CORN MORE THAN 3 BILLION

Outs, Rye, Sweet Potatoes, Rice and Hay All Establish New Records, While Tobacco, Barley, Potatoes Fall Short.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-The Naflon's harvests this year have surpassed any ever before recorded. The value of the principal farm crops, based on prices paid to farmers December 1, was announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimate as \$5,569,773,600, making 1915 a banner year both in value and pro-duction of crops.

The unusual situation of extraordi-hary production and high prices, prob-shly never before so pronounced, is credited principally to the European

With the prices of grain scaring a the war progressed American farm-ers began the season by planting great-er areas to grain. The acreage of the principal crops this year aggregated appearimately 456,578 aquara miles. That is larger than the combined area of Germany, France, Belgium, Holland.

Denmark and Switzerland, Corn was pinnted on 168,321,610 serves the second largest area ever planted, and the harvest was 2,054. planted, and the narvest was a sec-planted, and the second largest crop ever grown. Its value was \$1,755,839,-800, exceeding that of the previous most valuable corn crop by \$32,800,800.

Many Crops Make Record. New records were made in produc-tion by wheat, sain, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice and hay, while tobacco-closely approached its production rec-ord, 1,102,415,800 pounds made in 1918. Each of these crops, in addition, es-tablished records as being the most fabilished records as being the most valuable ever grown except in the tame of barley and tobacco.

Production of the first 1,300,000-600 bushel corn crop were features of the year.

Wheat acreage aggregated factors.

Wheat acreage aggregated \$5,508,000 acres, or 6,000,000 more than ever before. The yield was 16.3 bushels an acre, the largest acre yield for Winter and Spring wheat combined over the combined

and Spring wheat combined ever at-tained in this country. The final estimate of production was 1,011,568,000 bushels with a value of 830,102,010. The crop exceeded last year's which was a record by more than 128,000,000 bushels and by \$50,-

Oats, rye, polatoes, sweet polatoes and tobacco all were planted as : cord areas. Oats exceeded the record production of 3812 by 122,080,080 bushels and its record value of 1914 by \$54,080. 600. Barley production was 12,000,000 bushels more than the 1912 record crop and was worth \$4,000,000 more than the former most valuable crep grown in 1914. Rice passed the 1913 record by 2,300,800 bushels, and its 1912 record walue by \$1,700,000.

record acreage, was worth \$15,000. ported its progress in the year that it has been in existence. He was one of the principal speakers again last night the most severs setback of the year, at the monthly meeting of the Port-Farmers planted a record acreage to potations, but the outturn was only \$15,102,000 bushels. That was \$1,500. Dividing honors with Mr. Lowry was

10-HOUR DAY IS DENIED

PERMISSION REFUSED STORES TO WORK GIRLS LONGER IN RUSH,

Chamber Fulls to Obtain Request, but leave of Night Sales by New Force Not Tuucked On.

A request by the Chamber of Commerce that the Industrial Welfare Commission temporarily set aside its ruling that women employed in stores shall work only eight hours and to minutes work only eight hours and to minutes a day, to permit them to work 10 hours during the week or 10 days preceding Christmas, was refused by the Com-

for its request was that department atures desired to give work to unem-

In the formal letter of reply the Chemination points out that under the Chamber's proposal girls at present employed would work 10 hours a day, making a daily contribution to Port-land employers of approximately 26,000

the contrary effect.

Many protests were received by letter and telephone by members of the Commission from working girls in the stores against granting of the request. The Consumers' League also made a formal protest.

Although the point was not touched on in the decision, it is worth noting that the Commission has not ruled on whether employment of a separate force of hirls to work after 8 o'clock might be permitted. The question of suspending the 6 o'clock ruling was not househed in the Chamber's request, so is still not passed on.

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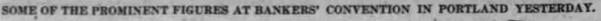
Watching an army of conscripted soldiers march by. If this army wins, all welling march by it is a precarious position. He had better join the army.

Mr. Comma strongly supported Mr. Lowry in his view that the Federal reserve system should not attempt to early notary.

"I feel about my subscription," he maid the same as I do about paying insurance premiums. I don't expect the mensy to pay interest, nor do I expect to burn down my property to get a return for it. It is a good, safe investment, though, as a protection in case of emergency."

Other Problems Considered.

SLEUTH SEES DEATH TRIED





1-H. B. EVANS, CANBY. 2-EDWIN T. COMAN. SPOKANE. 3-WILLIAM G. TAFT, TILLAMOOK. MEYERS, LA GRANDE. 5-A. C. SHUTE, HILLSBORO. 6-A. O. JONES, PORTLAND.

