

POPULATION OF OREGON

CENSUS BULLETIN ON SEX, NATIVITY AND COLOR.

Portland Has 64,550 Native-Born and 25,876 Foreign-Born Inhabitants—Males Predominate in State.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—According to a bulletin made public by the Census Office today, 54.3 per cent of Oregon's population are males; in other words the males number 222,985 and the females 186,551. The native-born population is made up of 247,738 persons, and the foreign-born of 258,876. The population consists of 294,382 whites, 10,287 Chinese, 4,651 Indians, 550 Japanese and 116 negroes. The white population is made up of 251,141 males and 102,591 females, and 43,241 of foreign parents, while the foreign whites number 33,861. In the City of Portland, there were 34,777 native and 12,100 foreign-born males and 20,773 native and 7,532 foreign-born females; 918 colored males, all Chinese and Japanese, except 48 negroes and 782 colored females.

PROPERTY-OWNERS OBJECT.

Astoria Is Having Trouble Over a Proposed Street Improvement.

ASTORIA, Sept. 4.—Two remonstrances against the proposed improvement of four blocks on Commercial street in the business portion of the city. The principal one is based on the fact that the terms of its franchise the street-car company, whose tracks run through the center of this street, can be taxed only for the expense and planking of the portion enclosed by it while the underpinning must be paid for by an assessment on the adjacent property. Interested property-owners object to this, asserting that the Council has no right to release the company from the expense and say they will not pay the assessment until the company is charged for the expense of the improvement. The matter is now in the hands of a committee and the City Attorney, and will not be acted upon until the next meeting of the Council, but some of the members favor setting aside the remonstrance so that the question can be carried into the courts and the legality of that provision in the franchise tested.

TRAMP IS SUSPECTED.

Fire at the Dalles Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 4.—Further investigation of last night's blaze, in which the livery stable of L. A. Porter and the paint, oil and lumber establishments of E. B. Fry, were destroyed, was made today, with a view of determining the losses sustained and the origin of the fire, which Mr. Porter regards as of incendiary origin. Mr. Fry, who finally became convinced that the fire was set, has been covered by insurance. Mr. Gilbert's loss is about \$3000, with little insurance. The warehouse of Mays & Crowe, and the millinery establishment of Mrs. E. Planno were also slightly damaged. Both are fully covered by insurance. The men in the Porter stables were considerably annoyed yesterday by the impertinence of a strange man, apparently a tramp, who finally became so objectionable that he was forcibly ejected from the premises. It is suspected that he may be the miscreant who fired the building.

WAGON ROAD COMPANY WINS OUT AFTER BEING DEFEATED TWICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The Secretary of the Interior has disposed of two contests between the Oregon and the Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company, in the Burns land district, Oregon. In each case the contestants had been withdrawn from the benefit of this company, under the provisions of a grant from the state. Settlement was made prior to surface proceedings, and the local land office on that account allowed both entries, made by J. C. Foley and Harvey Dixon, respectively, to pass to patent. This action, however, prompted the General Land Office. The Secretary, however, reverses the former decision, holding that no rights could be acquired against the company by persons making a settlement or entry after the withdrawal of the lands for the benefit of the company.

IT IS A JACKSON COUNTY CRIME.

Highwayman Could Not Have a Hearing at Klamath Falls.

ASHLAND, Sept. 4.—The highwayman, James Preston, who was arrested at Puckett's Station, on the Ashland-Klamath Falls stage road, Sunday, and taken to Klamath Falls, where he is being held, charged with highway robbery, was started for Jacksonville this morning. It appears that the crime, the robbery of the Klamath Falls stage, which was committed west of the Klamath County line, and the case comes under the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, now in session. The robbery is very recent, and the highwayman is very nervous and refuses to tell anything of his past. He is expected to arrive in Jacksonville under charge of two officers, and J. L. Yaden, where he will be put under the sweating process to ascertain his connection with the late stage robbery, with which he is presumed to have been connected.

