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is exclusive of the additional revenue from the alcohol system. The water officials say that the average rate, including all payers, is \$1.40. They assert that this rate is not the proper divisor for this increase in receipts, but that the actual increase in rates is to be determined for the reason that in very large measure the heavy ratepayers have been long established, and as a matter of fact a majority of the new patrons are at the foot of the list, so far as the monthly water rate is concerned. It is estimated in the office that not more than 50 cents should be considered as an average for these families. On this basis these figures would indicate the presence of 335 families in Portland who were not here a year ago, and at the same time of three members in each family the total accretion to the city's population, as shown by the record of the water office alone, is 1,005. With the addition of newcomers who are engaged in building houses and hotels, the result promises to be approximately the same as that shown from the school registration.

Increased Street-Car Traffic.
"From business indications, what would I say of immigration in this city in the past year?" queried J. F. Batchelder, of the Portland Railway Company.

"I should say that a 15 per cent increase was altogether too conservative an estimate, basing my opinion, of course, entirely on the business we are doing. Between 15 and 20 per cent increase would not be an exaggerated estimate. "We have been doing business on lines to meet increasing demand, and in so doing have made what seemed to us liberal allowance for future requirements, but the position is unchanged; the demand keeps pace with our extensions and others are necessarily in view. My opinion of the increase in population is based also on the readiness with which houses are taken along our lines. None of our main lines unless there is something wrong about the property or the rental is held at an abnormal figure."

When asked what the volume of his business would indicate as to immigration in Portland since January, 1902, Charles F. Swigert, manager of the City & Suburban Lines, made the following brief reply:

"I can only state approximately what is indicated. I know that our business has increased phenomenally, and I should judge that the increase meant an accession in population of from 15 to 25 per cent, to say the least."

Increased Postal Business.
Business transacted in the Postoffice is always considered a safe indication of the ebb and flow of population in a given community. Through the courtesy of Postmaster Hannaford, some interesting facts were gleaned from the local office along this line.

It was pointed out by C. P. Holloway, superintendent of the mailing department, that the number of letters and packages handled, of which the department keeps a record, may vary spasmodically, according to the season of the year and business conditions, but that the average for the Portland office has been an unmistakable evidence of notably increased population in the city from the larger general volume of business that is being handled. The postmaster estimated that this fact is indicated briefly in the following figures:

The total number of pieces of all varieties of mail sent from the Portland office for the month of January, February and March, 1902, was \$6,322,972; the total for the same period this year was \$6,312, an increase of 39,313 pieces. H. M. Hadden, superintendent of the carriers and of city delivery, states that there is every indication in his department of a large increase in the population of Portland. He pointed out that Mr. Barrett says that during that period the business under his supervision has nearly doubled, and that the receipt and delivery of letters to private individuals in the residence sections of the city kept pace with the increase in business correspondence and mail delivery of a miscellaneous character.

Eastern Miltomah.
A great influx of new settlers has been noted in Eastern Miltomah, that district lying east of Mount Tabor and extending about 20 miles to the Columbia River and over the border into Clackamas County. In this little corner of the state, which has aptly been termed the "Klamath of Oregon," may be found fully 100 persons who were not here two years ago. They have been coming in small detachments, mostly from the Middle West, and for the most part have bought small farms and become permanent residents.

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A gratifying feature of this immigration is the fact that every family seems to have brought along with them thousands of dollars, the proceeds of the sale of their farms back in "the states." Their holdings here seldom amount to over 40 acres, but a cautious inquiry reveals that in every case they have bought for cash and still have a considerable amount of the purchase of stock and implements.

In the immediate vicinity of Gresham there are about 200 such families, all settled down upon their own lands, which they are clearing and fencing at a rapid rate. Some are putting up commodious dwellings, and all seem to have adapted themselves to their new surroundings in a way that is extremely gratifying to the old settlers, who once thought that the country would soon be too crowded for their own comfort.

The same conditions prevail at other points, notably Troutdale, Rockwood, Orient, Cottrell, Sycamore, Damascus and Boring. At none of these places are there any empty houses. Those that are filled with newcomers who are either looking for farms or are at work while waiting to find something that suits them better.

Figures of the Gas Company.
According to the annual report of the Portland Gas Company for the year 1902, it served 1178 new customers. Since January 1, 1902, new customers have been added at the average rate of one every four days, making a total of about 100 for the 15 months under review. Probably not more than half the newly arrived families consume gas, and it may be safely estimated that Portland has nearly 500 new gas customers.

C. F. Adams, president of the company, said: "There is no mistaking the steady increase in population. We notice it every day. I think I am easily within the facts when I say that Portland's population has increased 15 per cent a month for the past 15 months."

