

CENSUS TAKERS ASSISTED IN WORK BY PORTLANDERS

Absent Residents Report by Mail—Enumerators in Thinly Settled Districts Have Trying Experiences.

The "absent brethren" are beginning to make their reports to the census men. Just because loyal residents of Portland are not at home during the time the census is being taken is no sign that they have forgotten that they ought to stand up and be counted by the enumerators while they are making their rounds.

The latest loyal man is Frank S. McCullough, for 1914 years a resident of Portland. Some time ago he was appointed an inspector in the United States immigration service, since which time he has been traveling in different sections of the United States and Canada. He accompanied by Mrs. McCullough, is now in Montreal, Canada, and writes to Supervisor Beach asking for blanks. He says that Portland is his home and that he intends to return to the city to live in the future, so he wants to be counted in at the present census.

Joe Williamson of La Grande, one of the enumerators for the eastern district, is having a hard time of it, but is "coming through" with the stuff. In a letter sent to the supervisor today, he tells of having had to ride 35 miles from his home to the district. He then had to ride 35 miles for one man, which made up most of a day's work. Incidentally he was ducked in the Coyotes river when he tried to cross it and had other adventures. He reports that it will be perhaps a week at a time when he is not in touch with the mail, for which reason he can not make daily reports of his work.

Williamson, whose father has twice served as a census enumerator, is in a district which has not had an election in 30 years. The few residents are too busy to vote, they say, and besides they do not think it is worth the candle when they have to carry the returns 150 miles on horseback to the county seat.

Work Improving.
The work of the enumerators, according to Superintendent Beach, is improving day by day. Yesterday the total number of names taken averaged a 35 per cent increase over that of the first day out. The enumerators are getting into the harness and are learning how to go about their work, also the people are waking up to the idea that it is census time and do not take it for granted that the census man is a book agent.

Incidentally hostile persons are to be given little rope by the supervisor from this time. Enumerators in different parts of the city have stirred up tatters and viragos at different times who have refused to answer questions and have been, in some cases, abusive to the census workers. These have been reported to the United States district attorney's office and information will be filed against them in the federal court this afternoon. One will be against Mrs. G. V. Waters, 690 Couch street; K. K. Kinslow, 120 Everett street; and against the residents at 575 Seventeenth street, 364 First street, 363 Second street and 543 Pettygrove street. The names of the latter have not yet been determined by the census enumerators.

It is the intention of the supervisor to prosecute vigorously those who refuse to obey the census laws, as a protection to his men. There is a heavy punishment provided by federal statute for refusal to answer the questions of the census enumerators.

FATHER BLACK GETS THREATENING LETTER

A black hand letter asking for \$100 has been received by Father Black of St. Francis, East Oak and Twelfth streets. Investigation shows the matter to be either the work of an insane man or of boys in the school at that place.

The letter was received by the sister superior of St. Francis academy, and reads as follows: "Sister Superior—I command you to send me \$100 to East Alder street and Union avenue, Portland, Or., and put the money next to the water trough in the gulf where the rocks have a little hole between them by April 1, 1910, or we will kill Father Black. Be sure to have the money there before 5 o'clock p. m. If you tell the policemen about it we will kill Father Black."

(Signed) BLACKHAND.
The letter was turned over to Patrolman J. J. Murphy Monday. Father Black was stopped on the street a few days previous by a man who is thought to know something about the matter, but it cannot be found. No attention was paid to the menace.

MRS. HAMILTON DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Mills Ritan Hamilton, wife of J. A. Hamilton, a prominent lumber dealer of this city, died last night at the family residence, 321 East Twelfth street north. Mrs. Hamilton had been in poor health for about a year, but about a month ago, after a good improvement, her condition suddenly took an unfavorable turn.

Mrs. Hamilton was the daughter of O. A. Ritan, a well known timber man of this city, and was 23 years old at the time of her death. Besides her husband she leaves a 7-year-old daughter, Grace. Mrs. Hamilton was of a very kind and cheerful disposition and had a very large circle of friends.

Funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence of O. A. Ritan, Twelfth and Clackamas streets.

"Banking Economist" Wanted.
Washington, April 20.—The United States treasury department is in need of a "banking economist," and to supply the need the civil service commission has announced to hold examinations of candidates for the place today and tomorrow. The position is a new one in the treasury department and will pay \$1900 a year at the start, with chances of promotion. About all that is required of the appointee is that he shall be thoroughly versed in the law and also have a good knowledge of finance and monetary and banking economy.

A Hint in Time
Order the Mount Hood Bummer company's book, "How and Why," to be delivered at your home. Price East 145 or R-3112.

DUKE'S GRANDSON WORKS FOR WAGES

His Mother Claims She Is Entitled to Large Slice of \$60,000 Estate.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bakersfield, Cal., April 20.—After a separation of more than a week Robert De Colmar, said to be a cousin of the king of Saxony, and his mother, the Countess De Colmar, are reunited here today. Robert, who is 16 years of age, disappeared mysteriously after his arrival here last week. Assisted by the authorities his mother has been conducting a frantic search for him.

The boy was found at work in the Maron oil fields. He was on his way to the postoffice to post a letter to his mother telling of his whereabouts. He gave no reason for his disappearance.

