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DIVIDEND PAYERS.

An exceedingly interesting comparison of the relative earning capacity of Rogue River valley and Willamette valley land has been written for the Homeseekers' section of the New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune by C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, showing that the limited area of the former has a dividend paying capacity many times in excess of the immense area of the latter. Mr. Malboeuf says:

"The 400 carloads of apples and pears shipped from that part of Rogue River valley in Jackson county during the present season up to December 31 netted the growers \$600,000. The number of acres of planted orchard in the district is today 60,000, nearly all of which have been set out during the past seven years, while of that number 25,000 were planted in the past two years. The crop returns for 1909, therefore, represent an item of \$10 per acre for the entire 60,000, or upon the basis of \$100 valuation per acre, 10 per cent revenue. Measured by commercial standard, an investment yielding 10 per cent net profits per annum is a strictly gilt edge one. But not to exceed 3000 acres of the 60,000 were in bearing in 1909, and of these, not less than 1500 were young orchards, just reaching the bearing stage, and which produced little more than traces of fruit. Using the same valuation of \$100 per acre, the 3000 acres earned 200 per cent net, and the 1500 acres 400 per cent. At a valuation of \$1000 per acre, the net revenue for the 1500 acres was 40 per cent. In other words, the 1500 acres produced enough to pay 10 per cent interest upon 60,000 acres at \$100 per acre. In less than five years, over 40,000 acres will be in bearing, and upon the most conservative basis 10,000 carloads will be shipped in 1915, of a total valuation of \$10,000,000, or over twice the present annual production of fruit in the entire state.

"An interesting example of conditions in the Rogue River valley is a comparison with the dairy industry in the Willamette valley, admittedly one of the greatest fields for dairying on the American continent, and the development of which is proceeding upon a most stable basis. The Willamette valley contains in round figures 3,000,000 acres of land directly and indirectly suited to the raising of dairy cattle. The total value of dairy products for 1909 was approximately \$10,000,000, or at a valuation of \$50 per acre, 6 per cent net income; at a valuation of \$100 per acre, the income figures 3 per cent. In a state of full development the Willamette valley will produce \$100,000,000 of dairy products per year, in addition to other products of the soil. Diversified farming will be its great industry. It is the natural home of the cow, and the cow is destined to be supreme.

"The great industry of the Rogue River valley will be fruit raising. Fully developed, and using as an estimate, one-fourth of the bearing records of some of the present orchards, it will produce not less than \$75,000,000 worth of fruit each year, or an amount equal to that of the entire fruit production of California today. It is now rather a matter of progress than prospect."

Mr. Malboeuf might have added that the Rogue River orchard has not only an investment value, but a speculative value as well; that the price of fruit land here, while high in comparison with farming land, or with so-called fruit land in unproven districts, is in reality very cheap as yet when contrasted with the price of land in the proven fruit districts of Colorado, Washington, Hood River and California, and is sure to rise to a price equal to and above the latter on account of superior climatic conditions.

GREAT BUILDING ACTIVITY IS ON IN ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Dec. 30.—Lumber dealers say that if inquiries made of them by prospective builders are any criterion, there is not only going to be a continuance of the building boom in Ashland during the year 1910, but that it gives promise of exceeding the past year and preceding ones. Scores of new residences are being planned for erection during the coming year, and unless the unexpected happens, there will be something doing in the line of more new buildings in the business district in 1910 to add to the splendid showing of 1909 in this line of improvement.

Although this is the midwinter season there has been no let up to the building activity of the summer and fall, save for a short time when weather conditions were unfavorable. The present fine weather has been taken advantage of to rush work on many new structures now under way.

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MAN IN SEATTLE FOUND SUFFERING FROM LEPROSY

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Arrangements are being made today by the United States marine hospital service at Port Townsend, to deport Erik Govern, a Scandinavian fisherman who was discovered in Seattle yesterday to be suffering with leprosy and was placed in charge of the government authorities. Govern will be sent to the quarantine colony at Diamond Head, Hawaii. He arrived in Seattle last Friday, coming from the Simpson hospital at Janneau, with directions to visit a local eye specialist for advice as to a tumor on his right eye. All attempts at treating the man's eye failed and he was sent to Commissioner of Health Critchton. Here the nature of the malady was discovered and he was taken in charge by the government authorities who removed him last night to the Marine Hospital at Port Townsend.

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PRE-COOLING GREAT SUCCESS

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injurious gases are withdrawn, and as this low temperature is held by the use of ice en route, it practically insures placing fruit on eastern markets in same condition in which it was loaded.

Great Benefit.

The benefit to the shippers in dollars and cents, by reason of increased prices received in the east, varies. We know of some cases where cars of deciduous fruits containing eight hundred to nine hundred boxes, sold when pre-cooled, from fifteen cents to twenty cents a box higher than other fruit shipped at the same time not pre-cooled. In case of celery shipments we have had reports of increased prices ranging from seventy-five to two hundred dollars per car.

