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E. C. PENTLAND, Publisher.

Let us have a recount of Polk county.

How much would a railroad to Falls City be worth to Independence? By bonding the road, fifteen men could build the road and not invest over \$2000 each. Where are they?

We need that railroad to Falls City. How much better to buy lumber there than at some point out of Polk county. A large trade for our merchants would be built up, and we would be benefited in many other ways. Let us move in the matter.

We publish this week some extracts from California papers giving the profits on fruit culture. No county in Oregon can raise better fruit than Polk, and why should not our farmers engage in fruit raising instead of wheat. We would like to hear from some of our Polk county farmers on this subject. The market for good fruit is unlimited.

THE CENSUS MIDDLE.

It is plain that giving Portland and Salem a recount, showing such a marked increase in population that the rest of the state should be recounted. Complaints are made, both local and long, from all parts of the state, and since the recent census gives Portland and Salem such an increase why not the rest of the state?

As everyone knows each county is entitled to senators and representatives in proportion to its population. In 1880 with a population of over 176,000 in the state it required about 5800 population for a senator and 2900 for a representative. The recent census gives 318,000 population which would require 10,600 population for each senator and 5300 for a representative.

The recent increase in the recount will give Multnomah county two more senators and three representatives. Some of the other counties, of which Polk county is one, will have no increase of representatives and only a joint senator with other county. Our readers can readily see the injustice of this. It is important that a recount be demanded.

There is an unborn horror in every persons mind against being buried alive. No precautions are taken to prevent it in this country. In some parts of Europe it is different. A traveler in Europe writes: "I was particularly struck by the beauty of the cemeteries in Munich, as regards monuments and well kept walks and drives. The people here have a great fear of being buried alive, and for that reason when a person dies the body is placed in a receiving vault, where it is kept for four days, and under the method now used, a sponge is placed in one of the dead person's hands, which is connected by a copper wire with a battery and alarm signal; the hand is fastened tightly around the sponge, and at the least sign of returning animation the alarm is sounded and the friends, some of whom are always from duty, respond at once. In the Corle's last fifty years there have been thirty-four persons resuscitated by means of precautions of this kind."

FIGURES OF OUR COUNTY CENSUS.

One of the census enumerators in Polk county who feels quite certain that in his district not a person was missed who should have been enumerated, has made a calculation, so we are informed, based on the school district where he resides and finds that the proportion of population to school children is 2.15-100 times the school children. Applying those figures to the county of Polk we have a population of in round numbers 6200. According to this, Dallas has a population, from 341 school children, of 705 and yet the 446 votes cast added to 341 school children, gives 787, not counting the women. Independence with 367 school children would have 770 population and yet had 330 voters making it that there are only 93 women. Monmouth has 195 school children giving her 493 population and 151 voters leaves only 57 women. In Dallas the school district and voting district is not the same, but in Independence they are almost the same. It is safe to say that there are here as many women as there are voters, which added would make 660 to which add 367 school children and we have a total of 1027 population, and this we are satisfied is at least 400 less than we should have.

The Independence public schools open next Monday. The following are the teachers employed: Principal, Prof. L. W. McAdams; assistants, Mrs. L. W. McAdams, Misses Hattie Hayes, Carrie Fowler, and Mrs. F. L. Luck. For the present, until the new school building is completed, the school will continue, so it has been ordered by the directors, just as it was last fall. It is deemed best to make no changes until the new building is completed, then the school can be thoroughly graded.

present with the new apportionment, Polk county would not be entitled to one full senator. We do not accuse anyone of our census enumerators of neglecting their duty and no doubt but that correct enumerations have been taken in many cases. In such cases a recount would only confirm their work. There seems to be a discrepancy somewhere.

WHERE OUR SUGAR COMES FROM.

A remarkable increase in the amount of sugar imported into this country has taken place in the past few years, the value of our imports of sugar, molasses, etc., in the twelve months ending June 30, 1885, amounting to \$68,531,495, while last year it was \$89,737,284. In neither case do these figures include the imports from the Hawaiian Islands, which last year amounted to \$11,359,142, and which would swell the grand total to more than a hundred million dollars. The increase is due, chiefly, to the heavy increase in the imports of beet sugar, which comes mainly from Germany. In the twelve months ending June 30, 1888, our imports of beet sugar from Germany were about 2 per cent. of our total sugar imports, while last year they were nearly 16 per cent.; indeed, Germany has now taken second place in the countries supplying the United States with sugar, as is shown by the following table giving, by countries, the value of over 98 per cent. of the sugar imported into the United States during the year ending June 30, 1890:

Table with 3 columns: Countries, Values, Per cent. Austria Hungary, Brazil, Danish West Indies, Germany, etc.

For the year ending June 30, 1888, the imports of beet sugar into the United States from Germany reached a value of only \$1,321,516; for 1888-'89 they rose to \$5,514,407; and for 1889-'90, for which the returns have just been compiled, they have advanced to \$16,098,224.

PUBLISH THE LAWS IN THE NEWS-PAPERS.

From the address of E. W. Stephens before the Missouri Press Association.

The law needed in Missouri at this time, to the enactment of which this association should bend its full energies, is one requiring the publication of the acts of each general assembly in the newspapers in the state. The people have a right to know what their laws are. The newspaper is the only medium of intelligence. Publication in book form is practically no publication. If a law is worth passing it is worth publishing. If it is necessary to incur the expense of legislation it is equally necessary to bear the expense of ascertaining such legislation. There are laws of importance to the people on the statute books of Missouri to-day, which are not enforced simply because it is not known how that they exist. The people are in ignorance of what the laws are. Each legislature is repealing and changing them; when published in a book form months after the legislature adjourns, not one taxpayer in a thousand ever sees them. Let them be published in the newspapers as they are enacted so that the people may have a chance to read and study them. The expense of publication would be more than saved in the enforcement of laws that would result; and when legislators are aware all their acts are thus being constantly scrutinized by the people they will be more careful in the laws they make. There will be less absurd tinkering with the statutes and less formulation of laws simply to compass personal ends. The following states have for many years published their laws in the newspapers, viz: Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Alabama and perhaps others. The New York law, which has been in operation for many years, would perhaps be the best one for Missouri. The plan is to print them in supplement form, the rate being from 20 to 50 cents per hundred words. If long experience has proven it to be practicable in the great state of New York why should it not be in Missouri.

And we may add, why should not Oregon have such a law?

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