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RIDICULE MORNING PAPER'S ESTIMATE OF POPULATION

Look Upon the Oregonian's 160,000 Guess as Wanton and Wholly Unjustifiable Attempt to Belittle Portland in Eyes of Outsiders.

Prominent men of Portland, interested in the growth and continued prosperity of the city, hoot at the contention of the Oregonian that there are less than 160,000 people resident in the city. Those who have had occasion to watch the growth of the city and to note its steady advance are practically unanimous in the opinion that the population estimate can be conservatively placed at 200,000, while some of them go as high as 225,000 and 250,000. In only one or two instances is the estimate placed below the 200,000 mark.

In making these estimates leading citizens have taken into consideration the postoffice and its growth of business, the increase in mail delivered and sent out and the large number of carriers necessary to deliver the culated from the registration of voters, from the amount of business done by the streetcar lines in comparison with 1900, when the last was taken, and have used many other bases for their calcula-In every case the result has mounted to the 200,000 mark and

Hurts City's Reputation

Men who have been in business for years in the city and have noted its great growth; real estate men who have sold the land, business men who have sold the food, merchants who have sold the clothes, men of different creeds and occupations, all join in the contention that the city has more than reached the 200,000 mark. Any estimate below that is a wrongful one and harmful for the development and reputation of the city these men say.

Directory Manager Talks.

LILLEY IS SAFE

Court Decides Corrupt Practices Act Contravenes the Constitution.

(United Press Leases Wire.)

New daven, Conn., Jan. 2.—That a corrupt practice act which will with stand any test in the courts will be the outcome of the charges brought by George L. Fox against Governor-elect Lilley of violations of the present act which met with such an abrupt death today whon Judges Robinnon and Bennett decided that the law is unconstitutional, is the Julico of progressive politicians of both parties. This was the first invocation of the law, and now that its father, Fox, has stated that he will not press the present law invulnerable, will undoubtedly be introduced in the coming legislature and supported by influential members on both sides of the assembly.

The act was declared to be unconstitutional in that it contravenes the state constitution.

SENATOR KNOX AND FAMILY



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PREVENT TRIAL POISONED FUDGE

Lawyers in Breach of Prom-Denver Police Have a Douise Suit to Hold Johnson to Promise. Candy Case.

If Peter Johnson, a wealthy flour and feed dealer of the east side, really wants to marry Elizabeth Bock and save her the trouble of trying her \$5000 poisoned "fudge," Mrs. Maria Smith, suit for breach of promise, all he will have to do will be to say "ready" to-morrow morning when the case is

Discovery Manager Talks

Is the beight of the ridiculous for the Crogonian or any one else to say that Portland has only 160,000 people the Folk Directory company. The Gregonian makes its estimate and fixes its figure at yet. The crogonian makes its estimate and fixes its figure at yet. The company of the folk of the population on the estimate of 250,000 or mov. No one with population, on a basis for its reasoning. It is the set of 250,000 or mov. No one with population, on a basis of the cross of 1904, from the known and tried sources clude that the woman's manager is the composition of 1900. The population on a beas is too, low. There are hundreds of children who are not in school. There inner the population of 1900. The population of 190

began living together at 368 Stephens street later moving to 374 Grand avenue.

Johnson said that it was agreed that they should marry six months after the Miss Bock secured her divorce, the law preventing her remarriage before that time. He declared that he had never refused to marry, and that he was ready and willing "any old time."

All of this was in September. The same day that Johnson's answer was iffled, John F. Logan, as attorney for Miss Bock, filed with Johnson's attorney a written acceptance of his. "preposition." But it appears that Johnson was not anxious enough to look up his fiancee, and the marriage has not taken place.

Johnson w.l have his last chance tomorrow morning. If he says "too late," he will apparently be in a dilemma, for he has admitted the promise, and about the only question for the jury will be to decide whether Miss Bock's affigatis are worth \$5000, as she alloges, or less. John H. Stevenson is associated with Logan as attorney for the plaintiff.

ble Mystery in Arsenic

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

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South Bend, Wash. Jan. 2.—Sam Geer,
a norminent logger of this city, was
accidentally shot dead at about. It
o'clock this morning while hunting
ducks in Mall Boat slough, near this
edity, in company with Floyd Brown,
who is about 15 years of age. Geer's
body now lies at the morgue with the
entire top of the head blown away.
According to young Brown's story,
Geer was in the bow of the boat watching for ducks, and his gun was lying
across one of the thwarts behind him
when the accident happened.
Geer leaves a widow and four children. The coroner is now conducting
an investigation to determine whether
an inquest is necessary.

