

FIXING RATES **UNDER PARCEL** POST SYSTEM

**Government Goes Into Business** of Transmitting Merchandise Through the Mails.

# NEW LAW FULLY EXPLAINED

Country Divided Into Zones and Units for Purpose of Fixing Charges for Carriage-No Package Weighing More Than Eleven Pounds Is Mailable-Anything Properly Wrapped Which Will Not Injure Other Mail May Be Sent.

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ter into a new field of enterprisewhat is known as the parcel post. For years there has been a demand for such a system of inexpensive of congress a bill was passed which than an experimental way.

RATES OF POSTAGE

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate They are William H. Davis, Pittsburg, of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of Pa.; Daniel T. Gerow, Jacksonville, each additional pound to any point not ganization making application there distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable E. M. C. Quimby, Suffolk, Va., and mailing; the local rate, which is five matter will be destroyed at the exat the pound rate, as shown by the following table, and when mailed Henry N. Bradley, Charlestown, W. at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

|      | *1st    | zone    | 2d      | 3d      | 4th     | 5th     | 6th    | 7th    | 8th    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nt.  | Local   |         | zone    | zone    | zone    | zone    | zone   | zone   | zone   |
| .bs. | rate.   | rate.   | rate.   | rate.   | rate    | rate    | rate   | rate   | rate   |
| 1    | -\$0.05 | \$0.05  | \$0.06  | \$0.07  | \$0.08  | \$0.09  | \$0.10 | \$0.11 | \$0.12 |
| 2    | 06      | .08     | .10     | .12     | .14     | .16     | .19    | .21    | .24    |
| 3    | 07      | .11     | .14     | .17     | .20     | .23     | .28    | .31    | .36    |
| 4    | 08      | .14     | .18     | .22     | .26     | .30     | .37    | .41    | .48    |
| 5    | 09      | .17     | .22     | .27     | .32     | .37     | .46    | .51    | .60    |
| 6    | 10      | .20     | .26     | .32     | .38     |         | .55    | .61    | .72    |
| 7    | 11      | .23     | .30     | .37     | .44     | .51     | .64    | .71    | .84    |
| 8    | 12      | .26     | .34     | .42     | .50     |         | .73    |        | .96    |
| 9    | 13      | .29     | .38     | .47     | .56     | .65     |        |        | 1.08   |
| 0    | 14      | .32     | .42     | .52     | .62     |         |        | 1.01   | 1.20   |
| 11   | 15      | .35     | .46     | .57     | .68     | .79     | 1.00   | 1.11   | 1.32   |
|      | *For a  | full ex | planati | on of t | he rate | es of n | ostane | in the | First  |

nanation of the rates of postage in the First Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

\_\_\_\_\_ With the coming of the New Year cost more per pound to send a pack- that parcel post packages cannot be the United States government will en- age a long distance than it does to accepted for mailing unless they bear send it a short distance. The rate in- a distinctive parcel post stamp and postmaster said that it was expected cepted for mailing to any offices withthe transmittal of merchandise by creases for a package weighing one have attached to them the return card that travelers would use the parcel in the first zone or within a radius of pound at the rate of one cent for of the sender. A series of distinctive post extensively in sending home five 50 miles. Butter, lard, or any greasy each zone. No package weighing stamps is now in course of preparamore than 11 pounds can be sent un- tion for this class of mail as required transmittal of packages. The camps der the new parcel post law. It by the law creating the parcel post of favor and disfavor of the parcel should be said right here that on the system. Consignments of these post scheme have been about equally long hauls the parcel post may not stamps will be ready for shipment to with large truck interests; the other will be accepted for mailing to any divided. Finally at the last session be able to compete with the express all postoffices in ample time for the companies, but that on shorter hauls establishment of the new system on diversified farm products. The post- age to other mail matter. Eggs will be will put the plan into operation, but it can so compete. It was the ex New Year's day. anly it must be said in little more pressed desire of the legislators and The postoffice department has given interest in the parcel post, and said curely packed in a basket or other

