## SALES OF PUBLIC LANDS

Total Disposals in Oregon in the Year Ended June 30, 1899, Were 540,428.63 Acres.

### BEST OF NEW SETTLERS LOCATE IN THIS STATE

Original Homestead Entries in the La Grande District Average 50 a Month-Oregon City Office Reports a Heavy Increase -Lands Containing Timber Are Eagerly Sought.

Our railroad facilities are of the best, as

the enterprising managers of the O. R. & N. Co. do not spare time nor expense to furnish patrons the best of service to

stockyards in best condition to command

the highest prices; the lumber to the con-sumer building a home in our own state,

THE DALLES DISTRICT.

Officials Receive Many Letters From

Intending Settlers.

Oregon; and, indeed, it was not equaled by

any land office in the entire Northwest.

This was largely due to the sales of pub-

lic lands, near the close of 1898, the last

year in which lands could be purchased

under the act of September 29, 1890, the

lands involved in the old Northern Pa-cific land grant which were declared for-

of last year, briefly summarized, was as

Total number of acres sold 48,254.40 \$116,495 11
Total number of acres entered exclusive of sales
by homesteads, etc....129,477.69

The office has also received an unusual

number of inquiries from Eastern people about Oregon and the Northwest. To all

of these, answers have been made, and

each has received instructive literature

concerning our section. This office is under obligation to W. H. Hurlburt, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N.

common, yet no doubt the transportation companies have received their full share of benefit, but none is more deserving

than the O. R. & N. Co. Its efforts to

inform intending settlers of the advant-ages of the Northwest have been pains

taking and expensive. Their kindness in furnishing the land office with descriptive and other literature has saved its

officials a great deal of labor, and has resulted in much benefit to all. The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company, with headquarters at The Dalles, also furnished some splendid advertising matter, which was used with good results.

Judging from the interest manifested in the acquiring of all kinds of lands, the future of this district is very bright, which seems to be shared, generally, all over the great Northwest.

BIG BUSINESS AT OREGON CITY.

Increase of 100 Per Cent for First

Half of the Current Fiscal Year.

the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899. The

I send a summary of the business trans-

OTIS PATTERSON, Receiver.

good results.

No. state selections, 15... 2,926.98 Timber and stone ent., 5. Wagon and R. R. lists, 3 2,431.32 Received from testimony, plats can-

homesteads teceived from final proofs on 68 timber culture

172,731.99 end entries, 810..124,119.29 \$ 12,585 63 te selections, 15... 2,926.98 50.00

1,534 00

Total disposals of government land in | county, the finest mineral belt and large Oregon. Washington and Idaho for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, were 1,555,-\$12.63 acres. Oregon's total was 540,428.63 acres; Washington's, 498,948 acres; and Idaho's, 516,536 acres.

Disposals of government land in Oregon last year were larger, with one exeption, than those of any year since 1893. The exception was in 1896, when railroad ions amounting to 1,158,707.70 acres ran the total disposals up to 1,467.472.22.

Oregon is getting the cream of the immigration now coming to the Pacific states. Those who buy deeded lands are able to pay their way, and those who take up government land come with ample means to make a home. Reports received from the principal land

districts of Oregon disclose a healthy state of affairs. Officials receive many letters from Eastern people, who want to know about Oregon, that land, as Receiver Gallowsy, of the Gregon City land office, so aptly puts it, where "people do not have to spend six months of the year in feeding out what they raise during the other elx months." The Dalles office is doing fine missionary work for the state in distributing the descriptive literature which the O. R. & N. Co. has placed at its dis-The O. R. & N. Co. is one great factor in the upbuilding of the inland country. Without doubt, nine-tenths of the people who have settled east of the Cascades in the past two years had their attention first called to Oregon through the efforts of this company.

