

CENSUS THEME OF DISCUSSION

Citizens Take Diverse Views of Accuracy of the Count.

SOME UPHOLDING SIGLER

Others Regard His Findings as Far Too Low for the Actual Number of Dwellers in Portland.

Although some Portland citizens believe that the population of the city is greater than shown by the figures of Assessor Sigler, there is a general disposition to commend the care that has been exercised in the work and the statistics of various kinds are referred to as proof that the population has increased more than indicated by the census, others call attention to the fact that the figures agree closely with the school census and with the registration lists.

Complaints have been heard from persons who declared that no enumerator has called at their homes, but in some of these instances at least it has been revealed that the family was enumerated in the records. Building records of the past five years, postoffice receipts, school census, directory lists and other information that forms basis for estimates has been referred to.

Think Figures About Right.

Secretary J. D. Lee, of the Portland Board of Trade, was inclined to accept the figures of Assessor Sigler as not far wrong. "We are prone to think of our population as a very much greater than it proves to be when enumerators make the count," said Secretary J. D. Lee, of the Portland Board of Trade. "School population is an authentic basis upon which to estimate population and the figures of Assessor Sigler are not at variance with what is shown by the count of children of school age. In February last there were 25,340 children of school age in Portland, which, calculated on the basis of 4 to 1, the multiplication that has been found approximately correct, discloses that the population of the city should be about 101,360. This census did not include the territory annexed at the June election. It does not seem to me that the estimate is so far from correct, and while the directory indicates a very much larger population, its territory is wider than the city limits, as I understand it, embracing all of the suburbs, including the cities of Vancouver and Oregon City. In any event it seems to me that we might well be satisfied with the growth proved by a census which is not exact in the general that the regular Government census is exact.

"It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault with a census. I remember that there have always been strong protests registered against the census of Federal enumerators every ten years, and a recount asked for in some places, but, as a rule, I think the returns may be relied upon. The Assessor, I believe, does not pretend to assert that this is a complete count, made with the thoroughness that would be possible if the deputies who have done the work had power to compel people to answer their interrogatories."

Registration as a Basis.

Registration prior to June, 1905, of 27,924 voters is pointed to as evidence that the number of residents of the municipality is greater than indicated by Assessor Sigler's statement. This, however, is generally admitted to be a very uncertain sort of evidence, in view of the fact that the largest vote ever polled in Portland was in 1902, when the total population probably did not exceed 75,000.

"There has been no reason to find fault with the census of 1900," said President Wheelwright, of the Chamber of Commerce, "and I certainly see no reason to think that the increase during the intervening period than shown by the result of the enumeration. We have received information from a great many persons who were not visited by enumerators, and have no reason to believe they have been counted."

"I do not think the figures are high enough," said Secretary Ed C. Gilmer, of the Chamber of Commerce, "although I have not the statistics of building operations or other information at hand upon which to estimate the increase since the Federal census was taken. Sigler is entitled to credit for standing by the totals even if it does meet with criticism, and while it seems to me the deputies must have overlooked a great many people, there cannot properly be found any fault with Mr. Sigler for having the work done as accurately as possible under a law that does not give the men power to compel people to answer their questions. When the next Federal census is taken it will be shown, I think, that the city has exceeded the figures of this count."

Think Men Worked Well.

"This is not a vital matter like the decennial Government census," said J. D. Labor, of the Board of Trade, "and therefore has no real merit, being only an estimate, after all, as the information cannot be made thorough or complete. I believe the young men employed by Mr. Sigler did their work faithfully and with care. I fail to see that any harm can follow, even if the count is incomplete. Cities are not judged altogether by numbers of population so much as by the higher standard of citizenship, extent of manufactures, volume of trade, shipping and other things that the population accomplishes. Between the two, it is very much better for any city that the count be below than above the actual number of residents. Portland has made a wonderful growth in five years and this promises to be exceeded in the next five by a constantly increasing ratio, and there is no reason for people to borrow any trouble over the matter of the census just taken.