BAKER COUNTY.

An Increase of 10 Per Cent in Population Since 1900.

BAKER CITY, April 4.—There is no means of ascertaining the exact increase of population by immigration of this city and county for a given period. During the year 1902, it is estimated that the population of this city has increased about 500, and while the population of the county outside of the city has not increased nearly so much, it is known that a goodly number of farmers have settled

in the Powder River Valley since last Spring a year ago. Sumpter has added considerably to her population. Citizens' League, an organization which has taken the place in part left vacant by the disbanding of the Chamber of Commerce, says that he has given the matter of increase of population by immigration during the past year of this city careful consideration, and he is satisfied that at least 600 new residents have been added to the population of the city.

County Assessor Jett places the new average taking up at not less than 20,000 acres, and Mr. Pollman, who has been over the county to a considerable extent, confirms this estimate. The increase in the school census for the year 1902 was about 100 over the previous year. Unfortunately, Baker County has not benefited to any great extent this Spring from the influx of newcomers to this state. This is due, in a great measure, to the fact that the majority of the offer of the Harpman Immigration Bureau to distribute advertising matter descriptive of the natural resources of the county. Arrangements were partially completed to print 100,000 copies of the agricultural and mining resources of the county, but they were never supplied. Despite the failure to utilize the means offered for making Baker City and County known to the world, it is a fact that a substantial increase in population is to be noted.

There never has been so many new dwellings erected since the city was founded as there have been during the past year, and especially during the winter season. The prospects for building this Spring and Summer were never so bright as they are now. The demand for agricultural land is bringing in a great many places of choice land are changing hands. Settlers from the outside are coming here and buying improved farms at good prices, but of course that does not mean to increase the population, because when a man buys a farm he only takes the place of the former owner.

BENTON COUNTY.

Many Immigrants of the Better Class Have Come With Money.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 3.—The year 1902, and as much of the current year as has passed, has witnessed an unusual immigration into Benton County. During the present Spring the number of arriving settlers has been unusually large, so great as during 1902, but is still much in excess of the normal. In the main, those who have arrived have been farmers of means, who have sold their holdings at large figures in the Middle West, and have come here and reinvested in Oregon farms. In many cases they have made extensive improvements, rebuilding the farm houses, and by the addition of barns and the repair of fences, and tilling lands. Many of them, also, have brought along blooded stock, and are engaged extensively in fine stock raising.

From the information obtainable it is believed that the number of new settlers approximates 100 families, the figures representing those who have actually purchased homes. In addition, there are a considerable number who are renting, and are remaining in the country as probationers, to see how they are suited, expecting to purchase later if conditions are favorable. Many of them have bought improved farms, the proportion of settlers on new lands being very small, aside from those who have taken timber claims. Of the latter, a large number have been secured by the influx of immigration and the added capital put in circulation have a large impetus to business and improvements.

Corvallis, the county seat, has seen a more extensive trade than in any past season. In improvements, the new influence manifested itself mostly in the building of residences. Of the latter, there have been about 200 erected during the period, some of them being of more pretentious proportions than any that had hitherto been erected. The residence of Dr. Clark, a prominent physician, is among them. When finished, its cost will be \$800. The movement in the building line, though it is yet early, is not nearly so marked as in the winter season. In the public schools there is a marked increase in the attendance, the figures showing a gain of about 30 per cent. Statistics of the increase in the school population of the county are not available.

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forming a belt line road through districts abounding in timber and agricultural products. Already the land for sale along this road is being rapidly picked up by farmers and speculators. A good round half-dozen saw mills have been erected in various parts of this county the past year, perhaps the largest being those located at Benton. The road is the route of the motor line referred to.

"Oregon City, the county seat of Clackamas County, is also enjoying a very general increase of prosperity. Portland General Electric Company has added, in 1902-03, over 300 horsepower to its mammoth plant on the west side of the river, though little has been said about it. The city of Oregon City, with its pulp and paper mills and flour mills employ over 100 operatives and turn out an annual product reaching far into the millions. With all our progress, it is understood that the resources of Clackamas County have not as yet been scratched. There is plenty of room here for thousands of new families, and more mills and factories are needed to work up our raw material."

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Unwanted Activity in the Logging Business—Profitable Frustrating.

S. HELENS, Or., April 3.—No effort has been made by the residents of Columbia County to induce immigration, but about 100 new families have located in the county during the past year, and the increase promises to be much greater during the coming year. This county has not progressed as rapidly as many old-settled counties for the reason that the logging industry for many years past was logging and lumbering.

