

CENSUS TAKERS MISSED 30,000

Portland's Population to Register Over 200,000 Mark, Is Report.

OFFICIAL COUNT IS WEAK

Many Districts Missing Names Run Into Hundreds, Giving Proof That Government Employees Were Extremely Careless.

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W. Stone and J. B. Rhodes, secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., who made their headquarters in the Association building, every man aiding in the work was furnished with a map showing the district he was expected to cover. To make the

ally good. On his showing the official enumeration lacked 700 names.
W. P. Olds, of Olds, Wortman & King, took charge of the Ninth Ward, with men from the store. Making his office his headquarters, Mr. Olds had a thorough organization. His district had been well covered by the official staff, but despite that, he added 225 names to the census list from the district and obtained 184 from the sidewalk booth in front of the store up to 2 P. M.

George W. Shepherd had one of the largest districts in the city to handle in Ward 10. He was compelled to ask for 30 additional men, which were supplied from the Commercial Club reserves. Further assistance was given by men from the Peninsular Lumber Company, who gave great assistance in covering the west end of his district. Mr. Shepherd turned in a great number of names and here again the official count was found grossly at fault.

Commercial Club Keeps Busy.
Of all the headquarters the Commercial Club was easily the busiest. Over 300 men applied in person as volunteers. Automobiles were supplied by Mr. Mecklem and the Oregon Journal. The force of automobiles promised by the members of the Health Board did not materialize.

President Beckwith acted as chief organizer at the club, but most valuable work was performed by L. A. Coddington and W. L. Crissey, assistant secretaries. They worked until a late hour last night over the census returns. Two thousand two hundred and forty-three

BUILDINGS TO RISE

Thompson Company Will Build \$750,000 Hotel.

LEWIS BLOCK GETS ANNEX

Estate Will Add to Present Space Ten Floors, Costing \$200,000.

Meter & Frank Will Have \$300,000 Warehouse.

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lesses can obtain possession of the property.
Announcement is also made today of the proposed erection of a nine-story Class A fireproof warehouse for the Meter & Frank Company, to be built at a cost of \$300,000, on the half block on the south side of Irving street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth. This great building, to house the wholesale department of the department store, will make the plant of the Meter & Frank Company second

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CHECKING UP WORK OF ARMY OF VOLUNTEER CENSUS-TAKERS AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

work as light and safe as possible the men worked in couples.

Portland Heights Well Covered.

E. P. Hopwood, of the city circulation staff of The Oregonian, also provided each man with a map. Mr. Hopwood was placed by C. A. Morden, assistant manager of The Oregonian, in charge of Ward Eight. With 102 men, all Oregonian employees, the district was thoroughly covered and reports last night from the small army were that every man, woman and child, in the territory assigned to them and who had been hitherto not registered by the official enumerators was at last on the census books. The number thus listed was 256.

The Y. M. C. A. entertained all its helpers to breakfast at 7:30 o'clock. Following brief addresses a start was made promptly at eight. The count was not completed until a late hour last night. Mr. Rhodes had the Third Ward, comprising the floors on Burnside street, and thus encountered the heaviest work of all. Mr. Rhodes had over a dozen men on the streets, covering the street population.

M. Mossesohn, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, handled the Second Ward. Mr. Mossesohn recruited his men during the day from the volunteers at the Commercial Club. Mr. Mossesohn's men covered both the Good Samaritan and St. Vincent's Hospitals and reported that not a single patient in either hospital had been officially counted. Probably a number of these had been counted at their residents of members of the family away from some being counted and a large number were accordingly missed.

E. D. Sigler, County Assessor, covered the Fourth Ward with his own men. Here was another case of machine-like organization and discipline. The men were all provided with maps and knew the work and under the efficient generalship they received and owing to the large number working in the district, it was one of the earliest completed. Mr. Sigler reports an average of 5 per cent missed on the official count and he is confident he has no duplicates among his slips.

Portland Heights Well Covered.

W. C. Kavanagh, special agent for the Travelers' Insurance Company, covered the Fifth Ward. His men made an excellent count, although some districts were not finished until a late hour. Mr. Kavanagh had the Portland Heights district and was particularly helped by the residents placing cards on houses hitherto not enumerated. Mr. Kavanagh's work was not enumerated, every one of which was from a residence, clearly showing there had been some hitch by the enumerators going over that district.

