

### RURAL ROUTE IS STILL IN "AIR"

Route Asked for and Recommended By Postoffice Inspectors in 1909 is No Nearer Consumation—Washington Still Considering.

Assistant Postmaster Ralph Woodford received a communication from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. De Graw containing the information that the proposed Jacksonville road and Central Point rural free delivery petitions are indefinitely postponed and that the matter cannot be settled until the work of readjusting the rural mail service under the newly established division of that title is completed. The matter has now been pending for two years. The petition, gotten up during March, 1909, was signed by 88 heads of families that will be benefited by the proposed route. Postoffice inspectors approved the proposed route in July 1909, but since that time the matter has been pigeonholed.

### BOURNE BEGINS WORK OF LEAGUE

Opens Offices in Washington Where He Will Stay All Summer and Devote His Time to New Progressive League.

WASHINGTON, Ore., Jan. 2.—Senator Bourne opened headquarters of the National Progressive League today in the senate office building in a room formerly used by the senate committee on expenditures. The secretary of the league, Frederic C. Howe, with a force of clerks, is preparing a circular letter to state representatives of the league, suggesting plans for state organizations and enrollment of clubs and individuals to carry the principles of the league into effect. Senator Bourne expects to remain here the coming summer, directing personally the organization and work of the league, which will have permanent offices in this city. Secretary Howe reports the receipt of many letters from all parts of the country, volunteering the services of speakers and writers.

### HIGH COFFEE IS BLAMED TO BRAZIL

John C. Miller, Local Boy, Who Travels for Big Tea and Coffee Concern, Throws Some Light on Increase in Coffee's Price.

John C. Miller who is home for a visit with his parents in this city, and who travels for a big New York tea and coffee concern states that Brazil is to blame for an increase of six to seven cents a pound in the cost of coffee. "Brazil produces about 80 per cent of the world's coffee, and for several years, owing to over production, the growers have been operating at a small margin of profit," states Mr. Miller. To remedy this condition the government of Brazil about three years ago started what is called a valuation scheme. "The surplus coffee each year is bought up by the government and a law passed whereby it is permitted to be used as an export tax is paid. In this way the demand is kept high and consequently the price has soared."

### MAY FILIBUSTER TO BLOCK FRISCO

That is the Only Visible Sign of New Orleans Fight for Exposition—Sanders Trying to Line up Senator Bailey.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Talk of a filibuster in the United States senate is today about the only visible sign of the New Orleans fight for the Panama Exposition and it is pretty slim. Governor Sanders of Louisiana, who is still on the ground for the Southern city, is said to be trying to induce Senator Bailey of Texas to start obstructive tactics in an effort to block San Francisco's complete victory, but with Senator Crane of Massachusetts, the real leader of the senate, an avowed San Francisco partisan, it is believed there is little chance that the upper house will refuse a straight out endorsement of the coast city. This view is held by Senators Perkins and Flint, who declared that San Francisco will easily win complete endorsement.

### MEDFORD COMES TO ASHLAND'S AID

H. O. Frobach Circulates Petition Here Asking County to Provide \$7500 for Armory—Is Being Generally Signed by Business Men.

H. O. Frobach of Ashland is today circulating a petition in Medford to the county court, which asks that body to appropriate \$7500 toward the building of an armory in Ashland for the local company of the state militia. The petition is being generally signed. The plan as being worked out by Ashland is to this effect: That city will appropriate \$7500, the county will be asked for \$7500 and then the legislature will be asked for \$15,000. The Ashland citizens are confident of success. **CLEANING HATS.** Hats cleaned, dyed, blocked and retrimmed. Medford Cleaning and Dye Works, 120 N. Front St. 272\* **Haskins for Health.**