"It must be remembered that about 15,000 people live in suburban towns outside the corporate limits of the city, who are in every sense except political imaginary divisions residents here. They do business here, trade with Portland merchants, and a majority are employed or engaged in business in the city."

Directory Publisher's Opinion.

Mrs. H. M. Clinton, manager for R. L. Polk & Co., directory publishers, feels that the credit of the city is materially at stake, and declares that in her opinion the population is 135,000 in the city proper and 15,000 in suburban towns and adjacent territory.

"I went over the records of the Assessor pretty thoroughly," said Mrs. Clinton last evening, "and find that some of the districts were merely skimmed over. I was informed that the returns are not nearly complete. As compared with the Federal census of 1900, the number of names shown under the letter A were 1183 then and will be 2044 in the coming edition of the directory. The ratio would vary, of course, but that is an indication. I went over the records of one district with which I am thoroughly familiar, and found 454 names, whereas I am certain it will

fall very little short of 1000. Were it possible, I should like to take my own census and make a thorough canvass of that district to demonstrate that the population is much greater than shown by the count.

Think Figures Meaningless.

"These figures, as given out by the Assessor, mean absolutely nothing except a very great detriment to Portland. It is at least 25,000 names short in the municipality, with fully 15,000 suburban residents, making the total population at Portland 150,000."

Population by precincts, as shown by the returns of enumerators to Assessor Sigler, are:

No. 1, 1650; No. 2, 2515; No. 3, 1453; No. 4, 1449; No. 5, 1780; No. 6, 2328; No. 7, 1720; No. 8, 2005; No. 9, 1973; No. 10, 1217; No. 11, 740; No. 12, 1700; No. 13, 1408; No. 14, 810; No. 15, 1190; No. 16, 868; No. 17, 1258; No. 18, 1702; No. 19, 1215; No. 20, 760; No. 21, 1330; No. 22, 446; No. 23, 2329; No. 24, 1795; No. 25, 1991; No. 26, 971; No. 27, 1350; No. 28, 1024; No. 29, 1750; No. 30, 812; No. 31, 1702; No. 32, 1039; No. 33, 1281; No. 34, 1000; No. 35, 1528; No. 36, 977; No. 37, 2053; No. 38, 2880; No. 39, 1537; No. 40, 2475; No. 41, 2085; No. 42, 2244; No. 43, 2908; No. 44, 2460; No. 45, 1973; No. 46, 2283; No. 47, 3408; No. 48, 2237; No. 49, 2185; No. 50, 1570; No. 51, 2078; No. 52, 2084; No. 53, 2775; No. 54, 3318; No. 55, 4637; No. 56, 2062; No. 57, 1329; No. 58, 1328.

To this total of precinct count are to be added 461 Japanese and 2545 Chinese. The population of Mount Tabor territory, annexed at the June election, is 1894.

HEAD CONSUL OF WOODMEN

L. I. BOAK COMES HERE FROM COLORADO.

He Will Preside at the Exercises to Be Held by the Fraternity in Portland.

L. I. Boak, head consul of the Pacific Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World, the highest officer to attend the exercises of that order which will be



L. I. Boak, Head Consul Pacific Jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World.

gin today, will arrive in Portland this morning from Denver at 1 o'clock. He will be met at the Union Depot by a reception committee composed of officers of the different camps, and will be taken to the Portland Hotel, where headquarters will be established. Friday will be a busy man while in Portland. Thousands of Woodmen from the Pacific Jurisdiction will be in Portland to attend the exercises, help initiate over 500 candidates, and participate in the parade. Mr. Boak's first duty will be overseeing the transfer of funds from Post Head Banker C. V. Cooper to Head Banker Elect P. E. Snodgrass, of Eugene. Tonight he will be given a reception by the Woodmen, for which a special entertainment committee has been appointed. Thursday he will be shown about the city, and in the evening will take part in the parade and will preside over the camps while candidates are being initiated. Friday the day will be spent at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, where Woodmen expect to hit the Trail harder than it has been hit before. Saturday, the camp excursion will be held and members of the order will visit interesting points along the Columbia River.