GUARDING AGAINST TIMBER FIRES.

GREENLEAF, Sept. 4.—The Oregon and California Railroad Company has five rangers riding back and forth over the country in which it has timber land in the Coast Range, looking after fires and pointing out places where fires are likely to break out. These men began work last Thursday and are to keep on the alert until called in by the company. The numerous brush fires that have run over the wooded hills hereabouts are caused by these rangers to have done practically no damage. The thick bark of the Douglas spruce, almost the only timber tree of value in this part, does not get heated through so as to damage the tree before the inflammable rubbish on the ground is consumed. Showers, too, have begun to come at intervals, and the little prospect of any more running fires this season. There is a law against burning slashings before September 1, but in this region the practice is to burn on or before August 25. After that date the brush gathers dampness, and a "good burn" is hard to get.

HE PUT IT ALL ON.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 4.—Lester J. Ross, who has always been supposed to be a deaf mute, was examined before the county Board yesterday, and committed to the asylum for insanity. The peculiar feature of his case is that he has never been heard to utter a sound, nor known to hear a spoken word during several years of his residence here in Pendleton, before going to Athens. When face to face with the court he spoke and heard, and experienced no difficulty in so doing. He informed the court that he gained the power of speech and hearing two years ago, but refused to explain why during the intervening years he had let on that he was a deaf mute.

HERMANN GIVES HIM A PLACE.

HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 4.—County Surveyor T. S. Wilkes has received notice that he has been appointed by Commissioner Hiram of the United States Land Department, to a position as agent with the Surveyor-General of Colorado, with offices at Denver. Mr. Wilkes has accepted L. C. Walker, of Forest Grove, as his deputy, and as soon as he can arrange his private affairs, will start to assume his duties.

TO TAKE PLACES IN EASTERN ACADEMY.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 4.—Rev. Philip E. Bauer, who left here yesterday for Ashland, Wis., where Bauer will be principal of the Ashland Academy, and Mr. Bauer will teach the sciences in the same institution, and also carry on ministerial work at that place.

RECEIVED AT THE ASYLUM.

SALEM, Sept. 4.—Three patients were received at the asylum today. They are Lester J. Ross, aged 47, from Umattilla County; J. M. Coplen, aged 44, of Denver, received from Clatsop County, and Mary Wolf, aged 36, of Umattilla County.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEAN RETURNS.

SALEM, Sept. 4.—Chief Justice B. S. Bean returned to Salem today, after having been in Louisville, Ky., where he was called on account of the illness of Mrs. Bean's mother.

CAPITOL WORK MAY STOP

CONTRACTORS THREATEN TO QUIT WORK AT OLYMPIA.

They Want to Use a Different Stone Than They Agreed to—State Will Not Allow It.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 4.—The affairs of the State Capitol Commission, as affected by the contractors for the construction of the annex to the present building, are in an exceedingly bad shape, and the commission was in session all day and this evening seeking a way out of the difficulty. It is not probable that the Goss Construction Company, which has the contract, will tomorrow throw it up as the result of the trouble.

It appears that there has been a difference of opinion between the construction company and the Chuckanut quarry people that has led to a severance of relations, and the quarry people have declined to furnish any more stone to the construction company. As a direct result of this, the Goss Company desires that the commission allow the substitution of Teanich stone for Chuckanut. Unless this is allowed, the Goss Company avers it will throw up the contract.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

PAINE HAS A RECORD.

Walla Walla Man Who Says Crocker Is Not a True Republican.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 4.—The records in the office of the Secretary of State show that E. W. Paine, who recently signed a protest against the appointment of B. D. Crocker as Collector of Customs, was removed from the Board of Penitentiary Commissioners by Governor John McGraw, on October 18, 1893, for "misconduct and malfeasance in office." Paine's protest alleged that Crocker was not a true Republican. Paine was appointed by Governor Ferry and held over until Governor McGraw's term. Both McGraw and Ferry were Republicans, as is Paine himself.

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