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FLOCK'S BEES

Prairie City Fancier Loses 50 Colonies by Act of Unknown Person.

PRAIRIE CITY, Ore., March 11-John Flock, prominent and successful beekeeper of this place, has lost more than 50 colonies of his pure bred Italian bees through the act of some person or persons not yet made known. The agent used to accomplish the fiendish purpose of the perpetrators was formaldehyde, as shown by a careful and critical analysis of the honey in each col-ony. In fact, the presence of this poison was rankly profusive in each dead stand of bees and the fumes were so powerful that Mr. Flock was rendered sick after a brief examination of the colonies affected by the deadly poison.

money loss to Mr. Flock, although large, is not his greatest loss. For nine years now For nine years now he has been engaged in carefully building up his approximately 100 colonies to their present purebred condition, having purchased from time to time pure Italian queens and a number of pure Italian colonics, paying large sums therefor. Dur-ing the past season his colonies were in flourishing condition and he sold about \$1200 worth of honey, and Mr. Flock was congratulating himself on the success and final outcome of his bee culture and was making arrangements to double his colonies this season and enter more extensively into the industry. Now, in the light of what has happened, he is undecidede whether or not he dare take greater risks by restocking and adding to his depleted col-

OREGON FAIR DATES.

Roseburg Will Have Meeting from Sept. 17 to Sept. 20, EUGENE, March 11.—Walter B. Jones, secretary of the Lane County Fair Association, attended

meeting of the district fair association at Roseburg and brings a report of the program of races as arranged for the several fairs to be held in western Oregon this year, Mr. Jones was accompanied by J. E. Kirkland, who now has charge of the local track. The dates of several race meets this year were fixed as follows:

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"Do you approve of the Terminal Railway dealings with the Southern Pacific interest with a view to the transfer to it of its present steam franchise in the City of Marshfield."
"Shall the City contribute \$150 monthly to the support of the Coos Bay Band."

JOHN W. BUTLER, Recorder.

Composition and Character Of Oregon's Population

Census, are given by Director Durthis class being under 15 years of Department of Commerce and the Census, rage, while 82.2 per cent are It was prepared under the supervision of Wm. C. Hunt, chief stati-cian for population. Statistics of Color nativity, parentage, sex, state of birth, citizenship, age illiteracy, school attendance, marital condition, and dwellings and families are represented.

The white population is divided into four groups: (1) Native, native parentage—that is, having both parents born in the United States; (2) native, foreign parentage—having both parents born abroad; (3) na-tive, mixed parentage—having one parent native and the other foreign born: (4) foreign born.

Color and Nativity.

Of the total population of Oregon, 416,851, or 62 per cent, are native whites of native parentage; 135, 238, or 20.1 per cent, are native whites of foreign or mixed parentage; and 103,001, or 15.3 per cent, are foreign-born whites. The corresponding percentages in 1900 were 61.9, 20.5, and 13, respectively, the proportion of foreign-born whites having increased somewhat during the decade. the decade. The percentage of Chinese and Japanese is 1.6; of Indians, 0.8; of negroes, 0.2. In 26 of the 34 counties the percentage of foreign-born whites is less than 15; in 6 counties if ranges from 15. in 6 counties it ranges from 15 to 25; in 6 counties exceeds 25. In 3 counties the proportion of native whites of foreign or mixed parentage exceeds one-fourth.

Of the urban population, 55.4 per cent are native whites of native par-entage; of the rural, 67.5 per cent. The corresponding proportions native whites of foreign or mixed parentage are 22.8 and 17.9 /per cent, respectively. The percentage of foreign-born whites is 18.6 in the urban population and 12.6 in the rural; the percentage of Chinese and Japanese is 2.7 in the urban and 0.6 in the rural. The negro population is very largely urban, and the Indian population is almost entirely rural.

In the total population of the state there are 384,265 males and 288, 500 females, or 133.2 males to 100 females. In 1900 the ratio was 129 to 100. Among native whites the ratio is 119.5 to 100 and among foreign-born whites 209.9 to 100. In the urban population there are 131.2 males to 100 females, and in the rural, 134.9.

State of Birth.

Of the total native population—
that is, population born in the United States— 40.2 per cent were born in Oregon and 59.8 per cent outside the state; of the native white population, 60.1 per cent were born out-side the state; of the native negro, 86.4 per cent; and the native Indian, 19.7 per cent. Persons born out-side the state constitute a larger pro-portion of the native population in urban than in rural communities.

Foreign Nationalities. Of the foreign-born white popu-We always deliver the goods. lation of Oregon, persons born in Germany represent 17.4 per cent; Canada 12; Sweden, 9.8; England, of those reported as divorced, 1.2 7.8; Norway, 6.6; Italy, 5.4; Russia, 6.2; Austria, 5.1; Ireland, 4.8; Finland, 4. 6; all other countries 21.2 per cent. Of the total white stock of foreign origin, which includes persons born abroad and also natives having one or both parents born abroad. Germany contributed 22.4 per cent; Canada 12.5; England, 9.5; Sweden, 7.6; Ireland, 7.1; Norway, 5.6; Rusia, 3.7; Scotland, 3.5; Swit-zerland, 3.4; Finland, 3.2; Austria, 3.2 per cent.