Mr. Boak's rise in Woodcraft has been a rapid one. June 5, 1896, he helped organize the Woodmen of the World. For three years he acted as a district organizer. For two years he was camp clerk in Oakland, Cal. He was councillor commander for the Oakland camp for one year, head manager of the order for three years and a half, head clerk for five years, and was elected head councillor of the Pacific Jurisdiction in April, 1905. This is his first official visit to Portland since election.

FOR LABOR COMMISSIONER

What Charles Gram Says of Action Against Street Railway.

Charles H. Gram, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor and organizer of the American Federation of Labor, denies the statement credited to him as having taken any active steps against the Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company arising out of the attitude of the corporation against the employment of union men.

"I have not taken any action, because it is not in my line to do so," said Mr. Gram. "While I would like to see the laws enforced, it is the duty of the Labor Commissioner to attend to such matters. I understand he is working on the subject."

"UP THE COLUMBIA RIVER"

To Cascade Locks and Return on Splendid Steamer Bailey Gatzert Daily 8:30 A. M.

Finest of all river trips on the finest boat out of Portland. Daily round trip to the celebrated Cascade Locks in the heart of the Cascade Mountains. Remember the steamer "Bailey Gatzert," from Alder-street dock, 8:30 A. M. Round trip, \$1.50. Phone Main 914.

COLUMBIA RIVER EXCURSIONS.

Very Low Rates Via the O. R. & N. to Upper River Points.

No visitor to Portland should miss viewing the matchless Columbia River scenery between Portland and The Dalles, as seen from the O. R. & N. trains. The Chicago-Portland special leaves the Union Station every morning at 8:15, giving a daylight ride along the Columbia, stopping 4 minutes at the very foot of Multnomah Falls. Every mile of the trip there is something new and fascinating. If desired the return trip may be made by boat from Cascade Locks and The Dalles. Very low rates this summer. Particulars and Summer Book by Adinger, v. Slinger, city ticket agent O. R. & N. Co., Third and Washington streets.

PRINCIPAL PORTLAND AGENTS FOR BUTTERICK PATTERNS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Largest and Best Store

Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Best Materials, Workmanship—3d Floor
Largest and Best-Selected Stock of Trunks and Traveling Bags in the City—Every Style
Sole Portland Agents for "Vudor" Porch Shades—Only Practical Porch Shade on Market

Colored Wash Skirts Are Reduced

There's a double object in this Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Women's Apparel—First, to clean up all Summer stock quickly. Second, to get more women on intimate terms with Portland's Leading Cloak, Suit Store, its superior merchandise and methods

Choose from our entire stock of Women's colored Wash Skirts at greatly reduced prices. Ducks, Crashes, Coverts, Galateas, in tan, blue, grays, black and white polka-dots, blue and white polka-dots, blacks, etc.; all this season's very best styles—

\$1.25, \$1.35 values 79c each **\$1.50 Wash Skirts 98c ea.**
\$1.65-75 Wash Skirts \$1.12 **\$2.25 Wash Skirts \$1.65 ea.**
\$2.50 Wash Skirts \$1.92 ea. **\$3.25 Wash Skirts \$2.39 ea.**
\$3.50 Wash Skirts \$2.58 ea. **\$3.75 Wash Skirts \$2.69 ea.**



Our entire stock of high-grade White Suits at big reductions from regular selling prices

\$35.00 Tailored Suits for \$17.45 Ea.

We offer today a special lot of Women's Tailored Suits at a wonderfully low price—This season's desirable styles in voiles, Panama cloths, serge, chevots and shepherd worsteds—Blouse or jacket styles, fancy gimp and silk trimmed—Navy, blue, brown, green, black and fancy checks—All sizes—Suits that we have sold hundreds of at \$34 and \$35 each—Your choice today at a price that does not cover the manufacturing cost—All sizes, satisfactory variety **\$17.45**

All Parasols at One-Fourth Off

Choose from our entire stock of Parasols at 25 per cent reduction from the regular selling prices; plain and fancy Silks, Pongees, Piques, etc.; big assortment of attractive styles; beautiful handles; values range from \$1.50 to \$20.00; your choice at **1/4 Off**