SHERIFF MAS NEGRO; MOB ON THE TRAIL

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. Z.—A. sheriffs posse in charge of a negro believed to be the man who choked and criminally assaulted Mrs. R. D. Moore, 63 years old, is hurrying to the mountains near Coltewsh, Tenn., closely pursued by a mob bent on lynching the negro. Mrs. Moore's condition is critical. When she was found today and told of the assault, the sheriff started to look for her assault, the sheriff started to look for med. The sheriff hurried towards the mountains and at last reports was trying to cluds the mob.

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3,

Wright & Dickenson Now Erecting Another Seven Story Addition to Oregon Hotel to Cost \$200,000-Plans Are Ambitious.

Work has been begun on another seven story annex to the Oregon hotel. The new addition, when completed, will make the Oregon the largest hotel on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco. Like the first annex, recently opened, the econd annex will be of steel and conwete, throughout. The cost of the adfiNonal wing will be \$260,000.

Thompson Starritt & Co. of New York, the contractors who are erecting the Meler & Frank annex, are building the new addition. Messrs. Wright & Dickenson, proprietors of the Oregon, are financing the building. The contract was let several weeks ago and the foundations for the second annex are nearly ready. The addition is 50 by 100 feet and the ground occupied at present by a part of the old hotel. This will be orn down in sections, as the work on he new annex progresses.

May Build Higher When the second annex is completed, seven stories high, the new Oregon will extend through from Seventh to Park foundations are built to upport 10 stories and in time Manager Dickenson says his firm expects to raise the hotel to this height. The ho-tel will contain 400 rooms after the completion of the second annex. The total cost of the structure with furniture and fixtures will approximate \$1,000,000.

In the basement of the Seventh street In the basement of the Seventh street wing will be established a rathskeller for men only. Two more dining rooms, a parier and another elevator will be put in. The appointments of the rooms in the new structure will be sumptuous and not excelled by those of any hotel in San Francisco. The carpets will be principally Wiltons and Bundahrs.

Praised by Travelers. The new sample rooms already thrown open to the public in the first annex, are pronounced by traveling men to be the most commodious in the west.

Features of the new Oregon will be the special ventilating apparatus, capable of supplying 20,000 cubic feet of fresheair a minute, an ice making plant and refrigerator system and an electric and refrigerator system and an electrighting plant. The entrance to the he tel will remain at the corner of Seventh and Stark streets and the lobby is be-ing increased to double its present ca-pacity. The building is absolutely fire-

proof.

The final touches on the new annex will not be made until late in the year, slow progress being necessitated by the fact that the portion of the old hotel to be abandoned will be vacated and torn down only as fast as it is replaced.

DIRECTOR NEWELL HAS PRAISE FOR OREGON GOVERNOR

Department of the Interior, .

situations Advertise furnished rooms for rent Advertise real estate for sale Advertise business

chances Advertise houses for rent Advertise flats for

rent Advertise housekeeping rooms for rent Hundreds of new ads in

the classified section of this paper every day. If you do not find what you want today

Read the Classified Section of Tomorrow's JOURNAL

Potter Offered



James Brown Potter, who ar rived from Europe today.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 2.-If Banker J Brown Potter offered his divorced wife, Mrs. James Brown Potter, \$100,000 to change her name when he heard she was going into vaudeville, his munificence has all gone unheeded.

Mis. Potter arrived today on the Lusitania, prepared to launch upon her yaudeville career. She will perform for the delectation of hot poliot, and be paid therefor \$2000 weekly, she savs. She will begin the week as the headliner at the Lincoln Square theatre. In an interview she gaid.

"I am Mrs. Brown Potter, and always expect to be. Did my husband offer me \$100,000? Really I dil not know my name was worth so much. All it is worth is what I have made it."

TON MIN. UNIAN

But It Is for His Bank Plan in Nebraska—Big Fight Is in Sight.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Lincoin. Neb., Jan. 2.—William J. Bryan is now planning the fourth battle. It will be a fight, too., Led by Dr. P. L. Hall, vice chairman of the Democratic National committee, a number of members of the legislature have boited the Bryan leadership. Hall has perfected a powerful political organization and intends to fashion the next legislature that all the radical features of the Oklahoma bank guarantee law will be omitted from the proposed Nebraska statute. Bryan stands for immediate payment to depositors when a bank fails. He was amazed at the strength of the opposition.

