FINAL MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL JAN. 1

The last meeting of the old city council, was held at the city hall on January 1.

The only elective office to be taken up by a new man was that of the recorder, and Geo. F. Euston was duly sworn in and qualified.

At the meeting Tuesday evening, the bond of the treasurer was fixed at \$10,600 for the coming year, and the city authorized Mr. Peoples to have a surety bond drawn, and the council will ony premium on same.

J H Gray and Lake M. Bechtell were appointed marshal and city attorney respectively, by the unanimous vote of the council.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association will be held at the high school building Monday evening, January 8 at 7:30. The meeting will be informal and the following program will be given: Vocal solo . . . Wallace Cannon Vocal duet . Mrs. Lakin and Kelly Wallace Cannon Miss Elliott Instrumental solo Mrs. Elkins Vocal solo Mesdames Quartette.

Lakin, Duffy, Rosenberg, Smith Mrs Belknap Reading Girls' quartette from P. P. School Instrumental solo Mrs. Tirrill Quartette Rei Powell Harry Stearns, Geo. Stearns,

Ernest Estes. MRS. J. B. SHIPP, Pres. R. H. POWELL, Sec.

TEUTONS PUSH BACK ROUMANIAN LINES

Y.)-The Russians defeated in easiern enue legislation adopted soon after Wallachia are being driven toward the the war. Screth by their pursuers, who are pressing on closely at their rear.

In vain did the Russians attempt to hold the strong prepared position east of Rimnik-Sarat and between the Rimnik and Buzen rivers. The country was fitted excellently for defense, being covered with swamps, winding rivulets, ponds and extensive lakes. But again they were defeated, and everywhere the battlefield was cover ed with heaps of dead Russians.

Rimnik-Sarat, in spite of a tenacious defense, was taken with such speed that the Russians succeeded only in destroying one bridge south of the town, while the most important bridges across the Rimnik fell undamaged into the hands of the con-

In the Dobrudja the Russians are making desperate efforts to protect the Matchin bridgehead and the Danabe swamps toward Galatz However. they were again driven back by the Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

WILL NAME LOAN OFFICERS

Man From Each State in District to Get Farm Bank Position.

Washington.-The farm loan board has informed Representative Dill that within two weeks four salaried officials of the Spokane farm loan bank probably will be named, a president at \$6000, a registrar at \$4000 and secretary and treasurer at \$3500 each.

It is planned to select one of these officials each from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, the states embraced in the northwest district. Numerous applications are on file, but selections have not yet been made At the time these appointments are announced the board expects also to into effect January 1. name the preliminary board of direct-

Railroad Strike Not Imminent. Cleveland, Ohio.-Warren S. Stone and W. G. Lee, heads of the railway engineers' and railway trainmen's brotherhoods, declared that it is highly improbable that there will be an immediate strike as a result of the rejection by the managers' committee of their demands that the Adamson law be placed in operation January 1.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat-Club \$1.42; bluestem \$1.53; red Russian, \$1.40; forty-fold, \$1.46. Barley-No. 1 feed, \$37 per ton. Hay-Timothy, \$21 per ton; alfalfa,

Butter-Creamery, 34c. Eggs-Ranch, 40c.

Wool-Eastern Oregon, 36c; valley,

Hops-1916 crop. 6@9c.

Seattle

Wheat-Bluestem \$1.51; club \$1.47 forty-fold, \$1.47; red Russian, \$1.25 fife, \$1.47; turkey red, \$1.53.

Barley-\$37 per ton. Butter-Creamery, 38c. Eggs-42c.

PRESIDENT WANTS RAILWAY LEGISLATION

Visits Capitol Unannounced to Discuss Bills to Prevent Strikes.