Disposals of government land for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, will be larger than those of the year ended June 30, 1899. In the Oregon City district land for the six months ended December 31, 1899, will show an increase of 100 per cent over the business for the elx months ended June 30, 1899. Receiver Galloway says that timbered lands, which a few years ago were passed over in contempt, are now eagerly sought. New methods and ideas in farming and agricultural economy explain this tendency. The sa-gacious new-comer sees in the timber a source of revenue from sale of wood for fuel. He realizes, also, that land which produced the healthiest native trees is the best land for horticultural purposes. In the La Grande district original homestead entries average about 50 a month. This means the settlement of 600 families a year in this district, which comprises Union, Umatilia, and Wallowa counties, and parts of Morrow, Grant and Baker countles.

### LA GRANDE LAND DISTRICT.

Homestend Entries Being Made at the Rate of Fifty a Month. We take pleasure in presenting a general resume of the business of the United States land office at La Grande during the past year, and calling attention to the fact that our past year embraces a period from June 20, 1838, to and including June While the interests of our people are 80, 1899. It will not be amiss for us to state that of the number of offices in the United States ours is one of 115, and of the state of Oregon, one of six. Of the total acrenge of the state, our office has jurisdiction over 8,842,000 acres, embrac-ing all of Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties and parts of Morrow, Grant and

county has a total of 1,166,000 mores, of which 758,832 acres are surveyed, and unappropriated; 11,335 are unsurveyed, and 405,832 are appropriated. Of the unappropriated lands there are 60 per cent timbered, 5 per cent arid, 25 per cent grazing and 10 per cent farming. During the year 8542 acres were appropriated un-der the various acts, homestead, desert land, timber and stone and mineral laws.

Grant county has a total of 1,365,600 acres, of which 1,000,004 acres are surveyed and unappropriated; 60,821 acres are unsurveyed, and 304.175 are appropriated. Of the unappropriated lands there are 50 per cent timber, 35 per cent grazing and 15 per cent farming lands. During the year 11,788 acres were appropriated under the acts above mentioned.

Morrow county has a total of 511,000 acres in our district, of which 272,330 acres are surveyed and unappropriated and 238,670 acres appropriated. Of the unappropriated lands 25 per cent are timbered, 40 per cent grazing, 25 per cent arid and 10 per cent farming. During the year 9890 acres were filed on under various land laws. All of the land in this county in our district is

Umatilla county has a total of 1,991,000 acres, of which 820,271 acres are surveyed and unappropriated, 38,957 acres unsurveyed and 151,360 acres reserved within the Umatilla Indian reservation. Of the unappropriated lands there are 35 per pent timbered and mountainous, 35 per cent arid, 25 per cent grazing and 5 per cent farming. During the year 28,537 acres

were filed upon and appropriated under the laws heretofore mentioned. Union county has a total of 2,028,000 acres, of which \$44,157 acres are surveyed and unappropriated, 478,000 acres unsur-veyed, and 705,863 acres appropriated. Of the unappropriated lands, 75 per cent are timbered, 15 per cent grazing and 10 per cent farming. During the year 13,802 acres were entered under the laws as above.

Wallowa county has a total of 1,782,000 acres, of which 766,736 acres are surveyed

and appropriated, 662,347 acres are unsurveyed, and 252,917 appropriated. Of the unappropriated lands, 65 per cent are tim-bered and mountainous, 20 per cent grazing and 5 per cent farming. During the year 25,306 acres were filed upon under the vari-ous land laws.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that in our district during the year 100,873 acres

have been appropriated. During the fiscal year from June 35, 1897, to June 30, 1898, the cash receipts of the office were in round numbers \$21,000, and from June 30, 1888, to June 30, 1899, a little below \$40,000, thus showing nearly a doubling of the receipts of the office dur-

ing the latter year.
Our original homestead entries for the past aix months have averaged about 50 per month. This showing is of itself as good as we could desire for our state, as it means 50 persons, or heads of families, a month, going upon undeveloped tracts

act of June 4, 1897, and for which no fil-ing fees are received. WILLIAM GALLOWAY, Receiver.

