

CUPID LOAFED FOR 12 MONTHS

BIRTH RECORD BELOW NORMAL SIZE THIS YEAR SAY FIGURES.

MANY PIONEERS DIE IN 1913

Marriage, Birth and Death Records Show Interesting Facts.

Little Dan Cupid has loafed in Union county this year. With the influx of more people, with good crops and good conditions all around there is no great excuse for his meagre performance in 1913. One would suppose that the stern laws providing for a clean bill of health had made the little bowman an ally and that he did not as a consequence make the number of hits he could have made. But the records of the county clerk show that the license business has been relatively better since the medical examination law went into effect than before. But 154 lovers approached the keeper of licenses for the little scrip that entitles them to soil out on the serious waters of the sea of life.

Last year the total number of licenses was 206. But the remaining portion of the month of December has proven the most desirable time in the cold and stern months of the year in which to contract the solemn duties of wedlock and therefore the number will be about 175 all told. In the month of December up to the 10th the number of licenses issued was only two. However, this year's average may be more than made up by the performance of the little god of love in the coming year.

Birth Rate Slow Too.
But this story is not in a column by itself when it comes to a comparison of figures for the birth rate has not by any means kept pace with the fine record of last year. So far only 141 births are recorded. But this would leave an erroneous impression of the registration of slowness in recording an item of the county's growth in which everybody is more or less interested. At the beginning of each year one will find among the list of births recorded a few days after the new citizen is born, a goodly list of youngsters whose physicians have not thought it tenor while to give the little representative any standing or record.

Along the future great of this community. For this reason it would not be correct to say that the total number of births for the year was only 141 as against 241 for last year, which latter figures represent about 98 per cent of all births for the year 1912.

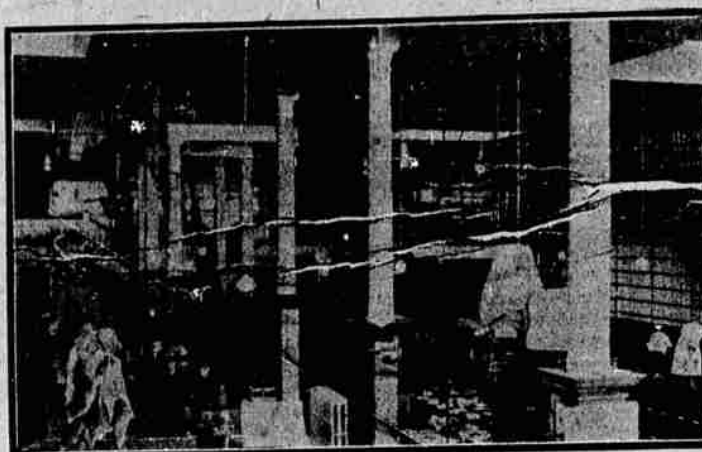
Of the number so far recorded 85 are male children and 56 are female. Last year the percentage was about the same for either sex. There are as many as six mothers of the age of 17, who became the proud possessors of the sweetest boy that ever lived. The oldest mother gave birth to a child at the advanced age of 47. The distinction of being the mother of the largest number of children goes to Mrs. Aaron F. Tally of North Powder, who followed the Biblical injunction closely and became the mother of 12.

The average number of children in all families recorded on the books is three and two-fifths. This number should not be taken to mean that this is the average for all families of the county because there are many families in which there are no children at all, whose names therefore are not entered on the record. It would be safe to assume that the number would be two and a large fraction, or nearly three, because government statistics place the number of childless families at a little better than three per cent of the whole.

Deaths Total 112.
There is only one department of this statistical outlook in which the number for the year has exceeded that of last year, and that is with regard to deaths. During the year and up to the time of going to press the number of persons who bade a last adieu to this world of activity was 112 or eight more than in the year 1912. Of this number 64 were males and 48 females. But the average age of males this year is less than last year. In 1912 it was 52 and 31-100 for men and this year it is 48 and 28-64. The average age at the time of death for women was 46 and 14-35. This year it is 38 years. This latter figure is low by reason of the heavy death rate among children before they were a year old. Seven female children died before passing their first mile stone; 14 died before they were 20 and as many more died before the age of 30.

