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A Milwaukee, Wis. dispatch, says: This year's official Episcopal Church directory does not show the race suicide tendency in the birth statistics of last year, but does show a decrease in marriages. The figures for the diocese of Oregon, follow: Clergy, 22; parishes and chapels, 47; lay readers 25; candidates for orders 2; baptism of infants 209; adults, 85; total 294; confirmed 232; communicants, 3219; last year 2911; increase, 299; marriages 170; burials, 166.

Diocese of Eastern Oregon: Clergy, 6; chapels, 15; baptism of infants, 84; adults 47; total 135; confirmed, 77; communicants, 633; marriages, 27; burials 33 33.

Diocese of Olympia: Clergy 31; parishes and chapels, 46; candidates for orders 2; postulants, 1; baptism of infants 401; adults 127; total 528; confirmed 330; communicants, 5480; last year 5222; increase, 258; marriages 361; burials 298.

Diocese of Spokane: Clergy 20; parishes and chapels, 45; lay readers, 28; candidates for orders, 1; postulants, 2; baptism of infants 215; adults, 77; total 292, confirmed, 232; communicants 2535; last year, 2109; increase, 426; marriages 122; burials, 96.

Dr. Cook has been lost to the world since November 22, nearly thirty days. In the meantime such shady reports have been current, together with semi-official statements from Copenhagen, all tending to disprove his previous contention that he discovered the North Pole. Dr. Cook not only dishonors himself but our nation. At the beginning of the controversy the majority of the people believed, or at least hoped that he would prove beyond any doubt that he had accomplished his purpose. His absence followed by evidence of fraud at every stage of developments would suggest that Cook had purposely secluded himself to avoid public disgrace that he knows will follow the expert decision. If Cook is the impostor that he seems to be, may he never be heard of again.

It is stated that in counties in Texas the German population is so great that the county records is being kept in their language. In Chicago there are 300,000 Poles. In Louisiana there are 200,000 French. In Missouri 800,000 foreigners of whom one half live in the city of St. Louis. Six hundred thousand Jews were in attendance on their services in New York City, last September. In other instances could

be cited to show how as a nation we are absorbing those from other shores. A very large proportion of these people make desirable and patriotic citizens. Some do not and should be excluded.

Booker T. Washington in a recent address said: "We now have in this country 250 drug stores owned or controlled by black men; 47 Negro banks, and industrial enterprises to the number of more than 10,000. They own 400,000 homes and 57 per cent of the race can read and write."

The roads throughout the valley are in splendid condition as is evinced by the large number of out of town people who are driving long distances to do their holiday shopping. Our merchants all report a much heavier trade than last holiday season.

Were it not for the fact that now and then some presidential nomination is sent to the senate for confirmation we would hardly know that congress is in session.

A Japanese newspaper is authority for the statement that 4,068 more Japanese left America during the year of 1908 than arrived.

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 F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
 La Grande, December 9th. 26t

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