

## MALBOEUF WILL INVEST IN VALLEY

Popular Officials of Southern Pacific Resigns to Organize Company to Develop Rogue Fruit Land.

C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific in Oregon, and for 15 years employed in the freight department of that system, has tendered his resignation to become effective January 15. With associates, Mr. Malboeuf has organized the Rogue River Land & Orchard company, which will buy and sell and develop fruit land in the Rogue river valley.

Mr. Malboeuf is well known in Medford as he has made regular trips to this section for several years. For some time he has been considering locating in the valley.

He is the second Southern Pacific official, familiar with all Oregon, who has chosen this section for investments. The other is William B. Wells, manager of the publicity department.

## UNCLE SAM'S MAIL SERVICE IN CONSTANTLY INCREASING

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29.—Some idea of the postal service of the United States and the magnitude of its business can be gained from a brief review of the salient facts disclosed by the latest annual statistics. The figures show that the service now has about 325,000 employees, and that these employes handled during the last fiscal year nearly 14,000,000,000 pieces of mail. The number of postoffices in operation is 60,144. There are 26,652 domestic transportation routes, aggregating 448,618 miles in length, with an annual travel of 542,151,121 miles. A delivery service by carrier is provided on 40,628 rural routes and in 1440 cities and towns. Ordinary postage stamps to the number of 8,712,907,031 were sold during the year and domestic money orders to the value of \$491,074,844 were issued. The total receipts for the fiscal year 1909 were \$203,562,383.07, an increase of 6.31 per cent over the receipts of the previous year. The total expenditures amounted to \$221,004,102.89, an increase of 6.07 per cent.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAS AMENDED CHARTER

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—The Southern Pacific company filed an amendment to its charter here today, certifying that of the \$76,000,000 preferred stock of the company heretofore authorized to be issued and consisting of 760,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, 744,515 shares have been converted into a similar number of shares of the common capital stock of the company, the remainder of the issue having been redeemed or canceled.

## NEW CHURCH FORMED: LOCAL MEN INTERESTED

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state for the Evangelical Lutheran Eden church; principal office, Melrose, Douglas county; incorporators, G. A. Kocken, J. A. Westerlund and A. J. Lundgren.

## BANCROFT HILL IS CONQUERED BY BUICK

(Portland Journal.) Bancroft hill, much feared by automobilists, was again conquered by an automobile Thursday when the Buick 30, piloted by Norman De Vaux, climbed the hill four times, the first time with one passenger, the second with three passengers, the third time with four and the fourth time with five passengers. This beats all records yet made and the Buick now holds the record for the hill.

Ever since the Cadillac two weeks ago made the ascent of a hill hitherto considered impossible Bancroft hill has been the mecca for all the dealers of the city, and machine after machine has been out there to try the hill. The Buick was one of them and yesterday did as its owners had anticipated, climbing the hill without a hitch and easily carrying five passengers up as well as making the ascent with one passenger.

The surface of the hill yesterday was much the same as it was the day the Cadillac made its first climb of the hill. The ground was soft and slippery and a very bad time for such an attempt. This did not deter the owners of the Buick, F. W. Vogler and Norman De Vaux, however, and they determined to make the climb then or not at all.

The first attempt made by Mr. De Vaux with the car was made without

## CHRISTMAS DINNER HAS FATAL ENDING

One Dead and Four Others Dangerously Ill From Eating Sausages.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Victoria Froggia is dead, her son Otis is dangerously ill, John Canavasio is supposed to be dying, and Canavasio's two sons, John and Joseph, are in a serious condition from the ravages of the deadly trichina parasite, supposed to have been contained in raw pork sausages which comprised a portion of their Christmas dinner.

The Canavasioes were the guests of the Froggias at dinner December 25. The sausages were prominent in the menu and all present ate heartily of them. The following day five of the party were taken ill.

Mrs. Froggia steadily grew worse. She died last evening, after suffering agonies. A portion of muscular tissue from the stomach of the dead woman was examined by local physicians, and the trichina was found.

The other sufferers were taken to a hospital where they lie today. Grave fears are felt concerning their condition.

## SON OF MILLIONAIRE SAYS HIS WIFE IS CRUEL

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 29.—Alleging extreme cruelty on the part of his wife, John T. Murphy, son of John T. Murphy, the millionaire stockman, banker and land magnate of this city, has instituted a suit for divorce. In addition to asking the custody of his child, Murphy seeks alimony also.

## FAIR EXCHANGE: A New Back for an Old One—How It Is Done in Medford.

The back aches at times with a dull indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the joints are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one. Follow the example of this Medford citizen.