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A number of legislators arrived to be present at the session to be called next Tuesday. Many openly favored Clark of Richardson county for speaker. He is the afti-Bryan candidate. Soon the friends of Mr. Bryan were in the hotel lobbies. The Fairview statesman came to the city and gave personal attention to the fight.

This is the first time he has "mixed" in state politics since he formed the

in state politics since he formed the fusion combine, uniting the Democrats and Populists, in 1894. Anti-Bryanites are claiming victory tonight.

The Bryan men, however, asserted that the revolt will soon be quelled.

LIVE LIKE THEIR GREAT EXEMPLAR

Members of Three Church Societies to Make a Christly Test.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Temorrow
afternoon representatives of more than
11,000 Christian young neonlesself. afternoon representatives of more than 11,000 Christian young people will meet in the Epworth Memorial church and for two weeks live as they believe the Savior would. The Christian Endeavor society, the Epworth League and the Baptist Young People's union, comprising 172 societies, have sent representatives to the meeting.

For the spurpose of making their pledges permanent a gigantic meeting will be held at the end of the two weeks, at which time every member will be asked to make a pledge to govern action, word and thought by the question, "What Would Jesus Do?"

The workers in the movement bope to get every member of the three associations represented as well as exmembers from other church societies, to join in making this moral test.

The king ianded this morning and promised to dispatch assistance, but none came When I arrived all Caneticlo was I terally destroyed. I distinct that I have seen pigs eating the dead. There is nobody to disturb thely horrid work.

Praise for Englishmen's Work.

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Reaching the would English saliors from the warship Exmouth, whose captain merits whore hospital in all the stricken region. The Exmouth's doctor, Burton, was assisted by Engineer Ranier in attending the wounded. The hospital was improvised in railroad cars. Half of San Glovannis population of 7000 was killed. Here, the Bagnara and Palmi, the atmosphere reeks with stagering odors.

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Wright Merciful to Cadets.

(United Pres Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jam 2.—Secretary of War Wright today took up with the president the case of the 16 West Point cadets who were recently commended for dismissal because of demerits arising from deficiency in studies and of laxity in discipline

The secretary is disposed to be leafent in several cases, especially where the markings are only one are two points below the required figure. In some cases the secretary considers the markings against the cadets were given for trivial canses and as a result several will be given another chance.

Attending the wounded. The hospital was improvised in rallroad dars. Half of San Glovanni's population of 7000 was killed. Here, like Hagnara and Palmi, the atmosphere reeks with stagesering cdors.

It seems an absurdity to attempt to describe conditions in Reggio. Despite the lapse of four days, literally solling has been done to relieve the survivors. Reggio seems to have been forgotten. I saw hundreds of people frantically searching for food in the just ruined stores, risking their lives.

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Wife a Fortune GRAPHIC TAIF

Monsignor P. O'Kelly, Who Never in History of Pennsyl-Was Sent to the Front by Church Gives an Account of His Harrowing Experiences.

(United Press Leaned Wice) Washington, Jan. 2.-President

sent the following message to

American-Italian general relief

"I earnestly wish success to

the American-Italian general re-

lief committee in its great mass

possible for me to attend in per-

son. I am doing everything that

can be done to get aid to the suffering and on account of the

have sent two supply ships with

\$300,000 worth of food and pro-

visions without waiting for the

authority of congress, being con-

fident that congress will approve

my action. I shall ask congress

for additional aid, and through-

out the coming week will keep in

the closest touch with congress

and, through "the state depart-

ment, with Italy, so that every-

thing possible to be done by the

United States may be done.

Furthermore, I have cabled the

Italian government proffering

the services of any or all of the battleship fleet if such can be

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

By Monsignor P. O'Kelly.

Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

houses uninhabitable. Of Palmi's 11,000

inhabitants 700 bodies have already been discovered. The constant spectacle that makes me sad is the swarms of hungry

After what I have already seen I an sincerely exclaim: "Merciful God,

what horrors!"
Hundreds of bodies lie in the wreck

Hundreds of bodies lie in the wreck strewn roads. One's nose revolts at the obvious effect of all these unburied dead, which it is a pity the yawning cracks in the earth do not swallow. I reached the hamlet of Canetello where I found 190 stupefied peasants, all that is left out of 3000 inhabitants. The king landed this morning and promised to dispatch assistance, but none came. When I arrived all Cane-

the stream of fleeling survivors.

of use in this crisis

Patrick F. McGowan of

committee, New York City:

late this afternoon

Madison Square

the case.