than an experimental way. It is the intention of Uncle Sam to move rather slowly in the parcel post matter. He wants to find how popumatter. He wants to find how popu-lar it will be, how much it will cost customers. It is probable that pro- on the use of the special stamps and amount of valuable information. There is no restriction on salted. ducers must study the rates of post the necessary attachment of the re- which, added to that gained from the dried, smoked or cured meats and age and the convenience of trans- turn card. The law requires that all recent hearings in Maryland, puts it other meat products, but fresh meat be affixed by the forwarding postmasmittal and compare them with the fourth-class matter mailed a er Jan- in a position to plan the details of the in any form will be transported only cost and convenience under present uary 1, 1913, without parcel post service to the greatest advantage of methods before individually a man can stamps attached shall be treated as the producing farmer. determine whether he is to profit or "Held for postage" matter. Parcel not by the change. Then there is an post packages will be mailable only the proportions which its proponents other thing to be considered and at postoffices, branch postoffices, let-NIAGARA MADE BY GLACIER time reasonably required for transwhich only can be known definitely tered and local named stations, and when fuller regulations have been such numbered stations as may be Columbia River Was Dammed, and made to specify exactly what kind of designated by the postmasters. Had a Fall of Four Hundred Feet things can be sent by parcel post. It Over Great Cliffs. It has been announced by Postmas can be said in a general way that any- ter General Hitchcock that nearly 70, thing can be sent which is properly 000 scales will be required for use in That one of the greatest natural wrapped and which will not injure the parcel post system which is to go wonders in the world was lost with other mail matter with which it may into effect January 1st. He has acthe melting of the Okanogan glacier come in contact. cordingly authorized the issuance of in the State of Washington, is the bids for that number. Two hundred opinion of government geologists, who Copy Foreign Countries. of the largest postoffices and their recently have studied a portion of the It is probable that the government branches will be supplied with autoriver hed of the Columbia river in connection with the Grand coulee, the matic springless scales. The next class of offices, numbering about 10,great canyon that at one time was 000, will be given high grade beam the river bed.

for scales.

laws and regulations.

Rate on Seeds Not Affected.

sirable, or shall permanently render

the cost of the service greater than

the receipts of the revenue therefrom.

he is hereby authorized, subject to the

consent of the interstate commerce

form from time to time such classifi-

Through many years different mem

elected governor of that state.

the special parcel post committee, the partment in Washington. postmasters of five typical offices.

Va.

# Confer With Postmasters.

The postmasters of the five largest ffices in the country have already appeared before the committee, so Pittsburg was represented as being a the maximum rate being twelve cents large first class office, though smaller a pound, which will carry a parcel than any of the greater five, and as across the continent or to any of our being the center of a tremendous manufacturing area. The postmaster of Pittsburg reported that the board of feet in length and girth combined. trade of that city has a special parcel

post committee, working toward Butter, lard and perishable articles bringing the consumer and producer such as fish, fresh meats, dressed nearer to each other by the new sysfow's, vegetables, fruits, berries and tem. He also said that many of the articles of a similar nature that decay merchants are planning to have their quickly, when so packed or wrapped city deliveries made by parcel post. as to prevent damage to other mail

Wilmington, Del., represented a matter, will be accepted for local dearge farming and manufacturing dis- livery either at the office of mailing or trict, with its mail connections close on any rural route starting therefrom . with Philadelphia, one of the largest When inclosed in an inner cover and offices. Jacksonville is the largest of a strong outer cover of wood, met-

fice in Florida, and the outlet for all al, heavy corrugated pasteboard or the mail of the state. It is peculiar other suitable material and wrapped

in having a special increase of force so that nothing can escape in winter, the tourist season, and the from the package, they will be acand ten-pound packages of fruit. Suffolk, Va., and Charlestown, W. ery at offices beyond the first zone Va., are both very small second class must be suitably packed. Vegetables offices, one in the tide-water district. and fruit that do not decay quickly

far inland in an orchard country, with zone if packed so as to prevent dammasters of both offices reported great accepted for local delivery when se-

within the first zone.

cepted for mailing.

handles or sockets.

