

PROBLEMS TO BE MET BY CITY GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH

Immigration Issue Offers Very Grave Aspect; Civic Ailments and Their Solution.

That Portland's percentage of foreign born population is lower than in most cities of its size, that the assimilation of immigrants to come upon the opening of the Panama canal is a problem of the gravest nature, and that social progress or good government is alike impossible to an indifferent public, were assertions made by Professor W. F. Ogburn, of Reed college, in the sixth and last of the lectures on "The Voter and the City of Portland." The lecture was given last Tuesday evening at the central library, and Professor Ogburn called it "Social Progress: For All the City's People." Some of the things he said follow:

Problems Easier Here. The predominant element in Portland's population is native white of native parentage, who constitute 50.3 per cent. The native white of foreign or mixed parentage comprise 24.6 per cent of the population, and the foreign born white comprise 21.1 per cent. The negro and Oriental population are almost negligible under these conditions. Problems of city government ought to be far easier of solution than they are in cities where the foreign parentage comprise a majority of the population. It is quite possible, however, for native born citizens of native parents, whose ancestors landed with the Pilgrim Fathers, to be as indifferent to good city government as the newly arrived "wop" from the hillsides of Calabria.

There is no solution of the problem of immigration if those who come settle down in the congested districts of our large cities. The tendency, however, of immigrants to do just this is very strong, and the reasons for it are plain: Cities are the industrial centers, where work is most easily sought, though not so easily found. To get immigrants out of cities onto the land, where they can become producers of life's necessities, would mean that we should in the future have a rural agricultural citizenship. For immigrants to become agriculturists, however, it is necessary that the land be easily accessible to them. Much of the agricultural land of Oregon is held for speculative purposes, and this condition is fatal to any plan for the assimilation of immigrants.

Learning to Read English. "Immigrants are always at an economic disadvantage until they have a command of English. If we want immigrants to become good citizens, we must, first, teach them the language. One reason for the large number of arrests of foreigners for breaking city ordinances is that they do not understand them. Many private agencies are undertaking to teach the immigrants. A class is conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Some of the most important work of this organization is done among immigrants. The Jewish Neighborhood House also conducts classes for the Russian Jews, of whom there are now nearly 4000 in Portland. With the opening of night schools by the city, immigrants will be brought under the influence of the public school system. It is the public school that has been most influential in the assimilation of the children of the immigrants. There is no reason why it should not reach the adults, as well.

In discussing the liquor business, the speaker said: "Drinks seem concentrated in the north end; for we see that, of the large number of arrests for drunkenness (489) in August, 1912, most of them took place near the saloons in the north end. Liquor offences constituted no less than 27.6 per cent of all offences for which arrests were made in Portland by the municipal authorities in 1912. Altogether there were 18,413 arrests, and of these 5186 were for liquor offences. In the opinion of the clerk at the police department, 90 per cent of all cases brought before the municipal authorities are directly or indirectly due to liquor.

Treatment of Drunks. "Not only are the saloons and the drinks concentrated, but the drunks are concentrated in the municipal jail. The jail or the rock pile is the only place to which the habitual drunkards and vagrants are sent. When society comes to treat drunkenness as a disease, and not as a crime, then we shall begin to solve the problem.