While that is still the great industry, dairying, fruitgrowing and the breeding of fine stock are becoming important factors. Columbia County cattle herds are now taking first prizes at Oregon and Washington fairs, and apples grown near Scappoose took the first prize at the World's Fair in Chicago.

Mr. Wise, a prominent farmer near Gobie, says that the fruit is equal to that he formerly raised at Hood River, where he was located for a number of years. He has been successful in persuading a number of people living on the uplands to set out apple orchards. As a result they are producing apples of superior quality and remarkably free from pests.

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While the dairying business has assumed a more important position, the end of the county, lumbering and logging are the great industries. Fully 50 saw and shingle mills are in operation, and hundreds of railroads of logs and poles are shipped to Portland and San Francisco. It is confidently asserted that there is timber enough in Columbia County to keep the mills running for 50 years yet. In addition to the timber, there is a large cedar on the Columbia River watershed that have not yet been tapped, there are thousands of acres of the finest timber in the world in the Willamette Valley.

Three logging railroads are being headed toward the Nehalem. The Gobie, Nehalem & Pacific Railway has been sending rafts of logs to San Francisco since last September, and it is estimated that it will soon extend its road 15 miles further toward the Nehalem. The Columbia City & Nehalem Logging Railway recently has sent its fifth raft to the Portland market. The Benson Logging & Lumbering Company has 100 men employed in grading a track for a railway from Clatskanie to the mouth of the Nehalem. The Raft Company, which is operating at Stella, Wash., has secured a right of way for a motor line up Milton Creek from St. Helens, and is negotiating for a right of way to the mouth of the Nehalem. It is its intention to build its base of operations to St. Helens. This company handles pine principally, which is shipped to San Francisco. It has already secured a large tract of land on Milton Creek.

Columbia County is still in an early period of development, notwithstanding that it has already made considerable progress in the future may be expected.

COOS COUNTY.

Great Development of the Coos Bay Region Awaits the Railroad.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 3.—The past year has been one of great advancement and development all over the Pacific Northwest, and while Coos County has had no special effort put forth to attract capital and population to seek investment and homes within its borders, it is entitled to a place among the rapidly growing sections of the Pacific Northwest, something like 1500 people have settled in the county during the past year, the school enrollment having been increased by about 300 new names. It is perhaps to Coos Bay that most of these people have come and it is here that the greatest activity in development is witnessed.

Two new towns have been platted on the bay, viz., Bangor and North Bend, and a great many new enterprises are either in operation or in course of formation. Several months ago Captain Simpson began the platting of the town of North Bend at a point a few miles down the bay from Marshfield. At that time the town was a mere collection of shacks; today there is building the liveliest town in Coos County. Mr. Simpson is a man with a purpose, and while he has made no big promises of what he is going to do, he has been planning in such a way that there is now being operated in course of construction in North Bend saw mills, a large woolen mill, a shipyard, a large schooner and other laboring enterprises.

Only a short distance down the bay from North Bend is the town of Bangor, where the Great Central Railroad Company is doing considerable development work. Just what the outcome of this railway proposition is going to be is a matter for speculation at present. All that is building Coos Bay back from the great place among the harbors of the Pacific Coast that are so richly endowed. The lack of rail connections with the interior, which is the object of the Great Central Railroad to supply this deficiency by building a line from Salt Lake across Eastern Oregon to Coos Bay and make Bangor the western terminus. It is stated by those back of the projected line that the road will be built and when this is realized Coos Bay and all of Coos County will have a chance to show to the world that she has the wealth of empires hidden away in her hills, her valleys and her waving forests.

Removed nearly 100 miles from the Southern Pacific line the past year added much to her development resources in the way of saw mills, woodworking establishments and homes, while something like 15,000 and 20,000 acres of new land have been entered at the Roseburg land office for Coos County. With the advent of the railroad will come a great number of homesteaders and the county will make rapid strides in the future that by virtue of natural advantages belongs to her, and Coos Bay will become the most important shipping point between San Francisco and Portland.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Goodly Increase in Her Logging and Lumbering Industries.

ASTORIA, Or., April 3.—Clatsop County has not received so much direct benefit from the immigration from the Eastern and Middle States during the past year as have many of her sister counties in the state. This is in a great part due to two principal facts. First, the homesteaders' special railway rates were extended to Astoria only recently, and before that time this section of the state was cut off almost entirely from visits by the newcomers. Thus, while the population of Clatsop County have until the past two weeks done practically nothing to bring the resources and business opportunities of the district to the attention of the newcomers, the population of this county has materially increased during the past year, that increase has been gradual, and was due to an influx of persons from other portions of the state, from Washington and from California, to seek employment in the mills, canneries or other manufacturing plants, rather than to the Eastern immigration.

