

# The Daily Astorian.

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OUR NATIONAL GROWTH IN POPULATION.

The question of population is of interest to all Americans. Our country is growing, and all are anxious to know its rate of growth. The United States census of 1880 showed us to be a nation of 50,000,000. During the preceding ten years 12,000,000 people had been added to our population, and it is believed by many that our rate of increase from 1880 to 1890 will be even greater. The belief that our population is now 60,000,000 is due in a great measure to the pardonable tendency to exaggeration, which is nearly always a prominent characteristic of a growing and thriving community.

It is not probable that the next United States census will show over 63,000,000 population. Immigration is not increasing very rapidly, and during the past five years immigrants have formed fully one-half of the estimated increase in the population. In '85 an effort was made to ascertain, with some degree of accuracy, the population of the United States, and the result obtained was 56,773,997. But of all the states and territories only thirteen took a census of population, the number of inhabitants in the other political divisions being estimated. Of the estimated increase since 1880 of 6,000,000, nearly 3,000,000 were due to immigration, which had been larger than during any preceding decade. But it is diminishing from the remarkable figures of 1881 and 1882. The immigration since 1880 has been as follows: 669,431 for 1881; 788,992 for 1882; 603,322 for 1883; 518,592 for 1884; 395,346 for 1885; 417,000 for 1886.

The total immigration to '86 since 1810, when records first began to be kept, was 12,516,196, and in 1880, out of the total population of 50,154,001 there was 6,675,479 people of foreign birth. Of these 2,005,131 came from German-speaking populations of Europe, 1,854,571 from Ireland, 662,676 from England and 619,017 from Canada—a total of over 5,000,000 from these countries alone. The immigration by decades since 1840 has been as follows: 1840-50, 1,753,251; 1850-60, 2,579,590; 1860-70, 2,433,254; 1870-80, 2,812,191. During the first five years of the present decade the immigration has exceeded that of the most notable preceding decade by over 160,000. The percentage of increase, excluding immigration, has been 7.2, or about 15 per cent. for the decade. If this percentage be maintained, in 1890 there will have been added to our population by natural increase of those already here a little over 4,000,000. The rate of immigration will not probably exceed that of 1885, which was under 400,000, and it will be a liberal estimate to place the immigration for the last five years of the decade at 2,000,000. This will give us in 1890 a total population of about 62,775,000.

### OUR TERRITORIAL BOUNDS.

The tendency of the great Yankee nation to spread itself is shown in the statement, which periodically goes the rounds of the press, that, by the acquisition of Alaska, the United States has become a country "on which the sun never sets." It is gravely announced in the columns of otherwise trustworthy newspapers that from the eastern boundary of Maine to the line established by the cession of Alaska the United States extends through 198° of longitude, or 16° more than half around the globe, and that consequently when the sun is setting in the westernmost of the Aleutian Islands, it is rising on the forests of Maine. The idea is very pretty and agreeable to national vanity, but it is not true. The easternmost point of Maine is

in longitude 68 deg. 48 min. west from Greenwich, and the westernmost point traversed by the line established by the cession of Alaska is in longitude 168 deg. east from Greenwich. Our country, therefore, extends over 125 deg 12 min. of longitude, which is 54 deg. 48 min. less than half the circumference of the earth. It is true that during a certain portion of the year the sun does not set on our dominions, because, owing to the high latitude of Point Barrow, the northernmost bound of our possessions, the sun does not set at all there for some days during the summer. Otherwise the current statement is simply one of those errors which are originally perpetrated by carelessness, and subsequently taken up and passed from journal to journal without inquiring as to their truth. Ours is a great country, but it does not bask in the light of the sun all the time, like the scattered possessions of Great Britain.

The Oregonian is in its twenty-seventh year. Always critical, positive, and alert it is the standard and exponent of northwestern journalism in its complete covering of any field of news, its undeniably able editorials, its unflinching advocacy of what it believes and its unsparing attacks on what it doubts or decries. It has great opportunities and almost uses them. Because it doesn't embrace them to their fullest extent is because it naturally dislikes to get too far ahead of the procession. As it is now it is always more than a day's march in front of the community in which it is published.

With noticeable unanimity some brief articles are going the rounds of the Pacific coast press booming John Sherman for president in '88. John Sherman is an experienced statesman and a veteran in politics, and deserves grateful mention for great services. But he is an avowed "gold bug," an enemy of silver, thus opposed to the interests of the farmers, producers and consumers of the north-west and is no more the candidate for the Pacific coast than would be Dan Manning or Carl Schurz.

The diminished cost of production in metal work was illustrated recently by Dr. John Pery in an address to the British iron and steel institute, by the statement that a gross of steel pens, formerly costing \$35, might now be produced for eight cents. The cost of making gold chains has been reduced to an eighth of what it was.

"The policy of usury laws and taxation of credits," says the Oregonian, "is simply the policy of ignorance and folly, and one day the people of Oregon will be enlightened enough to see it."

MINNESOTA Knights of Labor will hold a state convention to plan a fusion with all available organizations, which will hold the balance of power. About 30,000 voters are required.

A STATISTICIAN declares that while the annual increase of the population is less than 2 per cent, the annual increase of physicians is more than 5 1/2 per cent.

**Excitement in Texas.** Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn a bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at W. E. Dement & Co.

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