Bankers and Credit Men Hear Dis of Subscription of Member Banks in Federal System.

"It is not the purpose of the Federal reserve system to make money for

potatoes, but the outturn was only Chamber of Commerce. 253,102,600 bushels. That was 61,500. Dividing honors with Mr. Lowry was 860 bushels below the record year and 50,300,000 less than last year. The value of the crop, however, was \$22. Shored with him the view that the \$60,800 more than last year.

Federal reserve bank should not attempt to earn excessive profits for its members. Mr. Coman and William D. Wheelwright, president of the Pacific Lumber Company, of Portland, also spoke at the Credit Men's meeting. The general subject of discussion there was "Trade Acceptances."

Panie Prevention Is Object.

"We may hear more or less criticism from the politicians," said Mr. Lowry, "If the Federal reserve banks fall to pay hig dividends. But our idea of their functions is not to make a showing of earnings for its members. It is only to meet this prospective criticism that we have made an attempt to show some earnings. But the essential idea upon which the system was founded was to prevent financial panics and to provide an elasticity for our currency system. It will be hard to perform that service if we have to use the money in an effort to earn big dividends."

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State Banks Still Hold Out.

By reducing the subscription require-ments, he pointed out, it may be possi-ble to attract some of the state banks working hours during the Christmass rush, for which the girls would not be maid. It is further pointed out that this, rather than providing work for unemployed girls, would seem to have the contrary effect.

Mean protests was constant to the fence watching an army of conscripted and

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Other speakers were: H. H. Miller, of the commercial department of the state university: A. S. Cory, cashier of the State university: A. S. Cory, cashier of the Chebalis, Wash, National bank: C. H. Vaughan, cashier of the Butler Banking company, Hood River: N. U. Carpenter, president of the Citizens' National bank of Portland; F. L. Meyers, and the son of Mrs. J. B. Bridges, and of the First National bank of Eugene, and John M. Logan, National bank examiner for Oregon.

The detective saw Bridges put a powder in his meuth, but thought nothing of it until Bridges said that he Bank of Commerce of Oregon City, president of the Commerce of Oregon City, president of the Commerce of Oregon City, president of the Commer Other speakers were: H. H. Miller,

A. C. Shute, Hillsbore; M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis; W. G. Tait, Tillamook; H. B. Evans, Canby; John R. Humphreys, Oregon City; William M. Ross, St. Helens; C. C. Apperson, McMinnville; S. F. Wilson, Athena; K. G. Miller, Gresham; J. L. Hartman, A. L. Tucker, E. G. Crawford, H. R. Gaither, Paul S. Dick, J. E. M. Stephenson, A. O. Jones, Will T. Wright, F. H. Lewis, H. H. Newhall, W. H. Beard, C. S. Loveland, C. E. Walters, J. V. Edlefsy, J. T. Birtchall, Portland.

FOUR IN CATTLE THEFT NET Rancher Obtains Arrest of Men

Slaying Wild Animals.

HOQUIAM, Wash, Dec. 15 .- (Spedal)-Four men have been arrested on charges of cattle stealing as a result of the recent slaughtering of some of the wild cattle of the Grays Harbor district. In this case, A. O. Damon, rancher whose land is on Damon Point at the north side of the entrance to Grays Harbor, swore out the warrant and declares the cattle killed belonged

Sweet potations exceeded by 14,000,000 Lowry, deputy governor of the Federal Russell for several years there has been a foundation that received earnest attention that received earnest attention that received earnest attention that received earnest attention who had slaughtered wild cattle in the maintenance over the received crop of the Oregon Bankers' Association at the Mulinomph Hotel yesterday aftermore than the value record made that year. Tobacco, while growing on a record acroage, was worth 125,000,000 of the new banking system, and record acroage, was worth 125,000,000 of the new banking system, and record acroage, was worth 125,000,000 of the new banking system, and record acroage, was worth 125,000,000 of the new banking system, and reperture to the new banking system of the new of the new banking system, and reported its progress in the year that it has been in existence. He was one of the principal speakers again last night at the monthly meeting of the Portsiand Association of Control of the Portsian and P

SWEETHEARTS TRY SUICIDE

Russian Girl Is Dead and Fiance Wounded as Result of Pact.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15 .- Valentina Voa rowboat on the lake early this morn ing, and Anatole Vesileff, aged 30, also a Russian, shot himself through the head at the same time. The police found a letter written by the girl which showed that the couple had en-tered into a suicide agreement because

of obstacles to their marriage.

