

FILM PROJECT FOR THIS CITY ON NEW BASIS

Medford Men Back 'Fotovox' And Take Over Rogue River Studio — James Slevins' Services Secured—Details of Organization And Its Plans.

Through the financial efforts and ambition of about a dozen prominent Medford business and professional men, allied in a three years contract with James Slevins, the internationally known movie producer, play and scenario writer, artist, author, and world traveler, under the name of Southern Oregon Fotovox, Inc., incorporated at Salem last week, Medford and southern Oregon before many months may be on the moving picture map, not only of this country but of the world.

Not only that but the completed Rogue River Studio movie venture here, which practically became defunct many months ago, may eventually be resurrected and completed by the company, to become the home studio of super-features to be made by the company, one every six months. At this home studio only the acts centering about the leading actors would be made, and the larger scenes, such as mob scenes, would be filmed at Hollywood, or some other large moving picture producing center.

There has been much public curiosity and speculation ever since Mr. Slevins arrived here from Hollywood seven weeks ago at the solicitation of some local business men interested in the venture, as to just what his and their plans were, and this curiosity has greatly increased during his stay.

Today the Mail Tribune is able to give some details about the new organization and its plans, as follows:

The Southern Oregon Fotovox, Inc., is a State of Oregon corporation, incorporated for the purpose of executing certain outstanding contracts, of an unique, unusual, extraordinary and profitable nature.

Leading the list of local public spirited men, who have generously subscribed to this enterprise, is C. E. Gates, state highway commissioner.

The latest, newest and most successful method of cinematograph will be used—the talking picture, under the trademark "Fotovox," which is owned and registered at the U. S. Patent office, Washington, D. C. by James Slevins.

Starting from today, the corporation is in sound financial condition, discounts all its bills, has no debts or incumbrances of any sort, but it has highly valuable assets listed in the manner following:

The corporation directors have been fortunate in securing under a three years' contract, the exclusive services of what they assert is one of the most talented, experienced and accomplished men of the entire motion picture industry, James Slevins, artist, author, linguist, play and scenario writer, producer of feature motion pictures, and world-wide traveler; moreover, Slevins and his former business associates have subscribed the major portion of the working capital of the corporation.

Through Slevins the corporation has certain valuable agreements and exchange of correspondence with the Royal Academy of St. Cecilia, Rome, Italy, and with Maestro The Right Reverend Monsignor Antonio Rella, of the Sixtine Chapel choir of the Vatican, Rome, Italy, and with Maestro, the Right Reverend Don Rafael Casimiro Masimiri of the Papal Academy of Sacred and Liturgical music, at with the Right Reverend S. Tampieri, under Secretary of Extraordinary affairs, of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Secretary of State, to His Holiness, at the Vatican, Rome, Italy, which agreements and correspondence cover the matter of taking a series of motion pictures of the several institutions above referred to, including their separate and individual personnel.

Going forward with the next phase of this matter Slevins leaves for Hollywood next Wednesday, to get together his equipment and assistants and prepare to proceed to Rome, where he will arrive well in advance of Easter Week when the ceremonial at the Vatican is the most impressive of the entire year, and prepare to carry out the proposed ambitious program.

This series of motion pictures will be completed and ready for exhibition by July 1st, 1929.

This covers only the first six months program.

For the term of Slevins' contract there has been planned

PILOT READY FOR AIRPLANE CRASH AT FAIRGROUNDS 2:30 P. M. SUNDAY



Finley Henderson shown above in the protective armor which he wore when he drove his plane into a building at Portland recently. Two members of the Fanchon and Marco troupe seated with him congratulate the aviator.

Finley Henderson, the aviator chap who by way of diversion drives his plane full-tilt into a house, is slightly peeved. Supposing everything in readiness for his flit with fate at 2:30 this afternoon at the Fairgrounds, he discovered that so little was not his chance of success that no one wished to risk the loan of a set of thin guards and a chest protector.

