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PARCELS POST GOES INTO EFFECT

New Law Became Effective Yesterday, January 1st

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Speculation has been rife as to the effect on business of the new parcels post law, which went into effect yesterday, January 1st. Opinions have differed. Some have thought that it would be so popular as to immediately increase very largely the business of mail order departments, and thus seriously cripple the business of local merchants; while others seem to think it will not make any great difference on the local trade. We are inclined to the latter opinion.

Post office and railroad officials have been wondering whether they will be able to handle the increased mail business with present facilities. If the volume of the parcels post business proves to be as great as some expect, the present facilities of the post offices to handle and of the railroads to carry it will be entirely inadequate. The difficulty will not be altogether in the volume of mail, but the class of mail is such as to swamp those required to take care of it, if it comes in very large quantities. The increase in the size and weight of mailable packages, as well as the restriction in postage rates, presents a serious problem. The post offices have not the necessary equipment and working forces, and there is probably not a railroad in the United States that has the necessary mail car capacity and facilities for the traffic. And as the volume of the parcels post business can only be conjectured, no one knows before it has been tried out just what equipment and working forces will be necessary.

In the issue of December 5th, the Herald took the initiative in giving information concerning the parcels post, in an article that was very much appreciated by our readers. We are pleased to give below additional information, including a comparison of parcels post and express rates from Alliance to some other points. In the preparation of this article we are indebted to Postmaster J. E. Tash and Express Agent R. M. Thibom for courtesy in furnishing information desired.

To begin with, the postage on parcels can be prepaid by parcels post stamps, which are used on letters and printed matter will not do.

All parcels must be mailed at the post office. Carriers are not required to collect such parcels. The postmaster or clerks will inform persons desiring to mail parcels what postage will be required, upon presentation of the parcels at the general delivery window or some other window provided for that purpose.

The officials of the express companies are making new schedules to compete with the parcels post rates, but they will not be ready for a while yet. As will be seen by the following comparison of parcels post and express rates from Alliance to the other places named, the express rates on large packages to nearby points are already lower than the parcels post rates; but on small parcels the post rates are much lower, particularly where the transportation crosses a state line. The express rates for Nebraska are lower than for the same distance for interstate commerce.

Rates from Alliance to other points named, on one, five and ten pound parcels, by express and parcels post:

Alliance to—	1 lb.	5 lbs.	10 lbs.
Broken Bow			
Express	.19	.34	.41
Parcels post	.07	.27	.52
Bridgman			
Express	.19	.49	.60
Parcels post	.05	.17	.32
Crawford			
Express	.19	.26	.30
Parcels post	.05	.17	.32
Ellis			
Express	.19	.19	.23
Parcels post	.05	.17	.32

Hay Springs			
Express	.19	.41	.53
Parcels post	.05	.17	.32
Scottsbluff			
Express	.19	.26	.30
Parcels post	.06	.22	.42
Lincoln			
Express	.19	.49	.60
Parcels post	.08	.32	.62
Omaha			
Express	.19	.49	.60
Parcels post	.08	.32	.62
Denver, Colo.			
Express	.25	.60	.75
Parcels post	.07	.27	.52
Chicago, Ill.			
Express	.30	.75	1.10
Parcels post	.09	.37	.72
New York City			
Express	.30	.80	1.25
Parcels post	.11	.51	1.01

Parcels Post Zones
For the purpose of fixing rates for different distances, certain distances from any post office are called zones, there being eight zones. The same rate applies to all places in any given "zone", except the first. The first zone includes all points within a radius of fifty miles, and has two rates, the local rate for the office where mailed and the other for all points within the zone.

The rate for four ounces or less, any distance, is one cent per ounce or fraction thereof. Only on parcels weighing four ounces or less are ounces considered, and only on such parcels is the rate the same in all zones. All parcels weighing more than four ounces are weighed as so many pounds, a fraction of a pound being called a pound, and the rate of postage differs in all the zones.

As stated above, only the first zone has more than one rate for different points. The local rate is five cents for one pound and one cent for each additional pound up to eleven pounds, the maximum weight of any parcel that may be mailed. The zone rate for the first zone, that is all points within the zone except the office at which mailed, is five cents for one pound and three cents additional for each additional pound up to eleven.