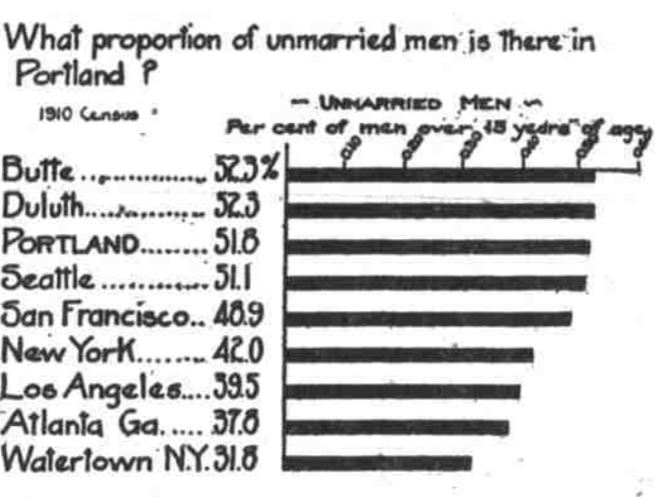
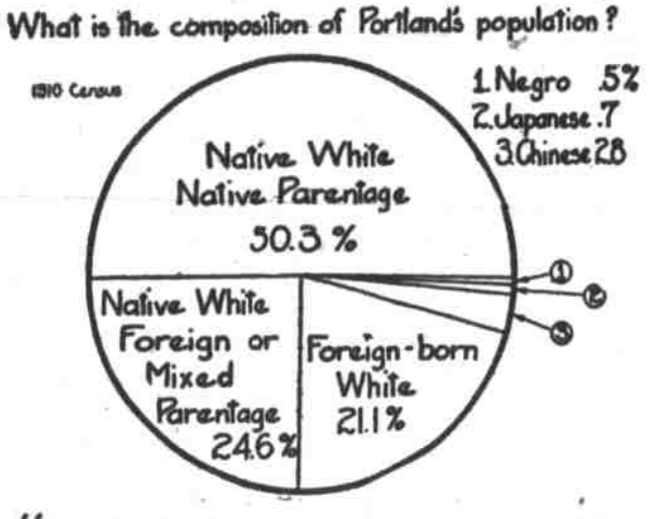
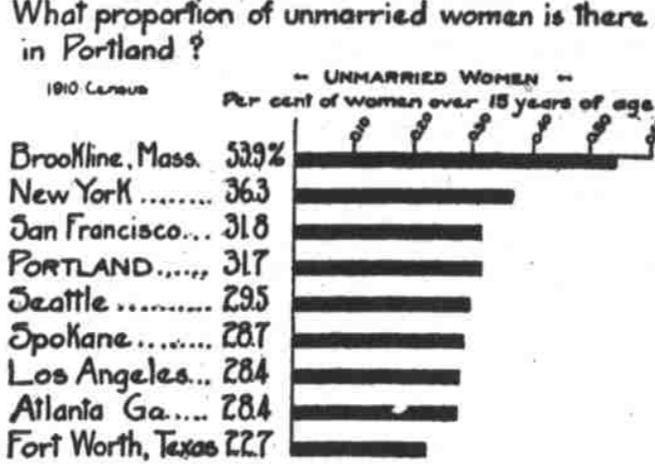
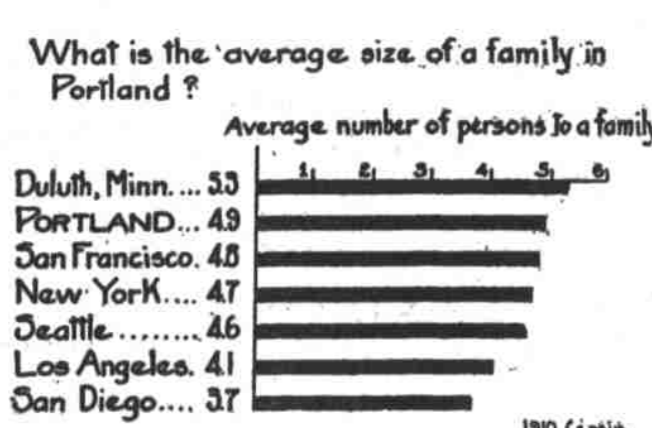
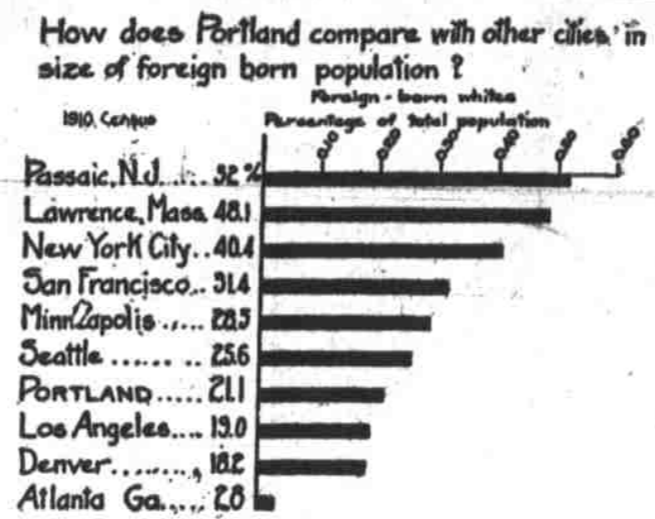
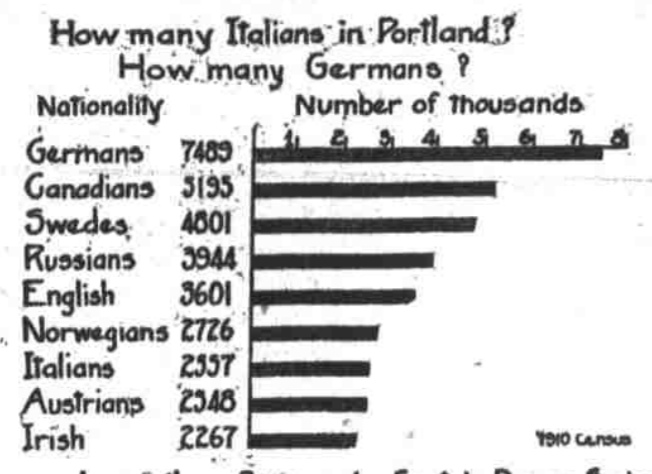
"To put drunks in the jails and rock piles is to increase their difficulty. Last summer a committee of citizens submitted to the mayor a report on the care of the city's delinquents, and recommended the establishment of an industrial farm, where habitual drunkards could be sent with some hope of their being rehabilitated. The best gospel that can be preached to these fellows is to get them out of their environment.

