

DIFFERENT OPINIONS REGARDING CITY'S POPULATION.

SOME STATISTICS GIVEN

Assessor Sigler Declares That Any Omissions Will Be Cheerfully Rectified if He Is Notified of Errors.

A close tab kept on the County Assessor's office yesterday indicated that not a single person called there to rectify any alleged omissions from the census taken by Mr. Sigler, and only two throughout the day phoned in to find out if their names had been included in his list, as they stated that no enumerator had called upon them. An investigation demonstrated that the names were properly recorded, and it is thought by the County Assessor that an analysis of the situation will show that the percentage of errors of this kind is exceedingly small.

He states, however, that he is perfectly willing to make any legitimate correction, and says that "if every person in the city of Portland whose name does not appear on the lists of my enumerators will send that name to me, or to any other designated place in the city, I will gladly have that name added to my list. All I want is to have the address of that person, and send one of my men to investigate. I have no interest in keeping the census of this city down below its actual numbers, and will do all in my power to assist in determining the truth or error of my figures."

Mrs. Clinton's Contentions.

Referring to precinct 22, Mrs. H. M. Clinton, local manager for the Portland Directory Company, is convinced that a glaring error has been committed. She stated last night that "I have in mind a certain portion of the city, in which I will agree to make a new enumeration. That section will be shown to have a population greatly in excess of that indicated by the assessor. In that district the census shows 400 names. My men brought in more than 1000 names of heads of families in only part of the district. I am willing to do this and contribute the work and worry to which I would be put for the sake of the city which has been my home for so many years. I think I know that I can prove that the census figures are so far from the truth that it will be a source of wonder to the people how so many names could have been missed."

A gentleman who does not wish to disclose his identity, but who is perfectly familiar with the district referred to by Mrs. Clinton, has deposited with The Oregonian a check for \$250, which he says he is willing to deposit on a wager, up to \$100 that she is mistaken in her contentions and cannot make good upon her assumptions as above outlined. This wager, he says, is open to anybody who agrees with Mrs. Clinton upon the subject, and is sufficiently imbued with the correctness of her claims as to back her judgment. The records show that the most votes ever cast from this precinct were 100, and the highest registration was 120.

Dissatisfaction in Other Cities.

The same dissatisfaction has arisen in every large city relative to the census, says Assessor Sigler, "and it is doubtful if there will ever be a time when there is not more or less dissatisfaction on the score. The Federal census of 1880 gave Omaha, Neb., a population of 140,000, while that of 1900 showed but 135,000 people there. San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal., St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., Chicago and St. Louis are shining examples of this idea, to such an extent, in fact, that people of rational minds have about ceased to take the matter seriously any more."

Upon the basis of 35,000 school children, as revealed by the school census of last February, at a ratio of 1 to 423, the present population of Portland is 146,702, without considering the extra territory annexed at the last election, and which was not included in the school census in question. Taking the 1894 known inhabitants of the Mount Tabor district, and estimating the St. Johns region at a few hundred, the result would tally very closely with the County Assessor's figures.

Mr. Sigler seems fairly disposed in the matter, and is anxious to get at the bottom facts regarding the bona fide population of this city. He thinks it is the duty of every good citizen to come forward and notify him of any possible error in order that he may be able to investigate every feature of the situation.

THUGS' WORK INTERRUPTED

Victim's Cries for Help Bring Police-men and They Flee.

Two desperate thugs, evidently bent upon robbery, attacked Frank Peterson, aged 32 years, at First and Stark Streets at 2 o'clock this morning and felled him to the sidewalk by two severe blows with a blackjack. But for the fact that their intended victim called lustily for help and Policeman Price responded quickly, the footpads probably would have accomplished their object, as soon as they saw the officer coming, the pair took to their heels and ran. Subsequent search failed to locate them. Peterson was badly beaten, but was able to proceed to his home alone.

"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 8:30. Phone Main 314.

CHEAPER GAS BILLS.

Every house is to be equipped with Gregory's Gas Pressure Controlling Burner. A saving of from 20 to 50 per cent guaranteed. No extra work required. The light produced is beautiful. Price, 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen. To put them on is like sticking a bank account. It has been decided by M. J. Walsh & Co., the John Barrett Co., H. W. Manning, Gas Supplies and Fixture Dealers, and the Portland Gas Company, that the Gregory Governor Burner is the only proper burner to use, if you want good light and reasonable gas bills. Just write, and they will call and put them on. One hundred thousand sold for Portland consumers.

ASK MR. ROBBINS.