Washington.-President Wilson at s conference with Senator Newlands in the senate office building urged the immediate enactment of a compulsory arbitration bill as a protection to interstate commerce against railroad

It is understood to have been agreed at the conference that such an answer should be made by congress to the latest disagreement between the brotherhoods and the railway man-

The president did not even permit Secretary Tumulty to know of his ter of the struggle in the past, the plan to visit the capitol. He telephoned to Senator Newlands made the appointment himself. The chief executive is said to have ap proved the bill which has been drafted and desired to urse that it be passed with the deast possible delay after

Tariti Duties on 3 items Probable. The advisability of restoring tariff duties on wool, rubber and coffee and of increasing the present tariff on augur is under consideration by treasury department officials and in congress as a means of averting the threatened deficit at the end of the next fiscal year.

The tariffs under consideration are understood to be nominal and design ed to provide revenue only. Rates that would amount to a protective tariff are understood to be opposed by department officials and administration leaders in congress alike.

No return to the recent stamp taxes is contemplated in the administration programme, officials assert. The unpopularity of this form of taxation was fully demonstrated, it is felt, in Berlin (by wireless to Sayville, N. the operation of the emergency rev-

New Reclamation Bill is Introduced.

The irrigation of countless acres of arid lands, and the drainage of still trality." greater areas of swamp lands, will be made possible if congress passes the made possible if congress passes the STILL HOPE TO by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, and in the house by Representative Smith, of Idaho. Whether the bill can receive final consideration this ses sion is problematical, for it is a radical departure from existing methods of reclamation, and will probably lead to much discussion. The probabilities are that the bill will have to go over. but its presentation to congress will give the plan new publicity, and sentiment in support of it may be developed during the coming year, if the plan is generally approved.

8-HOUR CONFERENCE ENDS

Railroads and Brotherhoods Abando Effort to Reach Agreement.

New York. - Conferences between representatives of the railroads and present negotiations fail a basis has ployes, at which were discussed the make for progress in the final analypossibilities of a settlement of the eight-hour controversy, were discontinued abruptly when it became apparent an agreement could not be

It was announced by both sides, that there would be no more meetings until after the United States supreme court handed down its decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson act.

The break came when the railroad representatives refused to concede the demands of the brotherhood chiefs for an agreement looking toward the en forcement of the new wage schedule, fixed by the Adamson law, which goes

Two Take Oath as Governor. Phoenix, Ariz. - The gubernatorial

contest in Arizona became more complicated when both Governor George W. P. Hunt, democrat, and Tob Campbell, republican, claimant of the office through the recent election, took the oath of office. A recount of the ballots, which gave Campbell a slight lead, is incomplete.

Ferris Bill Signed By Wilson.

Washington.-President Wilson has signed the Ferris bill opening up 640acre homesteads for stockraising and grazing purposes. It is accounted of great importance to the western

Huge Inflow of Gold.

New York.-The inflow of gold last week carried the total of the year's imports to \$684,700,000. This is by far the greatest amount of gold to enter the United States in a single

Filipino Can't Be American Citizen. Honolulu. - United States District Judge Vaughan in a decision handed down here holds that Filipinos are ineligible for naturalization, inasmuch as they are neither white, of African descent nor native-born.

ALLIES REJECT THE

Declare Central Powers' Proposal Insincere and Merely "War Maneuver."

Parts -- in reply to the proffer of Germany and her ailies for a peace conference, the entente ailies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambahsador, William Graves Sharp, by Premier

The note declares that the proposal of the central powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war maneuver." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misinterpretation of the characpresent and the future."

Appended was a special Belgian pro test against the crimes committed by Germany against that country. In this statement Belgium declared the king and people of the country desired no peace that does not include legitimate reparation and guarantee of security for the future.

The note declares that the present strife was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and that Germany made no effort to bring about a pacific solution of the trouble between Serbia and Austria-Hungary, as did Great Britain. France and Russia.

The German overtures are described as a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The overtures also are said to have the effect of intimidating neutral publie opinion, as well as to stiffen opinion in the central powers, "worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants."