There have been thousands of acres of land sold within a year, the greater portion of it being timber lands, though a large number of farms have also changed hands, and the grading and dairying business has seen a wonderful increase. As a result, the number of people living on the uplands to set out apple orchards. As a result they are producing apples of superior quality and remarkably free from pests.

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by opened fine headquarters for the benefit and convenience of newcomers. Every town in the county is making substantial progress in the way of development. Mining interests are more active than ever before and outside capital is being invested at an increasing ratio. Near Goldendale, the Crook County, the Crook and Upper Crook creeks and its tributaries important developments are being made and several mills are already in the ranks of regular producers with large flows of very rich ore in sight. The high values of the ore found here would cause a veritable stampede if discovered in Colorado, Montana or Alaska.

Work on the old west Myrtle Creek is to be resumed at once. A depth of 300 feet was reached when boring was suspended last fall. A seepage of petroleum and already been found, and important developments are expected soon.

Construction work on the railroad between Roseburg and Coos Bay is expected to be materially advanced during the present year.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Unprecedented Prosperity in Every Branch of Industrial Work.

JACKSONVILLE, April 3.—It is gratifying to be able to say that at no period in the history of Jackson has the county been so prosperous as at the present time. All lines of business are prosecuted in a more intelligent and systematic manner, and there is everywhere more vigor and energy manifested in the legitimate industries. The excitement and glamour incident to new development and production in earlier days have ceased to be disturbing factors, and attention is given more directly to the permanent and less hazardous business affairs connected with the natural resources of the county. The year just past was one of the most prosperous Jackson County has ever experienced. Large gold output, the heavy yield and high prices of fruit, the ready sale of good prices of stock, wool, hops, lumber, poultry, dairy and other products swelled the aggregate revenues for the year to something like \$500,000.

No boom, but remarkable growth of business in every line.

GRANT'S PASS, April 3.—The year 1902 witnessed the greatest, and without the most substantial, growth in Josephine County has ever known. It was not a boom such as earlier years in the county's history have known—as great, perhaps, as that of the pioneer days, but it was far more solid, substantial, permanent. The greater number of those who have entered Josephine County since the beginning of 1902 have been people of means, who came here with a purpose, and who are now becoming permanent residents. Especially has this been true of those who have purchased quarter-sections and are developing them—properties that have been little known to the people of the county. Several such properties that were but holes in the ground in 1901, are now yielding \$10,000 to \$20,000, and some \$35,000 monthly. There will be still a greater number of producing mines by the close of this Summer through the development being done by the purchasers of the quarter-sections.

The census of 1900 gave Josephine County 737 inhabitants. There is but little question that it now contains 3000. The population of this little town has sprung up at the Grapghigh mine, and which has some 300 people, was not in existence at the time the 1900 census was taken. The whole county has filled up almost proportionately. The new postoffices have been added. Grant's Pass, the natural center of all, has known the greatest growth. From a population of 220 given in 1900 it has grown to a thriving little city of over 3000. Entire and new brick business blocks have grown up since then, a large portion of the buildings being in the showing of the new trade and business of the city in that time. Many new residences were built during the year, and the four large hotels find themselves unable to accommodate the transient trade. The number of houses to rent, but none are to be had. The two school buildings are overcrowded and cannot hold the pupils, so great was the increase in the school population.

In conversation with County School Superintendent E. H. Smith, who is over the county a great deal visiting schools, respecting industrial affairs generally, he said: "I have been here for the past 12 years, and have seen no time during this period when the outlook was so encouraging as at the present. All lines of business are active, and the demand for labor at unusually large wages was never so great before. For the last few years, the county has been steadily growing, and the people are easy and comfortable, and the most hopeful feeling exists all over the county. Those who have been and heard in my travels over the county, this will undoubtedly be the most prosperous year during my residence here. There is not a whisper of hard times, no bewailing of conditions, no pessimism, no gloom, but a feeling of well-being, a general feeling of satisfaction and encouragement such as has never before existed since I came to the county. The people are all right, and with the completion of the large enterprises now on foot, will take rank among the most advanced counties in the state. Though the immigration to the county has been steadily growing the past year, some reason increased but little during the past year, only about 100."

From the best information obtainable the population of the county was about 500. The County Recorder estimates 800 of new land taken up during the year.

