

FEW SIGNS OF RACE SUICIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—That the percentage of the foreign born population of this country has remained practically stationary during the past 40 years is shown in the annual report of Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor. The population of the United States in 1860 was 31,443,321, of which 4,138,997, or 13.2 per cent, were foreign born. The population shown by the most recent census, that of 1900, was 76,203,387, of which 1,460,088, or 1.9 per cent were foreign born. This is pointed out as a salient feature of those who claim to believe that immigration will eventually eliminate the national characteristics—an Americanize the nation.

As a result of the recent financial depression, the net increase of alien population for the fiscal year just ended was cut down to 209,867. There arrived during the year a total of 924,635 persons, of which 782,870 had this country as their final destination, while 141,825 were passing through or were merely visitors. There left this country during the year 714,828 aliens.

The total deportations and rejections during the year was 12,971, an increase of 50 per cent over last year, in the ratio the deportations bear to the admissions in the respective years, and a sure proof of the fuller working of the exclusion laws. These figures do not include a large number of inadmissible rejected by the steamship companies to avoid penalties.

No Bad Effect on Wages.
The secretary says:
"Notwithstanding the large increase in immigration during the past decade the wage standard of this country has not been lessened. On the contrary, it has continued to increase. I think it can also be stated as a fact that the immigrant laborer as a class usually finds employment at the bottom of the scale of industries, thereby leaving the higher grades where work is more remunerative to the native workman."

The statistics show that in June, 1907, a total of 2808 Japanese were admitted (1134 to the continent and 1674 to Hawaii), and that in June, 1908, only 781 Japanese were admitted (448 to the mainland and 335 to Hawaii). As a further illustration of the gradual but sure reduction, it might be noted that in the first month of the next fiscal year 1158 Japanese were admitted to continental United States; in January, 1908, only 405 were admitted, and in June, as already stated, only 440. During the entire year, 9544 Japanese were admitted to continental United States, of whom 5503, or over half, were non-laborers; during the same period 5718 Japanese departed from continental United States so that the net increase in the Japanese population was only 3826.

During the year the report continues, a total of 2172 contract laborers have been removed from the country. Many manufacturing concerns have been convicted and mulcted for violation of the contract labor law, and there was one case of imprisonment. Three labor unions were found among the violators, having brought in glass workers because of a disagreement between two rival organizations.

Would Change Exclusion Laws.
Of Chinese, 477 were deported during the year; the cases of 445 are pending, and 154 Chinese arrested were discharged, escaped or died. The secretary asks that, from motives of economy and efficiency in acting on cases, the exclusion of Chinese be under executive jurisdiction, as is the exclusion of all other aliens, and thereby be taken from the cumbersome procedure of the courts and a special and expensive class of immigration officials.

Secretary Straus strongly recommends the adoption of a definite system of positive supervision and regulation of corporations through an administrative office, urging that such a system is constructive, not destructive. Through this office it would be possible to publish important facts as to corporate corporations, safeguarding the unnecessary publication of all proper business secrets.

County Hospital Report for November.

William Hartman, 30 days; Charles Hendrickson, 30 days; W. T. Hurst, 30 days; William Hargrave, 30 days; Chris Laksen, 30 days; August Tolppor, 30 days; T. A. Shaw, 30 days; Julius Stein, 30 days; James Armstrong, 30 days; returned; T. J. Richards, 30 days; J. H. Nelson, 10 days left; H. J. Cole, 19; died November 11, 1908; Mrs. S. A. Cuthbert, 30 days; John Walden, 30 days; John Clair, 30 days; John Silver, 30 days; John Hughes, 30 days; George Bush, 30 days; R. B. Packard, 30 days; John Maroni, 20 days; S. W. Patterson, 30 days; total 560; amount on hand, 19.

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SMOOT REPORTS ON FORESTS

The first figures of the inventory of the forests of the United States which the national conservation commission has made were presented to the conference by Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman of the section of forests of the commission. Senator Smoot's report is a summary of the great mass of statistics which the first inventory represents. The report represents six months' work on the part of the forest's section and presents the most striking figures of the forests' inventory.

In part the report is as follows:

What Forests Do.
Next to our need of food and water comes our need of timber. Our industries subsisting wholly or mainly upon wood, pay the wages of more than one and one-half billion men and women.

Forests not only grow timber, but they hold the soil, and they conserve streams for all useful purposes. How far forests increase the rain is not yet known. It is well known that they check wind, and work against excessive heat or cold.

