

CELESTIALS IN THE SKY

Portland Birth-Rate Fails to Show the Alarming Decrease It Laments.

FIGURES FOR DOZEN YEARS

Health Office Statistics Indicate a Large Increase in Local Rate. By Inference State Rate Is Still Better.

It is possible that Oregon as a whole is deficient with respect to its birth-rate, but statistics of an authentic character, gathered from the local Health Department, do not justify the conclusion that the City of Portland has fallen behind in that respect. It is believed that the Census Bureau bulletin relating to the matter, as prepared by Professor Walter F. Wilcox, of Cornell University, is clearly erroneous with reference to all Western computation.

The local Health Office was first established in 1888, the record of births prior thereto being handled by the Police Department. Hence the first accurate information bearing upon the subject dates from that period. The record of births from 1883 to September 1, 1905, is as follows: 1883, 472; 1884, 531; 1885, 578; 1886, 527; 1887, 522; 1888, 525; 1889, 560; 1890, 513; 1891, 526; 1892, 536; 1893, 548; 1894, 586. For the eight months of 1905 the births aggregated 1162, which is an average of 14 1/2 a month, and which, if maintained until the close of the year would give a total of about 1750. There is no valid reason why there should be any falling off from now on, as the records show an increase in the rate during the last few months. It is probable, therefore, the estimate may be exceeded.

A Good Average.

The records do not disclose why there should have been such an abnormal increase during 1904, and it is possible an error of some sort has crept into the reports for those years. Taking 1900 as the basis of comparison, on account of its being the period when the Federal census was obtained, the city then having a population of 90,462, it is found that the rate then was 10.4 for each 1000 inhabitants, upon the basis of 1901 births for the year.

Country Rate Exceeds City.

In view of the circumstances, there must be something radically wrong with the Census Bureau's reports just given out in its birth-rate to an alarming extent. It is not at all likely the country has failed to keep pace with the city in this respect, as, according to the Government's own bulletin on the subject, "in 1900, for the United States as a whole, the proportion of children was only two-thirds as great in cities as in the country districts. In the North Atlantic division, however, it was almost as great in the cities as in the country. In the Southern divisions it is hardly more than half as large in the cities as in the country, while in the Far West the difference is intermediate in amount."

GOODIN STRIKES IT RICH

NEWSPAPER MAN'S LUCK IN MEXICAN MINES.

Formerly With The Oregonian, He Goes South for Health and Finds a Fortune.

F. C. Goodin, whom Portland business men will remember as having been connected with the business office of The Oregonian, and who went to Los Angeles in search of health, has not only found the boon of improved physical condition, but has also struck it rich in the mines of Zacatecas, Mexico. Mr. Goodin was also business manager of the Spokesman-Review during his absence during his newspaper days. The Los Angeles Times, in telling the story of the good fortune that befell a newspaper man, says:

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Seattle—Miss Wadsworth, Mrs. J. D. Farrell, at the Wolcott; R. Kleinman, at the Broadway central. From Oregon City, Or.—L. L. Pickens and wife, at the Grand. CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered today as follows: From Portland—W. H. H. Morgan and wife, Nellie B. Morgan, at the Great Northern; C. H. Harrison, at the Grace. From Salem—R. Montgomery, at the Grace.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE CHAPERONS" TONIGHT

Tuneful Musical-Comedy Success at the Marquam All Week.

If all the preliminary announcements that have drifted here from other cities are to be believed, the play "The Chaperons" which begins a week's stay at the Marquam Theatre tonight, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, during the season in New York and its two seasons of success in the largest cities of the country, "The Chaperons" has received unqualified praise from the critics, and the fact that the book is from the brilliant pen of Frederic Rankin, the score by the chief member of the famous family of musicians, the Witmarks, and the entire production made by the celebrated stage manager, George W. Lederer, should form a combination of recommendations sufficient to fill any theater in the country. The company is said to be a large, well-balanced organization, including such well-known musical comedy exponents as Madelyn Marshall, Ruth Lloyd, Doris Goodwin, Harry Laddell, John Price, George J. Decker, Frank Wesley, W. J. Struna, Judith Hayes, Huntington May, Helen Clark and others. New scenery and costumes are a feature of this year's production. The chorus is said to be especially attractive, and the individual units possessing more charm of face and figure than is often seen. The music is taken to heart by the much-heralded New York song crazes, "The Whole Damn Family," which will be sung in act three. The Marquam is located on Morrison street, between Sixth and Seventh. Seats are now selling for the entire week.

