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SURPRISING ARITHMETIC.

THE Oregonian publishes an estimate of the census bureau which gives Portland a population last year of 109,884, which is a headline in the morning muck-buck declares is "surprising arithmetic."

A HOMESEEKERS' CHANCE.

HARNEY COUNTY embraces a territory of about 10,000 square miles. It is larger than the state of Massachusetts, and contains only about 5,000 people.

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this valley to make a full train load every day in the year. Harney valley is a "sportsman's paradise," wild fowl abounding in and around its several large lakes, while in the higher regions are deer, bear, antelope, elk, coyote, jack rabbit and bobcat, and in the larger streams are salmon trout and other fish.

Harney is the richest county per capita in the state, and has no debt. Railroads are bound to cross it long, and then its development will be rapid. A Umatilla county man who has been investigating Harney county recently said in the East Oregonian:

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

MINNESOTA state senator has introduced a bill designed to make United States senators elective by the people in that state, by the same method that senators are so elected in Oregon, alluding to which the St. Paul Dispatch says: "The idea is a meritorious one."

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could; hence this movement of the mass of people in so many towns.

A general cleaning-up crusade may not be as practicable in a large as in a small city, yet it is not impossible if the city were divided up into districts and each had a local civic improvement society. But in smaller towns this is the only way to get them cleaned up occasionally.

So go ahead and clean up. Insist that officials should do their duty in the premises, but in addition to that let all the people turn out and clean up, and see which town can show the best results.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BOODLERS.

THE COUNTRY is astonished at the revelations of municipal boodling in San Francisco, although prepared by many preliminary rumors and reports for just such disclosures there. And notwithstanding they are about the same character as exposures in various American cities during the past few years, San Francisco has always, or nearly always been a high-boodle city, and boodling has come to be taken there as a matter of course, as something inevitably involved in municipal and county government.

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Concerning Politics and Politicians

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Small Change

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Oregon Sidelights

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Wide-Sweeping Movement for the Initiative and Referendum

The initiative and referendum is sweeping the country, as have the Australian ballot and the direct nomination system, says a recent bulletin of the National League for the People's Rule. The Missouri legislature has submitted a constitutional amendment for the initiative and referendum, and the Oklahoma constitutional convention adopted the system. In Oklahoma there were only five delegates who voted against it. In Missouri there was a practically unanimous vote in the house, with but six negative votes in the senate.