50c Ribbons 31c Yard

6-in. print warp all-Silk Taffeta Ribbons, Pompadour and Dresden effects; 7-in. Satin Merveilleux Ribbons in new colorings; all-Silk Taffetas, etc.; best 50c values, on sale for, yard **31c**

Shoe Bargains That Are Worthy Your Careful Investigation

Thousands of pairs of good Shoes for women, men and children are being offered at manufacturing cost and even less in many instances during great Clean-Up Sale now on

\$3.50 OXFORDS \$2.28 PAIR

Women's \$3.50 Goodyear welt Oxfords and Bluchers, in tans, viei kid, patent tip and patent leathers; all the very best models; all sizes and widths; every pair our standard \$3.50 value; your choice at, pair **\$2.28**

Women's viei kid Oxfords, kid or patent tip; heavy and light soles; all sizes; the greatest Oxford value in town **\$1.20** for the money; your choice at, pair

Women's \$3.00 Oxfords \$1.95 Pair

The best \$3.00 Oxfords in town to be sold at \$1.95 pair; patent leathers, viei kid and velour calf, heavy or light soles, all sizes and widths; for a few days at, pair **\$1.95**

Men's \$5.00 Oxfords \$3.65

Men's Low Shoes in tans and patent leathers, all new, up-to-date styles; all sizes, French, Shiner & Trane's best \$5.00 Shoes on sale for, pair **\$3.65**

Men's tan and patent Low Shoes; our regular \$3.50 line on sale for, pair **\$2.65**

Boys' and youths' tan Low Shoes reduced in price—3 to 12, **\$1.25** pair; 1 to 4, **\$1.45** pair; 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, **\$1.65** pair.

WOMEN'S KNIT UNDERWEAR SPECIALS

Women's Silk or Lisle Swiss-ribbed Vests, high neck and long sleeves; cream, pink and blue; all sizes; best **\$1.19**

\$1.50 values, now on sale at this very low price

Women's mercerized drop-stitch Lisle Vests, low neck and no sleeves; white only; best 50c values, on sale, ea. **37c**

Children's fine ribbed Lisle Vests, high neck and long sleeves or quarter-sleeves; all ages; best 35c values, this sale only **25c**

Knee-length Pants to match the above, 35c value, pair **25c**

Our Great "August Linen Sale"

Is the all-important event for housewives, hotel and boarding-house keepers—Table linens of the finest quality at lowest prices of the entire year, and assortments are at their best

All our \$1.25 grades of full-bleached satin damask Table Linens, hand-some patterns, for this sale, **\$1.08**

All our \$1.50 grades of satin damask Linens go on sale at the low price **\$1.28**

All finest satin damasks at August sale prices

Hemstitched damask Table Cloths, grand values, 2 1/2 yards long, **\$1.74**; 3 yards long, each **\$2.14**

Hemstitched Satin Damask Table Sets, all finest grades, on sale at special prices. 10 Sets **\$7.15** 12 Sets **\$8.20** 15 Sets **\$10.05** 20 Sets **\$14.10**

25.50 colored Satin Mar-selles Spreads **\$2.68**

\$2.50 grades Satin Damask Napkins, on sale at this **\$2.18**

price, dozen

\$3.50 grades Satin Damask Napkins, on sale at low **\$2.68**

price, dozen

Bleached Double Satin Damask Table Cloths, regular **\$5.25**

\$7.50 grade, dozen

Hemstitched Satin Damask Tray-cloths, size 12x22 inches, great special value at **22c**

each

Tablecloths, size 36x22 inches; 31c

matchless value at

Hemstitched Satin Damask Tray-cloths, size 22x22 inches; great value at this price, each **62c**

Hemstitched Damask Tablecloths, two yards long; un-equaled value at, each **\$1.34**



White Lawns and Dimites, best 15c quality, on sale this week at, yard **10c**

Canton Crepes in plain and embroidered dots, new colors, 50c value, yard **35c**

2000 yards of fancy Voiles for Summer suits, plain colors, fancy checks and flaxes, regular 25c value, for, yard **12c**