Burns District. Charles Newell, receiver of the Burns land office, sends the following itemized statement of the business of that office during the year ended June 30, 1899:

Sales of land subject to pre-emption entry 2 220.00 \$ 400 00 Original entries under desert land act.... 31 1,719.43 2138 80 Final entries under desert land act.... 16 1,543.14 1538 70 6.16 12 30

Total cash sales.... 58 2,069.71 \$5594 90

Original homest'd entries ..... Final homestead en-64 8,476.18 354 00 Final entries under 719.69 timber-culture laws State indem'ty school carry the golden grain on a water grade Pre-emption townsite to the best of markets; the cattle to the 1 ...... Reducing testim'y to

193 50 Grand total...... 176 15,401.07 \$7590 38 Fees and commissions and to the competitive markets of the East, thus making one of the largest fac-tors to induce the coming settler to appro-Original homestead entries. \$509 03 \$875 00
Final homestead entries. \$549 94
Final entries under timberculture laws. 24 00
State indemnity school selecpriate the fertile lands within our district.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.
S. O. SWACKHAMER, Receiver. culture laws.
State indemnity school selections
Wagon road selections.
Mineral applicat'n for patent
Pre-emption townsite locat'n
Reducing testimony to writing

...... 193 45 The fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, was one of the busiest in the history of The Dalles land office, since its establishment, January 11, 1875. A recent report, emanating from the general land office, and published in The Oregonian, shows that last year's business of The Dalles office was in excess of that of any other in

THE SPALDING.

A Model Apartment House, Conducted by Miss H. F. Spalding.

In every growing city there exists a demand for rooming accommodations near the business center for families, business felted by the act already mentioned.

The total sales of lands of the fiscal several years ago that this demand was manifesting itself in Portland, Miss Helen F. Spalding, a lady well known and appreciated in social circles, and at the same time endowed with acute quisiness instincts, decided to erect a building adapted to the requirements of this class of tenants on her property at the corner of Park and Alder streets.

The new venture was christened "The Spalding," and has since been personally proposed in the same to solve any results that might be obtained real value. Thus, in 1875 the ratio averaged from 1.78 in Linn county to 4.17 in Coos; in 1880, from 2.35 in Linn to 8.30 in Clatsop; and in 1885, from 1.53 in Crook to 3.51 in Clatsop.

Comparisons between the total population, school population, and ratios for 1890, 1885 and 1899, are shown in the following table: 495 11. Most of these sales occurred be-fore January 1, 1899, though the January business of the past year was very large. This was augmented by a very great number of original homestead entries, 816, though the average monthly business of the new flyral very hids fair to exceed F. Spaiding, a lady well known and appreciated in social circles, and at the same time endowed with acute husiness instincts, decided to erect a building adapted to the requirements of this class of tenants on her property at the corner of Park and Alfar streats of the new fiscal year bids fair to exceed that of the last in the matter of original homestead entries. The total business

## CENSUS OF OREGON

Enumeration of 1900 Should

The population of the state when the school census was taken last year was 407,283. This figure is reached by tak-24.00 ing the ratio of school population in each county, according to the federal census of 1890, and the state census of 6.00 1895, striking an average ratio therefrom, 10 00 and multiplying it by the school popula-tion reported for 1899. Very nearly the same result is obtained by taking the ratio of school population to the popula-tion of the state at large and adopting the same process of averaging and multi-plication. In 1890 this ratio was 3.15, and in 1895 it was 2.85; an average of 3. Multiplying this average by the school popula-tion of 1899, the result obtained is 397,-224, or 10,059 less than the county test shows. Allowance for errors in the school census of 1899 and increase in population between then and June, 1900, ought to show a population of not less than 425,000

next year.

While the school census is the best While the school census is the best available test, short of actual enumeration, of the population of the state, it does not possess the merit of absolute accuracy. If it did, it would not show decreases in some of the best counties in the state. While there has been much shifting about of population during the past five years, it does not seem possible that counties like Clackamas, Douglas, Marion, Washington and Yamhili have lost ground. Still it is noteworthy that Douglas, Marion, Washington and Yamhill reported fewer persons of school age in 1899 than they did in 1895. In Clackamas county the school population was the same in both years.

same in both years.

