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more than a few hundred such persons. In the end the figures for the city may be run up to about 115,000, which The Oregonian thinks is approximately Portland's population.

IS OREGON LOGGARD? WHY?

Foelery is nothing but—foelery. This State of Oregon grows steadily in population and in wealth, yet not very rapidly. But it is growing now as rapidly as at any former time. It has gained, as the school census shows, from year to year, some 6,000 or 65,000 inhabitants since 1890—nearly one-third in the single County of Multnomah. This state has but one single active center. The State of Washington has three, that compete in activity and importance with our one; and it has several secondary ones, to which our secondary ones are not equal. For example, Salem and Astoria are by no means equal to Walla Walla, Bellingham or Everett. Now, since these are facts, what's the use of denying them?

THE 1904 WHEAT CROP.

In another column The Oregonian presents the final figures on the 1904 wheat crop, together with the details of distribution. Publication of this table has been delayed this year on account of the extraordinary movement of wheat to the East by rail. Accurate figures on this rail movement were unobtainable until July, that it was impossible to complete the table sooner. In former years practically all of our crop has been marketed in Europe, and with cargoes clearing through the Custom-House, no difficulty was experienced in ascertaining the exact dimensions of the crop almost immediately after the close of the fiscal year, June 30. The water shipments are compiled from Custom-House sources, and for the rail shipments The Oregonian is indebted to Mr. R. E. Miller, of the O. R. & N. Co.; Mr. W. E. Coman, of the Southern Pacific; Mr. S. G. Fulton, of the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Harry Adams, of the Great Northern.

more liberal allowance than usual is made for the loss of home consumption, partly on account of the large population and partly on account of an unusually large amount of reseeded land last Spring, and a material increase in the new acreage seeded. The crop, as determined by these official figures on distribution, reached a grand total in the three states of 44,995,986, or about 4,900,000 bushels less than the Government figures, which are based on a reliable where the true situation is not known. The Oregonian's estimate, printed September 3, 1904, gave a probable yield of 45,100,000 bushels in the three states, but as very little Spring grain had been cut at that time, it was qualified with the statement that any damage to the Spring grain would cut the amount down. Hot weather in the Big Bend country prevented a good yield of Spring grain, and the decrease from the estimate printed was nearly all in the Spring wheat regions of the Big Bend.

POPULATION OF OREGON.

The school population of Oregon this year is 113,045. In the year 1900 it was 132,181. In the year 1900 the whole population was 413,528. The ratio of school population to entire population was 1 to 3.16. Since 1890, the number of school children is 133,045, the ratio of the year 1900 would make the population of Oregon 474,429 now. So accurate an index of the entire population of a state is the number of school children in it, that there is no hazard in the conjecture that this is just about the present population of Oregon. Of these over one-third, or about 332,000, live in Multnomah County. In this county, also practically one-half the gain in the whole state during the past five years has been made.

COOS BAY GETS THE RAILROAD.

Announcement was made yesterday of the intention of the Southern Pacific Railroad to construct without delay the long-talked-of railroad connection to Coos Bay. Congratulations are in order, first to the patient and energetic men who have, unaided, developed the resources of their beautiful country to a point which makes a railroad a necessity in the eyes of the railroad president and his traffic managers next to the people of Oregon, who will now see the distant southwestern corner of the state brought into community of interest with other cities and counties, neighbors in actual location, but hitherto cut off by rugged mountain ranges and weary days of travel. The route adopted runs from Drain west along Elk Creek and the valley of the Umpqua River to the coast. There the river will be bridged, and will follow the south bank to the coast. Then turning due south, along the coast line, the distance of somewhat over twenty miles will bring the road to Coos Bay. Probably North Bend, already prosperous and enterprising, will receive the added stimulus of the railroad. It is understood that the route in question has been selected on the basis of surveys already made, which have shown it to be both practicable from the standpoint of the builder and reasonable in cost. So there is no good reason for delay in actual work. How rich in resources the coast counties region is may be gathered, partly from the exhibits at the great Exposition, and from the common testimony of those who are familiar with it. From Astoria to the California line there is a tract now but thinly inhabited, but inviting settlement. All the estuaries of rivers flowing from the recesses of the Coast Range to the Pacific are surrounded by thousands of acres of the richest tidelands, where dairy cattle find constant feed. From Clatsop on the north to Curry on the south, at every opening, the creamery and cheese factory are, or soon will be, most naturally placed. The timber alone of the district now to be opened will fill freight cars for many years to come. Timber cruisers report many quarries sections with over ten millions of feet of lumber. Such figures mean little to the exhibitor unless vivified by recollection of splendid forests where giant firs, cedars and spruces tower high in air till their tops meet in a continuous canopy of green. The coal fields of Coos have been long opened. The mines so far worked are on the southwest of the bay, and are under the ownership of the Coos Bay Coal and Lumber Co. But the proved coal fields all that have been developed by capital to induce large investments and energetic working. Other minerals abound in vein and quarry. Thus business success may be boldly foretold to all who follow the rails into this new region. But this is not all. The country is full of beauties of plant and flower, seeming with fertility, the rolling hills, and river and ocean prospects, invite the newcomer to choose a home place and establish his family gods. Hitherto the ocean has been the highway for the citizens of the coast counties, and the enterprise of San Francisco merchants has tied the traders of

our Oregon coast counties to the Bay City. But the older order changeth, and with the advent of the railroad will come the opportunity for the merchants of Oregon. On this road there will be no retreat, and the gain of Coos will be the gain of Oregon for many a long year to come.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY AGAIN.

"Did you read about that Portland barber who was fined for charging a California man 25 cents for a shave and a hair cut?" "My! He must have thought he had Joaquin Miller in the chair."

