

OFFICIAL PARCEL POST MAP

This map is for use only in No. 1071, in which the city of Washington is located.

Numbered squares represent units of area. Lines indicate boundaries of zones.

HOW PARCEL POST RATES ARE FIXED

Charges Are Regulated Under the Zone System.

BIG ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED

Eleven Pounds is the Limit in Weight for a Single Package—Anything That Will Injure Other Mail Can Be Sent.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

With the coming of the New Year the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprise—the transmission of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post. For years there has been demand for such a system of inexpensive transportation of packages. The camp of favor and disfavor of the parcel post has been about equally divided. Finally at the last session of congress a bill was passed which will put the plan into operation, but only it must be said in little more 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 popular it will be, how much it will cost the government, and whether there will 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 the proportions which its proponents say they believe it is destined to assume.

Zone System Explained.
It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of letters have been made of the postmaster general as to what the parcel post will mean to the people. It was the law of congress that the zone system which made provision for a division of the country into zones and into 35,000 units are to be designated in description of parcels, but the cost in that case would be heavier because the increase of postage in the parcel post does not great up to 11 pounds, and probably it would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which was fixed. To make it simpler, it will cost more to send two packages of 11 pounds than it would to send one package of 22 pounds if the government eventually should allow a heavy single package to be carried and insure the parcel post package should charge in proportion to weight. It does now for two packages of 11 pounds weight.

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The postoffice department has given instruction to every postmaster in the country to enlighten his patrons as much as possible on the general subject of the parcel post and especially on the use of the special stamps and the necessary attachment of the return card. The law requires that all fourth-class matter mailed a year or January 1, 1915, without parcel post stamps attached shall be treated as "held for postage" matter. Parcel post packages will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local names, and such other names as may be designated by the postmaster.

Rate on Goods Not Affected.
It should be said that the act of congress which passed the parcel post into operation does not in any way affect the postage rate on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, and plants as fixed by section 485 of the postal laws and regulations.

The classification of articles mailed as well as the weight limit, the rates of postage, zone or zones and other conditions of mailable; under the act of congress, if the postmaster general shall find on experience "that they are any of them are such as to prevent the shipment of articles desirable, 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 commission after investigation, to relax from time to time such classification, weight limit, zone, or zones or conditions, in order to promote the service to the public, but no such relaxation shall be made unless such service adequate to pay the cost thereof."

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RATES OF POSTAGE

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the pound rate, as shown by the following table, and when mailed at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

1st zone	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Wt. Local zone	zone	zone	zone	zone	zone	zone	zone
Lbs. rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.	rate.
1—	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11
2—	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.21
3—	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.27	0.31
4—	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.30	0.35	0.41
5—	0.17	0.22	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.43	0.50
6—	0.20	0.26	0.32	0.38	0.44	0.51	0.59
7—	0.23	0.30	0.37	0.44	0.51	0.59	0.67
8—	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.50	0.58	0.67	0.76
9—	0.29	0.38	0.47	0.56	0.65	0.75	0.85
10—	0.32	0.42	0.52	0.62	0.72	0.83	0.94
11—	0.35	0.46	0.57	0.68	0.79	0.91	1.02

*For a full explanation of the rates of postage in the First Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

the rates therefore are fixed from the unit in which the postoffice is located, but they are the same from that office to any point in any one zone.

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will cost more per pound to send a package a long distance than it does to send it a short distance. The rate increases for a package weighing one pound at the rate of one cent for each zone. No package weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent under the new parcel post law. It should be said right here that on the long hauls the parcel post may not be able to compete with the express companies, but that of shorter hauls it can so compete. It was the expressed desire of congress and the postoffice officials that the parcel post system should be made of particular use to persons having farms and factory products to transmit to customers. It is probable that producers must study the rates of postage and the convenience of transmitting and compare them with the cost and convenience under present methods before individually a man can determine whether he is to profit or lose by the change. There is another thing to be considered and which only can be known definitely when fuller regulations have been made to specify exactly what kind of things can be sent by parcel post. It can be said in a general way that anything can be sent which is properly wrapped and which will not injure other mail matter which it may come in contact.

Copy Made in Foreign Countries.
It is probable that the government will adopt a means of transportation for certain kinds of its merchandise much like that which has been adopted in parcel post countries abroad. What the English call "baskets," basket-like arrangements, probably will be adopted, and the parcels will be kept separate from the ordinary mail matter. It is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will fix the limit of weight which may be sent in parcel post at a single package at 11 pounds. It is probable that any very extended use of the parcel post for some of the articles which have been mentioned above, but which are sent in different parcels, but the cost in that case would be heavier because the increase of postage in the parcel post does not great up to 11 pounds, and probably it would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which was fixed. To make it simpler, it will cost more to send two packages of 11 pounds than it would to send one package of 22 pounds if the government eventually should allow a heavy single package to be carried and insure the parcel post package should charge in proportion to weight. It does now for two packages of 11 pounds weight.

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The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding city miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to eleven pounds in weight and six feet in length and girth combined.

Mailable Personal Articles.
Butter, lard and perishable articles such as fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and articles of a similar nature that decay quickly, when so packed or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail matter, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom. When enclosed in an inner cover and a strong outer cover of wood or metal, or of a similar nature that decay quickly, when so packed or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail matter, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom.

Forwarding of Parcels.
Parcels may be remailed or forwarded at a rate which is proportional to the actual value, but not to exceed 50¢, on payment of a fee of ten cents in postage stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

Parcels containing perishable articles.
Parcels containing perishable articles and articles likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be accepted for mailing.

Manufactured Articles.
Manufacturers or dealers intending to transport articles in considerable quantities are invited to submit to the postmaster for approval a specimen parcel showing the manner of packing.

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HE KNEW HIM

The doctor is keeping old Skim's cough down.

Yes, and after he has cured him he'll have to give him something to make him cough up.

RINGMON ON CHILD'S FACE

Stratford, Iowa.—Three years ago this winter my seven-year-old son had ringworm on the face. First it was in small red spots which had a rough crust on the top. When it started they looked like little red dots and then they got bigger, about the size of a bird's egg. They had a white rough ring around them, and grew continually worse and soon spread over his face and legs. The child suffered terrible itching and burning, so that he could not sleep nights, and he scratched them and they looked fearful. He was cross when he had them. We used several bottles of liniment, but nothing helped.

I saw where a child had a rash on the face and was cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment and I decided to use them. When I started Cuticura about one month, and they cured my child completely. (Signed) Mrs. Barbara Prim, Jan. 30, 1912.

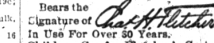
Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 22¢ Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston," Mass.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the



Signature of Dr. J.C. Williams in the Red-Over-30 Years Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Way of Some Ministers.

Hislop W. F. McDowell, a Methodist, says some ministers are like some horses—they'll work all right in the lead but will balk when placed elsewhere.

All women are born free and equal—but they don't look it at the bathing beach.

Red Cross Blue will wish double as many clothes as any other brand. Don't put your money into any wash.

It's the easiest thing in the world to so fritz bag to worse.

The Army of Constipation

In Growing Stronger Every Day. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

responsible—who they not only give relief—but they permit constipation. Millions use them for Biliousness, Headache, Sick Headache, Sallow Skin, SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.

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