



OREGON WILL TAKE CENSUS NEXT YEAR

Count of Noses to Be Made With Assistance of Federal Government.

GOVERNOR PROPOSES IMPORTANT CHANGES

Large Increase in Population Has Been Made Since Statistics Were Last Gathered.

A census of Oregon is to be taken next year in conjunction with the census department of the federal government, if recommendations to be made by Governor Chamberlain are carried into effect by the state legislature. The federal census of Oregon in 1900 showed a population of 311,514. Of this number 160,851 were females. An enormous gain will be seen by the figures of next year's census.

Oregon has a census every five years, and the federal government every 10 years. There has been no count in this state since 1900, at which time the work was done by the machinery of the general government. The elaborate compilation then made showed Oregon to have 15,000 Chinese, Japanese and Indians, and 1,100 negroes. The tabulated statement in the census report gives the number of persons of every age, from one month to 100 years. There were three males and four females in the state who were more than 100 years old. All were natives of Oregon. There were 144 males and 201 females whose ages were unknown, or who refused to tell. The work of the enumerators will long be remembered for the difficulties they encountered in securing exact ages, although 160 women claimed that they were unable to state the year of their nativity.

The Oregon census law was passed in 1884. The law is crude and antiquated, said Governor Chamberlain, and does not meet present-day needs. I will recommend in my message that the law be made to conform to the federal census law, under which the general government offers to assist states in gathering quinquennial statistics. Shortly after the federal census bureau was established, congress passed a law by which that bureau was enabled to assist in state census work to the extent of gathering the data on manufacturing, literacy, military and certain industrial elements in the make up of the state. Under this law it assisted Michigan very materially in its last census and bore a part of the expense. I believe it will be a good thing for Oregon and will save a large sum of money to the taxpayers.

There is no special season of the year favored by law in which the census should be taken. It is suggested that the most advantageous time next year would be late in the season, after home-seekers have come and settled upon their locations in the various counties of the state.

MAYOR WILLIAMS' CHRISTMAS GIFT

Members of the Council Present Handsome Japanese Urn to City's Executive.

SEASON'S COMPLIMENTS FLY THICK AND FAST

His Honor Points With Pride to What Has Been Accomplished by the Administration.

Members of the city council presented Mayor Williams with a handsome Japanese urn this morning as a Christmas gift. It is of bronze, stands 27 inches high, and is decorated with symbolic Japanese characters.

When the mayor arrived at the city hall at 9:30 o'clock the councilmen met him and he was greatly surprised when Councilman Zimmerman, on behalf of his fellow members, presented him with the gift. Mr. Zimmerman recited the fact that their term of office would soon expire and said the members desired to show their high appreciation of his services as city executive and the esteem in which they held him, offering him the token with best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mayor Williams, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the friendship and cordiality of the councilmen and said: "It is impossible for the officers of a city government to agree in everything. Each has his personal opinions regarding the way affairs are to be run. It is impossible to always get along without discord, but in matters where the welfare of the city has been affected, I believe we acted in a manner which we thought best."

"I am sure that when we got out of office it will be with the feeling that we have accomplished all within our power. The funds have been judiciously expended and the work has been carefully watched. Although you have made mistakes you are to be commended for your work. I reciprocate the kindly feelings you have expressed in presenting this token. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

INTERESTED SECRETARY ROOT.
From the Philadelphia Record.
William H. Taft, secretary of war, weighs 220 pounds. His predecessor in office, Elihu Root, tips the scales at only half that figure.

When Secretary Taft was civil governor of the Philippines his health was sadly undermined. He was laboring under great responsibility in governing the archipelago, where conditions were yet so disturbed as to give Secretary Root and President Roosevelt much concern. Mr. Root therefore requested Judge Taft to keep him advised by the new Pacific cable as to the state of his health. One day this message came to Root from Governor Taft at Henguet, in the mountains near Manila: "Rode 10 miles on a mule today. Am feeling much better."

Mr. Root chuckled and doubled with mirth in the chair which Secretary Taft has since discarded as too small. He dictated this reply: "Taft, Henguet: Glad to hear it; but how is the mule?"
"Do you mean to tell me that you never drink water?"
"Yes," answered Broncho Bob. "I come from a part of the west where water is too much needed for irrigation to be wasted."—Washington Star.

GRIPS CHILLS & COLIC'S PAINKILLER (Ferry's) SOLD OVER 20 YEARS

PROFIT DO NOT, IS HOWELL'S BELIEF

Executive Board Member Reports on the Morrison Street Bridge Contract.

WHAT CHARTER SAYS VS. WHAT BOARD DID

City Attorney McNary Recommends Action to Secure Improvements Contracted.

George H. Howell, at the meeting of the city executive board yesterday afternoon, filed a report of a personal investigation of the Morrison-street bridge and introduced a resolution that the mayor appoint a competent expert who has heretofore not had anything to do with the bridge, to make a careful examination of the entire structure for the benefit of the executive board.

His report was far from satisfactory and severely arraigned the contractors and the city engineer. He made the statement that out of \$25,000 worth of extras which the board allowed the Pacific Construction company on the bridge the contractors cleared about \$20,000. He substantiated his statements by going into details regarding costs of material and work.

On the extra steel alone, most of which was for stringers which were substituted for the wooden stringers, he said, the company made \$25,000. On the wooden block flooring and on angle-bars, he says, the company charged \$6,350 in excess of the sum which should have been allowed. A large profit was also realized by the contractors, he says, on the tender-houses and on the Pacific. He stated that many of these extras had been called to the attention of Mr. Elliott prior to the awarding of the contract, and that he had ample opportunity to incorporate them in the original contract.