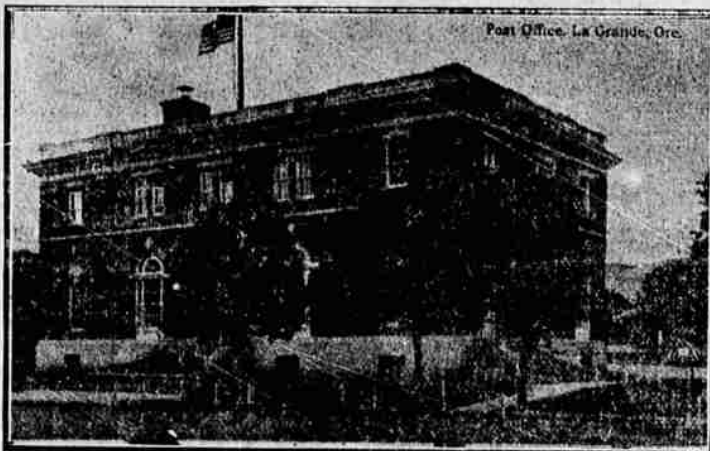
Many Old People Die.
The average for men is boosted by reason of the large number of deaths at ages beyond 60. Seven, of whom there is a record, passed away at the age of 80 or more; 11 were past 70;

WEST STORE LAVISHLY REMODELED.



Almost completely building over of the N. K. West department store occurred during the summer. The place now has three distinct departments, two grouped in one large department, and the men's department separate but connected by wide archways. Above are reproductions of, first, the drygoods and shoes department, in the center, the men's department, showing the mezzanine floor accommodating the office in the rear, and the third scene is the ladies' read-to-wear department. A new front has made the store as stylish and up-to-the-minute as money could make it.

FEDERAL BUILDING SUPERIOR.



La Grande has this year realized her fond hopes for a suitable federal building. The structure shown here was completed this year and houses not only the postoffice department but the land office as well. The top floor is set over for use by the civil service department and has rooms for field agents of the land office department. Receiver Nolan Skiff and Register F. C. Bramyell have palatial offices on the second floor of the building where the land office department is operated for the La Grande land office district.

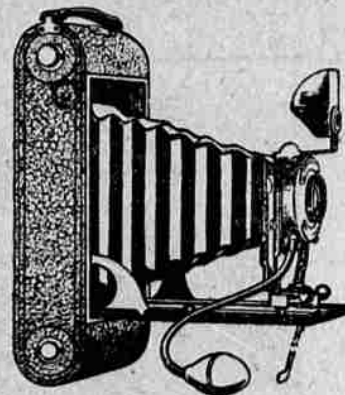
60; five had lived more than a half century. Oneman, George Kearney, was nearing the century mark, 98. He was a native of Ireland and is registered on the books as a sailor. The oldest woman was Margaret Hayes, whose age is given as 88. There are but 27 native Oregonians among this list of departed, a large percentage of persons born in the states of Illinois and Iowa, of Missouri and New York. To show how cosmopolitan this county is one should ponder over the fact that a large percentage of men and women came from the old country, namely from Germany, Denmark, Sweden, England, Scotland, Ireland, Bavaria and Norway.

There is more to this story when one looks at the causes of death. All magazines are preaching hygiene, are recommending all kinds of nostrums and elixirs for the prolongation of life; the country is spending millions of dollars for the prevention of disease and some of the most dreaded maladies that afflict mankind have had their heaviest toll in this county during the past twelvemonth. Last year tuberculosis claimed but

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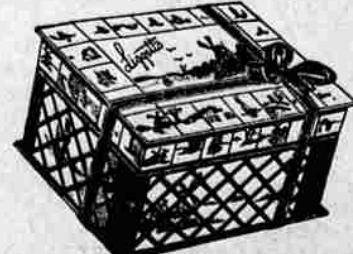
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