"Finally," it is asserted, "these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes-submarine warfare, deportstions, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neu

DISCUSS PEACE

Washington-There were no official expressions here of the views of President Wilson and the administration on the entente reply to the German peace proposals for the dual reason that the United States is acting only as an intermediary between the belligerents, and because a policy of silence has been adopted during this stage of the peace negotiations.

The unofficial opinion, which probably was a reflection of the official hope for progress toward peace, was that some means for a further exchange between the warring powers would be found, and that even if the een laid, which, it was hoped

After reading the unofficial text of the note, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, authorized the following statement:

"President Wilson having suggested the finding of a method of stating terms, I do not think that this note will be answered by my government until after the entente allies have replied to the president's suggestion, stating, if they so desire, the modus they propose.'

CLAIM VICTORY ON SOMME

Haig Says Allies Can Defeat Germans on Western Front.

London.-The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for entente allied arms in a detailed report by General Sir Douglas Haig, which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather that prevented the Angle-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance.

He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the time The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the entente allies can win the war on the western front.

Carranza Wants Pershing Recalled. Washington. - Continuation of the conferences of the Mexican-American joint commission, without regard to the question of withdrawing American troops from Mexico, is proposed by General Carranza in his message refusing to ratify the Atlantic City protocol. Coupled with this suggestion, however, is a new appeal for recall of the Pershing expedition.

OREGON NEWS NOTES PROFFER OF PEACE OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

An up-to-date hospital has been opened at Lebanon

A meeting of the Northwest Tour ists' association will be held in Portland January 26.

A proposal to move the Linn county fair from Scio to Albany is now re-

ceiving consideration. Louis H. Plymale, aged about 40, committed suicide at Medford by stashing his threat with a razor. Dr. Dewitt A. Paine, physician

banker and capitalist, one of Eugene's most prominent citizens, is dead. R. N. Morris, president of the Ore

at his home in Looking Glass valley. Bids have been received by the state land board on approximately 2000 acres of state lands in Malheur coun-

ty. An appropriation of \$60,000 for ar addition to the Salem federal building for the cost of administration. will be incorporated in the omnibus appropriation bill.

The Coos and Curry county cheesefor the purpose of standardizing the

Coos county product. Apple trees between four and five years old, on the farm of S. D. Barney, at Echodale, near Oregon City, are

bursting into leaves. Bandon has started a new industry. W. E. Craine and G. R. Shanks are installing machinery for the manu-

facture of white cedar chests. About \$25,000 is the estimated cost for the coming biennium to pay expenses and salaries of field men for

the bureau of mines and geology. D. W. George, a prosperous farme living a few miles south of Klamath Falls, is a second cousin of David Lloyd George, premier of England.

An appropriation totaling \$103,-\$06.50-an increase of \$5,106.50 over of Irving. the current biennium-is asked for by the supreme court in the state budget. An inter-city basketball league, com

prising teams from Baker, La Grande Union and North Powder, was formed at a meeting held January 1 at La Grande.

A plan for creation of a retirement and pension fund for teachers was adopted by the Oregon State Teachers' association at its annual convention at Portland

Hop growers of Polk county are pes simistic concerning the 1917 season, Many are preparing to plow up their yards and have made plans on what they will plant instead.

Wallace McCamant, of Portland. has been appointed by Governor Withycombe to the state supreme court, to succeed Justice Eakin, who resigned on account of continued ill lutions committee of the seventh an-

Toni Cerboni, awaiting action by the grand jury at Oregon City on a charge of second-degree murder, brought his troubles to an end by hanging himself with a pair of suspenders in the county jail.

The Prineville city council has awarded to Keeler Bros., of Denver, the \$100,000 municipal bond issue authorized by the voters for the construction of a railway connecting line to the Oregon Trunk.

The duck-shooting season in Multnomah, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties closed at sundown Sunday. In every other county of the state the season will remain open until sundown January 15.

Total receipts for the motor vehi cle department of Secretary of State Olcott's office for the year 1916 were \$146,232. The total number of automobile registrations was 33,917, while motorcycles aggregated 3368.

