

EVERY DECADE HAS SHOWN PROGRESS

Portland's Greatest Numerical Increase Has Been in Past Ten Years.

GROWTH FAST FROM START

Gain Since First Census Was Taken in 1850 Is Close to 25,000 Per Cent—Industry Has Kept Pace With Population.

The population figures given by the Census Bureau indicate within a few hundred persons, the extent to which Portland has grown within a period of 65 years.

Portland was first laid out as a town in 1845 and then consisted of 18 city blocks. The first census of Portland as a city was taken in 1850 and it showed a total population of 821. At the time the census of 1850 was taken Portland still consisted of the original 16 blocks, but the following year the townsite was enlarged to include the square mile. Today Portland has an area of approximately 40 miles and the average number of persons to the square mile is about five times the number that resided in the square mile the town proper in 1851.

Growth Rapid at Start.

For example, Portland grew from a population of 821 in 1850 to a total of 2574 inhabitants in 1860. While numerically the increase in small increments, the percentage of gain was 209.1 per cent. Again from 1860 to 1870 the city gained more than 100 per cent in population showing in the latter year a population of 8255, or a gain over 1850 of 188.5 per cent. From 1870 to 1880 the percentage of increase was 111.9 per cent, from 1880 to 1890 it was 163.9 per cent and from 1890 to 1900 it was 84.9 per cent.

It will be seen from the foregoing that in only one decade in the 60 years that Portland as a city has been enumerated in the census, has it failed to increase more than 100 per cent in population.

Numerically, Portland saw the greatest increase in its history during the past 10 years. In 1899 the city had 374 people. In 1909 the city had 653 people, the inhabitants jumping to 3333 people. In the following 10 years the city made rapid progress and in 1910 the census found 17,214 inhabitants when census was counted in 1880, a gain of 111.9 per cent.

New Areas Added.

When 1890 rolled around and the men with the portfolios under their arms knocked at the doors of Portland people they found a city that had almost doubled the figures being placed at 36,426. Between 1890 and 1900 East Portland, South Portland, and the main city, and the comparisons represent the population on the same area. Since 1900 three annexations have been made to Portland, one on June 5, 1902, one June 2, 1907, and one November 2, 1908. These additions to Portland's area embraced among other well-settled districts Mount Taber, South Mount, Montavilla, and part of Woodstock precinct. The census reports for 1900 show that Mount Taber precinct had a population of 1914, South Mount, 1233, Woodstock 500 and Montavilla 1269, and had all been in the city limits in 1900 about 4600. It would have been added thereby to the population as shown by that census.

In 1900 there were 25 precincts outside of Portland city limits in Multnomah County, with populations as follows:

St. Johns, 531; Columbia, 237; Mount Taber, 1914; South Mount, 1233; Woodstock, 500; Lewis, 285; Kilgus, 211; Montavilla, 1269; Russellville, 283; Rockwood, 159; Fairview, 369; Troutdale, 528; Gresham, 844; Powell, 1045; Burbank, 233; Briley, Vell, 587; Warrendale, 238; Reoders, 79; Willamette Slough, 103; Holbrook, 362; Linnton, 284; Sylvan, 474; Mount Zion, 199; Bertha, 451; West Portland, 232. The total population of the county outside of Portland was 12,741, and of the county with Portland included was 122,167.

Pioneers' Hope Realized.