The entry of the plane through the side of the structure, at a speed of sixty to seventy miles an hour, causes pieces of the house, the airplane — and perhaps the pilot — to fly indiscriminately and with considerable force. To furnish himself a modicum of protection against this barrage of wreckage, it is Henderson's wont to deck himself in the habiliments of a baseball catcher. However, through the refusal of the loan of the protective apparel his want today may be attempted with no great

equally attractive super-features to be produced every six months.

The first Tournee of the Sixtine Choristers presented by Slevins shows in a published report, gross receipts of \$50,000 in fifty days.

The first motion picture of the Pope and Vatican, presented by Slevins years ago shows a profit of well over \$1,000,000.00. In San Francisco, during the Exposition, the Vatican pictures were considered the greatest event of the Exposition year. The Municipal Auditorium took in \$100,000.00 in two shows.

The world famous Royal Academy of Musicians has never been explained.

All this series will be presented exclusively in Fotovox Talking Pictures, breaking new ground in history.

The background is unequalled and unsurpassed. Michael Angelo is the stage carpenter, Rafael and Leonardo da Vinci, the scenic artists, Bernini, Canova, and Giulio Romano, the property men. The result is St. Peter's and the Vatican, the greatest monuments of art and architecture the world has ever known.

This is distinctly not a religious matter. It is a superfeature, surpassing in universal interest anything ever presented any where, any time, at any price, it is claimed.

Tens of millions of people from all parts of the world, from all walks of life, all creeds and denominations, make the long expensive trip to Rome to see what the Southern Oregon Fotovox company, by wizardry of modern

science, will present in the home to towns.

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Gift Suggestions

Here are a few successful answers to your Christmas problems. Every one of them is attractive, useful and lasting — a constant reminder of your own thoughtfulness in selecting gifts so sure to please.

- The very latest in Velvet, Suedes and Satins. **\$2.65** to **\$3.75**
- Large assortment of Galoshes and Millers Shuglovs. **\$2.65** to **\$4.00**
- Children's Galoshes. **\$2.65** to **\$4.00**
- Swanky Boots in Brown Kid and Patent Leathers. **\$12.00** per pair
- Rich Browns in Kids, Suedes and Lizard trim effects. Galoshes arranging in price from **\$2.65** to **\$4.00**
- Complete assortment of Buckles. Priced from **\$1 to \$10**
- All Silk, Full-fashioned Chiffon Hose, with steeple heel, **\$1.95** pair.
- Beautiful I. Miller Hose. Extra sheer Chiffon, Picot Tops. **\$1.95** pair.

A new creation in protective footwear, clear cut tailored and chic.

THE Bootery

FRUITGROWERS TO HOLD FINAL MEET MONDAY AT 2 P.M.

Much interest is being shown by the fruit growers of the valley in the meeting to be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Hotel Medford. This will be the last regular meeting of the year and promises to be one of great importance to the fruit industry of the valley.

The Rose pear marketing committee is prepared to make a detailed statement on its findings and will probably submit recommendations for further activity on this important question.

The question of advertising the Rogue River valley pear will be presented for discussion and steps will be taken to start such a program.

Every fruit grower is entitled to and is urged to attend and participate in this meeting for it is by this means that mutual problems of the fruit industry are best solved, the leading fruit growers say.

REICHSTAG MEETS BUT BEER TABOO

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(AP)—For the first time since 1902 the Reichstag convened early this morning in a midnight deliberation which was dubbed the "Eltzer water session." This was caused by the order of President Paul Loebe, to prevent the members from becoming drowsy from consumption of alcoholic beverages, for the Reichstag lunch room to dispense no beers or wines after the meeting convened.

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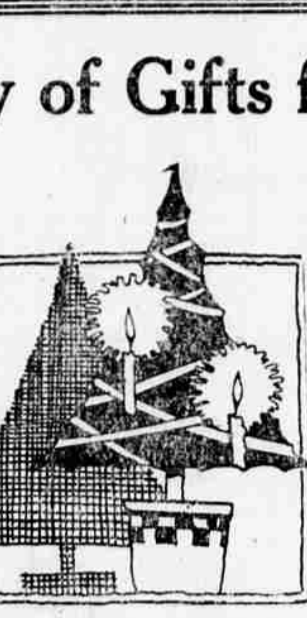
Car Delivery Conference

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington officials and motor transportation representatives will meet at the Portland study plans for some agreement between the two states concerning motor vehicle deliveries. Secretary of State Hoss and Chief State Traffic Inspector T. A. Rafferty will represent Oregon. Hoss will preside.