Vesileff says he shot himself and was about to fire again when the girl knocked the pistol from his hand and he supposes she shot herself.

DIAMONDS ARE MISSING

their behalf in an attempt to straighten

out the whole affair.

Mr. Fletcher is making an inventory of all pledges on which the Elby Company, which to all intents and purposes was Mr. Rosenthal bimself, has made

He declared yesterday that persons who have pledged their diamonds or other valuables with the Elby Company for loans would not lose them.

Mr. Fletcher expects to complete his inventory by Saturday, but emphasized that the inventory as so far made indicates that all the diamonds will be exceeded and that only the creditors. ed and that only the creditors

cuss the case. Other creditors were even more close mouthed about it. It is known, however, that Dan Marx, the jeweler and paymbroker, is out approximately \$3500 on Rosenthal's

iamond transactions, Mr. Marx had advanced a loan or Mr. Marx had advanced a loan on various diamends re-hypothecated by Hosenthal. When Rosenthal appeared in his store with a check for approximately \$1100 to repay the loan and interest. Mr. Marx accepted the check, turned the diamonds over to Rosenthal, and then let him have some cash when he wished to piedge all over again certain of the diamonds.

Mr. Marx Admits Loss. Mr. Marx admitted yesterday with deep diagnet that he had been "stung" on the check, but didn't care to go into details. However, his loss in cash

repledged by Rosenthal after being re-deemed with the bad checks. Still another creditor is said to be G. V. Adams, manager of the Portland

Resenthat had been in the loan and

Experts Indorse Substitution 15." for Open Book Accounts.

THREE SPEAKERS HEARD

Experience of Business Houses of Europe Shows Reliability of System - Rediscounting Privilege Aids Banks.

To inaugurate the general use of

of conducting business. They were Russell Lowry, deputy governor of the Federal reserve bank at San Francisco; Edwin T. Coman, president of the Exchange National Bank of Spokane, and William D. Wheelwright, president of the Pacific Export Lumber Company, of Portland.

Each speaker gave unqualified indersement to the plan of using trace paper in place of open book accounts, and this sentiment seemed to find approval with their audience,

Mayor Gill has frequently said he did not want to fun again, but if Counsal did not want to fun again, but if Counsal did not want to fun again, but if Counsal did not want to fun again, but if Counsal East Side Funeral Directions Erickson should be a candidate be held at 2 o'clock today from the chapel of the East Side Funeral Directions. East Sixth and East Alder streets. Rev. J. J. Stub will officiate.

Mr. Godfrey was 68 years old and was born in Canada. He was widely known in Idaho and Alaska mining fields, but had lived in Portland for 12 years. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Emma of this proposed system in considerable detail.

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CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Because he was overloaded with cliquor in anticipation of the enforceby and Frank Godfrey, both of Spokane.

Mr. Lowry outlined the advantages of this proposed system in considerable detail.

He told how the open accounts have been entirely replaced in the principal countries of Europe by the acceptance

of trade paper.

By the rediscount privileges accorded through the Federal Reserve system. through the Federal Reserve system, he explained, the banks readily can convert this paper into liquid form.

"This kind of paper then becomes the best kind of an asset," he said, "for it hears the name of both the man who bought the goods and the man who sold it to him."

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mold it to him."

Mr. Coman spoke on the subject from the standpoint of a banker.

"There is no question, though," he said, "about the advantages of the new ystem. Trade acceptances represent a definite transaction and have a defi-nite maturity. They represent goods going from the distributor to the ulti-mate consumer, are self-liquidating and therefore the best kind of bank in-

He pointed to the success of such a plan which has been in force in Ger-many, Prance and other leading European countries for many years.

Mr. Wheelwright discussed the subject from the viewpoint of a business man disconnected with the banks and ient similar approval of the plan. He joined with the other speakers in urging the credit men to form a combination of interests to encourage the

Edgar H. Sensenich, cashler of the Northwestern National Bank, preeided at the meeting. He, together with E. C. Sammons, assistant cashler of the Lumbermen's National Bank, and J. N. Eddlefsen, cashler of the Peninsula Na-tional Bank, constituted a committee in charge of the meeting.

me of trade acceptances on the Pacific

C. D. SHOEMAKER MAKES GOOD IN OREGON SPORTSMAN WAGER.

State Biologist to buy Dinner for Game Warden and Office Attaches When He Learns Outcome.