"Closely related to the regulation of the liquor traffic is the suppression of vice. The vice commissions that have been throughout the country have regarded the two problems as identical, i. e., the effective regulation of the liquor business means the suppression of the social evil, and vice versa.

"The Portland Vice Commission states that the commercial prosperity of houses conducted immorally depends upon the sale of liquor by inmates. In the course of its investigation, the commission has found 163 places, hotels, rooming and lodging house, which have no license, where liquor is sold by immoral women occupants on their own account.

Helpless Made Victims. "These most responsible for the conditions of vice have in the past gone 'scott free.' Society has wreaked its vengeance upon the more or less helpless victim, and put her in jail, or burdened her with fines, which she cannot pay. Slowly, we are growing more just. We are aiming through law to reach those who profit most from the business—the owners of property and the liquor dealers.

DIAGRAM GIVES ANALYSIS OF PORTLAND'S POPULATION



How many persons are there to a dwelling in Portland?



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AEROPLANE IS MARKED BY MANY FATALITIES

Eighteen Fliers Killed in United States Alone This Year; Military Aviators Die.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The art of aviation, or flying in heavier-than-air machines, was ten years old this week. It was on December 17, 1903, that Orville and Wilbur Wright, the famous Ohio aviators, conquered the air in a series of four short, successful flights at Kitty Hawk. Since that time the aeroplane industry has been revolutionized. It has been taken up by the people of all lands and some wonderful flights and feats have been accomplished. During the past few years the advancement has been along new and more useful lines than in the earlier years. The aeroplane has now become an important factor in warfare and war equipment and today there is not a country that does not include the aeroplane in its military and naval equipment.

The papers advertise the bank clearings of the city, but one does not read in the daily papers, on the front page, that 2000 men are out of work. There is a tendency on the part of some men in the community to regard all men out of work as "bums." Any one of us would probably become a bum, if we were out of a job long enough, although idleness at first might not be our own fault. As a matter of fact, unemployment is a constant menace to wage earners, especially to those whose labor is casual or unskilled.

Help Given Needy. "Helping men and women to find work is coming to be recognized as a public function; and cities throughout the United States have established free employment bureaus.

Portland has no great cause for congratulation over the park and playground situation. Her 711 acres of parks and playgrounds and other play spaces contrast feebly with areas devoted to these purposes in other cities—Los Angeles, 4900 acres; Spokane, 2000 acres; Seattle, 1805 acres; Tacoma, 1200 acres. Childhood must play. If it does not do so in wholesome ways, it will find ways of playing that lead into the juvenile courts.

Fatalities This Year. The airmen who have lost their lives in the United States since the beginning of the present year are as follows: April 8—United States army aviator, Lieutenant Rex Chandler, killed, and Lieutenant L. H. Brereton badly injured by fall into San Diego bay. April 19—Otto W. Brodie killed in exhibition flight in Chicago. May 5—Charles Carlson crushed to death under his machine at Akron, Ohio. May 9—United States army aviator, Lieutenant Joseph D. Park, killed by 15 foot fall at Olive, Cal. May 31—James Colovan, amateur flier, killed when biplane caught in a tree at Chicago. June 12—Andrew Drew killed at Lima, Ohio, when biplane caught fire and fell 200 feet. June 20—United States aviator, Ensign William D. Billingsley, killed, and Lieutenant John H. Towers severely injured by fall in Chesapeake bay. June 23—Fred F. Gardner drowned in Lake Keuka, near Rochester, N. Y., when aeroplane capsized. July 8—United States aviator, Lieu-

tenant Loren H. Call, killed by fall at Texas City. July 8—Grover Bell died from injuries received in fall at Petaluma, Cal., July 4. July 15—Thaddeus Kerns killed by fall at Chico, Cal. September 15—George Schmitt killed and J. Dyer Spellman seriously injured in 400 foot fall at Rutland, Vt. September 16—P. C. Davis died in Chicago as result of fall from aeroplane at Mauston, Wis. October 13—Albert J. Jewel, lost at sea while making a flight over Long Island. November 24—Lieutenant Eric L. Ellington and Hugh M. Kelly, first division army aviation corps, killed in 80 foot fall at San Diego, Cal.