4000 yards Jap Crepes for kimonos, best patterns and colors; great value, yard **15c**

Mercerized Silk Gauze and embroidered Crepe wash materials, regular 40c value, yard **29c**

4000 yards fancy checked and striped Ginghams, best value in town, yard **10c**

August "American Boy" Now Ready for Distribution

THE MEIER & FRANK STORE GREAT AUGUST CLEARANCE SALE OF Boys' Clothing

Bargains galore in the Boys' Clothing Store—Seasonable apparel for little men at a fraction of its real worth—Economic parents are interested we know

Boys' Wash Kilts, entire stock at half price; styles the best; ages 2 to 5 years—**\$1.00 Kilts 50c ea. \$1.25 Kilts 63c ea. \$1.50 Kilts 75c ea. \$2.00 Kilts \$1 ea.**

Boys all-wool two-piece Suits, double-breasted and three-piece Suits; broken lines of \$5.00 and \$6.00 values; all ages; on sale at the very low price of **\$3.30**

Boys' two-piece Suits, good, serviceable mixtures; broken lines of \$2.25 to \$3.00 values **\$1.46**

Boys' all-wool two-piece Suits, neat gray and brown mixtures, age 9 to 16 yrs.; regular \$3 and \$3.50 values, for **\$1.98**

Russian Blouse Sailor Suits with Knickerbocker trousers, very best styles and materials; prettily made and trimmed; grand values at—



\$1.00 Suits at 89c each **\$1.25 Suits at 98c each**
\$1.50 Suits at 98c each **\$1.75 Suits at \$1.35 each**
\$2.25 Suits at \$1.85 each **\$2.50 Suits at \$1.98 each**

Boys' Blouses and Waists in light and dark Percales, all sizes; great special values at, each **19c**

Entire stock of Boys' Washable Suits, white and colored, on sale at greatly reduced prices.

All Russian Blouse and Sailor Suits at low prices.

Young Men's Outing Suits

Entire stock of Young Mens Outing Suits at clearance prices; Homespuns, Flannels, Chevots, etc.; single or double-breasted coats; all sizes—

\$7.50 Outing Suits \$5.85 **\$10.00 Outing Suits \$7.35**
\$12.50 Outing Suits \$9.35 **\$15 Outing Suits \$12.20**

August Blanket Sale in Progress

10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets; full size and weight; the best \$3.00 values, for this sale at the low price of **\$2.55**

10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, extra heavy, \$4.25 val. **\$3.57**

11-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, \$5 value, sale price **\$4.23**

5-lb. all-wool mottled Blankets extra fine quality; best **\$4.50**

Blankets on the market; sale price, extra **\$3.85**

6-lb. all-wool mottled Blankets, extra heavy, \$5.50 value **\$4.67**

\$5.00 white wool Blankets, 10-4 size, great value, pair **\$4.27**

\$6.00 white wool Blankets, 11-4 size, great value, pair **\$5.21**

\$7.00 white wool Blankets, 11-4, extra heavy, sale price **\$6.03**

Cleaning Up Our Entire Stock of Men's Summer Clothing

Men having garment needs to supply cannot afford to overlook the very unusual bargains we are offering in all styles and grades of Men's Apparel—Comparison will quickly convince you of the superiority of our merchandise

Entire stock of Men's Outing Suits, single and double-breasted styles in Homespuns, Tweeds, Chevots and fancy Flannels; very best patterns; splendid variety—

\$ 7.50 Outi'g Suits \$ 5.89 **\$15.00 Outi'g Suits \$12.35**
\$ 8.50 Outi'g Suits \$ 6.10 **\$16.50 Outi'g Suits \$13.45**
\$10.00 Outi'g Suits \$ 7.65 **\$18.00 Outi'g Suits \$14.15**
\$12.50 Outi'g Suits \$ 9.35 **\$20.00 Outi'g Suits \$15.40**
\$13.50 Outi'g Suits \$10.15 **\$22.50 Outi'g Suits \$16.85**

Men's medium-weight Suits in fancy Worsteds, fancy Chevots and fancy Tweeds; all new up-to-date styles from leading manufacturers; regular \$20-\$22.50 Suits, today **\$17.35**

Men's Linen Dusters, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.