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reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable materials (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, de natured alcohol, etc.), infernal machines, and mechanical, chemical or other devices cr compositions which may ignite of explode; disease germs or scabs, and other natural or artificial articles, compositions or materials of whatever kind which may kill, or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property. Pistols, Animals and Birds.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, or poultry, except as elsewhere provided; raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor will not be admitted to the mails.

Treatment of Undeliverable Parcels.

Perishable matter will be delivered as promptly as possible, but if such cover in detail the articles which may matter can not be delivered and beor may not be sent by parcel post comes offensive and injurious to health, postmasters may destroy it, or the injurious or offensive portion office on a "rush order" and they will thereof.

Undeliverable perishable matter which in its nature does not become offensive or injurious to health may structions for the preparation of mail- be delivered by postmasters to the able articles with other "official ad- proper local municipal authority to be vice" are given here as they have just distributed to hospitals, asylums or moned to Washington, to confer with been prepared by the postoffice deother charitable or reformatory insti-

tutions. If there is no such municipal The minimum rate will be five cents authority, the matter may be deliverfor the first pound and three cents for ed to any charitable institution or orexceeding fifty miles from the office of for. If no application is made, the cents for the first pound and one cent piration of two weeks.

for additional pound, applies to all Parcels Improperly Packed.

Postmasters will refuse to receive parcels the delivery of which does not lavolve their transportation on railfor mailing parcels not properly indorsed or packed for safe shipment. way lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, When parcels on which the postage is wholly unpaid or insufficiently prepaid is deposited for local delivery and the sender is unknown, notice of possessions. Parcels will be limited detention need not be sent but such matter will be delivered and the defito eleven pounds in weight and six cient postage collected from the ad-

dressee by the carrier. If the ad-Mailable Perishable Articles. dressee refuses to pay the postage

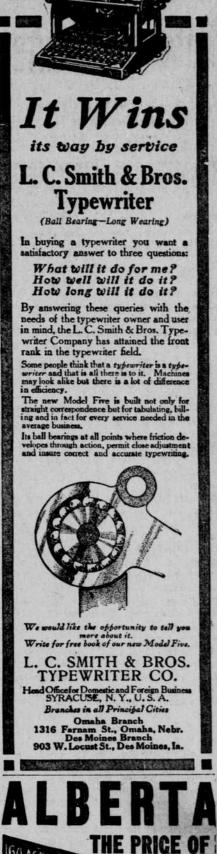
the matter will be sent to the Division of Dead Letters. Insurance on Parcels. A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of ten cents in parcel post stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

When a parcel is insured, the sender will be given a receipt showing the office and date of mailing and

number of the parcel. When a return receipt is desired by the sender of an insured parcel the postmaster at the mailing office will note the request on the margin of or oily substance intended for delivthe insurance tag, and the postmaster at the office of address will obtain from the addressee a receipt and mail it to the sender.

The liability for indemnity shall cease when delivery has been effect-

Forwarding of Parcels. Parcels may be remailed or forwarded on the payment of additional postage at the rate which would be chargeable if they were originally



the government, and whether there is to be a profit or loss at the end of each year. If it is found that the plan is successful from the point of view of the people which means the government also, the parcel post will be extended until finally it reaches sume.

#### Zone System Explained.

It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of inquirles have been made of the postmaster general as to just what the parcel post will mean to the people. It was the law of congress establishing the system which made provision for a division of the country into zones

and into 35,000 units which are to be used as centers in describing the cir- will adopt a means of transportation cies which mark the boundaries of for certain kinds of its merchandise the zones. There has been no clear much like those which have been understanding, apparently, of this adopted in parcel post countries zone system, but really it is a very abroad. What the English call hamsimple matter.