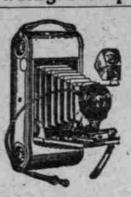
Carl D. Shoemaker, State Fish and Game Warden, has a big course dinner coming to him, and he is going to get all of his deputies and office attaches, including the two pretty stenographers, in on the free feed.

and the interesting part of it is that william L. Finley, State Biologist, is going to pay for it, but yesterday he did not know that it would be on him. It all came about when the Warden took over the Oregon Sportsman, the official state organ of the department, The officer standard and took Bridges to the Emergency retary.

Others who attended the sessions paynbroking business in Portland for about four years. Other brokers descent the standard him. Bridges is a west flow that it would be on him paynbroking business in Portland for about four years. Other brokers descent that he seemed to be doing a good business. His profits in his first some time ago. It had been dragging that the taxpayers are taken.

Poley, Seaside: J. It Stuart Payton: to have reached nearly \$10,000.

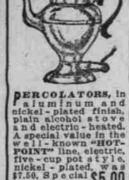
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paying subscribers to get in on the second-class entry privilege—the boon that every journal seeks, because it saves postage about fivefold, While the Oreson Scottings in the saves postage about fivefold, while the Oregon Sportsman is a quartely pub-lication, Warden Shoemaker being a publisher of a paper in Roseburg, had learned its value in saving the pen-

MAZDA LAMPS

"I'll put 1000 live ones by December 15," remarked the Warden to the Biologist. They were discussing the journal and how best to rejuvenate and galvanize it into a going, paying sheet. "What? Impossible!" exclaimed Biologist Finley. "It can't be done. Why, you can't get the half of that."

"Bet a dinner," wagered the Warden.

den.
"You're on," accepted the Biologist, and they shock hands. and they shook hands.

The time was up yesterday, and when the Warden counted up the new ones on the paying list there were just 1136, and enough coming in for the next three days under that date to swell the number to 1500, according to the Warden.

Warden.
"You going to make him pay the bet" he was asked.
"I should say I am. All of us are going to put our feet under the mahogany at one of the Portland hostelries and the check is going to Mr. Finley. I am going to break the news to him temerrow, and maybe he won't

Held From East Side Chapel.

paying for without particularly knowing it. The fact is, it did not have enough SEATTLE CANDIDATE OUT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ERICKSON TO RUN FOR MAYOR.

Public Ownership Is Platform and Has One Other Aspirant-HI Gill May Make Opposing Contest.

trade acceptances among commercial houses and among banks was the question that received carnest attention from a large crowd of business men and women that filled the main dining-room of the Chamber of Commerce to Erickson in the Council for three years also has a municipal ownership record. The candidate of the opponents of mu-Services for E. J. Godfrey Will Be

nicipal ownership has not yet entered he race.

Mayor Gill has frequently said he year at its annual meeting last night

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Because he was overloaded with liquor in anticipation of the enforcement of the dry law, Frank Rosentang, of Pe Eli, paid a fine and costs amount-

ing to \$55.80 in Justice Westover's court Monday. Rosentang had three kegs of beer, two gallons of whisky, besides a quantity of rum and wine in his wagon when overhauled by Mar Dolph and Deputy Sheriff Vaughn.

AUSPLUND TRIAL TODAY

Evidence Against Doctor Charged With Manslaughter, Circumstantial.

The trial of Dr. A. A. Ausplund, SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15,-(Special.) charged with manslaughter because

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)
—Oliver T. Erickson, president of the City Council, today announced his candidacy for Mayor at the coming election in March.

He is the second to enter the race, former Councilman Austin E. Griffiths being the first to come forward. Mr. Erickson's announcement was made in a reply today to the public letter sent him by Joseph A. Sloan, president of the Public Ownership League, in which he was invited to become a candidate. Councilman Erickson has been for years the leading advocate of public ownership, both as a private citizen and in public life.

He was a successful manufacturer, and president of the Seattle Manufacturers' Association when he was elected to the Council in 1911 by the biggest majority ever given a candidate. He was a success on a municipal ownership of the resident of the Council in 1911 by the biggest majority ever given a candidate. He

The City and County Medical So-

Following are the officers elected:
President, Dr. George S. Whiteside:
vice-president, Dr. A. W. Baird; secretary, Dr. J. Guy Strohm; treasurer, retary, Dr. J. Guy Strohm; treasurer, Dr. Katharine C. Manion; counsellors, Drs. W. S. Knox, J. N. Short, Paul Rockey and F. Kiehle, and delegates,

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