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THURSDAY - JAN. 4, 1912

OUR POPULATION

According to the Thirteenth Census Bulletin just issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C., the population of the state of Oregon is 672, 765. Compared with a population of 413,536 in 1900, this represents an increase during the last decade of 62.7 per cent. During the same period the population of continental United States increased 21 per cent. The growth of the state was a little more than twice as rapid as during the preceding decade, 1890-1900, when the rate of increase was 36.2 per cent.

Oregon has 34 counties, ranging in population from 2,044 in Curry county to 226,261 in Multnomah county. Crook county leads 14 other counties in population having 9,315.

The city of Madras is given a population of 364, while Kutcher precinct, which includes the city of Madras, has a population of 879. This precinct with the exer population than any of the his recovery. others. Redmond is credited with a population of 216, while Redmond precinct, including the town, has a population of 728.

Other precincts enumerated in the Bulletin are: Ashwood, 241; Bend precinct, co-extensive with Bend city, 536; Cross Keys, 64; large, now goes to his next ov Haycreek, 139; Haystack, 456; Lumonta, 319; Lyle Gap, 818; pect it will be divided between Montgomery, 137; Prineville, 1)42; Warm Springs, 442.

In a new country where settlers are arriving every day, the but it was the opinion of ivvery 1 st census is very indefinite in one at the toime that he would a correct population of any dis- have won if the baste he run trict or town. Some of the towns against hadn't been too fast for in the above list have added at him. I nivver knew a man, and least a hundred since the 1910 the dockthers all said so, as took census taker made up his list, medicine better than he did. He and in another couple of years said he would as soon drink bitthe prospective emigrant in the ter as sweet, if it only had the east who refers to the census of same taste as whiskey punch, towns in Central Oregon taken in 1910, for information, can humour for fighting, but, poor safely add 30 per cent to the number and still keep within the nor sup again, and ye haven't a bounds of conservatism.

new chairman of the Republican ould sweetheart sends her love National committee. Chicago unknown to ye. I cannot write has been selected as the convention city and the meeting will be letther wid black sealing wax, held June 18. Harry New, and stamp it wid yer uncle's coat President Taft's choice, was chosen chairman of the powerful committe of arrangements which will have the naming of the temporary convention officers.

The Leap Year ball is fast approaching and it bids fair to be the liggest success in Madras society during 1912. What the result will be other than a brill ant social function is a matter of conjecture, but Dan Capid is a queer little fellow and he w.l. probably be hovering near with his dangerous bow and arrow.

If someone asks you when the water system will be installed London Graphic. you can truthfully tell them that work will commence this week and according to the "dope" handed out by Mr. Jeffery, the contractor, who is now on the ground, it will be finished in about two weeks.

If there are any who didn't get their names in the list of brought in contact with the savages. eligibles published on another and it had become such a habit with sa page, it is an oversight and we to fromise not to overlook anyone en Leap Year rol's around

break otn = four miles eale passed we can bere for the Fourth of

INTERESTING EPISTLE FROM 'OULD IRELAND

Bridget Hoolijan Pens Pathetic Letter to Her Nephew in Madras-Deceased an Only Uncle

> Monaghan, Ireland, Dec. 9, 1911.

Mr. Tommy McCormack, Madras, Oregon.

My Dear Nephew: - I havent sent ye a letther since the last toime I wrote to ye, bekase we have moved from our former place ov living, and I was afraid a letther wouldn't foind ye. Annyway I now wid great pleasure take up me pin to inform ye ov the death ov yer ownly living uncle, Ned Fitzpatrick. The poor fellow died all ov a suddint afhter a lingering illness of three weeks. He was lying in bed perfectly still in violent convulsions all the toime, nivver spakin a wurd, being perfectly quiet, crying out for wather ivvery minnet. I am at a loss to tell ye what his death was occasioned by, but I fear it was through his last sickness, for which he nivver got well, for he was nivver well ten days together during the whole toime ov his illness, but be that as it may, when he breathed his last, ception of Prineville, has a great- the dockther gave up all hope ov

I need not mention his age, for ye know that in August next he would have been 72 years, all but 11 months, and if he had lived until that toime, he would have been six months dead. His property, which ye know, is very kin, who are all dead, so I exus. As ye know it was all sold some toime back, and the remainder he lost on a horse race, and if it only put him in the same soul, he will nivver drink, bite, living relation in the wurld, but meself and yer two cousins who John F. Hill of Maine is the was kilt in the last war. Yer annymore now, so I shall seal me of arms, so when ye open the letther do not break the seal, and do not open it for two or three days, when ye will be well prepared for the sorrowful tidings.

> Your affectionate aunt, BRIDGET HOOLIGAN

> > Feast of Fools.

The best authorities agree that the origin of the ancient custom of celebrating a feast of fools is unknown. Some identify it with the Roman feast of fools on March 31. But why did the Romans institute the feast of foois? In India March 31 is "the bull festival," when all manner of pranks are played upon the beedless. But, again, where did the Hindus get it? The French call the April fool "un polsson d'Avril" (April fish). To the Scotch he is a "gawk" (a cuckoo) .-

A Habit Stanley Had. It was remarked of the late Sir H. M. Stanley during his last visit to New York that he stood all the time with his back to the wall during receptions instead of standing out where people would pass behind him. Lady Stanley laughingly explained that this was an old habit contracted in Africa-that Stanley always stood with his back against a tree or a barricade when him that he took that position no matter where he was.

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> See line of CHINA and GLASSWARE at Mrs. Crosby's.

How to Make Canna Bed. As the canna is a deep rooted plant the bed should be dug deep. It is also important to provide plenty of plant food. Three inches of well rotted manure spaded into the soil is not too much. Do not elevate the center of

the bed, but leave it level so water will not run off. If the bed is to contain several varieties of cannas much care should be given to the selection of varieties. If the bed is to be viewed from all sides put the taller varieties in the center and use the shorter kinds for the bor-

der rows. Your florist can give advice about varieties best suited for Do not plant too many varieties. Un-

less it is an exceptionally large bed two or three will be better than more. For small beds of a dozen to eighteen plants it is good taste to use some other plant for a border. If tall growing cannas are used the fountain grass is unsurpassed, and for dwarf kinds such plants as coleus dwarf salvias and Dusty Miller are serviceable.

As caunas are subtropleal they thrive only in the warm months and should be planted only when the season is well advanced. May 20 to June 15 is best for the territory between latitudes 40 and 45. The plants should be set a foot to a foot and a half apart each way, according to their size.

How to Remove Rusty Nuts. Every man who has to work with nuts and boits doubtless has his own method of removing rusted, stubborn nuts. There are many workmen who apply a blow torch to the obstreperous nut on the principle that it will expand in the heat. The difficulty about this is that the torch heats the bolt as well and when it expands the nut is as tight as ever. Marine engineers have a way of handling the nuts on pipe flanges which work on the same principle, but is surer and at the same time sim pler. Heat an open end wrench that fits the nut and while almost red hot apply it to the nut. After a sufficient time has elapsed for the nut to be heated through it will be found an easy matter to twist it off, for in this fash-

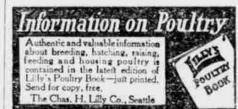
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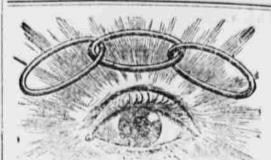
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