What the Charter Says.
In allowing all these extras, he says, the executive board erred, because the charter explicitly states that no contract for material in excess of \$500 shall be let without advertising for bids. Because the board entered into the contracts for the extras without first advertising for bids, he says all the contracts for such extras are illegal and void.

"A stigma rests upon us," he said in his report, "over the recent disclosures concerning the bridge. Direct charges have been made against the members of the board of collusion in awarding the contracts for the extras on the Morrison-street bridge and awarding the contract for the Front-street bridge. Transactions of this sort reflect on every member of the board, and for that reason I have made this investigation. I dislike to be investigated by the council," said he in explanation of his report after it had been read. "The executive board was empowered by the legislature to construct this bridge. It will soon be finished, and every member of this committee should be perfectly familiar with the work in every detail before it is accepted."

"We had better find out our own mistakes rather than have others find them out for us," said Rodney Gilsan. "I am in favor of Mr. Howell's plan to have the bridge inspected."

H. W. Goddard was of the opinion that as the bridge was being constructed under a special act of the legislature, the board has a right to let contracts for the extra work without advertising for bids, providing the prices paid for the material is reasonable.

Mayor Favors the Method.
The mayor stated that he did not see how they could have done otherwise than let the contract for the extras to the Pacific Construction company. "The most important point mentioned in the report is the excessive price paid for the material." City Engineer Elliott stated that the prices allowed were on the same basis as the prices paid for the other material in the bridge. Whitney L. Boise went into detail regarding the awarding of the contract for the bridge. He stated that before the contract was awarded, the matter had been placed in the hands of Charles S. Bihler, a well-known civil engineer, who was acceptable to the taxpayers' league; Howard C. Holmes of San Francisco, a bridge expert, who was chosen by the Taxpayers' league, and City Engineer Elliott. All three concurred in awarding the contract for the bridge to the Pacific Construction company.

Mayor Williams was of the opinion that action on the resolution should be deferred until the board learned the result of the investigation of the council. The matter will be taken up at the first meeting of the board next year.

Wants Reconsideration.
City Attorney McNary recommended that some action be taken against the Oregon Real Estate company for not filling its contract for the improvement of Twelfth street. He stated that the city could have somebody finish the work and receive reimbursement from the bondsmen; that demurrage could be collected because they had not completed their contract according to agreement, or that the board could reject all proceedings and readvertise for new bids on the work. There are four blocks which remain unimproved. The street committee and the city attorney will formulate the best method of procedure to complete the improvement.

WAR BEGUN

To the American People To Policy-Holders To Investors:

When I began my story of "Frenzied Finance" I figured the cost I would be compelled to pay—time, money, misery, perhaps death.

My story's hardly under way and already I am beginning to pay the awful price.

But great benefits cannot come to a great people unless some one pays the price.

The work I am doing is a great one. The benefits to the people will be tremendous. Why should I not pay the awful price?

I am willing to pay any price if I can only get my whole story to the whole people.

But I cannot get it to them unless they assist me in the only way they can—

By absorbing my story. Already "The System" has found the real weak spot in my work.

Each copy of a 10-cent magazine costs the publishers more than they receive for it.

The difference is made up in what they receive from advertisers.

Even then the limit of the number they can publish is about 600,000.

All over that number draws on their pockets, unless they can get a price for advertising commensurate with their circulation.

There should be at least 3,000,000 copies sold each month to supply the people with the real Crimes of Amalgamation, which begin in the February number, and The Remedy, which follows.

The only possible way to do this is to raise the price of the magazine to 15 cents, which has been done.

I therefore appeal to those who are to receive the benefits of my story—all the people—to buy the magazine, and

See that the great advertisers, who are absolutely dependent upon the people for their very existence, patronize Everybody's Magazine.

Or it cannot even be sold at 15 cents.

Already the great advertisers who can be influenced by "The System" are being worked upon.

The receipts from advertising this month are \$15,000 less than last, and

More withdrawals are threatened.

I intend to write a chapter on this phase of "frenzied finance," giving the names and the histories of those advertisers who are allowing themselves to be bulldozed by "The System."

This war has been begun in deadly earnest, and I intend to strike back.

If there is an insurance president, a soap maker, a banker, who has not the manliness to stand up against "The System," I intend to let the American people know it, that they may discontinue the purchase of his goods in favor of those who have the fairness and pluck to stand up and be counted.

I have not a dollar's interest in Everybody's Magazine, directly or indirectly.

I give my time, my energy, my story and my money freely.

Already this work has cost me personally hundreds of thousands of dollars, and before I am through it will probably cost me millions, but I will stick as long as I have life and a dollar left.

If these should be taken, the people will, if only a sufficient number read my first chapters, find a way to—finish what I have begun.

Therefore, I most earnestly appeal to every man and woman to assist my work by securing a copy of Everybody's Magazine and urging others to do so.

Last month the entire edition was sold in the first week, and this month's, although 100,000 larger, will probably be sold out in the first day or two.

The next issue will be limited only by the facilities of the publishers to handle it.

I can write the story, pay the enormous advertising expenses of getting it before the public, and hold myself ready to pay the penalty of my work, but that's all I can do.

THE PEOPLE MUST DO THE REST—DO IT!

THOMAS W. LAWSON

Boston, December 20, 1904.

(Remember I pay for this advertisement. I alone am responsible for it.)

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