Agitation is under way in Hood River county with a view to having the legislature change the laws of the state so as to make possible the amalgamation of the governments of the city and county of Hood River.

At the last meeting of the Vale city council, the office of city marshal was abolished, there having been but two arrests made in the last year, one for drunkenness and the other was for violation of the peace ordinance.

Judge T. E. Duff at Culver decided in favor of Madras and against Culver upon the county seat question, and the case will be immediately appealed to the supreme court. The matter has been in the court for several weeks.

By the close vote of 188 for and 148 against the effort to obtain an irriga-Mon district in the territory contigu ous to Medford failed last week by 10 votes. An affirmative vote of 60 pe. cent was necessary to carry the elec-

In the budget adopted by the Ben ton county court \$3000 was appropriated for a building for military purposes for the Corvallis company of na tional guard, with the proviso that the city appropriate a like sum and the state appropriate a sum equal to the combined appropriations, plus the value of the land on which it is to b

Authority has been given the executive committee of the Oregon Butter & Cheese Makers association to cooperate with the secretary of the state tair, A. H. Lea, in interesting more Oregon dairymen to exhibit at the state fair.

Because his wife had started suit for divorce, W J. Horton, a logger, walked into the store at Rainier where she was employed, shot and killed her and turned the weapon on himself. Horton died instantly; his wife lingered four hours.

The state highway commission, under the direction of John H. Lewis, state highway engineer, has prepared two maquals in pocketbook form in an effort to standardize state and county practice in construction and maintenance of bridges.

Reports are that the annual convention of the Oregon state federation of labor will be the most interesting and best attended in the history of the organization. The federation meets in Salem January 22, and will gon Thresher Men's association, died be in session for a week.

> State Treasurer's Kny's blennial re port shows that the inheritance tax fund has accumulated during the past two years for the treasury general fund in excess of \$175,000, and that of this amount none has been expended Representative Hawley has asked

the chief of army engineers that a recommendation be sent to congress makers have formed an organization favoring the appropriation of \$89,000 to deepen the water in the locks at Oregon City, in order that boats drawing up to six feet may pass at all seasons.

Milton A. Morgan, a convict paroled from the Oregon state penitentiary December 14 and a waiter by occupation, was arrested by United States marshals at Portland on a charge of having sent an infernal machine through the mail to James R. Misner,

Lane county corn has won a first prize at the St. Paul corn show held under the auspices of the First National bank of that city. The prize was for the western division of Oregon. The award is a silver loving cup. The corn was grown by C. J. Sluyter.

On the ground that instructions to the jury had been erroneous, the state supreme court set aside the verdicts against William Branson and Mrs. Anna Booth, convicted in Yambill county on charges of having slain the woman's husband, William Booth, Octoher 8, 1915

Members of the Yambill county taxpayers' league and others in conference with the county court at Mc-Minnville to discuss the budget for 1917, recommended the elimination of the county roadmaster and county agricultural agent from the appropria tion, saving \$4500.

A law which will require the brand ing of all cold storage food products so as to show the date they were placed in storage and the date taken out, will be recommended by the resonual convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' association, in session at Salem last week

Secretary of State Olcott says he believes that the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment passed at the last ly to limit the expenditures of public moneys, and that, in his opinion, no serious obstacle will be met by the incoming legislature in providing for every necessary state requirement within the limitation.

Judge Galloway, in circuit court at Salem, signed the final decree in the first of the seven Hyde-Benson cases to be adjudicated. The decree is post tive that the state land board must repay out of the school fund \$1.25 an acre for the 600 acres involved in the suit, but does not compel the board to repay the interest accrued from school land loans since about 1898.

Railroad representatives at Salen urged the committee on grade cross ing elimination and protection to rec ommend a law which will require all automobiles to come to a full stop within ten feet of each railroad grade crossing before passing over. This committee was appointed at the recent conference on grade crossings, called by the state public service commission.

