

STATE BOOKLET SLIGHTS CITY OF LA GRANDE

ERRONEOUS IMPRESSIONS CONVEYED BY STATE ALMANAC OF DATA.

OTHER DETAIL COMPLETE

La Grande Shunted off List of Ten Largest Cities, and Two of Less Population Placed on the List - State Immigration Board Author of the Elaborate Pamphlet.

Oregon's almanac, issued by the state for distribution to homeseekers under the direction of the Oregon state immigration commission, has been issued and carries a glaring error, among some 150 pages of otherwise authentic matter. La Grande is sidetracked from the list of ten largest cities in the state and Pendleton given the distinction. That the error is an oversight is evidently true, for in giving the actual populations of La Grande and Pendleton in other pages of the almanac, the correct populations are given. Pendleton is quoted as in the ten largest, and La Grande out, when there is a difference of over 200 souls in La Grande's favor.

Figures Never Lie.

Table with 3 columns: City, 1910, 1900. Lists cities like Portland, Salem, Astoria, Eugene, Medford, Baker, Ashland, The Dalles, Corvallis, Pendleton, La Grande.

The almanac is a masterpiece of data, however, as it covers an immense field of matter and the forests, schools, farming, fruit, timbering and all the other industries followed in the state are handled in detail.

Fruit Rank Is High.

The official table gives Union county following ranks in fruit industry for the state: Apples-127,979 bu., rank 5th in the state. Peaches and nectarines - 2,781 bu., rank 11. Pears-10,625 bu., rank 10. Plums-40,997 bu., rank 9. Cherries-13,026, rank 6. Apricots-94 bushels, rank 9. Grapes-265 lbs., rank 29. Strawberries-129,989 qts, rank 9. Raspberries and Loganberries-65,531 qts., rank 8. Blackberries and dewberries-19,766 qts., rank 11.

YEAR'S RAIN BIG.

Nearly Two and a Half Feet of Rain in 1912.

The total rainfall for this year in La Grande has just been determined. Since the special Christmas number of the Observer came from the press 2.28 inches of rain have fallen in this vicinity. This latter addition to that recorded in the Special brings the total to 28.41 inches for the entire year of 1912.

This precipitation is some seven inches in excess of the best recorded during the last five years.

The snowfall for the month of December was 20 1-2 inches. The highest temperature was 59 degrees on the 3d and the lowest was 11 on the 22d. The greatest range in the temperature was 29 degrees. There were eight clear days in the month, seven partly cloudy and 16 cloudy. On the 29th, 30th and 31st chinook winds prevailed.

New Yorkers Stay Out Late

DAYLIGHT FINDS REVELERS IN CAFES.

OVER 3,000,000 SPENT

In La Grande Celebration Is General but Very Sane One.

New York, Jan. 1.-New Year's revelers here remained in the cafes until after daylight today, most of them too intoxicated to leave until sobered from hastily gleaned slumbers. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 was spent here alone. Three hundred arrests recorded.

Uncanny blaring of railroad shop and locomotive whistles greeted New Year in La Grande last night. Dancers and house parties halted in their merrymaking long enough to hear the noisemaking and then proceeded with their sport. At Hot Lake where the local Moose, 180 strong, were immensely well entertained, dancing continued until after two this morning, and the firemen's dance kept going until a late hour. The special train from Hot Lake returned this morning at 3, its occupants tired out, but a happy lot, and loud in their praise of the function one of the biggest of its kind ever attempted by a fraternal order in this city. Police records show only a few arrests of unruly revelers and on the whole it was a very sane celebration that La Grande enjoyed.

LABORITES BEHIND PRISON BARS

All Prisoners Show Contempt for Hockin-Prison Shaves Taken.

Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 1.-The convicted laborites arrived this morning. Each signed the prison book, was shaved and took a bath. Hockin was ignored throughout the trip and all of the men asked Sheriff Schmidt to ask the warden not to make Hockin a cellmate of any of them. During the trip the foul air in the train overcame Higgins. The car was not ventilated.

FANS ANXIOUS AT RINGSIDE

BOTH MEN EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE.

Seat Rush Begins Early With Many in Line.

FIGHT NEWS RECEIVED. The final outcome of the Pulitzer-McCarthy fight will be posted at the Foley hotel corridors by the Observer as soon as the outcome is determined. This may be any time after 4 o'clock but probably not until after 4:30.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.-Fight fans are ready for the Pulitzer-McCarthy fight this afternoon for the diamond championship belt. Early this morning the galleryites were in line to secure tickets for the spectacle and the number is steadily increasing. The box offices will not open until 11 a. m.

Pulizer slept late this morning but McCarthy was up early and ready for the milling. Charlie Eytan will referee the fight. The day started clear and warm. Pulizer declared: "I will win anywhere between the first and the tenth round. McCarthy can't stand my pace. I will wear him out."

McCarthy was less pronounced in his statement. "I ask no quarter," said he, "and I hope the best man will win. I believe I can whip Pulizer." Three preliminaries are billed for the program, the first starting at 2 o'clock. McCarthy's straight left is figured on to win the fight and the betting hangs much on that punch.

