

### HOOVER ORCHARD SOLD FOR \$30,000 TO CALIFORNIANS

G. A. Hoover has disposed of his splendid orchard tract to J. K. Johnson of Pasadena, Cal. The orchard tract lies about miles south of Medford and is considered one of the very best orchard plots in the valley. Aside from the fine orchard there is on the land, situated on an eminence, is a large new farm dwelling. This, coupled with the other needful buildings and the high state of cultivation in which the orchard has been kept, makes it a very attractive property.

Mr. Hoover gets in exchange for this residence property in Pasadena, Cal., and some acreage near that city. The consideration in the deal was \$30,000.

Mr. Johnson arrived in Medford Sunday with his family and has taken possession of his recently acquired property. Mr. Hoover will reside in San Bernardino, Cal., where he owns considerable property.

### ASK MILLION A YEAR FOR ROADS

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—To raise a million dollars a year for two years for an additional state road fund, a petition has been sent to the Multnomah delegation soliciting the support of the delegation in the legislature. The draft of the measure, together with the petition, was presented at the meeting of the delegation last night by Whitney L. Boise and others interested in the good roads movement. Following is the petition the legislators were asked to consider.

One of the most important measures to come before the legislature will be a proposed millage state tax, for two years, for state highway aid. The necessity of this will be apparent to any one familiar with good roads development in the state. The plan was unanimously supported by the recent convention of county commissioners and judges in Portland.

To raise this sum will require a 1-mill state tax levy for the next two years.

Last year California raised for state highways \$18,000,000, and Washington \$2,500,000.

Multnomah county pays one-third of the taxes of the state, and will build her own roads without asking or receiving state aid. This places her in a position to request the passage of this measure.

### DIVORCE SUIT AIRS SCANDAL

Sensational developments are expected in the divorce suit filed by Florence Hoffman against J. M. Hoffman, a traveling salesman of this city, and sensational developments are brewing. In his answer and amended answer to the suit Hoffman alleges that Mrs. Hoffman "became drunk and was taken home in a drunken condition from the office of a Medford man, whose name defendant is reluctant to give." The answer further alleges that plaintiff "while on a visit to Portland in June, 1914, carried on a clandestine correspondence with a Medford man whose name defendant is reluctant to give." The grounds for divorce are made upon the allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment without "just cause or provocation."

The couple were divorced once before and remarried.

### MAY WHEAT \$1.48 AT PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—Seventy-five thousand bushels of wheat changed hands on the Portland exchange today at prices higher than previously recorded, the market, on account of a strong export demand, seeming to be affected little by the declines at points in the middle west. Increases of from 1/2 to 5 cents over previous sales were recorded. May bluestem sold at \$1.48 per bushel and March bluestem at \$1.44. February made the largest advance of 5 cents, selling at \$1.40. Spot oats sold at \$32.25 per ton, an advance of 25 cents. Feed barley advanced \$1, selling at \$29.

### PIONEER MINER OF EARLY '50S SEEKING FRIENDS

How many of the old pioneers of the valley remember John S. Coleman now of Seattle, Wash., who has written a letter to his former friends, the late Thomas Reames, father of Attorney Ewan Reames, in the hope of receiving word from old acquaintances. The letter was turned over to A. E. Reames, and is as follows: Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17, 1914.

Dear old friends: It has been many years since we met, but I have been thinking of you of late, and wondered if either my old friends that I left in 1854, I wonder if Anderson remembers when we drove the Indians off of Castle Rock, or when we went to rescue old Smith from the Indians. The man that was wounded that day got a pension and lives here in Seattle.

If either of you are living or have any family that would write and tell me all about the old place and how it looks now, I often think of old Mother Reames, how good she used to be to us boys.

Anxiously awaiting an answer, I am, your old friend, JOHN S. COLEMAN.

### NO FUNDS FOR BIGGER NAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The chief result of last night's conference between Secretaries Daniels and Garrison and congressional leaders was a general conclusion that the government's revenue during this year would not bear extensive additions to the military establishment, but that next year when congress considers some means of raising new revenue in place of the special stamp taxes, the subject of appropriations for national defense will be considered. The prospect of a prolonged European war will be considered in connection with the plans for raising revenue.

### SIERCKS REPUDIATES RECENT CONFESSION

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—John Siercks, inmate of the state insane asylum, today repudiated his recent confession that he had murdered Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little son in Columbia county. He declared that he had made the confession in order to save John Arthur Pender, now serving a life term for the crime, from the gallows. In view of Siercks' detailed confession, the authorities intend to conduct a thorough investigation, despite his denial today of responsibility.

### PERMIT EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WOOL

BELBOURNE, Jan. 6, via London, 9:48 a. m.—The commonwealth, it is announced, has decided to permit the shipment of merino wool to the United States provided a guarantee is given that it will not be re-exported. Australian restrictions regarding the export of wool were inaugurated soon after the war started and were in line with the policy pursued by Great Britain in endeavoring to prevent this product from reaching Germany. November 28 the restrictions on the export of wool, so far as Canada and Japan were concerned, were rescinded.