What We Have.
Our forests now cover 550 million acres, or about one-fourth of the United States. The original forests covered not less than 850,000,000 acres, or nearly one-half.

The yearly growth of wood in our forests does not average more than 12 cubic feet per acre. This gives a total yearly growth of less than 7,000,000,000 cubic feet.

What Is Used.
We take from our forest each year, not logging and in manufacture, 23,000,000,000 cords of firewood, 40,000,000,000 feet of lumber, more than 1,000,000,000 posts, poles and fence rails, 118,000,000 hewn ties, 1,500,000,000 staves, over 133,000,000 sets of heading, nearly 500,000,000 barrel hoops, 3,000,000 cords of native pulpwood, 145,000,000 cubic feet of round mine timbers, and 1,250,000 cords of wood for distillation.

Where We Stand.
We take from our forest each year, not counting the loss by fire, three and one-half times their yearly growth.

Our lumber has increased not less than 15 per cent in the last seven years. But the average price of all kinds of lumber at the mill has risen 49 per cent, and the rise will continue.

The condition of the world's supply of timber makes us already dependent upon what we produce. We send out of our country two and one-half times as much as we bring in. Except for finishing woods, relatively insignificant in quantity, we must grow our own supply or go without.

Where We Might Stand.
By reasonable thrift, we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present need, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation and power.

Under right management, our forests will yield over four times as much as now. We can reduce waste in the woods and in the mill at least one-third, with present as well as future profit. We can perpetuate the naval stores industry. Preservative treatment will reduce by one-fifth the quantity of timber used in the water or in the ground. We can practically stop forest fires at a total yearly cost of one-fifth the value of the standing timber burned each year, not counting young growth.

What Must Be Done.
For each million acres of forest in public ownership, over three million are privately owned. The conservation of public forests is the smaller task before the nation and the states. The larger task is to induce private forest owners, which means three million men, to take care of what they have, and to teach wood users, which means everyone, how not to waste.

If these things are done, they will conserve our streams as well as our forests. If they are not done, the usefulness of our streams will decrease no less than the usefulness of our forests.

Rose Melville is Charming

Medford playgoers certainly had a treat last night, and if Manager Hazelrigg continues to give his patrons such attractions, he will have to build an addition to his theater before it is a year old.

The house was full when the curtain rose on the first act, and to say the audience laughed is putting it mildly—it roared—all through the piece. Of course Rose Melville in the name part was the "big noise," and she fully lived up to her reputation as a great artist—her conception of "Sis Hopkins" as a unique character, wholly different from anything ever produced, deserves to rank with Jefferson's "Rip Van Winkle," and others of that class. Miss Melville, you're strictly all right. And one thing I noticed with pleasure, that unlike so many stars, Miss Melville did not surround herself with inferior actors. On the contrary, her support was uniformly excellent. Who could fail to love "Ma" and "Pa" Hopkins! And was there ever another "Obadiah!" The young man playing this part was undoubtedly the hit of the piece next to Miss Melville.

The stage mountings were in keeping with the play and what a pleasure it is to be able to go to a show and see it put on in its entirety—the same as at Portland or San Francisco.

The house orchestra is deserving of more than a word of praise, for the way in which it is handling the scores of the different plays as well as the selections between the acts.



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VALE RESIDENTS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER WATER

VALE, Or., Dec. 10.—Residents of this section are enthusiastic again over the matter of government irrigation, and are willing to sign up their lands according to the requirements of the government. A private water company has been organized to take up the matter with the government. Walter Griffith has been retained by the company to hold meetings in all of the communities that will be benefited by the project.

Similar meetings have already been held at Dead Ox Flat, Nyssa, Vale, Ontario and several other points. The road companies have been approached and it is understood that both are willing to sign up their lands.

In order to better handle the Malheur project the department has placed Mr. Weymouth in charge of it and transferred the headquarters to Boise; thus this section of Oregon goes under the Idaho division of the reclamation service. Mr. Weymouth in company with Herbert Nowell, also of the government reclamation service, was in Vale and up to the Harper ranch inspecting the proposed reservoir sites. From there they went to Dead Ox Flat, where there is a body of 25,000 acres under the Malheur project.

This project will cover from 150,000 to 200,000 acres, and if the Willow Creek division is taken in it will approximate 250,000 acres of land.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next meeting for a license to sell, distribute, vituous and malt liquors, in quantities less than a gallon, for a period of twelve months, at its place of business at lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in block 26, in the city of Medford, Oregon.

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