A pre-cooling plant which will accommodate 2 cars at a time or approximately 16 car a day of 24 hours would cost about \$16,000. This however does not include the building and is based on motor power operation. If same is driven by steam power, the cost would be about \$3,000 additional. The cost of the building will vary of course, according to the form of construction and locality, but we figure that a good substantial building could be put up for about \$6,000.00.

The cost of operating such a plant would of course depend on the price of ice and the local conditions, and therefore an intelligent estimate cannot be given. You will no doubt, however, from the knowledge that you have of the cost of labor and ice at Medford, interest, depreciation, etc., be able to make a very intelligent guess.

Our general manager states that a small plant would work much more satisfactorily driven by electricity than by steam power.

I trust the above will give you all the information desired and with assurances of my high regard and wishes for the compliments of the season, I remain

Yours very truly,

J. KRUTTSCHNITT.

RUSHING WORK ON TILLAMOOK LINE

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 30.—Thirty-eight miles of the Pacific Railway & Navigation company's line will be in actual and regular operation by the end of this month. This announcement has been made officially by President E. E. Lytle. This is considerably more than one-third of the mileage of the road, which is to be 90 miles long. Seventeen miles will be operated at this end from Hillsboro to a station, not yet named, just beyond Buxton, the other eleven miles being at the Tillamook end of the road.

Thirty-three miles of the road are completed and 100 men are working on 27 miles. This construction is about 40 per cent completed.

FOUR DIE FROM COLD IN MIDDLE WEST STATES

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—The intense cold prevailing throughout the middle west resulted in four deaths last night, according to police reports today. The thermometer registered six degrees below zero here today. No snow fell, but a biting wind was blowing off the lake. Many trains are still delayed.

Reports from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa indicated that the cold wave is general throughout the northern Mississippi valley states. In several Nebraska cities the mercury dropped to 18 degrees below zero, while South Dakota reported even colder weather.

HAVE YOU AN EYE FOR BUSINESS?

Maybe you have, but it isn't wide open unless you have electric light in your store.

Did you ever stop to realize how an electric sign would shout out your name to people on the streets at night?

Did you ever stop to think how a bright electric sign would literally burn your name and location in people's minds?

And an electrically lighted window display shines out like Mars at perihelion, and tends to even draw people from across the street.

And, besides that, if your store interior is lighted by electricity, it not only is an evidence of progressiveness, but also shows off your goods to best advantage, even bringing out colors and tints as true as daylight. A brilliantly lighted store is an invitation; it is cheering, pleasant, good will making.

But, above all, it is trade-making. That's the point we all have an eye to.

Shall we send a representative to talk it over with you?

ROGUE RIVER ELECTRIC CO.

A rare opportunity to make some easy money. Honest representative who can give satisfactory references to take orders for Smelt in your locality. Address T. I. Temple, 229 E. Alder St., Portland, Ore.

Notice.

My wife, Effie Gordon, has willfully left my board and bed, and I will not be responsible for any debts whatever which she may contract hereafter.

ALFRED D. GORDEN, Prospect, Ore.

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Notice to Red Men.

All members of Weatonka Tribe are requested to be present at the next regular meeting of the tribe Saturday night, January 1, 1910. Raising up of chiefs for the ensuing term, followed by a banquet. Visiting members are also invited.

L. L. JACOBS, Chief of Records.

Members of First M. E. choir, there will be a regular rehearsal Friday at 7:30 p. m.

FORREST EDMEADES.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

On the 23rd and 24th inst. there was quite a number of the railroad men called for their time and went to Medford to spend Christmas and the result was a temporary slack in business at the hotels our town, and when they came back on Monday they were informed that they could not have their names re-enrolled on the books until after the old year had expired. The cause of such a move is unexplained, but I suppose those at the head of affairs know what is best for the company. After January 1, 1910, they will put on as full a force as possible and rush the work right along. The steam shovel that was started from here on the 20th was on the morning of the 27th about a quarter of a mile from the end of the track. Those who have charge of moving the machine seem to be having considerable trouble on account of the ground being so soft.

Ed Walker and family, who have charge of the Iowa Lumber company's mills, etc., on Big Butte, came out on the 23rd inst., leaving the team at the Sunnyside stable and went to Medford to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Loar.

L. B. Williams, one of our retired capitalists, who is rooming at the Sunnyside hotel, went to Medford on a Saturday and Monday last on business connected with a big land deal.

On Friday eve. being the regular time for Santa Claus to ut in his appearance here, the people assembled at the church and had an elaborate Christmas tree prepared and after an interesting program by the school children and some excellent vocal music by Mr. White and Miss Jenkins, Santa put in an appearance, through a window, to the consternation of some of the little folk, and joy of others, and distributed quite a number of presents and all went home feeling that they had been amply repaid for their trouble.

Christmas was duly celebrated here, although this being a dry town, there was no drunkenness, but the citizens generally had a good square meal and in some instances there was an extra gathering among them, being one at J. W. Groover's, who had invited Prof. P. H. Daley and family to spend the day with them, also Mr. Jordan had a family reunion of at least a part of his family, there being his son, Dr. Jordan and family of Montana; Miss Lovey Jenkins, a granddaughter, E. S. Wolfer, a son-in-law, wife and daughter, besides a few invited guests and they spent their day very pleasantly together.