Are you having any difficulty with feeding your baby? If you are, call on Mr. Robbins at the Mellin's Food Exhibit in the Agricultural Bldg. Lewis and Clark Exposition, and either one of these will be only too glad to give you all the information necessary to explain the use of Mellin's Food—they will give you a sample or trial, if you wish.

The Meier & Frank Store's 816th Friday Surprise Sale
2000 Women's Shirtwaist Suits
\$4.50 to \$6.50 Values, \$1.48 Ea.



Tomorrow takes place our great annual manufacturers' sale of Women's Shirtwaist Suits—2000 of them at a price where every woman can afford to buy at least two—Four great lots—Special purchases from prominent manufacturers—A sale that again demonstrates the strength and leadership of the Meier & Frank Store Garment Department—An immense assortment of styles and materials—Every suit of this season's style—Linen, crases, ducks, chambrays and lawns in white, black, pink, grays, tans, blues, checks, stripes and mixtures—Prettily made up—Fancy strapped, tucked and surplice effects—Skirts are pleated or plain flared—The greatest, the handsomest lot of shirtwaist suits ever offered at this phenomenally low price—All sizes and styles to please every fancy—Shirtwaist suits that we have sold thousands of at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$6.50 each—Your choice tomorrow only **\$1.48** See Fifth-street window displays today—Now a word to the wise—We expect an immense throng of buyers after these suits tomorrow—There are 2000 of them, enough for everybody—Extra salespeople and wrappers will be in attendance, but come early as possible if you want the best bargains. Don't crowd, keep cool—Store opens promptly at 8 o'clock—No mail or phone orders will be filled

Drug Sundry and Stationery Specials Low Priced

- Wood back hand Scrub Brushes; pure bristles.....19c
- Plain hand Scrub and Vegetable Brushes.....3c
- Barando Castile Soap, 2-lb. bars, 25c value.....16c
- 4-lb. bars White Castile Soap, largest bar.....39c
- Silk Toilet Sponges; extra fine quality; great value.....12c
- 4-row imported pure Bristle Tooth Brushes, each.....12c
- Polished Japanese Wood Toothpicks, 10c values, box.....5c
- N. N. Shampoo, for washing the scalp; 25c values, box.....13c
- Violet de Parme Toilet Water, with sprinkle cork.....29c
- Eastman's Triple Extract Perfumes, all popular odors; 1-oz. glass stoppered bottles; great value.....19c
- Hygienic Ice Covers; keeps ice one-third longer; 25c values.....15c
- Scissors and Shears; guaranteed steel; all sizes, pair.....19c
- Carter's Photo Paste, 4c. Thomas' Fountain Pen Ink, 7c. Stafford's Indelible Ink, 19c. Wire Photo Racks, 7c. Eaton-Huriburt's fine linen paper in all shades; regular 50c values on sale for, per box.....39c

The Meier & Frank Store's 816th Friday Surprise Sale
3000 Pairs of Women's "Onyx" Hosiery
Values up to \$1.00 at 29c the Pair



Another sale extraordinary of Women's Hosiery is announced for tomorrow's 816th Friday Surprise Sale—3000 pairs of the well-known "Onyx" Hose—Entire sample line of the manufacturers, comprising every good style and quality in plain and fancies—Fine lises in black, tan, champagne, brown, grays, white, pink and blue—Silk embroidered clocks, fine black lace lises—Allover lace and lace-boot effects—Fine drop-stitch hose, plaids, striped, figured and dotted hose—A wonderful array of desirable styles—All sizes—You all know "Onyx" Hosiery—There's little need dwelling on their good qualities—Values to \$1.00 a pair—You can buy one or a hundred pairs tomorrow at the exceptionally low price of pair..... **29c** See big Fifth-street window display—No mail or phone orders—Plan to come early—Sale will be on tables in main Fifth-street aisle

The Meier & Frank Store
Great Three Days' Sale of
Lace Curtains



Great three days' sale of manufacturers' odd lots of Domestic Lace Curtains—All grades, best patterns—Values from \$1.50 to \$4.50 pair, at prices about one-half their real value—Don't miss these grand bargains

- \$1.65—\$1.75 qualities of white Nottingham Lace Curtains, 50 inches wide by 3 yards long; floral borders and allover designs; not over 6 pairs of any one pattern; wonderful value at pair..... **98c**
- \$2.00—\$2.25 grades of white Nottingham and Madras Weave Curtains, plain and detached figured centers, with fine lacy borders; 45 and 50 inches wide by 3 yards long; per pair..... **\$1.28**
- \$2.50 quality white Nottingham Lace Curtains; floral borders and allover figures; 50 to 54 inches wide by 3½ yards long; great values, pair..... **\$1.65**
- \$3.00 and \$3.25 white Madras Weave Lace Curtains; Brussels patterns; greatest values ever offered..... **\$1.97**
- \$4.25 and \$4.50 white Scotch and Cable Net Lace Curtains; plain centers with eluny and Renaissance effect insertings and edges; greatest values; per pair..... **\$2.85**

Ribbon Sale

New line of print warp and Dresden Ribbons; three and four in wide; also a fine line of taffeta and satin taffeta Ribbons four and five in wide; full assortment of colors: blue, pink, white, cream, mauve, navy brown and black. Greatest of all ribbon bargains.

