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## CITY POPULATION INCREASES FASTEST

People Residing in Towns in U. S. Comprise 51.4 Per Cent of Total.

Washington.—The urban population of the United States, or people living in places of 2500 or more, is 54,318,032 or 51.4 per cent of the country's total population, and the number of people living in rural territory is 51,390,739, the census bureau announced. In 1920 urban population represented 48.8 per cent.

Oregon's urban population is 391,019 and rural 392,370; Washington's 748,735 and 607,886; Idaho's 119,037 and 312,829.

In total urban population, New York leads the country, while Pennsylvania stands second and Illinois third. Rhode Island has the highest percentage of urban population compared with its total population, with 73.5 per cent. California was fifth with 68 per cent. In total rural population, Texas leads, while Pennsylvania is second, Georgia third, Ohio fourth and Illinois fifth, each having more than two million people living outside cities and towns. Mississippi has the highest percentage of rural population as compared with its total population, it being 88.6 per cent.

## GEDDES GOES HOME FOR CONSULTATION

Washington.—Recalled to London for the announced purpose of consulting with Premier Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, quietly slipped away and sailed from New York for England.

It is understood there are several subjects to receive earnest discussion in London and it is said to be regarded as essential that Sir Auckland have the benefit of the fullest disclosure of the views of home officials before he undertakes to establish formal communications with the incoming administration here.

Among the subjects thought likely to be discussed is the project to free American ships in the Panama canal from tolls.

The emergency tariff bill, especially in its probable effect on Canada, it is understood, also will be among subjects taken up.

Another subject for conversation is the refunding or conversion of the British war debt to America.

Finally, it is believed to be probable that the British premier wishes to acquaint himself with the exact state of public opinion in America regarding the naval program and the Irish question.

## MONEY SITUATION EASIER

Government Certificates Over-Subscribed 100 Per Cent.

Washington.—Subscriptions aggregating more than \$500,000,000 were received by the treasury, Secretary Houston announced for the combined issue of certificates of indebtedness for \$250,000,000 offered for maturity on April 15 and October 15.

Oversubscription by 100 per cent of these issues, which call for a lower rate of interest than has been asked by the government for six months, was regarded by treasury officials as indicating some easing in the money situation.

Harding Plans Extra Session. Washington.—President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house ways and means committee were informed by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion. Mr. Fordney discussed with the president-elect general taxation and tariff questions, which will be among the more important subjects to come before the special session.

Auditor Must Turn In Wedding Fees. Vancouver, Wash.—Fees collected by J. L. Garrett, county auditor, for performing marriage ceremonies will be turned into the county fund. This order was issued when the county commissioners adopted a resolution to that effect.

## "OVER THE HILL"

Maurice Hill left Wednesday evening for Yakima, where he will visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ernest Zerba has been quite ill the past week at her home on Jefferson street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gagnon, January 18, 1921, a daughter.

Mrs. Hugh McIntyre is reported ill at her home in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers were up from Pendleton Sunday, visiting Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. W. T. Hill, who is an invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downing moved this week to their new home near Ferndale, where they have built a modern house in bungalow style.

Henry Barrett visited the Barrett ranch on Pine creek ten miles north of Athena Wednesday, and found the weather balmy and spring-like in that locality. Ranch work was in active progress.

Mrs. B. D. Tharp is home after submitting last Saturday to a minor operation at St. Anthony's hospital. She is being attended by her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Willaby, as nurse, and is recovering.

The first basket ball games of the season to be played in Athena, will take place this evening when a double header will be played between the boys and girls teams of the Athena and Helix high schools on the Athena gym floor.

An Athena lady notes mention made in the Weston items of the visitation of robins and meadowlarks as harbingers of spring in the hamlet "over the hill." For Athena, she graciously offers a bouquet of violets plucked from her garden, on January 14th.

Mr. Haynie and family have moved into the Rothrock residence on upper Third street and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss are occupying the residence vacated by Mr. Haynie. Mr. Foss recently purchased the place and will improve it.

Mrs. Melville Johns was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla, Tuesday morning, for medical treatment. Mrs. Johns was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Sharp and Mrs. Anna Ahrens, nurse. It is thought a surgical operation will be necessary for her relief.

Hallie Piersol left the first of the week for Tacoma, where he will take hospital treatment under government care. While serving in the 146th Field Artillery, Hallie was gassed by a German shell within the American lines, and has not regained his former health. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Piersol, who reside on the W. R. Taylor farm.

Minnie J. Martin has filed suit for divorce from John C. Martin. She alleges that her property in this county was mortgaged by Martin for \$30,000 and that he purchased a ranch near Roundup, Montana, with the money. The plaintiff asks that she recover the \$30,000 and her liberty. There are four children, one being of age. Mrs. Martin names one Gertrude Enk as co-respondent.

An invitation from the Saturday Afternoon club of Weston has been extended the Athena Civic club to meet with them on the afternoon of February 5th, in Community Hall at Weston. Members desiring to attend are requested to notify the president of the local club, Mrs. D. Scott Fisher. Automobiles will be at St. Nichols hotel at 2 p. m., on that date to convey the ladies to Weston.

A. B. Steele, former harness dealer here, was in the city on his first trip as a traveling salesman for the George Laurence Company of Portland, this week. He takes the territory formerly in charge of "Bob" Oliver, who is now engaged in business at Kenniwick, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Steele will take up their residence in Walla Walla, after disposing of their Portland residence.