The second zone includes points within a radius of 50 to 150 miles. The rate is six cents for one pound and four cents for each additional pound.

The third zone, all points within a radius of 150 to 300 miles. One pound, seven cents; each additional pound five cents.

Fourth zone, 300 to 600 miles. One pound, eight cents; each additional pound, six cents.

Fifth zone, 600 to 1,000 miles. One pound, nine cents; each additional pound, seven cents.

Sixth zone, 1,000 to 1,400 miles. One pound, ten cents; each additional pound, nine cents.

Seventh zone, 1,400 to 1,800 miles. One pound, eleven cents; each additional pound, ten cents.

Eighth zone, all over 1,800 miles. One pound, twelve cents; each additional pound, twelve cents.

How Distances are Computed
Nominally or theoretically the maximum distances for the various zones are as stated above, but owing to the system of determining zones, some post offices in a given zone may be at a greater distance than the maximum distance named. To explain: As a basis for computation, the United States is divided by north and south and east and west lines into tracts approximately forty miles square. These tracts are called units, and are all numbered for reference. To determine what zone every other post office is in from any given post office, circles are drawn around the given post office, each circle having a radius of the maximum number of miles in the zone represented. Thus the first circle is fifty miles from the post office around which it is drawn; the second circle, 150 miles; the third, 300 miles, etc. All points included in the circle are in the zone represented by that circle; also, all

points in every unit crossed by a circle are in the zone represented by that circle. To illustrate: The fifty mile circle around Alliance, marking the first zone, does not include Crawford; but it crosses and includes a part of the unit in which Crawford is located, hence Crawford is included in the first zone from Alliance and the parcels post rate is that of the fifty mile zone, although the distance is more than fifty miles.

Each post office is supplied with maps showing the units for the entire United States and circles showing the units included in each zone from that post office; also, a list of all post offices with the number of the unit in which each is located.

Letter to Be Mailed
All mailable matter heretofore classified as merchandise may be mailed by the parcels post rates. Matter heretofore classified as first, second or third class will retain the former rates. Envelopes and parcels containing writing or that are sealed are classed as first class. Periodical publications that have been admitted to the mails as such are classed as second class. Other printed matter, such as books, circulars, etc., are classed as third class.

Insuring Parcels
Parcels mailed under parcels post postage may not be registered but they may be insured to the amount of their value, up to fifty dollars, by the payment of a fee of 10 cents. In the event of the loss of the parcel, the sender will be paid the amount for which it was insured. Insuring a parcel and registering a piece of mail are practically the same to the sender, but the methods of handling differ. When a piece of mail is registered a record is kept at the office of registration, and as it passes through the hands of different mail clerks, as well as to the office to which sent, when a parcel is insured to such record is kept of its transit, but a proper memorandum is made in triplicate at the office at which mailed. One copy is given to the sender, one is filed in the post office where the parcel is mailed, and one is pasted on the parcel. Upon receiving the insured parcel, the addressee will sign a receipt for the same.

PARCELS POST BUSINESS BEGINS EARLY

Alliance Creamery Mails First Parcel; F. E. Holsten and A. C. Storm first to receive

MISTAKES WILL BE NUMEROUS
Parcels post business began at the Alliance post office immediately upon the new law becoming effective. Manager W. E. Spencer of the Alliance creamery has the honor of mailing the first parcel here under the new system. It contained creamery supplies and weighed three-fourths of a pound. The general delivery window was not open yesterday forenoon on account of that being a legal holiday, but Mr. Spencer secured a scoop of all other parcels post patrons by slipping into the post office by the rear door early New Year's morning and bribing Clerk Hicks with a jug of buttermilk. The postage on the parcel would have been twelve cents had it been mailed previous to January 1st, six cents more than the present postage. It has been strongly intimated to The Herald that it was held a week by Mr. Spencer in order to save the six cents.

F. E. Holsten and A. C. Storm were the first to receive parcels post mail at the Alliance post office. Train No. 394 brought each of them a parcel. Both parcels were mailed yesterday morning at Bayard, and each weighed less than a pound. The postage required on each was five cents, but the sender of one was sed a cent by placing six cents in parcels post stamps on his parcel.