RICH AND THE POOR MEET MR. AND MRS. TAFT

GLITTERING LACE AND GOLD MAKES NEW YEAR RECEPTION POMPOUS.

WAS TAFT'S LAST 'SOCIETY'

Led by the Gold-Bedecked Officials of State, Army and Navy, Ambassadors and Law Makers, Vast Throng Files by the President-Rich and Poor Sprinkled in Line.

Washington, January 1.-President and Mrs. Taft held their last New Year's reception in the White House today. The doors of the executive mansion were thrown open to all, no matter what their race, creed or color was.

The reception the last of a Republican President for at least four years followed a custom as old as the White House itself and varied in no respect from the time-worn procedure, except that it was more brilliant.

The diplomatic corps, army, navy, the judiciary, departmental executives and "Mr. Common People"-as cosmopolitan an assemblage as was ever gathered at any one event-were represented. And, to all the President and Mrs. Taft extended the same felicitations-"A happy and prosperous New Year."

The diplomats and officials of the government were received on schedule, but the plain public took their places in line, some standing for hours before the massive gates awaiting "their turn."

As early as 10 o'clock this morning the people massed themselves before the mansion to watch the diplomatic corps, the army, and navy the supreme court justices and others enter.

All the while the line of those who wished to pass through and shake hands with the President grew longer and further down Pennsylvania avenue. The reception was really theirs. The arrival and passage of the officials was merely a preliminary part of the program adopted and approved by custom.

The scene in the White House proper was a brilliant one. The great East room was furnished up with evergreen and delicate blossoms from the White House conservatories and the Blue and Red rooms were sparkling with flowers and greenery. In the great hall of the mansion was the Marine band-"the President's own"-divided into two sections, so that the music would be continuous. While one section played the other rested. When the line of the Plain People appeared at the White House vestibule, Lieutenant Santlemann nodded to his musicians. One section struck up a lively two-step, playing it at a racing tempo. Unconsciously the people shuddered past the President in time to that bewildering music. Throughout the rest of the reception the two sections played only lively marches. Secret service officials long ago discovered that the quick steps unconsciously get the crowds in the habit of hurrying along and the Marine band marches are a fixed part of the New Year's program.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the fanfare of trumpets sounding through the lower hall of the white house announced the approach of the President and Mrs. Taft. Then the band struck up "Hail to the Chief" as the executive and his wife came into view down the steps from their apartments. They were escorted by naval and military aides and behind them came the cabinet and the wives of the cabinet members. Last year Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman followed closely on the President's heels, but "Sunny Jim's" death left

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COMPETITION IN PAVING IS MADE POSSIBLE

SEATTLE FIRM ALLOWED TO FILE SPECIFICATIONS ON PAVING HERE.

LAST SESSION IS STIRRING

Councilmen Almost Come to Competition Among Themselves When the Question of Buying New Cells Came up-Old Council Cleans up Its Business and Is Ready to Step Out.

Entrance of competition in city paving marks the last session of the 1912 council for at its final conclave last night-inssofar as actual business is concerned. The bars were let down for a Seattle paving firm that will hereafter have opportunity to bid with the Warren Construction company.

Deliberations of the city fathers last night went along in the even tenor of orderly business, save for one little interruption. This occurred when the matter of buying second-hand, steel prison cages from Multnomah county came before the parliamentarians. One insisted that the matter needed investigation; that the recommendation of the chief of police was not enough; that new cells could be bought perhaps for less money since the decline of steel. Another thought they were getting the cells at a bargain and the matter of being second handed was of little import. The opponents of the latter wanted competitive bidding. It came near being competition of another sort.

"You're not the whole show," came from the right, and "You're not the whole show, either," came from the left. "Well," said the one and "well," said the other, and after all had had their say a vote was taken on the matter and all voted against the proposition. Hence no second hand stuff will come from Multnomah county for the present.

A report of the fire committee showed that one of the theatres is not up to the recent exacting ordinance regulating the construction of theatres for the safety of the patrons. The theatre was given until January 10th to comply with the provisions of the ordinance, or they would be compelled to close doors until they had complied.

Another innovation is the putting the water superintendent under a \$2,000 bond. The ordinance passed the third reading last night and is now one of the laws of the city.

Paving Competition.

Another matter which will be of interest to property owners is that the specifications of the Dolanway Paving company of Seattle were voted to be placed on file. This means that hereafter when there are any paving contracts to let this new company will submit competitive bids, and that property owners will not necessarily be compelled to have the work done by the Warren Construction company as at the present time.

The council cleaned up a heap of bills, some of which have been hanging fire for some time. All matters have been adjusted save the ordinance which concerns the handling and transportation of explosives. This ordinance was very lengthy and is order to finish what other business was mapped out, the council will read the ordinance individually to comply with the law.

All members were present save Mayor Church and Councilman Lilly.

Farris Is Improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Farris of Portland have been called here by the illness of Grover Farris, but however, they found their relative improved on their arrival.