The accompanying map shows the ably will be adopted, and as these can country divided into zones from the be kept separate from the ordinary unit in which Washington is sit- mail matter it is believed that the aated, as the center. Accompanying regulations as finally adopted will althe map is a table showing the rate low the sending of eggs, butter, dressof postage per pound for parcels from | ed poultry, live poultry, honey, fruit, Washington to places within all the and other products of the country. zones The 11-pound limit for a single pack-

Each unit contains an area thirty age may work at first against any miles square. Now each unit is a very extended use of the parcel post center from which the zones are for some of the articles which have drawn and so every unit in the coun- been named. Of course, more weight try no matter where it is situated will can be sent if it is sent in different have zones drawn from it just exactly parcels, but the cost in that case as Washington has them drawn from would be heavier because the in-

pers basket-like arrangements, prob-

For instance, take Keokuk, Ia., crease per pound on a single package It. which is in a unit in the fifth zone. is not great up to 11 pounds, and From that will be drawn circles ex- probably it would increase at no greatactly as they are drawn from Wash- er rate if the government were to ington and they will be numbered from raise the limit of weight which is now Keokuk as number one, just as they fixed. To make it simpler, it will are numbered from Washington as cost more to send two packages of 11 number one. Of course, however, pounds than it would to send one Zone Six will have a different geo- package of 22 pounds if the governgraphical position as related to Keo- ment eventually should allow a heavikuk than it has as related to Wash- er single package to be carried and ington, but as the radius of the circles should charge in proportion just what drawn from Keokuk is the same it does now for one package of 11 length as the radius of the circles pounds weight.

drawn from Washington, Keokuk's Every postmaster in the United Zone Six will be just as far from its States will have a parcel post map center as Washington's Zone Six is. like the one which is here reproduced

How Rates Are Fixed.

except that the zone lines will be It can be seen from this readily shown with the unit of his postoffice enough that the postal rates from as a center. All that a postmaster will have to do when a parcel is pre-Washington to its particular zone will be the same as the postal rates from sented for transportation is to find Keokuk to its particular zones. Each out in what zone the destination of commission after investigation, to rethe package lies. His table will show unit being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a him instantly the rate per pound from cation, weight limit, rates, zone or number of postoffices, but each office the unit in which his postoffice lies zones or conditions, in order to pro-In the same unit is considered as be- to the zone of the package's destina- mote the service to the public or to ing the center of the circles from tions, the price as has been explained insure the receipt of revenue from which the zones are drawn. The before, to every postoffice in any one such service adequate to pay the cost rates of postage are fixed from the zone being the same. The parcel post thereof." unit in which the sending postoffice is will take nothing but fourth-class matsituated, but the price to every place ter. Printed matter is still in the bers of the house and senate have In any zone is just the same. To il- third-class designation. Therefore been interested in promoting parcel lustrate, it will cost exactly the same books cannot be sent by the parcel post legislation. Among the men most amount to send a parcel from Wash- post system. This the postoffice auington to Erie, Pa., that it costs to thorities seem to think is in a way which soon is to go into effect as send it to Atlanta, Ga., because Erie unjust and may work a hardship. It law are Senator Jonathan Bourne of and Atlanta with reference to Washington are situated in the fourth be changed so as to include all print. Lewis of Maryland and William Sul-The rates therefore are fixed ed matter. It seems to be certain that zer of New York, who has just been zone. from the unit in which the postoffice an attempt will be made to bring is located, but they are the same about this change as speedily as posfrom that office to any point in any sible. one zone. Must Bear Stamp

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will ordered that postmasters be advised | ter General Hitchcock recently sum-

scale, while the four class offices, When the Columbia river flower numbering about 55,000, will be furthrough the Grand coulee it made Ninished with the best spring balances agara insignificant by comparison. obtainable, each having a capacity for This great river plunged from the uptwenty pounds. These scales will be per to the lower valley in a sheer used by postmasters to determine the fall of 400 feet over great cliffs.

amount of postage required on parcel Moses lake is believed to have post packages. The fact that many been at one time part of an old chanof the postoffices of the country are nel of the Columbia river. During the now furnished with scales of a limited glacial period, recent, as time is meascapacity makes it necessary for the ured b ythe geologist, the valleys of in the mails.

postmaster general to make this very the Northern Cascades and of the large purchase of scales capable of Okanogan highlands were filled with taking care of the parcel post busienormous glaciers, the largest of ness. It is understood that this will which reached the plains before they be the largest single order ever placed were melted in the warmer air of the lower country.