Captain Jinks Tonight. The Belasco Stock Company will open another week tonight with one of the greatest offerings ever given the Portland public. Captain Jinks of the Horned Marines is a play which has proved one of the most remarkable successes of recent times. It is a beautiful comedy with just enough of the element of dramatic action to hold the undivided interest. It affords a number of great parts for the leading players, who will be seen in Ethel Barrymore's famous success, and in Will Walling, who will be seen in a role respectively suited to him. The staging and costuming of the play are all that the most exacting could desire and the play, as a whole, is calculated to please Belasco patrons. The first performance tonight will be a notable theatrical event which no one can afford to miss. See "Captain Jinks, of the Horned Marines," at the Belasco tonight.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Commencing with the matinee today, the Grand will present vaudeville entertainment that will compare with the best found in the high-priced houses of the East. The headliner for the current week is the big act of the three Dietrich brothers, herculean muscular strength and splendidly trained, who show physical culture at its highest stage of perfection. "The Man with the Case," their latest specialty, is a comedy which the artist who wants to be original and therefore uses only his own jokes which he colors with his own personality. The comedy is giving a burlesque minstrel act in vaudeville. The Thompson sisters do a singing and dancing turn which will please. Palmie and Robinson perform magic and add melody to it. The illustrated song is "My Little Pigeon" and the Grand's pictures are the very latest on the market.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. C. L. Large and his wife, of Forest Grove, have returned from Newport. Dr. Washington Bladen was entertained yesterday at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Gilbert H. Gow, 1575 Milwaukee avenue.

Judge and Mrs. Benjamin Grosscup, of Tacoma, are at the Portland. Judge Grosscup is assistant general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edwards, of Hay Creek, Or., are among the Portland's guests. Mr. Edwards is called "the sheep king of Oregon," and is probably the largest sheepraiser in the United States. A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, left last night with the special train bearing the delegates to the Association of Traveling Passenger Agents. He will accompany the delegates to Puget Sound, where he will assist in giving them a good time while they are in Northern Pacific territory.

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Ordered to Other Agencies. FENDELTON, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—As a result of differences between Major J. J. McKoin, superintendent of the Umatilla Agency, and Clerk G. M. Robinson, both have been ordered to report for duty at other agencies. Major McKoin, it is understood, will retire from the public service, though having been ordered to take charge of the Shoshone Agency. Mr. Robinson left today for Browning, Mont., where he will be clerk at the Blackfoot Indian Agency. The names of their successors here have not been made public.

Permanent Labor Headquarters. Representatives of 15 local trades-unions met yesterday forenoon in the office of the Portland Labor Union, at 224 1/2 Washington street, and effected temporary organization of an association having for its object the establishment of permanent headquarters, a substitute for a labor temple. Another meeting is called for next Sunday morning at the same place. It is probable that the committee having the matter in charge will then submit a complete plan of action.

Folk Arrives at Bay City. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Governor Folk, of Missouri, arrived tonight from Portland, Or., and will resume his homeward journey tomorrow night. He declined to discuss any matter of a political nature. A reception will be tendered him tomorrow by citizens, and he will make an address. A Berlin doctor says that the piano should never be used by a child under 16 years of age. Out of 1600 girls who were examined in a school of 12 he found 900 cases of nervous disease.

SUPPRESSED WITNESSES

What Candidates Must Do to Obtain a Nomination.

UNDER NEW PRIMARY LAW

Features of Statute Regarding Ballots and Number and Distribution of Signers Required to Get Names Thereon. Nominations for state and county offices in Oregon next April, in the Republican and the Democratic parties, will be made in the manner followed last May in the Portland city primaries. The nominating primaries will be held 45 days before the general election, which will come on the first Monday in June. All nominations will be made by the direct primary method, including those for Governor, the Legislature and other offices in the state, and for county offices throughout Oregon. The nominating election will be the first general test of the direct primary law. Candidates for a given nomination will have their names placed on the primary ballot, on petition of at least 2 per cent of their respective party vote last cast for Representative in Congress in their electoral district, and the one who shall receive the highest number of votes in the primary will be the nominee of his party for the office, and will be voted on in the usual manner in the June election. Signers Required. The number of signers required on a state nomination will be 1000, the maximum required by law; on a Democratic petition, 500. Candidates for a Republican nomination in the First Congressional District must each secure 475 signatures, and in the Second District 543. Candidates for the Democratic nomination must each obtain 243 signatures in the First District, and 255 in the Second. These numbers are based on the vote of each party a year ago for Representative in Congress. The vote of each party at that time by counties and the number of signers required for primary petitions for state and county and Congressional nominations are as follows:

Table with columns: Republican, Democratic, Votes, Signatures. Lists counties and their respective numbers for both parties.