### PENNSYLVANIA BONDS FOR HUNDRED MILLION

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Announcement was made today that at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, March 9, stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase of \$100,000,000 in the indebtedness of the company. The new bonds will be used to provide funds for the refunding of bonds, car trust and other obligations maturing this year. The bonds, it is understood, will be issued under the general mortgage authorized by the stockholders at their annual meeting last year.

### FIVE GOVERNORS IN NEW ENGLAND TAKE OFFICE OATHS

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—The legislatures of five New England states—all except Rhode Island—convened today for their annual or biennial sessions. The Massachusetts "great and general court" met with large republican majorities in both houses. David I. Walsh, who will be inaugurated tomorrow for his second term as a Massachusetts governor, is, however, a democrat.

In Vermont both houses are solidly republican and that state tomorrow will inaugurate a republican governor, Charles W. Gates. The republicans also control both house and senate in New Hampshire, where the legislature at the last biennial session in 1913, was dominated by a combination of democrats and progressives. Governor Rolland H. Spaulding, republican, will deliver his inaugural address tomorrow.

Maine has a republican house and a democratic senate with a chance for deadlock on joint ballot if the 87 republicans and four progressives should combine against the 91 democrats. Oakley C. Curtis, a democrat governor, will be inaugurated tomorrow.

Connecticut began the year with an administration republican in all branches. Marcus H. Holcomb was sworn in as governor today, succeeding Simeon E. Baldwin, a democrat.

### BANDITS MAKE GOOD ESCAPE

OREGON, Ill., Jan. 6.—After barricading themselves in a fisherman's shack on an island in the Rock River near here and defying all night a posse of deputy sheriffs who sought to arrest them in connection with robberies of summer cottages, two men believed to be Jos. Boyer, an alleged ex-convict, and Harry Sheftler, escaped from the island today and were pursued by the posse into a forest on the river bank.

The two men before escaping had driven the officers from the island with threats to shoot. Dogs were set on the trail through the woods and inhabitants of nearby villas warned that a man hunt was on.

### PRESIDENT TALKS EQUAL SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—President Wilson reiterated today to a delegation of woman suffragists his previously announced position that equal franchise should be brought about through action by the states rather than through a federal constitutional amendment. Nearly 100 women from different parts of the country saw the president at the white house to ask him to support the Bristow, Mondell amendment, which comes to a vote in the house January 12.

The president told the women that he much admired their skill and tenacity in their campaign. "I have a lifelong conviction that this should be done state by state," said the president. "I would take the same position on a question affecting men's suffrage. I would be deserting my deepest constitutional convictions if I changed my position on the subject."

### VAUDEVILLE ACT AT THE STAR THEATER TONIGHT

In addition to a splendid selection of Silent Dramas and comedies the Star theater, will have a number of local celebrities on the program tonight and tomorrow night. Among the number will be Miss Ione Flynn, a well known violinist, Mr. Earl Bonner, a baritone of note, Mr. Jack Barry, well known as a successful comedian, and Mr. Cousin Mittleberger, who was one of the big hits of the famous Rose Show.

The movies will be of special interest, there being a feature, Lola the Rat, with Mr. Maurice Costello, one of Broncho Billie's world famous The Grate Impeeryl Sirkus, and a big Lubin feature "On Suspicion."

This is without any doubt the best bill ever presented at this popular little play house and is advertised as a dollar show for a dime.

Smoke Home-Made Cigars. Governor Johnson, Mt. Pitt and La Vista are the best.

### TAKE THE ROOF OFF ROCK ISLAND IS STONE'S THREAT

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—A promise to "take the roof off the Rock Island railroad system and give all a peek at what is the matter with it," was made here today at the Western Railway Wage arbitration proceedings. The promise was made by Warren S. Stone, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in the course of the testimony of W. J. Lauck, a statistician.

Lauck continued the recital begun yesterday of tables designed to show that the productive efficiency of railroad engineers and firemen has increased while their earnings show an actual decrease. James M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads, pointed out that apparently the table analyzing the Rock Island road showed that the productive efficiency of the engine-men had decreased. Lauck said that it might be due to the Rock Island's bookkeeping, to improper financing, to poor roadbed, or to a variety of causes.

"Suppose we take the roof off the Rock Island system and all take a peek at what is the matter with it," suggested Mr. Stone.

"All right," responded Lauck. "We will do it later," concluded Stone.

### SMALL POX RAGES AT VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Black smallpox has broken out at Vera Cruz and the tropical town is in the throes of an epidemic, American Consul Canada today reported to the state department.

Carloads of dead and wounded from the battle of Puebla were being brought in today. The consul's only information from Carranza sources was that Villa-Zapata troops had been defeated heavily.

Rear-Admiral Howard, commanding the American squadron on the west coast of Mexico, today reported conditions favorable at San Blas, where he had been instructed to protect a German colony at the request of the German embassy here. He has withdrawn the gunboat Annapolis to Manzanillo, but ordered the cruiser Raleigh to stand off San Blas. The town is in the possession of the Villa forces, who have been joined by the Carranza garrison.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Letters won by the members of the high school football team will be distributed Thursday morning. Prof. Bowman, Coach Moore and President Earl Hubbard, will give short talks.