The greatest of these ice rivers of It should be said that the act of Okanogon valley, which it filled to the

congress which puts a parcel post plan depth of hundreds of feet. into operation does not in any way On reaching the Columbia river valaffect the postage rate on seeds, cut- ley this glacier expanded and seems not only to have dammed the Columfor some distance.

The southern limit of this great terminal moraine many miles in the act of congress, if the postmaster

they or any of them are such as to stranded where the ice melted, and it wrapped. Millinery.

and other rocks. No more impressive scene, the geologists say, can be found in the Big Bend country than is presented by the great cliffs of black basalt below

once poured, but where now desert shrubs are growing in the ancient channel.

When the glacier left the canyon of the Columbia and retreated up the Akanogan valley the river resumed its former channel .-- Indianap-

olis News.

### Seeing is Believing.

A trio of professional story tellers active in securing the legislation were in a cozy corner of the club spinning yarns. Brown had just told a most unbelievable story and the othmay be that in the future the law will Oregon, Representatives David J. er two glanced at each other question-

> "Well, I assure you, gentlemen, said Brown, "if I hadn't seen it myself To ascertain conditions surrounding I shouldn't have believed it."

the establishment of the parcel post "Ha-h'm-well,' said one of the system in places differing widely in two doubtful ones, "you must remem-Postmaster General Hitchcock has size climate and industries, Postmasber, old man, that we didn't see it."-Tit-Bits

mailed at the forwarding which case the necessary stamps will ter. Payment must be made every time the parcel is forwarded.

Preparation for Mailing. Parcels containing perishable articles must be marked "PERISHABLE," Parcels must be prepared for mailand articles likely to spoil within the ing in such manner that the contents can be easily examined. A parcel will portation and delivery will not be acnot be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From." Manufactured Articles.

In addition to the name and address Manufacturers or dealers intending of the sender, which is required, it to transmit articles in considerable will be permissible to write or print quantities are asked to submit to the on the covering of a parcel, or on a postmaster for approval a specimen tag or label attached to it, the occuparcel showing the manner of packpation of the sender, and to indicate in a small space by means of marks, When sharp pointed instruments are letters, numbers, names or other brief offered for mailing, the points must be description, the character of the parcapped or encased. Blades must be cel, but ample space must be left on bound so that they will remain atthe address side for the full address tached to each other or within their in legible characters and for the ne-

cessary postage stamps. Inscriptions In' Powders, pepper, snuff, or other such as "Merry Christmas," "Please similar powders not explosive, or any do not open until Christmas," "Happy similar pulverized dry substance, not New Year." "With best wishes," and poisonous, may be sent when inclosed the like, may be placed on the coverin cases made of metal, wood or other ing of the parcel in such manner as material to render impossible the esnot to interfere with the address. cape of any of the contents. Flour

Distinctive Stamps. of all kinds must be put up in such The law requires that the postage manner as to prevent the package

on all matter must be prepaid by breaking or the flour being scattered distinctive parcel post stamps affixed. Postmasters cannot receive for mail-Queen Bees and Nursery Stock. ing parcels that do not bear such stamps.

> Parcel post stamps are not valid for the payment of postage on matter of the first, second, and third classes, and when used for that purpose, the matter to which they are affixed shall be treated as "Held for postage."

Maps and Guides.