Other Requirements of Law.

The signers of a state petition must represent at least one-tenth of the precincts in each of at least seven counties in the state, and the signers of a Congressional petition must represent at least one-tenth of the precincts in each of at least four of the counties in the district. A petition for a county nomination must contain electors residing in at least one-fifth of the precincts in the county. In a district comprising more than one county, the signers must represent at least one-eighth of the precincts in each of at least two counties in the district.

It will be seen, therefore, that the circulation of nominating petitions will be no small task, because they will have to be circulated in a number of counties and in many precincts. One county such as Multnomah is not permitted by the law to furnish all the signatures on a petition for the nomination of Governor, nor Multnomah, Linn, Lane, Washington and Marion combined, because seven counties must be represented on the petition.

BEACH RATE REDUCED. Three-Dollar for Round Trip Announced by O. R. & N. Co. The everyday round-trip rate from Portland to North Beach points has been reduced by the O. R. & N. Co. from \$4 to \$3, tickets on sale until October 15, with final return limit October 21. Particulars and O. R. & N. Summer book by each at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

Reffling takes a personal pride in every suit that leaves his establishment. You can't buy a suit from him that is open to criticism. Clothes that bring out the best points in your figure—give strength to the lines; made of fabrics that have been selected with care from the season's choicest patterns—such are the clothes made by

Advertisement for Reffling clothing, featuring a logo and address: 231 WASHINGTON ST. OF PORTLAND OREGON. MAKER OF MEN'S CLOTHES.

Meier & Frank's Monday Store News

Lace and Spangled Robes At Exceptionally Low Prices



We are showing an unusually large variety of beautiful spangled and lace robes, exclusive styles and every robe marked at a reasonable price—These special values may interest you. Beautiful black and white spangled robes, in pleasing variety; values up to \$20.00, on sale for... \$14.89. Black spangled robes; values up to \$30.00, on sale for... \$21.75. White and cream lace robes; magnificent designs; values \$12.95 up to \$20.00, on sale for... Princess, Marquise and Lierre robes; lace and spangled robes in gorgeous variety; the largest showing we ever made; prices from \$15 to \$125. French Val. Laces and Insertions; very dainty designs; big assortment—Values 50c doz. yards for... 39c. Values up to 75c doz. yards for... 45c.

New Indian Axminsters \$3.00 Values for \$1.98

For Today, Tuesday and Wednesday we will place on sale in the carpet store, Third Floor, a great special purchase of fine Indian Axminster Rugs, magnificent colorings and designs for hall, library, den, etc., size 27x60 inches, a quality of Axminster Rug that always sells at \$3—Choice for \$1.98 3 days at low price of \$1.98 Mail Orders Will Be Promptly Filled Order Today. New Carpets in great array; Wilton velvets, Axminsters, Brussels, Velvets, Tapestries, Royal Wiltons, etc., in all the very latest designs and colorings; the handsomest showing in the city. Let us figure with you before buying elsewhere. Third Floor.



100 New Tailored Suits Matchless Value at \$18.00

Portland's leading cloak and suit store offers for today and Tuesday the best tailored suit bargain of the season—A lot of 100 new, attractive garments made up to our special order by a well-known New York manufacturer that we might be able to offer something out of the ordinary in style and value at a popular price and incidentally make another hundred friends for the cloak store—Jacket suits, medium length, self-strapped, satin-lined throughout; skirts are pleated effect, medium gray and dark gray tweeds, black and blue chevrons, every suit right up to date, patterns and shade most serviceable for Fall and Winter wear, all sizes—By far the grandest suit value in the city for only \$18.



Immense shipments of new Tailored Suits arriving daily; Eton, jacket, blouse and Redingote styles; loose box effects, tight-fitting, medium and 3/4-length coats, circular and pleated skirts, in green, plum, wine, gray, brown, black, navy, etc.; the largest and handsomest showing we ever made; \$15 to \$20. New line of Women's Riding Skirts, chevrons, broadcloth, fancy tweeds and covert cloths; black, blue, green, mixtures; prices range from \$5.50 up to \$20. New three-quarter Coats, new Raincoats, new Walking Skirts, Beautiful new Evening Coats at \$25 to \$200. Second Floor.

September Ribbon Sale

Thousands of pieces of fine quality all-silk Taffetas, in all widths and most desirable shades. Entire stock at clearance prices. Buy sufficient for your holiday needs—5c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 4c. 6c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 5c. 8c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 7c. 10c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 9c. 15c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 12c. 18c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 15c. 20c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 17c. 25c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 21c. 35c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 30c. 40c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 35c. 45c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 40c. 50c Silk Taffetas at, yd... 45c.