The high school orchestra for the second semester is under process of organization.

The first semester will close January 22.

Marie Eifert has returned to school after visiting friends in the north.

The manual training department and the sewing department are working on exhibits to be displayed at the San Francisco fair.

The examinations for the first semester will take place on January 21-22.

An increase of about 30 or 40 in attendance is expected for the next semester.

The game between the Grants Pass high and the local high school basketball team will be one of the best ever seen on the local floor. Both teams are strong and it will be worth your while to see this game.

The second debate of the season will be staged at the high school on January 12. The subject will be announced later.

EXPOSITION  
A white diagonal checked madras  
Ide Silver Collar  
The leading men's wear stores have Ide Silver Collars or can get them for you—but if you have the slightest bother, write us for a list of our dealers nearest you.  
Geo. F. Ide & Co., Medford, Troy, N. Y.

### BASEBALL TRUST SUMMONED TO FEDERAL COURT

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Summonses were issued today for owners of the 16 clubs in the National and American Leagues and members of the National Baseball Commission to appear before Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court here January 20, the date set for hearing of the injunction sought by the Federal League in its bill filed yesterday, charging that organized baseball was operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The injunction asked seeks to restrain the 21 defendants named in the bill as constituting the "baseball trust," from tampering with players now under Federal League contract and from interfering in any manner with the operations of the league.

James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, in a statement today said that the suit would wipe out the smaller cases now pending between the Federals and organized baseball and determine, in one action, all differences now existing between the rival leagues.

### 43 GERMAN SPIES IN CANADIAN FORCES

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Charles Walter, an attorney of Toronto, Canada, announced today upon returning to New York from England aboard the steamship Minnehaha that 43 German spies had been arrested among the Canadian contingent of troops which sailed to England last fall. Mr. Walter says that all the men

### SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink lots of water and stop eating meat for a while if your bladder troubles you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water solids and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.

### THE PAGE SATURDAY ONLY

Matinee and Evening

A scorching arraignment of modern society. An expose of their frivolities and dissipation by one of England's greatest playwrights.

### Alfred Sutro

Featuring that Great Actor,

### Edmund Bresse

With Claire Whitney and Stuart Holmes and others, in

### The Walls of Jericho

No change in admission SATURDAY ONLY

enlisted in Canada. One of the 43, according to Walter, was killed by the members of the company in which he had enlisted when the charge was made that he was a German spy. The troopers set upon the man and killed him before officers could prevent it, Walter asserted. The other 42 alleged spies, according to Walter, had been locked up. What was done with them afterward he did not know.

THE PAGE WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY Evenings, 7 o'Clock  
Medford's Leading Theater  
SPECIAL! SPECIAL! SPECIAL!  
A GOLD SEAL  
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BROTHER In Two Parts  
Featuring Grace Cunard and Francis Ford  
That Wonderful Thrilling Feature  
THE MASTER KEY Third Episode  
With Robert Leonard and Ella Hall  
Cleo Madison and George Larkin  
These two great stars, who made such a wonderful success in "The Trey o' Hearts," appear in a remarkable production,  
THE ADVENTURES OF THE NIMBLE DOLLAR Also TWO GOOD COMEDIES  
Musical Program by The Page Theatre Orchestra  
This Splendid Program Two Nights Only  
Admission 5c, 10c, 15c Doors Open 7 o'Clock  
SPECIAL NOTICE—For these two nights, the first 100 adults at box-office window will receive a free ticket to this show.

IT THEATRE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
SHORTY'S SACRIFICE Two Reel Broncho. Adventures of Shorty Series  
FOR THE SAKE OF KATE. Two Reel Reliance.  
THE QUICKSANDS—Majestic.  
SCENE OF HIS CRIME—Comedy.  
RACE FOR A BRIDE—Komic.  
HERE FRIDAY-SATURDAY—"ZUDORA" Thanhouser's Greatest Photoplay  
Each episode complete. All star cast of 1909, and 2000 scenes, headed by Marguerite Snow as "Zudora" the Girl Detective in Love. Science, mysticism and adventure by Harold McGrath and Daniel Carson Goodman.

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When You Want Amusement That Entertains WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY  
A program of merit. Progressive Motion Pictures. Advanced Vaudeville of Quality  
We Are Strong For Medford Talent SHOWS STARTING 8:45 AND 8:45 P. M.  
PROGRAM:  
Vitagraph Drama  
Lola The Rat With MAURICE COSTELLO  
Broncho Billy's Scheme One Part  
Mr. Earl Bonner Medford's Silver Toned Baritone Ten Minutes of Golden Dreams  
—AND—  
Mr. Jack Barry Our Own One Real (Not Reel) Comedian  
A Lubin Masterpiece  
On Suspicion Two Parts  
Miss Ione Flynn Violin Virtuoso  
A Little Lady You All Know  
Mr. Cousin Mittleberger With a Million Dollar Reputation  
The Grate Impeeryl Sirkus One Reel  
A DOLLAR SHOW FOR A DIME