ASHLAND, April 3.—It is thought to be a conservative estimate when it is said that the population of Ashland and vicinity has been increased by immigration 10 per cent during the past year, and the immigration of the present spring, which is to be added to this, shows an increase over the corresponding period of 1902. The immigration is of a desirable kind of people, for, for it is including a large proportion of those who, if not in independent circumstances, come with a moderate competence to cast their lot in a congenial clime and amidst pleasant surroundings, with good homes and abundant influence.

This immigration makes itself felt in business enterprises of every kind and has operated to increase the swelling tide of prosperity which has swept over this section of Oregon more noticeably, perhaps, than in some other sections of the state. Fruitgrowing has taken on a new impetus, encouraged by several years of unusually high prices for fruit. The industry is now being carried on in a more systematic and new orchards and more careful attention to old ones are apparently well justified by the returns. Thousands of acres of apple orchards, especially, are being planted in the Rogue River valley and the apple industry, already a big one in this section, promises to assume large proportions. The dairying industry has been steadily growing the past year. The Ashland creamery has established substations and installed many individual farmers' separators and the industry has been made a fixed and paying factor in the community. The rich bottom lands of this vicinity, while naturally limited in extent, are found to be exceedingly profitable for gardening and berry culture. The increasing population and facilities for shipping are bringing this industry to the front more and more every year and many communities in Southern Oregon and Northern California have come to depend upon getting their supplies of garden truck and berries as well as their peaches and other fruits from Ashland.

Probably the largest local industrial enterprise now operating here is the Ashland Manufacturing Co., which has large lumber mills on Neil Creek, just south of here, and planing mills and box factories

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Big Boom in Logging, Lumbering, Mining and Farming.

ROSEBURG, April 3.—An increase approximating 10 per cent is the estimated advance in the population of Douglas County during the past year. This estimate is based upon the conservative judgment of observing citizens, and is concurred in by President Woolley, of the Roseburg Board of Trade. This is a fact verified by the increased attendance in the public schools in the principal centers, including Roseburg, Oakland, Drain, Yoncalla, Kiddle and Glendale. In most of these places it has been found necessary to employ additional teachers.

The census of 1900 gave Douglas County a population of 14,500, an increase of 500 over the years before. With a voting population of over 4500 as a basis, the estimated increase of 10 per cent would approximate 15,000 in number, and more newcomers are arriving than ever before. A steady stream of timber land seekers has been pouring into this county for more than a year, and the population is increasing. Many of them, finding conditions here congenial, have decided to remain and make permanent homes.

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Projected enterprises in Douglas County are numerous. The William P. Johnson Lumber Company, capital \$200,000, have a new sawmill in operation on Myrtle Creek, with a daily capacity of 40,000 feet. They are now building a flume down the stream to the Southern Pacific Railway, where they expect to erect another mill of fully double that capacity during the present year. Curtis Johnson, of Erie, Pa., is working on a similar project at Glendale, including a branch line of railroad some 12 or 15 miles in length to tap a large body of fine timber. The Oregon Boom & Timber Co. are preparing for large operations in timber on the North River. Several other capitalists are planning to enter the timber business, and a box factory is to be added this year.

In Roseburg an extensive box factory, a large fruit-packing establishment and a machine shop are among the industrial enterprises already announced for erection within the next few months. Roseburg's new Board of Trade organization recently

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in the city. A large new sawmill with a capacity of 50,000 feet per day is cutting is now under construction to supplement the sawing facilities already in operation, and the year 1903 promises to be by far the greatest one in the history of the lumber industry locally.

The schools of Ashland have been an important factor in increasing the population of the city. The growth of the city's public schools has been steady in attendance and efficiency as the population has grown. There are now approximately 1500 children of school age in the city, of whom about 700 are enrolled in the public schools. Another year is to be added to the high school course, which will bring the schools up to a standard of advanced study second to none. The Southern Oregon State Normal School, which is located here, has made a remarkable showing the past year, doubling and trebling its attendance, until it is at the head of the list of Normal schools of the state.

Ashland has a payroll of about \$10,000 per month from the Southern Pacific Company, this being a division point and the home of probably 150 of its well-paid employees. The increase of the business over the lines of the company, which has been large, has made more employment for trainmen and engineers and swelled the monthly payroll here to no small extent. The Ashland Board of Trade, Mr. G. C. Morris, president, is ever on the alert to further the interests of this section and lends a hand to every worthy enterprise that it can assist. Mr. Morris is an enthusiastic believer in the future and the city of Ashland and proud of its rapid and steady growth, but is not much inclined to talk for publication. Recently he has endeavored to secure the services of one of the Board where it will be most effective in securing a system of sewerage for Ashland, which is very badly needed. That it can assist. 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