L. B. Freeland, Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Company, received aid from the staffs of the many furniture and kindred manufacturing concerns, following to his personal efforts. Mr. Freeland's men were indefatigable in turning in names and his total will cover over 2000.

The Seventh Ward was handled by I. W. Bowman, who made his headquarters at Grand avenue and East Morrison street. Mr. Bowman telephoned the Commercial Club for 25 more men and they were immediately sent out by car and automobile. Mr. Bowman reported the official enumeration in districts 180 and 181 had been exception-

ally good. On his showing the official enumeration lacked 700 names.

Maps Prove Great Aid.

Acting as an active lieutenant to President Beckwith, was Charles Heberd, of Tull & Gibbs, who had maps prepared of each ward, with the official districts marked out thereon. These maps were supplied to each team, it is probable there would not have been the thorough organization. Mr. Heberd was responsible for the plan that was submitted to President Beckwith and that proved such a success.

"My men worked well in the morning," said Mr. Olds. "In that time we gathered together 255 names. It must be remembered there was a residential district and should have been covered. While in several districts we found but three had been missed, in others the number was considerably greater."

"The districts are a clear guide to the enumerator," said Mr. Shepherd. "My districts have varied from 150 missing names down to a mere mention, where the missing ones are not a fraction of one per cent."

"Dozens of firms phoned in to L. A. Coddington at the Commercial Club the services of one and two of their men. Unfortunately no record was kept and no mention can be made of those offering assistance.

Notable assistance was given by Manager Potter, of the Atkins Saw Works. Mr. Potter reported he had no office staff he could send, but he had engaged 10 enumerators at 50 cents for the day each, and he had sent them up to the club. The men were distributed where they would be of the greatest value.

Practically every man who canvassed a district said he had not hitherto been turned in to the officials. Despite this there probably will be a large number of duplications. It is hoped the full list of names will be checked up by Monday.

Auto Booth Counts 800.

The streets booths did a heavy business, probably the greatest being performed by the automobile run by the Jacobs-Stine Company. In the auto a board was run across and three men continuously recorded names. There was no inducement to register. No actual count was made, but late in the afternoon over 800 names had been listed.

The street booth at the Grand-Hawthorne Drugstore, Grand and Hawthorne avenues, listed 800 names. A booth run by the Portland Fire Department at Fourth and Yamhill, added 200 names. The Meter & Frank store, reported 128 names listed by the street booth and the store assistants, who had asked every purchaser of goods during the day whether they had been counted. All who had not or who said they had not were conducted to a table and asked all out a form. Mr. Meier said he believed the population of the city was 300,000 and that in 1912 there would be at least 500,000 people.

to none west of Chicago in point of size. The plans for the great structure have already been prepared by Doyle & Patterson.

Morgan First to Build.

The big movement on Fourth street started last Fall with the announcement by W. L. Morgan of a lease taken on the quarter block at the northwest corner of Fourth and Alder. This was a 20-year lease, at \$100 a month, and the leaseholder is now erecting a four-story concrete building on the property. Already the framework of this building is completed, although as yet in the wooden forms. Large crews of workmen are engaged in erecting the structure, which is to be occupied by August. This building is also being built rapidly, and will be a landmark in the new Portland. It is to be called the Railway Exchange building. Work is to be completed by August 1.

Other fine structures which have been completed within the last two or three years on Fourth street are the six-story Henry block, on Fourth and Oak streets, completed last Summer; the 11-story Board of Trade building, at Fourth and Oak, completed two years ago, and the four-story building on Fourth near Stark street, completed three years ago. Plans are under way for further additional improvements.

No Wood to Be Used.

The new Thompson estate building is to be the pioneer of the absolutely fireproof buildings in Portland in that it is to be the first structure erected with absolutely no wood. In the words of Architect Gibson, "there will not be enough wood in that building to make a toothpick."