Mrs. William Charley, Grape street, Medford, Or., says: "The public statement I gave in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills in 1907 still holds good. I occasionally take this remedy now and I find that it keeps my kidneys in proper working order. A fall was the cause of kidney complaint in my case. The kidney secretions were unnatural and too frequent in passage and sometimes I had such acute pains in my back that I could hardly bend over. I did not sleep well and despite the use of plasters, liniments and remedies of various kinds, I continued to suffer. While in that condition, Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and procuring a box at Haskins' drug store, I commenced using them. In about two weeks I felt better and the contents of four boxes of this remedy made me well. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many other people."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

## FOUR AND A QUARTER ACRES BRING \$5,000

H. E. Foster Purchases Tract on East Main Street and Pays a Good Price Therefor.

H. E. Foster and others have purchased from A. S. Pens of San Francisco four and a quarter acres on East Main street for a consideration of \$5000.

They intend cutting the property into building lots and putting it upon the market. Also a move is on foot for the opening of a street from George Lindley's residence on the hill straight through to Roosevelt avenue. This will give the tract a facing on each street.

This is the tract which the school board was negotiating for some time ago, but were compelled to give up on account of a raise in price. The board afterward purchased a tract in the Queen Anne addition.

## WOMAN STAKES HER LIFE ON LOTTERY TICKET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Two lottery tickets, neither of them bearing winning numbers, were offered by the coroner today as mute evidence of life staked on a gamble and lost. The tickets were tightly clenched in the lifeless hand of an unidentified woman, whose body was found lying across an unmarked grave in Calvary cemetery here.

## Pruners Wanted AT HOLLYWOOD ORCHARDS

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Wanted—To borrow \$800 on good property for one year.

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For sale—Four lots, 50x210, on easy terms.

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Four-room house, with half acre for sale; fine location, Room 208 Phipps & Taylor bldg.

Have you a good placer mine for sale? Call at room 208.

For sale or trade—160 acres one mile from town of Merlin.

For sale—Two lots, one on S street, the other on Riverside avenue.

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## ROGUE RIVER KING OF FISHING STREAMS

Party of Medford Fishermen Make Good Catch Tuesday in Spite of Fog and Cold.

What do you think of catching steelheads on a fly on the 28th of December? Looks fishy, doesn't it? Yet that was just what was done in Rogue river Tuesday by a party of local fishermen.

J. D. Heard, E. E. Kelly and George Putnam, inspired by the knowledge that the continued cold weather had cleared the water and the river was low, went to Gold Ray Tuesday to try them out and they brought back four nice ones.

How the steelhead was caught with a fly is told by Heard.

"We would have done better," said Mr. Heard, "but the fog was heavy all day and the sun only came through in spots. In fact it only shown on the water about ten minutes. As soon as the sun struck the water Putnam whipped a coachman on his line and made his cast. The fly had hardly struck the water when it was grabbed by a steelhead. If we had had some sun I believe we would have had some great fishing."

## DOES NOT CHANGE HIS UNDERWEAR IN THREE YEARS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Although he is reported to have \$7,000 deposited in a local bank, officials of the city health office today declare that L. Peterson, a lodger at the Big Island rooming house has not changed his underwear in three years.

According to the health officials the man had become so foul that other boarders complained. Peterson has been ill for four weeks and would allow no one, not even the landlord to enter his room. The health officer had to break down the door.

## THE ELECTRIC METER

Contrary to popular impression, the electric meter is the most perfect and accurate measuring instrument; it measures the electricity that passes through it with greater accuracy than the average watch measures time, but like the watch it is delicate and needs to be cleaned repaired and adjusted sometimes.

Electric meters do not get out of order very often (if they are not worn out), and when they do they more frequently register in favor of the consumer than in favor of the company.

We will test your consumers' meters at frequent intervals (free of charge) that they may register correctly, and that there may be no cause for complaint.

If the consumer thinks his bill too large, please notify us at once, and we will gladly do all we can to ascertain the facts and make all necessary corrections; if the consumer thinks his bill too small, kindly re-

## TO ORGANIZE NEW ORDER OF NATIVE SONS

Any Person With Parents in State Before Its Admission to Union is Eligible to Membership.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—An effort is quietly being made to form an organization to be known as "The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers." The movement has so far advanced as to have the date for final organization set for tomorrow, when it is understood many prominent men of the state will assemble in this city to complete an organization which its promoters are assured will go. Any person of reputable character having ancestors in this Oregon country prior to the admission of the state to the union is eligible.

Notice. Helena, Montana, Dec. 21, 1909.

All persons are warned not to give credit to any one in my name as I will pay no debts so contracted.

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## A NEW ELECTRIC ORDINANCE.

May it be ordained by the city council of the city of Medford.

Any able-bodied, married man who shall neglect or refuse to provide his wife with electric lights and electric iron, thereby compelling her to spend these pleasant days and evenings in the kitchen over the hot cook stove, when he can now buy electricity at bargain prices, shall be punished by imprisonment in his own kitchen, with cook stove in full blast, and shall be compelled to start all fires at 4 a. m. so that he may be ready for 8 o'clock breakfast, until he shall provide said wife with said electric lights and electric iron, to save fatigue, exhaustion and trouble as aforesaid.

(Signed) DOMESTIC FELICITY, Chairman.

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W. M. Holmes, Manager, is always at your service for a good buy.

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