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COUNCIL MEETS
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Breeders Gazette	\$2.00	
Farm & Fireside	.50	
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Everybody's	\$1.50
World's Work	\$3.00
Country Life	\$4.00
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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Makes Annual Recommendations to Congress.

ATTACKS ANTI-TRUST LAW

Sherman Act Should Be Amended to Permit Combinations Which Are in the Interest of the Public, Says the President — Urges Legislation to Safeguard the Wages of Workers—Dwells on Need of Protection For Forests. Views on the Army and the Navy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In his message to congress, read to the two houses, the president said:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to Sept. 30, 1908, there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal and a saving of nearly nine millions in the annual interest charge. This is an exceedingly satisfactory showing. There has been a reduction of taxation.

Corporations.
 As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already again and again said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations, as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know and, furthermore, the power, not by judicial, but by executive, action to prevent or put a stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission, and removed

from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least this power should be summary. Power to make combinations and traffic agreements should be explicitly conferred upon the railroads, the permission of the commission being first gained and the combination or agreement being published in all its details. The interests of the shareholders, of the employees and of the shippers should all be guarded as against one another. To give any one of them undue and improper consideration is to do injustice to the others. Rates must be made as low as is compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroad, from the highest to the lowest, and proper returns to the shareholders, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

Ample Rewards For Intelligences.
 It is to the interest of all of us that there should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual capacity and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of today. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order so the men who defend the rights of property have most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth, for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarily invites a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds.

The opposition to government control of these great corporations makes its most effective effort in the shape of an appeal to the old doctrine of states' rights.

The proposal to make the national government supreme over, and therefore to give it complete control over, the railroads and other instruments of interstate commerce is merely a proposal to carry out to the letter one of the prime purposes, if not the prime purpose, for which the constitution was founded. It does not represent centralization.

I believe that the more farsighted corporations are themselves coming to recognize the unwisdom of the violent hostility they have displayed during the last few years to regulation and control by the national government of combinations engaged in interstate business.

Labor.
 There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wageworker to which I should like to draw your attention. As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, accompanied by an effort to bring about a larger share in the ownership by wageworker of railway, mill and factory. In farming this simply means that we wish to see the farmer own his own land. We do not wish to see the

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Personal Solicitation

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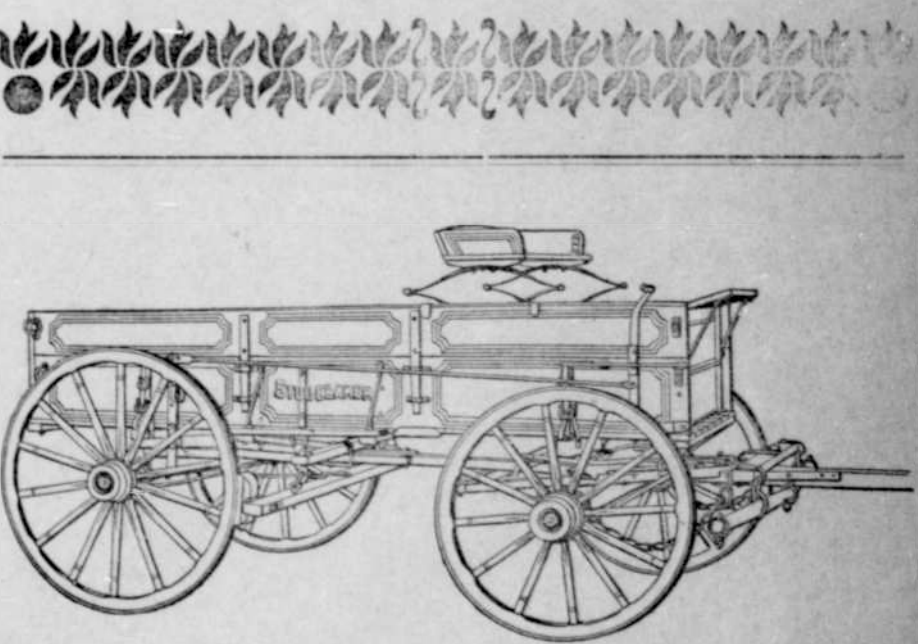
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SHOES

A perfect foot needs a perfect shoe. It needs to be perfectly fitted, otherwise it will soon cease to be a perfect foot. Do not ruin your feet by taking chances on your shoe dealer. Some shoes don't "break in" until they "break out." If by chance you get such shoes from us, we will thank you to bring them back. We have the

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Leave Lyons 5:00 A M via Mehama, Stayton, Sublimity and Aumsville, arrive Turner 11:00 A M.
 Leave Turner 12 Noon via Aumsville, Sublimity, Stayton, and Mehama, Arrive Lyons 6:00 P M.

FARE

Turner - - - - Aumsville	\$.25	Lyons - - - Mehama	\$.25
Turner - - - - Sublimity	.50	Lyons - - - Stayton	.50
Turner - - - - Stayton	.50	Lyons - - - Sublimity	.60
Turner - - - - Mehama	1.00	Lyons - - - Aumsville	.75
Turner - - - - Lyons	1.00	Lyons - - - Turner	1.00

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