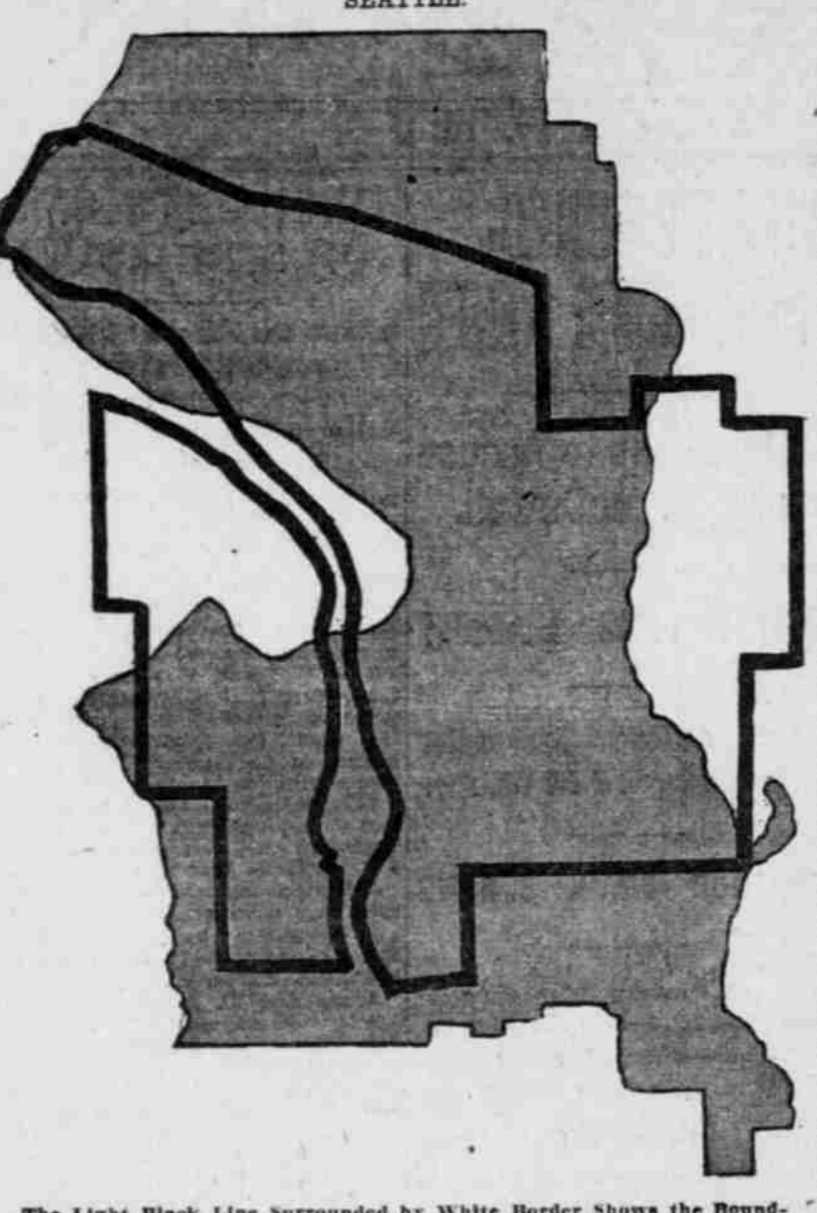
During the past 10 years approximately 17,000 people have been added to the city, and Portland has not only become the chief city of the Oregon country, but has commanded pre-eminence in commercial importance, has become a seat of wealth and culture and maintains a standard in her demands for the best literature and art. The dream of the pioneers of navigation and development has been realized, and the story reads like a fairy tale. Ten years ago Portland was dominated, as today, by the spirit of conservatism. Her merchants were content with the profits which came with the steady expansion and settlement of the country, even overlooking the great fact that Portland was so situated as to become a center for the trade of the Orient. Money accumulated in the banks and the first concern became known as the "moneybags," who were satisfied with present conditions.

Then came the Lewis and Clark fair and consequential awakening to opportunity. Money poured from bank vaults and the Portland men who had been content for their non-progressive spirit, became again the leaders of a forward movement which 10 years from now may place their city ahead of San Francisco. Streets were improved, clusters of brilliant lights were placed along the sidewalks, and parks and playgrounds were built.

Manufacturing Keeps Pace.

Keeping pace with this development of the surface of things was the solid growth of the manufacturing world. In 1880 Portland had scarcely become a manufacturing center, but in the present census year more than 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been sawed in her mills, while more than 2000 factories are engaged in supplying the markets which railroad development are placing at the doors of the city. As factories were built, mechanics were brought to the city and as a result the rolling hills surrounding the original townsite have become dotted with homes. As the East side expanded, Willamette River bridges were necessary and were supplied. At the present moment three bridges, aggregating a cost of \$1,000,000, are being thrown over the stream.

MAP SHOWING RELATIVE AREAS OF PORTLAND AND SEATTLE.



The Light Black Line Surrounded by White Border Shows the Boundary of Seattle, Area Eighty-Two Square Miles. The Heavy Black Line Shows the Boundaries of Portland; Area Forty-Nine Square Miles.