### TEACHERS URGE PASSAGE OF BILL

Bill 273 Authorizes Creation of Retirement Fund and Suits Teachers—Many Instructors Instruct Legislators.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—A number of Portland teachers appeared before members of the Multnomah delegation yesterday to urge the passage of house bill No. 273. Under the proposed law teachers would contribute \$1 per month during the first ten years of service, \$2 in the second decade and \$3 in the third. It was argued by the teachers that experiences of many states and countries which have annuity laws sanction such a measure, and that inasmuch as the public is asked to contribute only 10 per cent of the amount necessary to put the fund on a firm basis, there should be no objection to pensioning those so intimately connected with the country's welfare. The teachers who came from Portland for the meeting were: Misses

### HEAVY FLOOD STRIKES IDAHO

Trains on Oregon Short Line Are Tied Up—Unprecedented Rainfall for Past Eleven Days Preceded Flood.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Feb. 2.—Bridges are out, trains delayed and the people of Robin County are isolated as a result of a heavy flood pouring down the valley of the Port Neuf River and its tributaries. Unprecedented rainfall for the last eleven days preceded the flood. The trains on the Oregon Short Line are tied up in the yards here on account of a washout at Inkoma, near here. They are scheduled to leave for their various destinations today. **Haskins for Health.** Holbrook, De Graf, Harris and Dimick, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Lester, Mrs. West, A. P. McKinley, W. T. Fletcher, C. N. Higgins and A. R. Draper.

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<b>Baby Bonnets</b> Wool and Silk Baby Bonnets in brown, navy, tan and white in all sizes up to \$2.50 values. Rummage sale price..... <b>48c</b>	<b>Belts</b> 100 Women's Red Patent Leather Belts, all sizes, worth 25c. Rummage sale price..... <b>10c</b>	<b>Veiling</b> Women's Fine Net Face Veiling, in navy, tan, brown, grey and black, 25c values. Rummage sale price, a yard..... <b>10c</b>	<b>Corsets</b> Women's Coutil Corsets, all sizes, a splendid 75c quality. Rummage sale price..... <b>50c</b>	<b>Aprons</b> Women's Waist Aprons, made of blue and white check gingham. Rummage sale price..... <b>23c</b>
<b>Underwear</b> Women's Muslin Corset Covers, Drawers and Skirts, nicely trimmed, well made, up to 50c values. Rummage sale price..... <b>25c</b>	<b>Blankets</b> Good size Grey Cotton Blankets; sold all season at 75c. Rummage sale price, a pair..... <b>63c</b>	<b>Hose</b> An odd lot of hose; some of them "Last Forever" brand; values up to 25c. Rummage sale price, a pair..... <b>12 1-2c</b>	<b>Underwear</b> Women's and children's Fleece Lined Underwear, up to 35c value. Rummage sale price... <b>21c</b>	<b>Sheets</b> 72x90 Bleached Sheets, good quality, worth 75c. Rummage sale price, each..... <b>59c</b>
<b>Challie</b> Best quality Cotton Challie; new patterns. Why pay 7c. Rummage sale price, a yard..... <b>5c</b>	<b>Prints</b> Best quality Dress Prints in all colors; very special. Rummage sale price, a yard..... <b>5c</b>	<b>Lace</b> 1000 yards Fine Linen Lace and Cambric Embroidery, 10c values. Rummage sale price..... <b>5c</b>	<b>Remnants</b> All Remnants of Silk and Dress Goods at..... <b>One Half Price</b>	<b>Flannelette</b> Beautiful new Flannellettes for kimonas and wrappers, 15c values. Rummage sale price, a yd. <b>10c</b>
<b>Muslin</b> One case Fine Soft Finish Bleached Muslin, 10c grade. Rummage sale price..... <b>7c</b>	<b>Lace Curtains</b> Full length Lace Curtains in white and ecru. Rummage sale price, a pair..... <b>98c</b>	<b>Bungalow Curtains</b> Red and Green Bungalow Curtains. Rummage sale price, a pair..... <b>98c</b>	<b>Curtain Net</b> Red and Green Curtain Net, 25c value. Rummage sale price, a yard..... <b>18c</b>	<b>Pillows</b> Large size Feather Pillows, covered with good ticking. Rummage sale price..... <b>69c</b>

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