Bitter Rivals Bury the Axe

GLEE CLUBS TO EXTEND HOSPITALITIES.

EACH CLUB IS HOST

Corvallis and Eugene Will Each Hear Other's City Club.

Unique schemes for cementing good fellowship between the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college student bodies, erstwhile bitter foes, were perfected last night between E. J. Montague, president of the O. A. C. Glee club, and Arthur M. Geary, graduate manager of student affairs at Oregon. Geary was on his way to La Grande with his Glee club and met Montague on the train. The outcome of their conference was that within 10 days' time, the U. of O. Glee club will be the guest of O. A. C. and render its concert there, and in turn, the U. of O. student body will receive, entertain and be entertained at Eugene by the O. A. C. singers. The plan is loudly praised by O. A. C.-U. of O. fraternities in La Grande.

"La Grande enjoys a distinction that only Portland can duplicate in having four of her sons on the university Glee club," commented Mr. Geary this morning. What is more, these four have developed into stellar roles and everyone of them is indispensable to the welfare of the club. La Grande will not doubt be out in force tonight to hear the La Grander and the others of the concern troupe sing. Many towns are deeming themselves fortunate to have one member in the exclusive club, and La Grande certainly should feel proud of her representation," concluded the student manager, who manages grand opera buds, football, ciner track and all other student activities at the U. of O.

Two hours of solid fun is promised by the University of Oregon Glee club in its concert at the Seward theatre tonight. With more college songs and stunts than ever before.

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CAR SHOPS FOR CITY RUMORED

ABUNDANT TIMBER IS ONE VIEW FOR ACTION.

Rumor Neither Confirmed Nor Denied, Circulating in Business Circles

There is a rumor afloat that the O.-W. R. & N. company will erect car building shops in La Grande. Those who are responsible for the information say they have seen the blueprints and that the company is serious about the proposition. It is thought the company is contemplating this move owing to the amount of timber to be had in this vicinity. If this comes about it will mean an increase to the payroll of the city and the influx of a goodly number of men to help swell the business of the merchants. Since the news does not come directly from the railroad officials, it is subject to denial or confirmation. At any rate it may be said that the company could hardly select a better place for the shops in view of the timber to be had and the ground owned by the company in La Grande.

Six in City Jail.

Six men in the city jail cannot say they started the new year in God's great open free country. Their little kingdom is very much restricted and for some it may be for some time to come.

Most of them are in the bastille to sober up. One was confined yesterday for appropriating linens belonging to the Savoy hotel. Since court is not in session today the case will be heard in the just court tomorrow. There is very little disturbance in the city and little trouble is expected.

CHILD LABOR A NEF PLANK IN SULZER POLICY

YORK'S GOVERNOR SENDS HIS MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

SUFFRAGE ALSO DISCUSSED

Immediate Action by the People of Empire States on Question of Woman Vote Is Urged by Sulzer in His Initial Message to the Legislature-Takes Office.

Albany, Jan. 1.-Governor Sulzer was inaugurated with simple ceremonies to the office of governor of the empire state today. He delivered his inaugural address from the steps of the executive mansion at 11 o'clock. He ignored carriages and walked to the capitol with 90 friends and officials escorting him. Among the delegations waiting at the capitol was Rosalie Jones, the suffragette who walked from New York in the cause of women votes. Formal ceremonies occurred in the assembly chamber with a Catholic priest delivering the invocation and Chief Justice Cullen of the state supreme court delivering the oath. Retiring Governor Lix was present.

Message Sent to Solons.

Albany, N. Y., January 1.-Abolition of child labor and the safeguarding of the lives of the working man and woman were the dominant notes in the first message sent to the New York state legislature by Gilliam Sulzer, who today assumed his office. "Human life is infinitely more valuable than the profit of material things," declared Sulzer, and he demanded legislation that will end the cannery and other child labor scandals; compel the use of safety appliances in all branches of employment and a real workingman's compensation act.

Sulzer declared for the immediate submission of the question of woman suffrage to the people; ratification of the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of the United States senators by the people; sweeping economy in public office and the abolition of all useless offices; comprehensive electoral reform which will provide for direct primaries, and sweeping conservation of natural resources.

Discussing the high cost of living, Sulzer said:

"For more than ten years the increasing cost of living, mounting higher and higher each succeeding year, has been the most immediate, the most pressing and the most universally observed fact about economic conditions in this country. While wages have remained practically the same, the cost of the necessities of life has grown more and more oppressive, until today the average man in our state, with a family to support, has about all he can do to make both ends meet. I earnestly direct your careful consideration to this important item concerning the people and recommend you take such action in the premises as you deem just and wise to reduce the high cost of the necessities of life in order to make living less a struggle for physical existence."

In his reference to the need for legislation to safeguard human life, Sulzer said:

"We must try to work out practical legislation that will apply to our social ideals, and our views of industrial progress to secure for our men, women and children the greatest possible reserve of physical and mental force. I hold it to be self-evident that no industry has the right to sacrifice human life for its profit, but that just as each industry must reckon in its cost of production

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