18c the Yard

Grand clean up of Satin Merveilleux Ribbons; fancy printed warp taffetas; fine black and white, ombre shaded ribbons, purple, cardinal, navy, turquoise French Faille Ribbons, etc., etc. Values up to 65c yard; 31c on sale at low price of..... **31c**

THE MEIER & FRANK STORE'S 816TH GREAT FRIDAY SURPRISE SALE

1000 Pairs of Women's Tan Oxfords
1000 Pairs of Women's Black Oxfords
Matchless Value at \$1.92 the Pr.



2000 pairs of the newest and best three-dollar Oxfords make up a remarkable bargain in the shoe section for tomorrow's 816th Friday Surprise Sale—All new, up-to-date styles—Johnson Bros.' splendid make—Shoes, the superior of most of the advertised \$3.50 lines on the market—All sizes and widths—Read the details—

Tan Russia Calf Blucher Oxfords, military heel; Tan Kid Blucher Oxfords, extra low heel; Chocolate Kid Blucher Oxfords, military heel; Chocolate Kid Blucher Ribbon Oxfords, light sole; Black Vici Kid Blucher Oxfords, patent tips; Black Vici Kid Oxfords, patent tip, light sole; Patent Colt and Patent Kid Oxfords, medium sole; choice of all the above lines tomorrow at, per pair..... **\$1.92**

Lewis and Clark Number of the "American Boy"

Is ready for distribution to boys holding purchase cards from our Boys' Clothing Department. With every purchase of Suit or Overcoat at regular price to the amount of \$5.00 or over, we give one year's subscription to the "American Boy." The biggest, brightest and best boys' paper published. The Lewis and Clark number is particularly interesting to Portland boys.—Second Floor.

Great Sale Men's Clothing **SECOND FLOOR.**



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 Homespun, Tweeds, Cheviots and fancy Flannels; very best patterns; splendid variety—

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

Men's medium-weight Suits in fancy Worsteds, fancy Cheviots 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 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.

August Blanket Sale in Progress

- 10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets; full size and weight; the best \$2.30 values, for this sale at the low price of..... **\$2.50**
- 10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, extra heavy, \$4.25 value, for..... **3.57**
- 11-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, \$5 value, sale price..... **4.28**
- 5-lb all-wool mottled Blankets, extra fine quality; best \$4.50 blankets on the market; sale price, pair..... **3.80**
- 4-lb all-wool mottled Blankets, extra heavy, \$3.50 value..... **4.27**
- \$5.00 white wool Blankets, 11-4 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**

Hammocks **SPECIAL PRICED**

All \$1.25 Hammocks 97c Ea. All \$1.35 Hammocks \$1.95

Best patterns and colorings.

Regular, \$2.90 Croquet Sets, on sale today at..... **\$1.60**

4-ball \$3.00 Croquet Set..... **77c**

Camp chairs and stools at low prices.

New line of Automobiles for boys, \$5.00 to \$25.00—Third Floor.

Our Great "August Linen Sale" Is Now in Progress

- All our \$1.25 grade of full bleached Satin Damask Table Linens, hand-made patterns, for this sale at..... **\$1.05**
- All our \$1.50 grades of Satin Damask Linens go on sale at the low price of..... **95c**
- All finest Satin Damasks at August sale price..... **85c**
- Hemstitched Damask Table Linens, grand values, 24 yards long, 17½ yards wide, each..... **\$2.14**
- Hemstitched Satin Damask Table Sets, all finest grades on sale at special prices.....
- \$10.00 Sets..... **\$ 7.15**
- 12.50 Sets..... **9.20**
- 15.00 Sets..... **10.85**
- 20, 22 Sets..... **14.10**
- Hand-embroidered Tea Cloths, 35x35 inches..... **\$2.45**
- \$2.00 grades..... **\$1.50**
- \$4.50 grades..... **\$3.15**
- 7.50 grades..... **6.45**
- Fringed white Marseilles Bedspreads, regular \$2.50 val, for this sale..... **\$2.05**
- 64-inch half-bleached Table Damask, all pure linen; very best patterns; great special value at this low price, yard..... **45c**