The people of Reese creek opened their new school house last Christmas eve, by having a good old fashioned basket supper and dance. A few of our young people attended and report having had a very pleasant time. The proceeds, amounting

STORE WINDOWS

Your window is the most, in truth, the only, potent factor for night advertising your store has.

It is the only means you have of giving people, on the street, a tempting idea of what you have in your store. It—

It is the only way you have of arousing their curiosity,—

Why not cut out the "ifs" by illuminating your store windows with electric lights?

Other forms of light are shadowy, flickering, smudgy, dingy, gloomy, and place your entire window exhibit at a disadvantage.

Electric lighting floods your window with an attractive brilliancy, and shows your goods advantageously, as

STATE WINS FIRST BATTLE FOR ACCRUED TAXES

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—The state yesterday won the first battle for the collection of several thousand dollars of accrued taxes during 1906, 1907 and 1908, under the gross earnings act of 1906 from the Wells-Fargo Express company. Suit was instituted several months ago in the circuit court for this county. The attorney general demurred to the answer of the corporation, and the demurrers were sustained yesterday by circuit Judge Burnett.

The court held that the answer to the complaint made by the corporation to the effect that the gross earnings tax was unconstitutional because it was enacted by the initiative, was not sufficient for the supreme court of the state of Oregon has held the initiative amendment to be valid. The point has been carried by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company to the United States supreme court for final determination in a case similar to the one now being prosecuted by Attorney General Crawford against the Wells-Fargo company.

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to about \$35, after expenses were paid, is to be applied toward purchasing a bell, flag, etc., for the school house.

Last Sunday Dr. Noding and wife procured a rig at the Sunnyside stable and went to the farm he recently purchased of Mr. Henderson, the old West face. He is more than pleased with his purchase.

G. W. Owings, proprietor of the Eagle Point hotel, has erected a store room along side the old building.

W. T. Beveridge, one of the civil engineers on the P. & E. right-of-way, S. Glasgow and E. E. Edsil were brought out last week by Yule Edsil to spend the holidays in Medford.

J. W. Innes and Dr. J. H. Eaeysrs of north Chicago were out last Friday. Mr. Saeysrs remained over until Sunday evening. They were looking for places to purchase so as to locate in this delightful climate. They were guests at the Sunnyside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomason who have a camp on the Vestal place and have a contract on the right-of-way for the P. & E. railroad, stopped with us on Sunday night on their way to California to be gone a few days.

On Christmas day when P. H. Daley and wife, principal and primary teachers in our school, returned from visiting J. W. Grover, they found that they had company of their own, his brother, T. W. Daley and wife, Bertha Daley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stinson and son Willie, had taken possession and were awaiting the arrival of the host and soles, but after the surprise was over and Mrs. Daley had got things straightened out a little they all settled down to business and had one of the pleasant times of their lives.

Tuesday morning about 3:30 o'clock Frank Ditsworth came into the Sunnyside for a bed having rode all night from Peyton, for a doctor to go to the family of Mr. Stadler, as Mrs. Stadler is reported to be quite low with typhoid fever. Dr. Holt, our doctor, being away on a visit to his parents in Portland, Mr. D. tried to get Medford over the phone but could not get Central Point as the wire is out of order so had to go to Brownsbro t phone to Medford for a doctor.

Speaking of a telephone: The present owners of the line are taking steps to have the line between here and Central Point put in good shape so that we will not have the trouble that we have been having during the past.

S. J. Jones of Roseburg, a capitalist who boarded with us four years ago, came in on the P. & E. Tuesday morning. He had been in Ashland on land business and came over to see old-time friends and prospect for business. He is planning to spend the summer here next year.

-SAY- Do You Know

THE BEST 25c VALUES IN HOSIERY EVER SOLD IN MEDFORD ARE ON SALE THIS WEEK AT

HUSSEY'S 5 Pair \$1.00

this sale includes every ladies', misses', infants', man's and boys' wool, cotton and fleece lined Hose in the store. If interested in hosiery it will pay you to look this line over and remember for this week you can buy any 25c hose in the store, assorted any way you want them

5 Pair for \$1.00

25 pr. ct. Toy Dolls Discount on all fancy China for this week only and all Xmas Goods this week just HALF PRICE

For Bargains See HUSSEY'S

We Stand By Our Colors

That is we deliver the goods exactly as advertised. These facts are known by all who have patronized our annual clearance sale. We have as yet to hear of one dissatisfied customer. We are still giving these splendid values. We urge you to come and get more good shoe value for your money than you ever received in Medford before.

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Savoy Theatre

TONIGHT. Beautiful, Sublime THE LIFE OF MOSES. MAKING IT PLEASANT—"A Scream." BROUGHT TO TERMS—"A Rip Roarer." ONE DIME.

THE ROADS ARE NEVER BAD THE WEATHER IS ALWAYS GOOD WHEN YOU WANT TO GO, CALL UP

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