CENSUS IS 207,214

Portland's Increase 129.2 Per Cent in Ten Years.

SEATTLE COUNT 237,197

Both Cities Reduced Upon Revision of Figures—Overcounting Due to Variety of Causes, Director Durand Says.

PORTLAND'S GROWTH IS MORE THAN 25,000 PER CENT IN 60 YEARS.

Table showing Portland's population growth from 1850 to 1910. Columns include Year, Population, and Per Cent Increase.

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that reasonably could be expected to prevent the padding of the census.

"Over counting of the population of Portland arose from a variety of causes, principal of which were:

"First—Insertion of names by enumerators from slips collected by private individuals.

"Second—Repetition of visits to hotels and lodging-houses, involving enumeration of transients who were not present on the census day, but who came to the city from time to time thereafter.

"Third—Enumeration of persons at their place of business in addition to enumerating them at their place of abode; and

"Fourth—Enumeration of gangs of workmen, whose employers were in Portland, but who were not themselves here at the time of the enumeration and who had no regular place of abode in Portland."

The districts in which the greatest number of names were eliminated were as follows:

Table showing districts with the greatest number of names eliminated. Columns include District, Original Enum., Revised Enum., and Difference.

All Other Districts Combined.

Portland, according to the foregoing figures, stands 9th among the cities of the United States. Seattle stands 21st. Ten years ago Portland was the 43rd city and Seattle was 126th. Only one city having as great a population as Portland and Seattle has made larger percentage of growth during the past 10 years. That is, Los Angeles. Other smaller cities have made greater percentage gains, but with this single exception they have less than 100 per cent population.

Portland tonight, Director Durand submitted them, together with Hester's report, to Secretary Nagel, and the Secretary gave his approval to the eliminations made by the Census Bureau. This step was taken so that if any demand is made for a recount it will be refused by the Secretary. Similar action was taken with regard to Seattle several days ago.

Mr. Durand frankly admitted that the population of Portland as it is announced might not be absolutely correct. Some names have been eliminated, he said, which possibly should not have been eliminated, but he believes that there are still on the returns names that should be taken off and the latter number, he feels, will offset any undue eliminations that may have been made by Hester. He points out that it is absolutely impossible to enumerate the population of any city without error, but he maintains that Portland's figures are as nearly correct as human ingenuity will permit. He thinks, if anything, that Portland has had a slight overcount, but he said also regarding Seattle.

Private Aid Over-Zealous.

Mr. Durand issued the following statement regarding the Portland census: "In Portland, as in numerous other cities and towns, the census was not printed slips containing the census questions. Toward the close of the regular enumeration, a large number of private individuals collected on these slips names and information concerning persons who claimed not to have been enumerated and to be entitled to enumeration. While, doubtless, organizations which devised this plan had the legitimate purpose of assuring the completeness of the census, it is evident that many names were collected on these slips which were in no sense entitled to enumeration, being the names of persons already enumerated, or floating population not present on census day, or persons who had permanently left the city, or in some cases of non-existing persons.

Many thousands of these names were turned over to the Supervisor of the Census who sorted them according to the enumeration districts which they belonged to and assigned them to enumerators, with instructions that they should investigate and ascertain whether they had been enumerated, and if not whether they were entitled to enumeration.

Some Enumerators Lax.

"Whenever enumerators conscientiously carried out these instructions very few indeed were added to the returns as result of these slips. Some enumerators, however, accepted these slips without investigation and contained their investigation to ascertain whether the names were already upon their lists, without endeavoring to ascertain if they were on the lists, the persons were entitled to enumeration. It cannot be said that all the enumerators who had adopted the latter policy had any criminal intent, but it is certain that their neglect resulted in listing many persons who should not have been enumerated. "It appears that in some cases the names thus collected on slips were handed directly to enumerators, without passing through the hands of the supervisor, and that the enumerators were permitted to list the names in their schedules without any proper investigation. Several enumerators assigned large numbers of names from these slips to vacant lots or buildings containing no residents.

"The reckless manner in which these slips were collected is indicated by the fact that on an enumerator found on checking up the lists which were handed to him, of persons alleged not to have been enumerated, that his own name appeared on five different slips, many cases the names on these slips were taken from old directories, representing persons who had died, and with the result that in some cases two different families were reported as resident in the same house, the one family being actually living there and the other formerly resident.