IN THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

"Say, Marj, Boykin, whatever am I doing for you today?" "My! He must have thought he had Joaquin Miller in the chair."

SCOTCH ALECK, PALO ALTO KID AND THE FLUNGER HAVE NOW THE OFFICIAL STAMP OF POLICE APPROVAL.

Scotch Aleck, Palo Alto Kid and the Flunger have now the official stamp of police approval. Heretofore they have worked in the shadows, but now they know they are under the special favor of a single detective or two; but through the very neat device of getting themselves arrested on a charge of vagrancy, they contrived to have the whole city detective force go on the witness stand and extend to them, so to speak, the freedom of the city. These gentlemen are confidence men by profession and by instinct; they are just now picking up a few honest pennies at Irvington track by serving as "touts." The detectives displayed the most comprehensive ignorance about the present activities of the bunco trio. The manner in which his fellow-detectives "blood in" must have been gratifying indeed to Detective Day, who made the world to know that the confidence men on the force are not to be trifled with in his probity and loyalty to the public interest.

CHICAGO CHILREN—MR. MAYOR, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE THAT LONG-PROPOSED MUNICIPAL TROLLEY LINE?

Chicago Children—Mr. Mayor, when are you going to have that long-proposed municipal trolley line? Have you given it up as a bad job? The Mayor—Yes, sir, I am Dunne.

CONSTANT READER—I SEE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE SHIP CANAL THIS YEAR.

Constant Reader—I see that you are going to celebrate the semi-centennial of the Sault Ste. Marie ship canal this year. Dear Sir, Tom—That's no good thing. These jubilee celebrations, a hundred years from now we'll be celebrating the semi-centennial of the Panama Canal.

OUR OLD FRIEND JIM HAS SHUFFLED OFF AT LAST.

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DEAD! BOITS AND THE CROWN SHEET WHICH THEY SUPPORTED AS AGED AS IS FOR WORTHLESS ARE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRIBLE WRECK OF THE BENNINGTON.

Dead! Boits and the crown sheet which they supported as aged as is for worthless are said to be responsible for the terrible wreck of the Bennington. Criminal negligence must be charged to some one who was entrusted with many valuable lives needlessly snuffed out in that awful explosion. The matter cannot be smoothed over or "whitewashed," and in all probability it will result in a rigid Congressional investigation. If such an investigation will lead to placing inspection and charge of Government vessels in the hands of the regularly appointed inspectors of steam vessels, the liability of a recurrence of such terrible disasters will be greatly lessened.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE CANADIAN PACIFIC HAS SECURED BY PURCHASE THE RAILROADS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific has secured by purchase the railroads of British Columbia. This is a very important step, and will result in a more unified railway system in the Pacific Northwest. The acquisition of these railroads will give the Canadian Pacific a more direct route to the coast, and will also result in a more efficient service to the people of the region.

REGIMENTARY NEWS.

Regimentary news: The 10th Cavalry has been ordered to the Philippines. The 24th Infantry has been ordered to the Philippines. The 25th Infantry has been ordered to the Philippines.

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San Francisco advices state that Senator Clark's Salt Lake & Los Angeles Railroad will be given generous traffic concessions in Southern California by E. H. Harriman. This will insure for California a continuation of the overwhelming competition which has been so much in evidence in the past. It also indicates that the old Huntington rule against the American shippers will have no cause to regret the advent of the foreign road.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.

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ESTIMATING POPULATION ALWAYS BRINGS SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

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SECRETARY WILSON'S DEFENSE IS THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, WILL BE PORTLAND DAY AT THE FAIR.

Saturday, September 30, will be Portland day at the Fair. This is a very important day, and will result in a more efficient government.

After having discussed the elaborate entrenchments in the face of the enemy's fire, the Japanese were ready to show another trick. That was to dig trenches which were to be used for the purpose of attacking the whole strength of the organization making the attack to the last trench, into which machine and mounted guns had been hurried as soon as it was completed. When the Russian reached the last trench, the galling fire was too much for the Russian, and he and his men went down by thousands.

OREGON OZONE.

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UNCLE JOE AND THE ICE PITCHER.

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NO WAR ON INSURANCE.

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It has seemed, it may be well to confess, that the most interesting and picturesque incident in the reports of the exercises at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Or., last June, was the alleged use which Joseph G. Cannon, Representative from the United States House of Representatives, made of the ice pitcher on the orator's rostrum. The day was hot and Mr. Cannon felt the heat. The silver pitcher was of all things cool and inviting. As the story goes, "Uncle Joe" finally ran his hand into the pitcher, plucked out a piece of ice and applied it to his face and neck. This in a good old democratic way, he felt, so shocked the wife of the president of the Exposition, who sat near by, that she expostulated with the visiting statesman. Whereupon the honorable gentleman, in a most unbecoming tone, D. C. and Danville, Ill., got "riled" and refused to speak his piece when his turn came.

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Chicago Inter Ocean. State's Attorney Jerome, of New York, is reported making ready to begin "war" on the Equitable and other insurance companies in which similar scandalous conditions may be charged or suspected to exist. Concurrently, the Equitable Club, of Chicago, begins talking about a "crusade" for an investigation of every life insurance company, with a "National convention of policyholders," etc. Perhaps the attitude of State's Attorney Jerome may be incorrectly represented, and quite possibly the gentlemen who suggest the Equitable Club's "crusade" and profess to speak for that organization suffer from the common failure of not knowing what they want and the common tendency to go off half-cocked. It is to be hoped so, for the sake of the policy of life insurance policyholders and the billions they have at stake.

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