The Standard Theatre in connection with the League of Motion Picture Exhibitors will give a benefit exhibition for European Child Relief with a special show on next Thursday evening, January 27. Ethel Clayton will appear in "Boots." Admission prices will be 10 and 25 cents and the entire proceeds except express charges on films will go to the Relief Association. One show only will be given, starting at 7:30.

McEwen Brothers suffered the loss of a \$300 horse Sunday, caused by overeating alfalfa hay. A valuable mare was saved by strenuous effort.

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Floyd Pinkerton is regaining the use of his left hand, after a very serious complication in which blood poisoning was threatened from the wound he received from an ax while splitting wood.

Jim Jones' "Missouri rabbits" didn't leave their runaway habit behind them at Weston, as was demonstrated to Jim and a crowd of interested spectators one evening this week. They dashed down an alley, leaving Jim with ruffled feelings and a pair of broken lines. "First time the little pets ever got clean away from me," philosophically remarked the ex-Weston mail carrier. From now on, look out!

"Splinters," Athena Press Airedale, proved to be entirely too much dog for his owner, so he has been washed on to Richard Thompson, who will give the big fellow a home on a farm, where he belongs. "Splint," as the kids called him for short, could be in more places at one time than any doggone dog that ever used Athena for his play-ground. Here's hoping that "Rich" makes a better dog out of him than the kids and his other pals about town would have done.

College Glee Club Coming.

For the fourth successive season, the popular Willamette University Glee Club will make its appearance in Athena when it comes to High school auditorium on the evening of February 4th, in song and spicy college-life capers. The comedian of the club is Harold Emmel, brother of W. C. Emmel of Athena, who is remembered here as one of the leading spirits of the organization. The boys are bringing with them a repertoire program that immensely pleases audiences wherever they go. Their itinerary this year covers 19 towns and cities, 14 in the state of Washington and five in Oregon. The club comes to Athena from Pendleton, where it appears on the evening of February 3, and from here it goes to Milton. Willamette alumni are very much interested in the club's visit to Athena, and none of them more so than Louis Stewart, who, while a classman at the University sang the baritone part on the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabill Entertain. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crabill entertained a number of friends at dinner Sunday. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Olin McFeron of Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Hara of Weston; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Banister, Mrs. Willard Bradley and son, Misses Clara Haynie, Beulah Banister, Harry Keller, Lee and Mose Banister, and Bud Crabill.

Death of Woman Pioneer. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of a recent date contained the announcement of the death of Mrs. Mary Ellen Shoudy, a pioneer resident of the state of Washington, for whom the city of Ellensburg was named. Mrs. Shoudy, who was the mother of Mrs. Ernest Koepke, died at the home of her daughter in Seattle on the morning of January 15, following a paralytic stroke received six days previous.

Seattle Post Opens Hostelry for Jobless Men. Seattle, Wash.—American Legion men of Seattle began what is believed to be the first enterprise of its kind in the country when the relief committee of Seattle post No. 18 took over the First Avenue hotel, 1003 First avenue South, to operate it solely for unemployed ex-service men. The committee, sanctioned by the post, renamed the hotel "The Veterans' hotel," and opened doors under the management of George Dupes, member of the post.

The Veterans' hotel is a three-story frame building of 70 rooms and capable of accommodating 250 men. Nearly \$1000 has been raised by the relief committee for the post through voluntary public subscription for maintenance of the hotel.

Idaho Labor Wants Direct Primary. Boise, Idaho.—Organized labor in the state of Idaho as represented by the Idaho state federation of labor favors the return of the direct primary law and so declared at the closing meeting of the federation here.

12 Navy Seaplanes Fly to Panama. Panama.—Naval officers are enthusiastic over the successful completion of the flight from San Diego, Cal., to the canal zone by 12 of the navy F-5-L seaplanes.

## SENATE COMMITTEE ADOPTS TARIFF BILL

Practically All Farm Products Included in Emergency Measure.

Washington.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill, broadened to include practically all farm products instead of the limited number as the measure passed the house, was approved by the senate finance committee, which voted to report it out.

Seven amendments were added, making ten in all. No provisions of the original bill, however, were removed and rates on the major products were left intact. Opponents of the bill joined with the authors of amendments and forced the acceptance of most of them despite opposition from the bill's defenders.

The amendments made a part of the measure by committee action include: Sugar, \$2.13 the hundred pounds until the retail price reaches 10 cents a pound.

Frozen meats of all kinds, 2 cents a pound; all other meats 25 per cent ad valorem.

Apples, 20 cents a box; cherries 4 cents a pound.

Tobacco, Sumatra wrappers and fillers, \$2.85 a pound; stemmed Sumatra, \$3.50 a pound.

Butter and cheese and their substitutes, 8 cents a pound instead of 6 cents, provided in amendment which had been accepted.

Cattle and sheep to be used for breeding purposes were exempted from the duty on imported animals.

## U. S. WILL HOLD JAPAN TO ACCOUNT

Washington.—Despite Japanese assurances of regret and precautions to prevent a recurrence, a thorough investigation will be made by the United States government of the killing of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, American naval officer at Vladivostok by a Japanese sentry.

Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, reported to the navy department from Manila that he had appointed a court of inquiry to "investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieutenant Langdon." He added that he, with members of the court, would go to Vladivostok.

Officials here in the meantime will await the findings of the naval court and an answer to the note dispatched by the state department to the Japanese government. The note requested an official explanation of the affair, and suggested that the Japanese government make adequate reparation for the killing of Lieutenant Langdon.

Renewed assurances of regret over the affair came from the Japanese government in a note transmitted to the state department through Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador.

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