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**ZONE SYSTEM FOR  
TERRITORY ALASKA**

PARCEL POST REDUCTION IN  
SIGHT; TO INVESTIGATE  
LOCAL CONDITIONS.

The movement originating in civic  
bodies last fall, and culminating in  
the passage of the Keyes memorial at  
the spring session of the legislature,  
has borne fruit in an order from the  
postmaster-general to Alaskan offices  
calling for an investigation as to the  
practicability of putting Alaska un-  
der the zone system.

At this time Alaska is in the eighth  
zone, and it costs as much to send a  
package across the street as it costs  
to send it to London, England. The  
zone system along the railroad belt  
would result in large savings to farm-  
ers, miners and trappers, as well as to  
everyone using the parcel post. In  
addition to this it would remove an  
element of unfair competition with  
mail order houses with which local  
enterprise now has to contend.

Postmaster Stoddard needs a letter  
from each merchant telling him (a)  
how many packages, and how much  
weight is now shipped by parcel post.  
(b) How much this would increase un-  
der the zone system.

The secretaries of the chamber of  
commerce and the merchants' associ-  
ation join in urging every merchant  
to write this letter to Mr. Stoddard,  
so that proper consideration may be  
had while this section has the atten-  
tion of the postmaster general.

Movel Wave in Belfast

**FAMOUS GOLDEN  
SPIKE EXHIBITED**

GOLDEN SPIKE DRIVEN BY LATE  
PRESIDENT IS PROPERTY  
OF COLONEL MEARS.

The historical golden spike driven  
by the late President Warren G.  
Harding at the north end of the big  
steel bridge on the Alaska railroad  
across the Tanana river was exhibited  
at the Alaska museum at Juneau for  
two days recently.

The spike was presented Colonel  
Mears by residents of Anchorage as a  
parting gift betokening the esteem in  
which he was held by his friends and  
acquaintances here. While it is rea-  
lized the spike would make a valuable  
addition to the Alaska museum, offi-  
cials of that institution recognize that  
Col. Mears may value it too highly to  
part with it. Governor Bone has  
written Col. Mears regarding its fin-  
al disposition.

Governor Bone also plans to get a  
complete pictorial history of the  
president's visit to Alaska from the  
motion picture concerns whose repre-  
sentatives accompanied the party to  
the territory. He has written each of  
them, asking for a copy of their pic-  
tures. He has also taken up the mat-  
ter with Will Hays, requesting his  
assistance in getting the copies.

The pictures will be sent to Juneau  
and kept in the historical library for  
showing at opportune times.

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