Directory of Gifts for Men

- Gifts Between \$1.00 and \$2.00.**
 - Silk Neckwear
 - Fancy Handkerchiefs
 - Silk Hosiery
 - Cuff Links
 - Stud Sets
 - Belts
 - Dress Collar Button Sets
 - Suspenders
- Gifts Between \$1.00 and \$2.00.**
 - Garters
 - Leather Bill Folds
 - Toilet Sets
 - Imported Lisle Hosiery
 - Fancy Wool Hosiery
 - Leather Collar Cases
- Gifts Between \$2.00 and \$5.00.**
 - Mocha Gloves
 - Dress Shirts
 - Kid Slippers
 - Golf Hose
 - Silk Lined Caps
 - Felt Slippers
 - Soft Collar Cases
 - Dress or Motor Gloves

Had the Oregon tuberculosis death rate of 1923 kept up through 1927, Oregon would have suffered a loss of 799 persons by this disease in 1927 instead of 514, the actual toll for last year.



Ladies! Come in and Select "His" Gift at "His" Store!

The Men's Shop

Next to Raito R. W. LEE

Each gift neatly wrapped—All ready for the tree.

Gifts Between \$2.00 and \$5.00

- Fancy Shirts
- Shirts With Collars to Match
- Gift Box Handkerchiefs
- Belt Buckles and Beltogram Sets
- Imported Silk Neckwear
- Cassimere Mufflers
- Finest Wool or Silk Hosiery

Gifts Between \$5.00 and \$10

- Imported Golf Hose
- Imported Silk Mufflers
- Silk Shirts
- Wool Bath Robes
- Evening Dress Jewelry Sets
- Smoking Jackets
- Pullover Sweaters
- Velour and Beaver Hats

Gifts Between \$5.00 and \$25

- Novelty Pajamas
- Military Brush Sets
- Golf Knickers
- Raincoats
- Overcoats
- Fur Lined Gloves
- Leather Coats
- Imported House Slippers

Make This a JEWELLED Christmas

A Gift from Brophy's Reflects the Quality of the Present and the Good Taste of the Giver

One Trip to Brophy's Will Solve the Gift Problem for every Member of the Family

No shop in all the town can match the attraction of Brophy's and at this sparkling season this treasure house takes on an added interest—a captivating charm that reflects the Spirit of Christmas. Here are gifts of breath-taking beauty... "just the thing" for each member of the family—and for those "question-marked" names on your shopping list.

And how pleasant it is to reflect that each of these jeweled treasures is a present with a future—destined to become increasingly beloved with each passing year. A visit to Our Jewelry Store is a pleasure and an inspiration.

Scores of Gifts for Her

- Gold plated toilet Sets—\$32.50 up.
- Silver plated toilet sets—\$15.00 up.
- Fiberbed Ivory in all the new shades and colors—\$14.50 up.
- Gorham Sterling and plated, Holmes and Edwards Community, Yourex, Wm. Rogers and Tudor plate, 26-piece, 25-year plate set as low as \$14.00!
- Wedding Rings — 18-K, 3 dia.—\$18.50; 5 dia. \$25.

LIGHTERS

Scores of gifts for men including lighters—Ronson, Clarke, Evans and many others from \$1.00 up.

Mesh and Beaded Hand Bags—Brooches—Cameo Pins—Vanity Sets and many suitable gifts at all prices. Beautiful strings of Pearls in gift boxes from \$2.00 up.

DIAMONDS

Beautiful blue-white diamonds—special at \$25.00, \$45.00, \$95.00. In Ring Settings, beautifully mounted.

Brophy's JEWELERS MEDFORD, ORE.

Main Street, Near Central

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Jarmin & Woods
James McNair Pharmacy
West Side Pharmacy