Transients Are Last Out.

"Not a few names which were inserted on schedules from these privately collected slips were names of transients who arrived in the city after the census day and were not entitled to enumeration. In other cases the enumerators directly listed persons of this character. While under the instructions of the Census Bureau, it is legitimate to count where it is found on census day, floating population claiming to have no usual place of abode, it is obviously improper by repeated visits to lodging-houses and hotels to count such floating population which may come to pass through the city during a period of two weeks or more. Several gangs of workmen were also enumerated as residents of Portland who were not present there at the

DOCKS AND HOTELS SEATTLE COUNT

Director Says Thousands of Names Were Cancelled in Single District.

SOME REGIONS DIFFICULT

In Lower Quarters, However, Houses Are Reported Filled Far Beyond Capacity—Fraud by Design Is Apparent.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 25.—Discussing the over-counting of the population in Seattle, which resulted in the elimination of 11,188 names from the census, leaving a total of 237,194, Supervisor Durand in his report, made tonight, says: "It is impossible to state with certainty how many of the 15 Seattle enumerators whose returns were grossly inaccurate were guilty of intentional fraud. It appears probable that in the case of most of them the inflation of returns was due rather to misinterpretation or undue liberality in interpretation of instructions, but in the case of Districts 62 and 107, in which the greatest number of names were eliminated, there can be little doubt that intentional fraud was perpetrated.

"Over-counting of population in these 15 districts consisted chiefly of two forms. In the first place, some of the enumerators added names from slips collected by a private organization and without proper investigation to ascertain whether they were entitled to enumeration. This private organization canvassed the city generally during the progress and after the close of the enumeration, and collected thousands of names of persons who claimed not to have been enumerated and to be entitled to enumeration. These names, which included many transients, were collected on slips as in Portland.

False Addresses Given.

"In most cases it was found that most of the persons had already been enumerated, and were not entitled to enumeration and the enumerator in District 107 deliberately assigned many of these names to false addresses. The names of persons who were assigned very large numbers of names from the slips without any investigation; in fact, the greater part of the enumeration in his district was performed by him or by official inspectors employed under him, but by private individuals and privately hired interpreters.

"In the second place, a number of enumerators counted persons who, though perhaps actually present at the time when enumerated, were not entitled to enumeration under instructions of the Census Bureau. Most of the people so enumerated were floating population.

Hotels Repeatedly Visited.

"The enumerator made repeated visits to hotels and lodging-houses, counting persons as they arrived until the number of names counted often far exceeded the number of persons in their home port. The methods pursued by the enumerator in District 107 were particularly flagrant. He counted 2565 names in his district, although the census shows that the correct enumeration was only 1763.

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Complete Recount Made.

"Returns from enumeration district 62 were found so bad that it was necessary to make a complete re-enumeration. The original enumeration showed 537 names; the recount 4491. Attention was, however, directed to the fact that a limited number of houses in the district had been demolished during the period intervening between the original and the second enumeration, and in order that no injustice might be done to the city, all names reported from these houses in the original enumeration were allowed to stand, namely 422, making total of 4913 as the final enumeration of the district.

"The enumerator in district 62 did comparatively little actual canvassing of the district himself. Instead, he copied his enumeration from slips which were largely obtained by private individuals. This is doubtfully a peculiarly difficult district to enumerate. It embraces the very worst quarter in the city and most of the population is of very low intelligence, who collected census slips, therefore, were unable, even if they acted in good faith, to secure information in response to detailed inquiries from the schedules from large proportion of the inhabitants.

Private Information Allowed.

"Printed instructions to enumerators as well as oral instructions given by the supervisor to this enumerator authorized obtaining information from the best available source, where it could not be obtained from the persons directly concerned. These instructions, for example, would permit information to be secured from a neighbor or information concerning a boarder to be obtained from a lodging-house keeper, where it was absolutely impossible to obtain it in any other way. The enumerator, however, interpreted these instructions as permitting him to invent out of his own head information where it was lacking, and this he did in the case of thousands of persons reported in his schedules. "It is obviously far more desirable

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