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## OREGON'S INCREASE IN POPULATION

The population of Oregon is 672,765. Compared with a population of 413,526 in 1900, this represents an increase during the last decade of 259,229, or 62.7 per cent. During the same period the total population of continental United States increased 21 per cent. The growth of the state was a little more than twice as rapid as during the preceding decade, 1890-1900, when the rate of increase was 30.2 per cent.

Oregon was organized as a territory 1848 and appears in the Federal census reports for the first time in 1850. The total population (13,294) reported for 1850 includes 1201 returned for that portion which was taken in 1953 to form Washington territory. Each decade since 1850 the state has shown a rapid growth, the lowest rate of increase for any decennial period being 30.2 per cent for the decade 1890-1900. The most rapid rate of growth was naturally during the first few years in the history of the state, the population increasing threefold from 1850 to 1860. During the three following decades, 1860-1890, the population of the state increased more than fivefold, the percentages of increase ranging from 73.3 to 92.2. Between 1890 and 1910 the population more than doubled. The numerical increase during the last decade was nearly one and one-half times the entire population of the state in 1880.

A comparison of the rates of increase for the state with those for continental United States, shows that during every decade covered the growth of the state was more rapid than the growth of the country as a whole. The population of the state in 1910 was somewhat more than fifty times as large as in 1850, while the population of continental United States in 1910 was slightly less than four times that in 1850.

Oregon has 97 cities, of which Portland, the largest, has a population of 207,214, and Salem, the second city, a population of 14,094. There are also 5 cities having from 5,000 to 10,000, 9 having from 2,500 to 5,000, and 81 having less than 2,500 inhabitants.

The cities Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, and Ashland show very high rates of increase for the last decade, ranging from 90.6 per cent in Ashland to 393.6 per cent in Medford. Baker City shows the lowest rate of increase, namely, 1.2 per cent. During the preceding decade, however, there was a marked growth in the population of this city, the percentage of increase being 155.9. It will be noted that a high rate of increase in population has prevailed in Portland since its incorporation, the percentages of increase ranging from 94.9 for the decade 1890-1900 to 188.6 for the decade 1860-1870.

Oregon has 34 counties. The population of these counties ranges from 2,044 in Curry county to 226,261 in Multnomah county.

The following territorial changes have been made since 1900. Part of Wasco county was taken in 1908 to form Hood River county and part of Union county was annexed to Baker county in 1902.

Owing to the organization since 1900 of one new county from part of another county, as shown above, the comparison of increase in population is made for only 22 counties and one combination of counties. The counties combined are Hood River and Wasco. In order to determine the actual rate of increase

for this combination of counties, it is necessary to add the population of the new county to that of the old county from which it was formed. Thirty-one counties and the one combination of counties in the state increased in population during the last decade. The rates of increase for the 31 counties range from eight-tenths of 1 per cent in Union county to 135 per cent in Crook county, and the absolute increases of the same counties from 41 in Wheeler county to 123,094 in Multnomah county. The combined counties of Hood River and Wasco increased 11,153, or 84.5 per cent. One county in the state, Grant, showed a decrease namely, 341 or 5.7 per cent. Nine counties and the one combination of counties show a higher rate of increase than is shown for the state as a whole, which, as before stated, was 62.7 per cent.

The total land area of the state is 82,507 square miles. The average number of persons to the square mile in 1910 was 3; in 1900 and 1890 it was 4.3 and 3.3, respectively. The average number per square mile for continental United States as a whole in 1910 was 30.9.

Harney county, with 9,933 square miles, has the largest area, and Multnomah county, with 451 square miles, has the smallest area. Multnomah county, which contains the city of Portland, has the highest density of any county, namely, 501.7 persons per square mile. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties each average less than 1 person per square mile.

### Oregon Gets Share of Forest Money

The state of Oregon will receive \$35,612.30 from the government as its share in the receipts for the year from the forest reserves. This information was communicated to the governor's office yesterday from Washington, D. C. Warrants will be sent for this amount within a few days.

