

FINAL MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL JAN. 1

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

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.

TEUTONS PUSH BACK ROUMANIAN LINES

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Russians defeated in eastern Wallachia are being driven toward the Sereth by their pursuers, who are pressing on closely at their rear.

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.

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.

PRESIDENT WANTS RAILWAY LEGISLATION

Visits Capitol Unannounced to Discuss Bills to Prevent Strikes.

Washington.—President Wilson at a 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 strikes.

The president did not even permit Secretary Tully to know of his plan to visit the capitol. He telephoned to Senator Newlands and made the appointment himself.

Tariff Duties on 3 Items Probable.

The advisability of restoring tariff duties on wool, rubber and coffee and of increasing the present tariff on sugar 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.

New Reclamation Bill is Introduced.

The irrigation of countless acres of arid lands, and the drainage of still greater areas of swamp lands, will be made possible if congress passes the bill recently introduced in the senate by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, and in the house by Representative Smith, of Idaho.

8-HOUR CONFERENCE ENDS

Railroads and Brotherhoods Abandon Effort to Reach Agreement.

New York.—Conferences between representatives of the railroads and the four brotherhoods of railway employees, at which were discussed the possibilities of a settlement of the eight-hour controversy, were discontinued abruptly when it became apparent an agreement could not be reached.

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ALLIES REJECT THE PROFFER OF PEACE

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

Paris.—In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

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 character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

Appended was a special Belgian protest 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 public 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, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality."

STILL HOPE TO 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 present negotiations fail a basis has been laid, which, it was hoped, would make for progress in the final analysis.

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.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES 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 Tourists' association will be held in Portland January 26.

A proposal to move the Linn county fair from Seilo to Albany is now receiving consideration.

Louis H. Plynale, aged about 40, committed suicide at Medford by slashing his throat with a razor.

R. N. Morris, president of the Oregon Thresher Men's Association, died 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 county.

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

The Coos and Curry county cheese-makers have formed an organization for 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 manufacture 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 farmer living a few miles south of Klamath Falls, is a second cousin of David Lloyd George, premier of England.

An appropriation totaling \$103,965.50—an increase of \$5,106.50 over the current biennium—is asked for by the supreme court in the state budget.

An inter-city basketball league, comprising 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 pessimistic 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 health.

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 vehicle 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 183 for and 143 against the effort to obtain an irrigation district in the territory contiguous to Medford failed last week by 10 votes. An affirmative vote of 80 per cent was necessary to carry the election.

In the budget adopted by the Benton county court \$3000 was appropriated for a building for military purposes for the Corvallis company of national 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 be located.

Authority has been given the executive committee of the Oregon Butter & Cheese Makers association to cooperate with the secretary of the state fair, 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 manuals 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 be in session for a week.

State Treasurer's Kay's biennial report 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 for the cost of administration.

Representative Hawley has asked the chief of army engineers that a recommendation be sent to congress favoring the appropriation of \$86,000 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, of Albany.

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, of Irving.

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 Yamhill county on charges of having slain the woman's husband, William Booth, October 8, 1915.

Members of the Yamhill county taxpayers' league and others in conference with the county court at McMinnville to discuss the budget for 1917, recommended the elimination of the county roadmaster and county agricultural agent from the appropriation, saving \$4500.

A law which will require the branding 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 resolutions committee of the seventh annual 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 general election was enacted especially 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 positive 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 Salem urged the committee on grade crossing elimination and protection to recommend 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 measures 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 empowering the dairy and food commissioner to make unfit for use all cream 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 amount 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 is read.

SOW GOOD SEED. There is no greater folly than that of planting seed that is inferior, 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.

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 prevented. Birds affected with colds should be closely watched and given prompt treatment.

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 position 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.

ALFALFA FOR POULTRY. Alfalfa is one of the best sources of green food for poultry growing chickens and laying hens alike. Many farmers practice feeding 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.

Don't Feed at Milking Time. Cows will stand more quietly and the milking can be done more comfortably 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.

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