It is, of course, not

vania Courts Has There Been a More Pathetic Story Than That of Mrs. Erb.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Media, Pa., Jan 2.—Never in the history of a Pennsylvania court has there been recited a tale of abuse of woman by man such as was told on the witness stand here today by Mrs. Florence Erb, widow of Captain J. Clayton Erb, in her own defense for her husband's murder.

It was a tale of brutishness that has seldom been paralleled even in flotion. And it was driven home by the very manner of the woman herself the very manner of the woman herself, as she sat, shrinkingly responding to the interrogations of her counsel. W. Cloud Alexander, telling the things that could be expected to influence the jury, while at the same time skimming lightly over those that might prejudice. Yet, she did not spare herself.

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"I threw a cuspider at my husband's head," she declared, "and a vase thrown by me shattered in his face, but he had been beating me and I was in fear of my own life."

Mrs. Erb scored heavily in the defense of herself and half sister, Mrs. Beisel, indicted jointly for the murder of the man who was in life the intimate friend and confidante of the members of the Quaker city Republican political machine. The narrative carried a sense of horror that can not have failed to imthat can not have failed to im

Bevolting Cruelty. She was very pale and her peculiar style of beauty was well set off by the mourning garb she wore. She related to the jury circumstantial acts of many assaults upon her, of beating with canes, articles of furniture and bare fists and culminated the entire story with an account of a night of horror when, according to the witness, she lay half fainting to a courch while the man who had made ing to the witness, she lay half fainting on a couch while the man who had made her his wife threatened to torture her. From the very instant she went to Red Gables the captain subjected her to indignities of the most brutal kind. "He wanted to get rid of me," she said, "and when I would not consent to a divorce he treated me as if I were not human. When he drove me out of the house and I took refuge from his brutalities in the cupola he came and dragged me down the stairs by the hair.

Reggio, Jan. 2.-I arrived here last Blakes Damaging Confession Mrs. Erb admitted that she had lived vening after an arduous journey from Mrs. Erb admitted that she had lived with Captain Erb at Red Gables from May, 1906, until November, 1907, as his mistress, and that she had been unduly friendly with him for six years. "But I stayed at Red Gables and I married Mr. Erb because I was ashamed Palermo. Throughout it was a strenus struggle to push forward against I found Palmi a scene of desolation, nost of the town destroyed and all the

to leave him," she protested in a sobb to leave him," she protested in a sobbing volce.
"I could not face my mother and admit my disgrace. He had told the world that I was his wife; he told his sisters and all his friends that he had married me, and so I stood his cruelty and his abuse."

makes me sad is the swarms of hungry children crying vainly and seeking their parents. Than this there is nothing more pathetic. I scarcely reached the center of Palmi when I turned to and heiped the soldlers extricate two children from a wrecked house.

My first impression of the results of the catastrophe is the extraordinary apathy of the survivors. Literally they are so dazed by the tragedy that they are not making any attempt to assist the rescuers.

I pushed on from Palmi, to Bagnara and was able to direct the organization of the first relief train in Palmi, in Bagnara 300 dead remain under the debris. The surviving population is famishing. No succor has so far reached Bagnara.

Pour Days; Yet No Belief.

Thursday night two sharp earthquake shocks completed the wreck caused by the first tiltanic shock. I started on foot for Reggio, 15 miles away, tramping with the troops. The most distressing feature of the disaster is the appailing disorganization of she was sitting. There was not a dry

caused by the first titanic shock. I started on foot for Reggio, 15 miles away, tramping with the troops. The most distressing feature of the disaster is the appailing disorganization of the rescue work throughout Calabria. Friday night not a single morsel of food had arrived to relieve the famishing, despite the fact that it had been four days since the earthquake.

The spectacle in Bagnara horrified me. It is the simple, shocking truth that the stench from the piles of unburied dead unnerved me. Pestilence is inevitable unless sufficient help arrives immediately to bury these horridpiles of bodies. The survivors in Bagnara attempted to seize food, but the military repulsed tifem.

After walking three miles from Bagnara, I entered the village of Favazina. There the same distressing incidents, the same shocking spectacle, was duplicated. At Favazina I found a boat to take me as far as Soylla.

Swine Prey on the Dead.

After what I have already seen I can sincerely exclaim: "Merciful God, (Continued on Page Five.) Speech left her and she seemed about to fall from the oaken bench on which she was sitting. There was not a dry eye in the courtroom, but the witness,

(Continued on Page Five.)

CONVENE MONDAY

Five Candidates for Speakership: Anxiety Over Po-· litical Plums.

praise for having established the first shore hospital in all the stricken re-gion. The Exmouth's doctor, Surion, was assisted by Engineer Ranke in