PROSPERITY is said to be returning to the east since seems to sormate strange as it may seem. Already the cost of living is said to be declining, as meat priees are lowering everywher

As for Medford and the Rogue tiver valley, prosperity
An in thest. has her permanent abode here. Never was the ontlook brighter than in these November days.
ments are being feverishly rushed while the clear day contimue and new buildings are going up on every hand. If is a changed city that greets the old timer returning as he ahghts at the magnificent new depot, a city of pavel
streets and substantial business blocks, a city of bustle and progesss and enterprise, a metropolis in the mak
-with the crudeness of the unfinished still clinging. Only a few figures are at hand to measure growth Street paving has progressed during the past nine months
at the rate of a mile a montl. Many miles of water, sewet at the rate of a mile a montlı. Many miles of water, sewer
and gas mains have been laid and a half million dollar gravity water system has been completed, and dozens of brick, stone and concrete business blocks erected, some of
them four stories in height. Bank deposits reflect t
Bank deposits reflect the healthy financial condition
of the city. Five years ago they were $\$ 609,498$. Today they are $\$ 2,376,582$. In the past ten months they have in they are $\$ 2,376,582$. In the past ten months they have in-
creased $\$ 413,014$, or 22 per cent. In two years they have donbled. Postoffice recepts also indicate the growimately $\$ 6000$ a year. This year they will exceed $\$ 26,000$. Year by year and month by month, they have increased from thirty
fifty per cent during the entire period.
And the growth of the city but reflects the growth or the surrounding country. With 65,000 acres of the finest fruit land in the world in orchards, preparations are under way for the planting of 20,000 acres move the coming season. A year ago Rogue river apples won sweepstakes at the national apple show at Spokane, and this month Rogue river apples won first prize at the international
Canadian apple show at Vancouver. November also witnesses the completion of the Paciti \& Eastern, the timber belt, which opens the largest sugar pine belt in America to lumber manufacture. Survevs have been comAmerica to lumber manufacture Surveys have been com-
pleted for the extension of the line over the Cascades to a ofnnection with the Oregon Trunk, giving Medford tw transcontinental routes east.
All in all, conditions were never better and the futur
for Medford and the Rogue river valley never more promising than in these sunny and frosty November days in the year of Our Lord, 1910.

## BASIS OF RATE MAKING.

W HEN Reno, Nevada, sought lower freight rates, the Southern Pacificattempted to place in evidence hooks of shippers, showing the business done-to prove that job-
bers were able to do business on a margin of profit under xisting rates.
The same line of railroad logic was disclosed at the hearing of the. Medford case before the interstate com-
merce commission Monday, when Attorney W D Dento attempted to seenre from local jobbers admissions that they were doing business in other towns at a protit, anic
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