The money represents a proportion of the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, from the national forests to which the state is entitled under an act of congress approved May 23, 1908.

The W. R. C. will meet in special session at Phillips' hall on Friday afternoon. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

## MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT OREGON

Portland, Or., Dec. 12 (Special) Eyes of eastern people have been fixed on Oregon during the past two weeks. The governors' special, carrying an exhibit of the state products, has been visiting the principal cities of the country and has attracted great attention everywhere. Oregon has been favored with more interest than any other state; judging from the great number of inquiries asked of those on board.

At the Chicago Land Show, too, this state has played a prominent part. Oregon Day, December 7, was marked by a very large attendance of interested people who were eager to learn more of Oregon. At St. Paul's Land Show, which opens this week for 11 days, Oregon will also be represented by delegates and an exhibit. These big features will do much to point land hungry people to this state, where agricultural opportunity awaits them.

A northwest dairy stock exhibit has been suggested in connection with the annual state dairy convention. It is planned to bring prize animals here for display and the management of the Portland Union Stock Yards has offered the use of the barns, show ring and pens for exhibition purposes. It is thought such a show could be made of interest to the dairymen of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and northern California.

Great advances in road building throughout this state are shown by figures of county judges. In 1895 Oregon had 35,000 miles of roads and spent \$800,000 in repairs and construction. In 1910, with 40,000 miles of roads, \$2,000,000 was spent.

Southern Oregon cities are looking forward to a network of inter-urban electric lines that will greatly facilitate travel and inter-community life in that section of the state. Plans are announced of a trolley line from Grants Pass to Ashland, linking all the intermediate cities.

A fine country place on the bank of Crooked River, Crook county, costing \$50,000, is promised by Henry McCall, the son-in-law of Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston. Mr. McCall has bought 400 acres and will make a beautiful home of it. This is one result of the visit of Mr. Lawson to Oregon last summer.

At midnight December 31 the year 1911 came to its close and instantly the year 1912 came into the arena prepared to take up the unfinished work of the thread of time. Every thing moved along just the same, every one kept step in the great procession of progress just as though nothing had transpired that would either retard or hasten the advance of time and so it was, not a single interval of space occurred that would indicate the parting of this great endless chain and so it is with the

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## LUMBER BUSINESS LOOKING UPWARD

Below we give a Telegraphic report announcing a freight reduction on lumber, and there reports of substantial improvements in the demands for lumber afloat, which are causing some improvements all along the line, and we have reason to believe that by the time spring opens that there will be demands that will cause all the mills in this section to start up on full time.

The mill of the Brown Lumber Co. has started up and will run on two-thirds time at present. The Cero-Gorda Lumber Co's mill up the O. & S. E. has also started, and we understand, has orders that will keep the wheels turning for a time.

The telegram mentioned reads as follows:

Seattle, Dec. 26.—An announcement was made today of freight reduction of 10 cents per hundred on shipments from western Washington to Denver territory. This is one of the deepest cuts ever made on forest products and lumbermen say it will increase the red cedar shingle market from 10 to 20 per cent.

Railroads also announced a reduction ranging from 10 to 20 per cent on fir lumber from the Pacific coast to Nebraska points.

### Gossip About Smallpox.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 28.—"The rumor that Corvallis might be quarantined on account of smallpox is nothing but ridiculous gossip," says Dr. H. S. Fernst, city health officer. "We have not had thirty cases altogether, and they were carefully quarantined and every precaution taken against the spread of the disease. The main means of contagion was the city public schools, and since the vaccination of the school children the disease has been well under control."

"At the college there have been but five students affected by the disease, and they were quarantined at once in town, and their residences and class rooms thoroughly fumigated, that others might not be endangered."

"People coming in the college for the short course would be running no more risk of exposure than they would if they stayed at home."

said Dr. William T. Johnson, of the Corvallis hospital. "There is no more smallpox here than in other towns in the valley; not so much, in fact, as in a number of others."