The Countess De Colmar says she is a granddaughter of the late Duke of Brunswick, who left a fortune estimated at \$600,000. A great portion of this fortune, she claims, should have come to her, through inheritance, but was withheld by the Saxony government, pending settlement of other claims. The woman further stated that she had spent \$600,000 trying to establish her claim to the money left by the duke. With her son, she said, she came to Bakersfield to enter business, pending the final settlement of the estate.

VIOLENT QUAKES IN COSTA RICA

Terror Reigns in the Interior—Destitute Inhabitants in Wild Flight.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Colon, April 20.—Violent earthquakes in the interior of Costa Rica are reported in dispatches received here. Hundreds of families are homeless and starving. Inhabitants of the smaller towns are fleeing to San Jose, where they are suffering from lack of food, shelter and medical supplies.

New Church at Hood.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., April 20.—The members of the Asbury M. E. church will build a concrete church with a capacity of 600 on the ground now occupied by the present building.

Track Meet at Dalles May 20.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., April 20.—May 20 has been chosen as track meet day for the Hood River and The Dalles public schools.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

BY DRUSILLA BROWN

The Weekly Globe of Atchison, Kan., has the following account of the Story-Briggs wedding which took place in that city Tuesday, April 12: "The marriage of Miss Clara Briggs and Henry Davis Story was solemnized last evening at the bride's home, 622 North Fourth street. The Rev. F. S. White of Trinity Episcopal church read the marriage service in the presence of immediate relatives and out of town guests. The wedding was characterized by simplicity and good taste. The bride and groom descended the stairs, which was massed with bridal wreath and southern smiles, unattended. They met the bride's brother, Zena Briggs of Kansas City, who gave her away, and the officiating clergyman in the living room, where the marriage ceremony was performed before a bank of palms, southern smiles and bridal wreath. The bride wore a handsome gown of white crepe de chene. The dress was trimmed with quantities of real lace, which was the bridal gift of an old friend of the bride, Mrs. Francis Darling of Vancouver, B. C. After the marriage ceremony a supper was served in the dining room, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. A pyramid of palms and bride and groom roses stood in the center of the floor. It reached nearly to the chandelier. The mantle was backed with sweet peas and maiden hair ferns. The wedding supper was followed by a small reception, to which old and intimate friends were invited. The bride's sister, Miss Lillian Briggs, and the groom's sister, Mrs. E. T. Hamilton of Portland, Or., received with the bride couple. Mr. and Mrs. Story left last night for a wedding trip to California, and expect to arrive in their home in Portland May 1. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Briggs, who were Kansas pioneers. Her father was a prominent man in Kansas. Her parents died a number of years ago. She has spent her girlhood in Atchison where she is loved by a large circle of friends. The groom is cashier of the Lumbermen National bank in Portland, where he met his bride during a visit she made in Portland last year."

Mrs. H. D. Green has returned from Boston, where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Burr, for several months, and is now in San Francisco. As is usual, she is being much entertained in the Bay City, any number of small affairs having been given in her honor. Monday, Mrs. Katherine Voorhies Hanger gave a large reception for her. Mrs. Green is expected in Portland the middle of May.

Rev. J. W. McDougall has been presented with a loving cup of silver, in recognition of his faithful service in connection with the construction of the new Mount Tabor Methodist church. The presentation was made by the members of the church and was a delightful surprise.

A pretty affair of yesterday was the tea given at the Patton Home for Old Ladies on Michigan avenue. The affair was under the direction of Miss Louise Watson. Receiving were the members

of the board, and Mrs. E. I. Behrendsen and Miss Florence Hiltner. Presiding in the dining room were Mrs. P. G. Wascher and Miss Margaret Moaks, assisted by Miss Frances Jeffery, Miss Violet McDonald, Miss Mary Monks, Miss Frances Brady and Miss Viola Barenstocher. Contributing to the musical program, which was an interesting feature of the afternoon were Mrs. P. G. Wascher, Miss Carmel Sullivan, Miss Agnes McLaughlin, Miss Nona Lawler, Miss Mary Jessup, Miss Jeanne Jennings, Miss Margaret Colligan, Miss Esther Hogan, Miss Winnie Lewis, Miss Rosanna McIntosh, Miss Mabel Kingsbury and Miss Alice Hughes.

Following the introduction of the cake walk as a means of polite diversion at Palm Beach, Fla., Washington society men are contemplating a series of competitive walks, with challenges sent to Baltimore and Philadelphia. As soon as the cakewalkers have been selected, patrons will be announced, including some of the best known society men in the national capital.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian church gave a tea yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Welch on East Taylor street. Mrs. L. F. Barnes and Mrs. E. A. Sprague received with the hostess. In the dining room, which was prettily arranged with spring blossoms, the Boathouse guild of the church presided over the tea tables. A program was furnished by the Boathouse guild that was much enjoyed by the 90 or more women present.

Otto F. Sittel left Monday for Seattle to accept a position.

Mrs. Warren E. Thomas is entertaining this afternoon with a heart party for Miss Petronella Connolly, whose engagement has been announced.

To Inaugurate Customs Court.
Washington, April 20.—The members of the newly appointed customs court are in the city in readiness for the inauguration of the court for the transaction of business tomorrow. The members of the court are Robert M. Montgomery, chief justice, and Marion W. DeVries, Francis Smith, Omer M. Barber and William H. Hunt, associate justices.

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