Men's White Duck Trousers for \$1.00 and \$1.50 pair.

Men's Bath Robes, special values at \$2.50 to \$10.00.

New line of Men's Wash Vests just received by express.

Men's Bathing Suits in great assortment.



Our Great Clearance Sale of Wash Goods

White Lawns and Dimites, best 15c quality, on sale this week at, yard **10c**

Canton Crepes in plain and embroidered dots, new colors, 50c value, yard **35c**

2000 yards of fancy Voiles for Summer suits, plain colors, fancy checks and flaxes, regular 25c value, for, yard **12c**

ORIENTAL STRIPED COUCH COVERS

Double-faced Oriental striped Couch Covers, fringed all around—handsome patterns and colorings, 53 inches wide by three yards long; just the thing for the porch or beach; a special purchase from a well-known Philadelphia tapestry mill enables us to offer them at the extraordinarily low price of, each **98c**

40c quality of Oriental striped Tapestry, 59 inches wide, patterns and colorings to match the couch covers; great special value at, yard **25c**

Another great lot of Indian Stools, just the thing for porch or lawn; weathered oak finish; regular \$1.25 value on sale at, each **89c**

SILKOLINE 9c YARD

Thousands of yards of the best quality fancy Silkoline, light and dark grounds; immense variety of patterns, value extraordinary at **9c**



Matchless Hosiery Bargains

For misses, women, children—Buy liberally

1000 pairs of colored lace boot Hose for Women; navy, red, white, champagne, pink, black etc.; all sizes; the style and quality most stores sell at 50c pair; today they are on sale for **25c** the low price of, pair

800 pairs of Women's black and tan all-over lace and lace boot Hosiery, also mottled brown and black Cotton Hose; best 50c values, all sizes; three pairs for \$1; pair **35c**

Misses' fine black Lisle Hose, white heel and toe; sizes 5 1/2 to 8; double knee and double sole; very fine rib; regular 60c values, pair **33c**

Two styles of Boys' ribbed Hose, fast black, double knee, heel and toe; all sizes; 35 values, for this low price, pair **29c**

Infants' Sox, pink, white and blue; sizes 4 to 5 1/2; our best 25c values, on sale at this very low price, pair **10c**

Great August Sale of Men's Underwear

Men's form-fitting ribbed Underwear, brown or light blue, shirts and drawers, regular 50c value, **38c**

Men's fine white Honeycomb Mesh Underwear, extra quality; all sizes shirts and drawers; grand value at **41c**

Men's superweight natural wool Underwear, all sizes shirts and drawers, regular \$1.09 quality, on sale for **83c**

American Hosiery Underwear, a fine, soft finished garment; light ground with blue stripes, all sizes, \$1.25 value for **93c**

Men's Egyptian ribbed Union Suits, all sizes, finely finished, perfect fitting; regular \$1.00 value for this sale **83c**

Men's fine French balbriggan Underwear, extra quality, full finished. The grade most stores ask \$1.00 a garment for **61c**

Boys' French balbriggan Underwear, all the best 50c values on sale for **36c**

Men's balbriggan Underwear, brown and ecru, all sizes shirts and drawers, regular 25c value **18c**

Men's fine French balbriggan Underwear, all sizes shirts and drawers, regular 50c value on sale for **38c**

Cooper's Underwear for men, tan, pink and blue, all sizes shirts and drawers; regular \$1.25 Underwear, for this sale **85c**

Men's fancy mercerized Lisle Underwear; tan, blue, pink and salmon, different styles of open work and fancy weaves; regular \$1.25 Underwear for **79c**

Cooper's best quality fine mercerized Lisle Underwear in salmon and light blue shades; regular \$1.50 Underwear for **\$1.21**

Men's fine pure silk Underwear, beautiful Underwear in salmon shade, form fitting, all sizes shirts and drawers; regular \$3.75 value for **\$2.51**