It has not been considered advisable in making this computation to take figures farther back than the census of 1890. There is too much disparity 'n the ratio between school population and the total population to give any results that might

COUNTIES.	1890.				1895			1899,	
	Census	School population	Ratio	Census	School population	Ratio	School population	Average ratio	Estimated population
Baker Benton Clackamas Clacksop Columbia Coos Curry Crook Douglas Gilliam Grant Harney Jackson Josephine Klamath Lake Lane Linn Lincoln Marlon Morrow Multnomah Polk Sherman Tilliamook Umatillia Union Wallowa Wasco Wasco Wasco Wasco Wasco Wannilli	8,650 15,233 10,016 5,191 1,709 3,244 3,600 2,559 11,457 4,578 2,414 4,255 16,255 11,457 2,501 2,501 2,501 2,501 12,934 4,205 74,858 1,792 2,513 12,041 3,641 3,641 11,972 9,183	1,995 3,417 5,898 2,068 1,508 3,223 3,223 4,415 1,168 1,735 4,415 1,711 876 818 6,122 1,711 876	3.39 2.53 2.53 2.53 3.44 2.54 2.64 2.65 2.65 2.65 2.65 2.65 2.65 2.65 2.65	6,061 6,292 21,258 5,890 1,916 3,212 14,559 3,016 4,138 2,465 2,318 2,465 2,318 2,197 17,518 18,006 2,218 3,004 2,197 17,518 18,006 2,197 17,518 18,006 2,197 17,518 18,006 2,197 17,518 18,006 2,197 17,518 18,006	2,575 2,617 7,888 2,942 2,030 3,505 5,486 1,367 1,367 1,367 1,367 1,280 1,028 7,270 1,186 1,028	2.35 2.36 2.36 2.36 2.36 2.36 2.36 2.36 2.36	3,523 2,460 7,588 3,872 2,183 3,736 1,233 1,441 1,970 4,876 1,970 4,872 1,107 7,110 7,110 7,110 1,251 1,304 1,251 1,304 1,251 1,304 1,251 1,305	2.87 2.84 3.17 2.26 3.21 2.14 3.22 2.14 3.22 2.14 3.22 2.15 3.22 2.16 3.22 2.16 3.22 2.16 3.22 2.16 3.22 2.16 3.22 2.16 3.22 3.22 3.22 3.22 3.22 3.22 3.22 3.2	19,090 6,988 20,748 6,929 16,648 6,929 14,052 3,500 14,052 3,133 13,506 6,544 2,741 18,557 18,353 2,741 18,557 18,353 18,557 18,557 18,353 18,557 18,557 18,557 18,557 18,557 14,552 14,552 14,554 14,554
Total	313,767	99,543	3.15	362,513	126,926	2.85	132,408	3.00	407,283

onducted by Miss Spaiding herself. It conducted by Miss Spating Hersell. It speedily became, and has continued to be, recognized as the representative apartment house of Portland. Practically within a stone's throw of the center of town, only three blocks distant from the Hotel Portland, postoffice, Marquam theater and Oregonian building, the Spalding is at the same time as favorably located for avoidance of the noise and bustle of city life, as though erected in some distant suburb.

The building is admirably adapted to the comfort and enjoyment of its inmates. All the rooms are light and perfectly ventilated, while numerous means of egress save the lodger from all worry over the acted at the Oregon City land office during horrors of fire during the hours of slum-

first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, will show an increase of over Wide corridors, modern conveniences, handsomely furnished sultes and single apartments are features of the Spalding. 100 per cent in the business of the office over the preceding six months.

The larger number of those taking homesteads are from the East, and come with Several suites have been fitted up for housekeeping, to accommodate those who seek the comforts of a home without the steads are from the East, and come with ample means to establish a home where, as they often state, they do not have to spend six months of the year in feeding out what they raise during the other six months.

We notice that land containing heavy timber, heretofore passed by, is now being eagerly sought by those seeking homesteads. They see in the timber a source of revenue besides securing good farming. inconveniences, work and expense attend-ant upon occupying an entire house. Port-land residents and strangers alike find all the comforts afforded by the leading ho-tels of the country at the Spalding, and it is not a matter for wonder that this pleasant apartment house has established and revenue besides securing good farming. city. Notwithstanding its central location in this city. Notwithstanding its central location and other advantages, rates are extremely timber has been utilized.