Parcel post maps, with accompany soap in hard cakes, etc., must be ining guides, are to be sold to the pubclosed in boxes and so wrapped as to lic at their cost, 75 cents, through the prevent injury to other mail matchief clerk of the post office department. In ordering maps care Sealed original packages of proprishould be taken to specify the post

etary articles, such as soaps, tobacco. office from which the postage rates pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed are to be determined.

Wedding Bells.

Miss Mary C. Belknap, the wellknown settlement worker of Cleve

land, said in a suffrage debate: "Oh, that is not an argument-that is a prophecy, a prophecy that woman, given the vote, wouldn't know how to use it.

"Now it's my opinion that the men who think that are as badly in the dark about women as Jenks was about the widowed stenographer. "Jenks, you know, got to taking a

voung and pretty stenographer out to lunch, and to matinees, and to concerts; and when any one asked him "'Oh, another conquest.'

"Jenks, you see, thought he'd made tar-the widow knew she'd made an annexation."

> Give Him Time. "You're a pretty old man to be beg-gin'," said the lady to the man at the

"Yes, ma'am," replied the man with

"Have you been begging all your

"Not yit, ma'am."

emption) in the newer districts and produce either cattle or grain. The crops are always good, the climate is excellent, schools and churches are convenient, markets splendid, in either Manitoba, Sus-katchewan or Alberta. Send for literature, the lates information, railway rates, etc., to W. V. BENNETT, Bee Euilding, Omaha, Neb or address Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa. Can EVERY LADY interested in the preparati-of toilet articles, and safe and effecti-means of preserving or improving the beau-of the hands, hair or complexion—Write u You can have the best for less money. In competing the beat for less money. COLBURN COMPANY, 50 formation free. COLBUR Upion Ave. N. E., Grand I

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Truth gives the following account of "a voice" in the suffrage debate on home rule in the house of commons:

"What message," barked Lord Robert Cecil, with flashing eye and menacing forefinger, "am I to take to the women's suffrage meeting from the house of commons?" "Give them our kind regards," was the retort, the profundity of which completely took the wind out of the sails of his lordship's eloquence."

Looked Like a Strike.

Crimsonbeak-Are you against strikes?

Yeast-I certainly am. But how much were you going to strike me for?

Negative Side. "If I take the bone from your bulldog, what remains?" "You won't."

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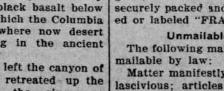
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## Queen bees, live isects, and dried reptiles may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to other classes of mail.

Seeds of fruit, nursery stock, and all other plant products for preparation eastern Washington flowed down the may be mailed under the same conditions. Confectionery and Soap. Candies, confectionery, yeast cakes,

tings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants as fixed by section 482 of the postal bia, but to have filled its great canyon

The classification of articles mailable as well as the weight limit, the Okanogan glacier is marked by a

rates of postage, zone or zones and other conditions of mailability under width. The moraine is formed of dirt

quantities by the manufacturer, and and rock material which was push- not in themselves unmailable, will

general shall find on experience "that | ed along or carried on its surface and be accepted for mailing when properly

prevent the shipment of articles de- | includes many huge blocks of basalt Fragile articles, such as millinery, toys, musical instruments, etc., and ar-

Coulee City, over which the Columbia

threatening character. All such matter, when deposited in a post office or

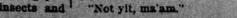
and sent to the divisions of dead let-

Materials. back door.

life?"

Unmailable Matter.

bears and delineation or language of a conquest; but the widow, standing a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or beside Jenks a month later at the al-



ticles consisting wholly or in part of glass, or contained in glass, must be securely packed and the parcel stamped or labeled "FRAGILE."

The following matter is declared un-Matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or lascivious; articles intended for pre-

venting conception; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all about her, he'd smile and say:

matter otherwise mailable by law, the outside cover or wrapper of which

found in the mails, shall be withdrawn

Intoxicants, Poisons and Inflammable

Spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any his hat in his hand. kind; poisons of every kind, and articles and compositions containing poi-scn, ponsonous animals, insects and