- 72-inch half-bleached all linen Table Damask, our best 50c grade, for this sale at the unusually low price of..... **47c**
- Full-bleached Satin Damask Table Linens, big assortment of patterns; regular \$1.00 quality, now on sale at this price, yard..... **74c**
- Hemmed white Marseilles Bedspreads; our best \$4 styles, for the low price of..... **\$3.35**
- \$2.50 colored Satin Marseilles Bedspreads, for, dozen..... **\$2.65**
- \$3.50 grades Satin Damask Napkins, reduced to this price, dozen..... **\$2.18**
- \$3.50 grades Satin Damask Napkins, on sale at low price, dozen..... **\$2.68**
- Bleached Double Satin Damask Table Napkins, regular \$1.50 grade, for, dozen..... **\$1.20**
- Hemstitched Satin Damask Traycloths, sizes 17x25 inches; great value at..... **22c**
- Hemstitched Satin Damask Traycloths, sizes 20x25 inches; matchless value at..... **31c**



Hemstitched Satin Damask Traycloths, sizes 22x32 inches; great value at this price..... **32c**

Hemstitched Damask Table Cloths, two yards long; unequalled value at, each..... **\$1.34**

50c White Corset Covers 29c Each



Great odd lot of Women's Cambrie Corset Covers; lace and embroidery trimmed; very best styles, in all sizes; best 50c values on sale for, each..... **29c**

\$4.00 WHITE PETTICOATS \$2.39

200 Women's White Cambrie Skirts, trimmed in embroideries—Val and Torchon Laces—Edgings and insertings and tucks; full widths and lengths; regular \$3.50 to \$4.00 values for..... **\$2.39**

Brass Rods 7c Ea.

1000 good, strong brass Extension Rods, 54 inches long, suitable for hanging any kind of Lace Curtains; value extraordinary, today..... **7c** at, each.....

HANDKERCHIEFS

Women's fine colored bordered Handkerchiefs, mercerized novelties in grand variety; new..... **35c**

50c Handkerchiefs, each.....

Fine Swiss hemstitched, embroidered and scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, double hemstitched, mercerized Handkerchiefs;..... **15c**

25c and 35c values.....

Fine Chiffon Neck Ruching, shell plaited effects; all colors; 2c values on sale for..... **18c**

Swiss lace trimmed; box plait with double edge head heading; values to 45c; for, yard..... **35c**

Women's \$35.00 Tailored Suits at \$17.45

Today—last day of the sale of special lots of women's Tailored Suits at a wonderfully low price—This season's desirable styles in volles, Panama cloths, serge, cheviots and shepherd's 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 \$24 and \$25 each; your choice for two days at a price that does not cover the manufacturing cost; all sizes, at..... **\$17.45**

\$34.00 to \$38.00 Silk Suits \$20.85

Women's high-grade Silk Shirtwaist Suits in solid colors, changeable silks or fancy silks; waist and blouse styles with plaited or flounce skirts in brown, black, green, navy, mahogany and fancy; made of superior quality taffeta, silks; pretty styles in great assortment; regular \$34 to \$38 values on sale today at this wonderfully low price..... **\$20.85**

Our entire stock of high-class fancy White Suits, \$18 to \$28 values, on sale at greatly reduced prices. Linen and lace combinations; embroidered Swiss and Mullu, China Silks, lace trimmed; etc.; the largest showing of attractive styles in the city. Mail orders will have our careful attention.

- \$15.00 White Suits on sale at..... **\$12.45**
 - \$20.00 White Suits on sale at..... **15.25**
 - \$24-\$27 White Suits on sale at..... **19.95**
 - \$30-\$32 White Suits on sale at..... **22.65**
 - \$4-\$35 White Suits on sale at..... **26.95**
 - \$40.00 White Suits on sale at..... **\$28.45**
 - \$50.00 White Suits on sale at..... **42.25**
 - Children's White Swiss Net and Organdy Dresses, 4 to 14 years—\$9.50 to \$10.00 values on sale at half price—Second Floor.....
- 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 Wash Skirts, each..... **90c**
 - 1.65, \$1.75 Wash Skirts..... **\$1.12**
 - 2.50 Wash Skirts, each..... **1.92**
 - 3.50 Wash Skirts, each..... **2.58**
 - \$4.00 White Suits on sale at..... **\$28.45**
 - \$50.00 White Suits on sale at..... **42.25**
 - Children's White Swiss Net and Organdy Dresses, 4 to 14 years—\$9.50 to \$10.00 values on sale at half price—Second Floor.....