FALL ON ICE BREAKS ARM

Mrs. George West, residing about twelve miles northwest of Alliance, received a severe injury by falling on ice Tuesday. A skating party had been enjoying the afternoon on a pond of ice near W. L. Loran's place. Mr. and Mrs. West had quit skating and were about ready to go home, when she slipped on the ice and fell. One bone of the left forearm was broken near the wrist and the other bone dislocated at the wrist. She was taken home and Dr. Copsey telephoned for, who drove out and reduced the fracture.

ANOTHER BIG BLAZE

Cement Block Plant of Beal Bros. Burns with Loss of \$4,500 Plant Total Loss

Fire, discovered at 9:30 o'clock last night, completely consumed the cement block factory of Beal Brothers, located in the southwest part of town. The firemen saved \$5,000 worth of lumber, stored in an adjoining building, owned by Newberry and Beal Brothers. They were unable to check the flames, fanned by the extremely high wind, until the plant was burned entirely.

Two cans of gasoline, used for the gasoline engines, exploded with terrific force, hurling debris and blazing cinders quite a distance. A car of gasoline, standing on the railroad tracks nearby, was completely hid by flying sparks and cinders and it looked for a time as though it might explode and cause a general conflagration. A switch engine hurriedly attached onto this car with a dozen others standing on the side track and pulled them out of reach of the flames.

The value of the plant, including supplies of different kinds stored in the building, with a couple of gasoline engines and some expensive machinery, is estimated at \$4,500, with insurance amounting to \$2,500. No work had been done in the plant for a couple of weeks and the origin of the fire is a mystery. It is thought that tramps may have been responsible for the blaze.

AT THE CHURCHES

At the Methodist church sermons appropriate for New Year's Day will be preached next Sunday morning and evening.

At the First Presbyterian church the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service next Sunday. Every member, as far as possible, is urged to be present. In the evening the pastor will preach the annual sermon on the year text. The year text for 1913 is, "Have Faith in God." Mark 11:22.

A. C. THOMAS DIES

A. C. Thomas, who suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, died yesterday at his home in this city, age 28 years. He had an extended acquaintance in Alliance. The funeral will be held at the First Presbyterian church at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moran, Dan and Harry Criley.

George Darling is wearing the smile that is always associated with Sunny Jim. In fact his friends have called him "Sunny George" lately. The cause is a healthy laughing baby boy at his home.

J. B. Hunsaker has returned from Chadron, where he and his wife went a few days ago, to visit with her relatives. She stopped at Hemingford on the return trip.

At the regular meeting of the I. O. F. of Alliance they were surprised by the Rebekahs, who arrived during the evening loaded with baskets of delicacies. Hot coffee was prepared after the adjournment of lodge and a good, sociable time enjoyed by all.

Miss Annie Kennedy, sister of Burr Kennedy, who was visiting him over Christmas, has returned to her school in southwestern Nebraska.

The Herald has the pleasure of welcoming another Seward county family to Alliance. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Christensen of Uteka arrived last week and have taken up their residence at 604 Mississippi avenue. Mr. Christensen will enter the railroad service at this place.

Dr. J. M. Willis, Marsland's popular physician, came down to Alliance on 44 Monday, returning home on 43 the next day.

Mrs. Chas. Brakebill, of Maltland, Mo., arrived in Alliance yesterday for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Hayes. Mrs. Brakebill was formerly Miss Hazel Hayes, of Alliance. Her husband will arrive here later, when they will make Alliance their home.

HOLIDAY VACATION COMES TO CLOSE

New Quarters Provided for Pupils of Central School

NEW BOOKS ON HAND

The Alliance city schools are fortunate in having a board of education composed of men who can meet emergencies without unnecessary loss of time or money. The Central school building was destroyed by fire on the morning of December 16. That forenoon a meeting of the board of education was held and preliminary steps taken to provide new quarters for the pupils, about five hundred, of that school. Supt. Pate was absent, being in Lincoln at the time. He hastened home upon receipt of a telegram, but before leaving the capital city made investigation to ascertain whether desks could be secured there.

The next night another meeting of the board was held, Mr. Pate being present. It was decided to call an election to vote on the proposition to bond the district for money to rebuild, and arrangements were made to provide temporary quarters for use until the new building can be constructed. Five hundred seats and about 3,000 books were wired for. These all arrived within a short time. The books have been labeled and the seats which came "knocked down" have been set up. The work may not be completed at this writing but will have been finished before next Monday, when school opens in all departments.