Absorption of the weights and meas ures department by the state dairy and food department is one of the recommendations contained in resolutions adopted at the seventh annual convention of butter and cheese makers of the state in session at Salem Legislation also was asked for em powering the dairy and food commis sioner to make unfit for use all gream that has been condemned.

After examining the state budget of estimates and expenditures, Governor Withycombe said he believed he had evolved a plan whereby curtailments could be made and additional revenue obtained to do away with the \$715,000 or more which it is estimated is required to run the state government over the mount which might be raised under the 6 per cent limitation amendment. The governor will make recommendations to that effect to the next legislature, but he will not announce the details until the message

SOW GOOD SEED.

There is no greater folly than ferior, for it will not grow. It is in total disregard of the first principle of successful farming. Do not do it. It is better to pay cheerfully twice the price of the same kind of seed used last spring than to use seed that will not grow or that will not yield well after it does grow.

Good plowing, good soil, good season, good care—all these avail nothing unless the seed is right. If the home grown seed is of no account on account of a poor maturing season, get some that is, And it is a strong hint that the quicker you decide what you want and buy it the better because seed is going up. With every one clamoring for seed and little high testing seed to be had, this is sure to be the case.-Better Farming.

TREATING POULTRY DISEASE.

Potassium Permanganate In Drinking Water Remedy For Colds.

[Prepared by Pennsylvania station.] During late autumn and early winter diseases, and especially colds, are apt to appear in the poultry flock. Drafts in the houses should be pre-Birds affected with colds should be closely watched and given prompt treatment. The practice at the Pennsylvania agricultural experiment station is to isolate a sick bird and wash its head in some mild disinfect-

Simple colds may be doctored, but contagious diseases like roup, when severe, leave no alternative destruction of afflicted hens. Indications of colds are sneezing, a watery discharge from the nostrils and a swelling under the eyes. The discharge does uot have a disagreeable odor as in the case of roup.

Potassium permanganate used in the drinking water in a proportion to turn the water to a deep wine color will prevent, in a measure, the spread of

Before pullets on the Pennsylvania State college farm are placed in the winter laying houses these houses are thoroughly scrubbed with bot water and sprayed with some good coal ter solution. Exercise should be provided by scattering grain feed in the litter.

which should be clean. Clean, sanitary quarters, sunshine, fresh air, freedom from drafts, exercise and good, wholesome feed mean a minimum of disease and a bappier, healthier, more contented flock, all of which contribute to uniform production of winter eggs.

Convenient Wagon Step. The top section of this step is fastened permanently to the wagon box. The lower sections each fold into the one above and are held in this posi-



tion by the flexible flanges of the side rails, writes Edgar Taylor in the Agricultural Digest. It is claimed that the step is much more convenient than a portable ladder.

Don't Feed at Milking Time.

Cows will stand more quietly and the milking can be done more comfort. ably if the cows are not trying to eat while they are being milked. Feeding at milking time may also add dust and other impurities to the milk,

ALFALFA FOR POULTRY

Alfalfa is one of the best sources of green food for poultry growing chick ens and laying hens alike

Many farmers practice ground or short cut alfalfa to their poultry in a dry form in combination with other ground feeds. A dry mash ration of 100 pounds cornmeal, 100 pounds middlings, 50 pounds bran, 50 pounds beef scrap and 20 pounds alfalfa has, according to H. C. Knaudel, in charge of poultry extension at the Pennsylvania State college, proved very

satisfactory. Some farmers feed alfalfa through the entire year for succulence or green food. In winter bundles of alfalfa are steamed or soaked in hot water until it compares very favorably with fresh cut alfalfa. Others have found it advisable to feed alfalfa in winter by throwing it into the runs and allowing the birds to eat the leaves.

According to the United States department of agriculture, the nitrogenous material in alfalfa is just what is needed by growing birds and is a good aid to egg production. The chemical analysis of alfalfa is practically the same as that of bran, except that it a higher per cent of protein than bran. It is a little harder to digest, but it is important in the poultry ration for the purpose of furnishing protein and giving variety and bulk to the ration.