RECOVERS MIND, NOW SEEKS LOST FORTUNE. New York, Dec. 20.—Delmonico Jimmy has emerged from the spectral shadows that blotted out his reason in 1907, and is getting back some of the \$500,000 fortune he disappeared during his long illness. James Hebron is his name, and for 30 years he had the cab privilege at Delmonico's—hence the name, Delmonico Jimmy.

He is now 59 years old, but previously to the time before his mind became clouded he maintained his livery business, had a real estate business and worked in Wall street. Among his patrons and friends were many big men of the street, who gave him market tips. It was too much business for a humble cabman, and six years ago Jimmy broke down. The doctors called it "acute neurasthenia," and sent Jimmy to European places, the names of which jibed with the ailment. But it was no use. Jimmy's mind was gone, and soon his business interests began to wane in sympathy.

Not long ago Jimmy, who always went about with his wife to take care of him, stumbled and fell on his head while crossing a railroad track. When he got up his mind was clear. He remembered everything in his life that happened before 1907, but his memory of the lapse since that time until now was blank. He took up his business affairs and found them hopelessly tangled. His sanity was legally established, when the supreme court allowed him to file four suits against brokers whom he alleged had mismanaged his property. On one suit Jimmy has recovered \$27,000, and he hopes to regain the greater part of his fortune.

Captain Chapin Is Dead. New York, Dec. 20.—Captain Chapin, late commander of the battleship Wyoming, died in Brooklyn navy yard hospital.

ALL BRIDEGROOMS IN WISCONSIN TO HAVE HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Eugenic Law Passed at Last Legislature Affecting Men Only Goes Into Effect.

Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—On and after January 1, 1914, men who wish to marry in this state must present certificates of health signed by reputable physicians. The eugenic law passed at the last session of the legislature goes into effect on that day, and not even the cleverest lawyers have been able to find any way of avoiding it. It also provides that any person going to another state to marry cannot return to Wisconsin within a period of one year, unless he presents a physician's certificate. Intent to defraud is punishable with imprisonment of from one to 30 years.

There has already been much discussion of the new law by physicians, clergymen and social workers in this state. Many approve of it, while others assert that it will work no good. The medical profession, however, appear to generally regard the statute with favor. The law provides that any physician issuing a false certificate shall be deprived of his license to practice, and any person disclosing the result of an examination by a physician shall be charged with a felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary. The law sets forth that the cost for medical examination shall be \$3, to be paid by the applicant.

Opposes Doctrine of "Caveat Emptor." Following are some opinions expressed by leading clergymen and physicians of Milwaukee: "The statute to become effective in this state on January 1, 1914, said Dr. Williams Becker, a prominent physician, "which compels male candidates for matrimony to present a certificate of physical and mental health, would, theoretically, be conducive to the betterment of mankind, if both sexes were equally subjected to the law. "Viewed in the light of a civil contract, both parties entering into the agreement should share, equally, in all responsibilities as well as in all privileges of the same. With the man in possession of a certified halo, but in doubt as to the woman's mental and physical state the woman is lowered to

the plane of a quasi chattel and the legal maxim of "caveat emptor" becomes applicable. "A considerable per cent of women bent on marriage are mentally and physically tainted. Is the woman's aptitude for marriage less important than that of the man?"

This was the opinion of the Rev. H. C. Beale, of the Congregational church. "I have grave doubts as to whether this particular law will be of any advantage. The matter is too vague and the possibility of evasion too great. Besides, it comes perilously near to the line which separates individual freedom from social control."

Women Should Be Included. "That the law may be changed to include women is inevitable. The woman infected in a previous marriage may be a disease carrier and a disease transmitter without her knowledge. What men are ignorant of the possibility of them infecting their mates? It will not be objected to by men of clean lives, nor by parents of marriageable daughters."

Dr. William J. Cronyn said: "I believe it is a wise and salutary law. "If rigidly enforced, it will go far toward preventing the propagation of serious diseases of the blood, and other local diseases that are a source of so much misery and suffering, and the cause of so many unhappy marriages."

"Witness the result of the recent marriage of a certain dethroned monarch and a German princess. The newspapers heralded the shameful fact to the world. "The law, recently passed by the legislature, whereby any man desiring to marry, must present a certificate, signed by a reputable physician, showing that he is physically qualified to enter the marriage relation, will, for a time, bewilder some people, and it will be some time before all will understand its import," said the Rev. Perry Miller, superintendent Wisconsin Conference, Methodist Episcopal church.

"But the law is so sensible and practicable, and we may say, so necessary to the good of all concerned, that we will be willing to put up with some inconvenience. "The only fault I have with the law is, that it does not include both parties to the marriage contract."

Our idea of a free thinker is a man who isn't married.

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