Comfortable quarters have been provided, as will be seen by the following notice from Supt. Pate, although not as convenient as might

be desired. The fire coming the week before the Holiday vacation began, the pupils of Central school lost but four days of school. The Herald wishes to commend the school board and the superintendent, and congratulate the patrons of the schools, for the quick and thorough preparations that have been made for resuming the work which was interrupted by the fire.

Notice from Supt. Pate

To School Patrons:
Arrangements have been made by the Board of Education for the opening of all departments of the schools on Monday, Jan. 6th.

By partitioning four of the large rooms at the Emerson school and two at the High school, and using the large manual training room at Emerson for school rooms, it will be possible to house the entire school in these two buildings.

All but three of the Central teachers with their pupils will be transferred to the Emerson school. The three teachers whose departments will not be transferred to Emerson but to the High school, are Miss Jackson, Miss Niedermeyer and Miss Jones, who have charge, respectively, of the Beginning First, the First, and the Second grade. The pupils of these three teachers will report to the High school. All other pupils who attended the Central school will report to the Emerson school.

W. R. PATE, Supt.

FAILS TO ADJUST CLAIMS

The insurance adjuster, representing all but two of the companies that carried insurance on the Central school building, was in Alliance Monday to adjust the loss caused by the burning of that building on the morning of the 17th ultimo, but failed to make a settlement. The insurance amounted to \$17,875. The adjuster first proposed a settlement that would cut this amount down nearly \$2,000, on the ground that the old brick and foundation could be used in rebuilding, claiming their value as salvage. But the members of the board of education happened to know a thing or two about salvage themselves, and did not prove to be the easy marks, and of course rejected the proposition. The adjuster then offered a claim of eight or nine hundred dollars, but the board rejected. There is no doubt that the full amount of the insurance can be collected.

THE BIGGEST EVER

Elks Annual Ball Draws Big Crowd Many out of Town People Come for Big Event

The Alliance Elks gave their annual ball at their hall last evening. It was attended by over one hundred couples, many of them coming from other western Nebraska points. Mrs. W. H. Corwin furnished the music, which was appropriate and well played. As souvenirs of the event, flowers were given to the guests. Refreshments were served on tables, decorated very tastefully. After an evening of enjoyment and happiness the guests departed for their homes, expressing themselves as being delighted with the happy time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Corwin of Uteka, Neb., arrived in Alliance Sunday morning for a visit with old acquaintances. They stopped Sunday night at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White and Sunday night at Mr. and Mrs. D. Purinton's, north of town. Mr. and Mrs. Corwin left Monday for North Platte, going on 303 via Sidney.

Mrs. V. R. Drake is sick with a bad case of tonsillitis.

Daniel Moran, better known as "Babe", was born in Alliance August 8, 1891, at 123 Missouri Avenue, opposite his home where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy and daughter, Ruth, from Falls City, Nebr., were here to attend the funeral. Mrs. Murphy is a sister of Mr. Moran. Mrs. Will Landrigan, of Falls City, another aunt of "Babe", was at the funeral also. Others who attended were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan, of Greeley Center, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McFall and son, George, of Denver; Mrs. A. P. Gordon of Crawford; Floral remembrances were sent by different Alliance organizations as well as many from friends and relatives for the funeral.

J. B. Saeger of the Norton store is off duty today on account of illness. He is expected with appendicitis.

On account of illness Miss Mary Regan was unable to be at the store after Christmas until Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thiele left last Saturday for Nebraska City, where his parents reside. They will visit there until the first of the week.

Seven Room House for sale. C. C. Rodgers, Alliance. 1765-41

W. W. Norton sold his Buick automobile to W. F. Kleinstop today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Drake of Iowa passed through and stopped in Alliance last Friday enroute to Redington, Neb., for a few days' visit with friends.

Rev. and Mrs. James B. Brown returned Saturday morning from Hastings where they spent Christmas very pleasantly with friends, of whom they have a large number in that city.

A. B. Sturgeon and wife returned from their trip to Minnesota, where they have been visiting for the last two weeks. Ralph Wambaugh has been running the oil business for Mr. Sturgeon while he was away, but will leave soon to attend business school.