The cases have been so extremely light that for a time it was doubtful whether it was really smallpox and not some lesser epidemic.

### Trains Soon for Lakeview

Trains will probably be running to Lakeview by late winter or early Spring, as rail connection has been completed with that city from Alturas, Modoc county, California. A wonderfully rich country will be opened up to the outside world.

That Oregon Creamerymen need not take second place in the manufacture of dairy products was stated on undoubted authority at the recent convention of butter and cheese makers in Portland. Prof. John Sollie, of Albert Lea, Minn. chief judge of the exhibits, said he was surprised at the high quality of cheese and butter he found here. He said the butter shown would rank with any he has judged in New York and the eastern states.

### Very Pleasant New Year Party

What proved to be one of the most enjoyable New Year parties ever given in Cottage Grove was participated in by two hundred and thirty four guests Monday afternoon at home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, by the Women's Club.

Prof. Waterhouse presided at the piano, while vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. Waterhouse, Mr. Kiuter, Miss Silsby, Mrs. Shiun and daughter, Miss Shiun.

Refreshments were served all afternoon, the booths being presided over by the Misses Flo Phillips, Ivy and Fern Holcome, while Eleanor Wheeler and Ester Hill attended the door.

The dining room was decorated in the club colors, lavender and white, while the other rooms were dressed in green and red, Oregon grape and red bells predominating.

This was an event that will be long remembered by all who were in attendance, and many are the regrets of those who were favored with invitations who were unable to be present.

## MARRIED PEOPLE'S CLUB MEETING

The first meeting of the married People's Club of the M. E. Church was held at Phillips' Hall last Wednesday evening proved an entire success in all particulars. There were present about one hundred and fifty persons and all had a good time.

The first of importance on the program, and by no means the least, was a dinner prepared by the ladies, after which came a series of toasts, Elbert Pede acting as toast master, the first of which was by Prof. Purvance "The Pastor and Wife." The next was by Rev. Sutcliffe—"The women of The Church." Mrs. Wheeler—"The New Comers," which was responded to by S. L. Mackin. During an after program Mrs. Sutcliffe and daughter rendered a piano duet which was highly appreciated by all. L. A. Ralston gave a splendid reading and Messrs. Umphrey and Mackin gave a vocal duet in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Compton then gave a reading which was highly appreciated.

The hit of the evening was a darkey quartet by Mesdames Brund Hart, Conner and Cochran, who showed their taste and skill in applying the burnt cork as well as choosing a song and rendering it.

White Slave Scandal Astounds France

Paris, Dec. 27.—Nineteen prisoners accused of being involved in the most sensational white slave scandal here in many years were arraigned today in the court of corrections. They included Victor Flachon, a former editor and close friend of former Premier Briand; Gaston Alard, a rich manufacturer, and Madame Guilman, who is alleged to have conducted the white slave agency which supplied rich men with child victims.

The defendants also included several mothers, who admitted they had sold their children, some of whom were only 11 years old. A dozen bankers and government officials have fled from France to escape prosecution.

It is alleged that Madame Guilman sold the girls on a commission basis, giving the mothers trifling sums out of the huge amounts received from the wealthy debauchees to whom she pandered. The prosecution alleges that hideous orgies were conducted at Flachon's villas in the country, where his rich associates used the little girls in revelry, outdoing the atrocities credited to Sodom in its wickedest day.

### Leap Year Party.

The Amicitian Club entertained their gentlemen friends at Phillips' hall yesterday evening. A banquet was served by the ladies in fine style, and at the proper time the young men were invited and escorted to the Arcade Theater and given the benefit of the show.

The hall had been beautifully decorated with evergreens, mistletoe and Oregon grape. A fine time was enjoyed by all in attendance, and the young ladies proved themselves excellent entertainers, and it is expected that many events of this kind will take place during the year.

The Creswell Dramatic Company gave another performance in Armory Hall Friday evening. Owing to the fact that there were other entertainments in town at the same time the attendance was not what it should have been, however the company gave a good performance as usual.