Special Values in Wash Goods

Japanese Crepes, in stripes, checks and plain colors; 25c quality, on sale at this low price, yard... 16c. Japanese Kimono Cloth, in Oriental colors; blues, red, lavender and green; grand special value at, yard... 12 1/2c. New Percales in white, with colored dots; pink, black and blue; best percale value ever offered, yard... 10c. White Mercerized Waists for Fall wear; very pretty patterns; regular \$1.00 grade, on sale for, yard... 59c.

\$3.50 Oxfords for \$2.12 Pair

The last Oxford sale of the season is planned for today, Tuesday and Wednesday; 1000 pairs of Women's Low Shoes; patent colt, vici kid, patent tip and tan Russia calf; all this season's very best \$3.00 and \$3.50 values, in all sizes and widths; your choice at the exceptionally low price of \$2.12 pair; \$2.12 mail orders promptly filled. Full line of Women's Felt Juliettes and Low Slippers; all new, up-to-date styles.

\$2 to \$4.50 Madras Curtains 1/2 Price



Odd pairs of striped Madras Curtains; light and dark grounds; very best colorings and combinations; selling regularly from \$2.00 to \$4.50 a pair; your choice at... Half-Price \$2.50 Renaissance Lace Curtains; white or Arabian, in the very best designs; 2 1/2 yards long, 45 inches wide; great special values today at this low price... \$1.89. 40c Oriental Striped Tapestry; 50 inches wide; suitable for couch covers and draperies; big variety of patterns and colorings; value extraordinary at this low price, yard... 29c. 15,000 yards of dotted, figured and stripe Swiss; 36 inches wide; best 15c quality; on sale for a few days at, yard... 11c. Attention is called to our superb showing of high-grade Portieres, Silk and Velour Tapestries and exclusive Art Draperies; the largest and handsomest display in the city. Custom shade and drapery work is our specialty; experienced artists who will do drapery work that will please you, and our prices very reasonable. Let us submit drawings, samples and prices. Third Floor.

Kitchen Goods Special Priced

Blue and white guaranteed graniteware at low prices this week. Every housewife must be interested in these specials—10-qt. Dishpan, 75c value... 62c. 14-qt. Dishpan, 90c value... 74c. 1 1/2-qt. Saucepan, 20c value... 24c. 3-qt. Lipped Pan, 35c value... 28c. 3-qt. Lipped Pan, 40c value... 32c. 4-qt. Lipped Pan, 45c value... 36c. 6-qt. Lipped Pan, 50c value... 40c. 7-qt. Lipped Pan, 60c value... 48c. No. 8 Tea Kettle, \$1.40 val... \$1.12. No. 9 Tea Kettle, \$1.50 val... \$1.28. 3-qt. Coffee Pots, 55c value... 52c. 1-qt. Coffee Pots, 70c value... 56c. 1-qt. Tea Pots, 60c value... 52c. 1 1/2-qt. Tea Pots, 65c value... 58c.

Groceries at Saving Prices, (Basement)

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, such as Babbitts Lye, Quaker Puffed Rice, H. O. Oatmeal, Postum or Fig-Prune, Cereal, Royal Salad Dressing, 1-lb. frame New Comb, Honey, 6 pks. Domino Matches, 6 pks. Press Matches, 2 cakes Bon Ami, Daisy Brand Summer Sauce, 3 pks. Seeded Raisins, 3 pks. Crystal Salt, 7 bars Victor Soap, Durkee's Salad Dressing, Royal Salad Dressing, 11 cakes Standard Soap, Shrimps, 1 and 2-lb. cans, 10c and 20c, 3 cans Pioneer Cream, 2 pks. Knox Gelatine, 18 pounds Granulated Sugar, Olympic Pastry Flour, 2 pks. Graham Crackers, Quart Cooper's Olive Oil, 3 pks. Saratoga Chips, 2 jars McLaren's Cheese, Victor Flour, none better, Royal Baking Powder, Schilling's Baking Powder, 1 lb. Libby's Sliced Beef, 2 cans Veal or Ham Loaf, 1-lb. can Lunch Tongue, 3 cans Van Camp's Soups, Pint bottle Blueing, 2 cans Libby's Chipped Beef, 25-c. can K. C. Baking Powder, 1 box No. 1 Macaroni for 40c, 1-lb. can Ground Chocolate, 10-lb. sack Graham Flour, 10-lb. sack Rye Flour, 10-lb. sack Farina for 35c, 10 lbs. Steel-Cut Oatmeal, 10 lbs. Wheat Flour, 10 lbs. Rolled Oats, 10 lbs. Pastry Flour.