questions pertaining to womanly beauty. Personal replies will be given if a stamped and self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

A brilliant woman who has lately been writing on everyday thought for the newspapers voiced one on habit the other day.

She says: "An appreciative sense of changeableness, of bondage, is associated with the thought of habit. The effect of our educational effort is to teach that habit, once formed, is irrevocable ground. The parent the teacher, the friend in the instruction of youth constantly dwell on the danger of bad habits and very little, if at all, on the power of correcting habit."

Habit is not irrevocable ground, but we make a mistake in thinking that the habit that has taken years to form can be broken immediately. For example, the woman who has allowed her self to become settled physically and mentally, would find it impossible at once to bring up her mind and her body to alertness and enthusiasm.

There is no more reason for a woman having a "high abdomen" than there is for her having a high bridge nose. A "high abdomen" means only that through indolence and neglect a woman is standing on her heels instead of the balls of her feet.

This habit is one of the most prevalent among women of comfortable circumstances and it is one of the hardest to overcome, simply because it is due to slothfulness of the mind.

I have never yet seen a woman with a figure of this kind who was not more or less indolent not only in her action, but in her thought. She will weigh long hours against her ugly figure, but she is too lazy to take the trouble to rectify her bad lines.

It is not as easy to break a habit as to break a perfectly good heart.

Mrs. E. G.--I do not advise you to steam your face. It leaves the skin shriveled and almost ready to peel and without elasticity. The best way of applying hot water is by using soft cloths, and then the water should not be hot, just warm enough to be pleasant.

It B.--Thank you for your kind wishes. I am glad that my little sermons have helped you. If you dampen your hair with a good curling fluid before putting it up on papers or kids, it stays in curl for a couple of days. Discolored teeth can be bleached to a milky whiteness by brushing them once a week with a toothbrush dampened in peroxide of hydrogen.

McK.--If you will wash your arms with castile soap and hot water, rubbing them nightly with a flesh brush, from shoulder to wrist, and then apply a good massage cream I think you will not be troubled with roughness of the arms.

Mrs. A. R.--After dyeing your hair, let it become thoroughly dry; then turn the water on your head and hair as hot as you can stand it. Rinse carefully and wash. If all of your hair is not dyed, go over the regimen again. There is nothing that makes one so much trouble as coloring the hair but if you attempt it, take time and do it well.

Rebecca.--I think if you will persist in pulling out your hairs between the eyebrows you will find that in time they will not return. I have a friend whose eyebrows used to grow completely across her nose and who nearly destroyed all traces of them in that place by pulling them out continually.

Yours for charming womanhood. MADAME QUAUVILLA. 614 Oregonian Bldg., Portland, Or.

THE ROUND-UP

Mrs. Clara C. Munson was sworn in as mayor of Warrenton Thursday, the first woman to hold that office in Oregon.

While propelling himself down the street in his little express wagon near Jefferson and Chapman streets in Portland, Thursday, William McGregor, a lad of 5 years and only one leg, was struck by an automobile, thrown from his wagon and his remaining leg badly fractured.

The recent storms and resultant high water carried away two bridges on the railroad between The Dalles and Dufur. All the streams along the eastern side of the Cascades are reported as unusually high.

A. C. Shaw, an attorney of Portland, is being boosted for the position of commissioner of the general land office. He was chief of one division in that department for a number of years.

Portland on February 1 will vote on the issuing of \$1,000,000 school bonds, for building purposes.

For every five marriages in Linn

county last year there was one divorce.

Mrs. I. M. Bollen, of Roseburg, who left that place for Southern California Wednesday, died on the train a few hours later.

Otto Wagner, of Roseburg, is dead. His remains were found scattered along the S. P. track for 50 feet, Wednesday night. How the accident causing death occurred is unknown.

The Medford Mail-Tribune is surely "up-to-date." In Thursday's paper telegrams were dated January 2, 1913, while the paper was of December 31, of the previous year.

The Wren memorial shaft was unveiled at Albany New Year's day. It was erected in honor of Fire Chief George P. Wren, killed while performing his duty.

Albany has an assessed valuation of \$3,213,375, and her 13-mill tax will raise \$45,990.

The launch Mayflower, belonging to the Smith-Powers Logging Co., of Marshfield, burned in the bay there Monday. She had many passengers on board, and only heroic efforts by those in boats from the shore, rescued them.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, featuring a testimonial about a "Blue" feeling and the benefits of the medicine.

Advertisement for a wireless phone success, mentioning Harvard Professor Percie and his invention of a wireless telephone instrument.

Advertisement for health rules, stating that enjoying yourself and ignoring diet tables is the key to health, mentioning Sir George Birdwood.

Advertisement for Russia's biggest forgery, describing how Russian secret police are tracing counterfeiters and mentioning gang members turned out of millions of counterfeit notes.

Large advertisement for Horlick's Malted Milk, emphasizing its purity and health benefits for infants and invalids.