DISPOSALS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN OREGON

Tabulated statement showing, by land districts, disposals of government lands in Oregon for fifteen fiscal years

ending June 30, 1899.

The Dalles. Oregon City. 335,565,83 54,512,32 122,283,20 115,519.06 333,745.08 72,674.62

2,316,725.94

Western Oregon still contains the bulk of the population of the state. Since 1875 the distribution has been:

Western Western Oregon.
Pop. Per ct. Pop. Per ct. 88,696 84,45 135,688 77,63 39,100 22,37 146,328 77,68 41,770 22,32 240,605 76,59 73,162 23,33 292,782 80,77 69,731 19,22 314,804 77,29 92,479 22,77

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Show About 425,000 People.

INCREASE 35 PER CENT SINCE 1890

Multuomah County Now Has Larger Population Than the Entire State Had in 1875.

The census of 1900 will, if well taken, give Oregon a population of about 425,-000, an increase of 111,233, or 351/2 per cent,

COUNTIES.	1890.			1895			1899.		
	Census	School population	Ratio	Census	School population	Ratio	School population	Average ratio	Estimated population
Baker Benton Clackamas Clackamas Clackamas Clackamas Clackop Columbia Coos Curry Crook Douglas Gilliam Grant Harney Jackson Josephine Klamath Lake Lane Lincoln Malheur Marion Morrow Multnomah Polk Sherman Tilliamook Umatillia Union Wallowa Washington Washo Washo Washo Washo Total Ratio for state	8,650 15,233 10,015 5,191 1,709 1,709 1,709 1,709 1,864 1,864 1,864 2,559 11,455 1,455 1,455 1,455 1,455 1,455 1,455 1,455 1,588 1,455 1,4	1,995 3,417 5,898 2,068 1,508 1,508 1,618 1,163 1,163 1,163 1,755 1,751 876 878 818 6,545 6,545 6,545 6,161	3.39 2.53 2.58 2.58 2.58 2.58 2.58 2.58 2.77 2.68 2.77 2.68 2.77 2.68 2.73 2.74 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75	6,061 6,292 31,258 11,108 5,890 1,916 3,212 14,559 2,016 4,136 2,465 13,017 6,005 2,318 2,197 17,518 18,006 13,004 7,304 2,618 18,006 13,004 14,006 15,004 16,006 1	2,575 2,617 7,888 2,942 2,030 5,713 1,066 5,486 1,367 1,028 7,270 1,126 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,024 1,025 1,026 1,026 1,027 1,028	2.35 3.16 2.377 2.95 2.63 2.22 2.23 2.65 2.22 2.23 2.65 2.24 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.2	3,523 2,460 7,888 3,872 2,183 3,736 1,237 1,441 1,411	2.87 2.84 3.17 2.86 3.17 2.66 3.22 2.66 2.69 2.61 2.61 2.61 2.61 2.61 2.61 2.61 2.61	10,090 6,985 20,745 15,649 6,920 9,524 1,878 2,520 14,052 3,684 8,133 13,506 6,554 2,741 18,557 18,393 2,624 2,741 18,557 28,712 3,622 106,318 9,911 3,722 14,808 15,262 14,654 13,289 407,283

tNo report received by state school superintendent.

. Multnomah county now has a larger population than all Oregon had at the census of 1875, and Western Oregon more people than the census of 1890 gave the entire state. Eastern Oregon now has a larger population than the entire state

of Portland, commenced manufacturing store fixtures in a modest way, and by tails has built up a nice business. His factory is located on East, Yamhill street, essary machinery, enabling him to manufacture office, bank, saloon and store fixtures as well as art furniture and inside finishings for the finest residences in the imber has been utilized.

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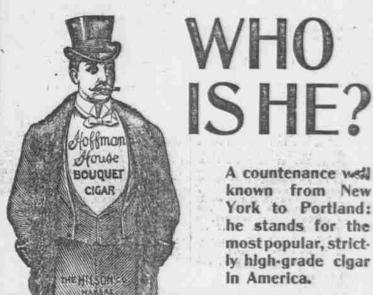
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