It will be of steel construction with tiled and reinforced concrete floors, and glazed white terra cotta facing. The doors, casings and other fixtures will be of metal. It will be 200x200 feet, with six stories and a full basement. The main entrance to the building will be on Pine street, between Third and Fourth, while Third and Fourth streets will be connected by means of an arcade running through the center, with a wing extending to the Pine-street entrance. The interior of this arcade will be finished in art glass, with tiled floors, metal trimmings and marble or scagliola wainscoting. On the ground floor there will be 22 stores, eight being located on Third street, seven on Fourth street, and the rest facing on the arcade on the interior lobby.

The building will have three great light courts extending above the upper floor, from the Pine-street frontage to a depth of 170 feet. This arrangement will make it possible for every room in the building to have outside light and ventilation, while the majority will have sunlight at some time of the day. There will be a total of 650 rooms in the building, 122 on the second floor and 132 on each of the four top floors. Of these 550 rooms, 230 will be equipped with private baths. All the bathrooms will be tiled and contain solid porcelain plumbing.

There will be four Otis elevators in the building, a steam heating plant, telephones in every room, and a large reading-room and parlors on the second floor. A large restaurant will be operated in connection with the hotel on the first floor.

Deal on for Lease.
Mr. Henry and Mr. Yates say that details for the lease of the property are now being negotiated with a St. Louis capitalist and hotel man. Negotiations were under way last Winter for a building of similar size, to be built for theatrical purposes. Mr. Henry said yes-

terday the persons with whom he was negotiating were the Shuberts and that until just recently it seemed probable the details would be carried to completion. Whether they have chosen some other site for the theater or whether they will build in Portland at all, Mr. Henry is unable to say.

Mr. Gibson will leave this week for the West to visit the leading hotels and inspect the latest improvements. One thing that is being considered is the installation of a water-proof basement in the basement and foundations. It is believed it will be necessary to sink the footings to a depth of about 14 feet. After determining this, the old structures, at present occupying the entire block, one of which is the old Cyclorama building, will be torn down, one after another, starting at Fourth and Ash. Actual construction, after the excavation is completed, is planned to begin by the middle of July.

The property upon which this building is to be erected was bought by H. R. Thompson in 1883 from Benjamin Stark for \$750. It was then covered with brush and was not considered even a possibility as a part of the future Portland, and certainly not as a part of the great business district of a great Western metropolis.

Two Old Landmarks to Go.

The erection of this building and that by Theodore B. Wilcox mean the passing of two of Portland's old landmarks, two residences which in the early history of the city were regarded as but little short of palatial and which are now falling into ruin and decay and tenanted by Chinamen with laundries, etc. On the north side of Pine street about 50 feet east of Fourth street there now stands an old house which was formerly the home of R. R. Thompson. This was little purchased the site in 1883. It was little

other than a wilderness.
A few years later, still in the '60s, Mr. Thompson pioneered the secluded location and built his home directly in the center of the block. Here the children were born, as well as some of his grandchildren and these still tell stories of the early days. Mr. Yates, who is a grandson of Mr. Thompson, tells how his mother used to go out in a boat to pick flowers on this block on occasions when the Willamette River would flood the entire district. There, year after year for a number of seasons the river would flood the land at high water until by some freak of nature the course of the floods was changed and this district became immune. The house was still in the center of the block until in the '80s, when the development of that section for business purposes caused it to be moved to the side of the property, where it still remained as the Thompson home for some years.

Across Pine street from the old Thompson home there stands another similar dwelling which is even in a more advanced stage of dilapidation. Here was the old home built by Captain J. C. Ainsworth, the birthplace of J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank. This home was also built in the '60s and was, like the Thompson home, one of the handsomest in Portland when completed. It was built immediately after the Thompson home and became the center of one of the most fashionable residence districts in Portland until events changed it into business property.

Auto Club to Build Bridge.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 20.—E. D. Olds, of Oak Grove, was in this city yesterday on business. Mr. Olds, who is a well-known bridge contractor, left this afternoon accompanied by J. W. Jones, of this city, for Cherryville, where they will construct a bridge for the Automobile Club of Portland across Whisky Creek. Mr. Olds has the contract for the construction of the bridge, which will be about 60 feet high. He has a crew of men engaged and the

work will be pushed rapidly along so as to be ready when the automobile travel commences to mount Hood. The Automobile Club will have a great deal of work done on the road this year.

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