Voting and Militia Ages.
The total number of males 21
years of age and over is 257,188, representing 38.2 per cent of the population. Of such males, 54.9 per cent are native whites of native parent are native whites of native par-entage, 15.6 per cent native whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 24.8 per cent foreign-born whites, 3.7 Chinese and Japanese, and 0.5 per cent Indians. Of the 63, 909 for-eign-born white males of voting age, 29,675, or 46,4 per cent are naturalized. Males of militia age—18 to 44—number 190,553.

Age. Of the total population, 8.9 per cent are under five years of age, 16.8 per cent from 5 to 14 years, inclusive, 19.5 per cent from 15 to 24, 33.7 per cent from 25 to 44, and

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new styles and planning for new hats, new suits and accessories. The advertisements are particu-larly interesting. They tell of the newest styles, the fabrics and colors to be the vogue and the many novel and becoming modes fashion has decreed for the season.

Now is the time to prepare, to take advantage of early selection, to secure your complete Easter outfit in advance of the eleventh hour rush.

Read the advertisements in THE TIMES closely and con-stantly every night. They will stantly every night. They will keep you posted. They will direct you to the most reliable stores and enable you to purchase your Springtime apparel to best advantage.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 11.— 20.9 per cent are 45 years of age and composition and characteristics and over. The foreign-born white population comprises comparatively ported at the Thirteenth Decennial Department of Commerce and Labor. of age and over. Of the native it was prepared under the super- whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 44.3 per cent are 25 and over; of the native whites of native parentage 50.3 per cent; and of the Chinese, 90.5 per cent.

The urban population shows a smaller proportion of children than the rural and a larger proportion of children than the rural and a larger proportion of persons in prime of life. Migration to the city explains this at least in part. Of the urban population, 38.7 per cent are from 25 to 44 years of age, inclusive, and of the rural population, 29.4 per cent.

School Attendance,

The census inquiry as to school attendance was merely as to whether the person enumerated had attended any kind of school at any time between September 1, 1909, date of enumeration, April 15, 1910. The total number of persons of school age—that is, from 6 to 20 years, inclusive—is 175,386, of whom 117,078, or 66.8 per cent, attended school. In addition to these 1,109 children under 6 and 3,222 persons 21 and over attended school.

For boys, from 6 to 20 years, inclusive, the percentage attending school was 65.5; for girls, 68.1. For children from 6 to 14 year, inclusive, the percentage attending school was The percentage for children of this age among native whites of native parentage was 85.1; among native whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 87.3; among foreign-born whites, 82.7; among Indians, 81.4. There is little difference between urban and rural communities as regards the percentage of school at-tendance for the ages 6 to 14; of persons 15 to 20 years of age, 38.1 per cent were reported as attending school in urban communities and 43.7 in rural.

Illiteracy.

The Census Bureau classifies as illiterate any person 10 years of age or over who is unable to write, re-

gardless of ability to read.

There are 10,594 illiterates in the state, representing 1.9 per cent of the total population 10 years of age and over, as compared with 3.3 per cent in 1900. The percentage of il-literacy is 0.4 among native whites, 6.1 among foreign-born whites, 3.4 among negroes, 36.6 among Indians, 7.6 among Chinese,

and 11.1 among Japanese.

For all classes combined, the percentage of illiterates is 1.3 urban communities and 2.5 in rural. For each class separately, also, the per-centage is higher in the rural population than in the urban.

For persons from 10 to 20 years of age, inclusive, whose literacy de-pends largely upon present school pends largely upon present school facilities and school attendance, the percentage of illiteracy is very slight,

Marital Condition. In the population 15 years of age and over 47.5 per cent of the males are single and 27.1 per cent of the females. The percentages married is 46.6 for males and 63 for females; and 1.1, respectively(are believed

to be too small, because of the prob-

ability that many divorced persons

class themselves as single or widow-

That the percentage single is so much smaller for women than for men is due partly to the excess of males in the total population and partly to the fact that women marry younger. Thus 10.5 per cent of the females from 15 to 19 years of age are married, as compared with 0.4 per cent of the males, and 50.4 per cent of the females from 20 to 24 years are married, as compared with 15.2 per cent of the males. For those from 25 to 34 years, the per-centages are are 76.6 for females and 45.1 for males, and for those from 35 to 44, 84-8 and 63.8, re-spectively. In the age group and 45 and over the percentages are nearly equal. That there is a larger proportion of widowers may indicate that men more often remarry than women, but, since husbands are generally older than their wives, the marriage relationship is more often broken by death of the husband than

by death of the wife.

For the main elements of the population the percentages of married persons among those 15 years of age and over are as follows: Native whites of native parentage, 49 for males and 63.7 for females; foreign-born whites, 47.3 and 71.1, respectively; native whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 41.4 and 55; negroes, 40.9 and 59.2; Indians, 48.4 and 56.6.

These percentages by no means indicate the relative tendency of the several classes as regards marriage. To determine that, the comparison should be made by age periods, since the proportion married in any class is determined largely by the proportion who have reached the marrying age. Similarly, the proportion widowed depends largely on the propor-tion past middle life. The percen-tage married, for males and for fe-males, is higher in rural than in

urban communities.

... Dwellings and Families.

The number of dwellings in Oregon is 144,832, and the number of families, 151,858, there being 104.9 families to 100 dwellings. The average number of persons per dwelling is 4.6, and the average number per family, 4.4.

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