

CENSUS RETURNS FOR OREGON REPORTED BY COUNTIES SHOWS HEALTHFUL GROWTH

Washington, Dec. 3.—The poulation of Oregon is 672,765; Idaho, 325,594; Nevada, 81,875.

Oregon's increase over 1900 is 259,229, or 62.7 per cent; Idaho's increase is 163,822, or 101.3 per cent; Nevada's increase is 39,530, or 93.4 per cent over 1900.

The population of the counties containing the principal cities are: Oregon, Multnomah, 226,261; Marion, 39,780; Lane, 33,723. Idaho, Ada, 29,088; Bannock, 19,242. These are the largest; other counties are:

Oregon—Baker, 18,076; Benton, 10,663; Clackamas, 29,941; Clatsop, 16,106; Coos, 17,959; Crook, 9315; Curry, 2,044; Douglas, 19,674; Gilliam, 3701; Grant, 5687; Harney, 4,059; Hood River, 8016; Jackson, 25,756; Josephine, 9567; Klamath, 8554; Lake, 4658; Lincoln, 5587; Linn, 22,622; Malheur, 8601; Morrow, 4357; Polk, 13,469; Sherman, 4242; Tillamook, 6266; Umatilla, 20,309; Union, 16,191; Wallowa, 8,364; Wasco, 16,336; Washington, 21,522; Wheeler, 3484; Yamhill, 18,285.

EUGENE FLYER TO BE ESTABLISHED SUNDAY NIGHT

Four-Hour Trip Between Eugene and Portland Planned by S. P. Co.

Portland, Dec. 3.—A four-hour passenger service will be established over the Southern Pacific between Portland and Eugene, beginning tomorrow evening.

A new, fast train, leaving here at 6:30 p. m., and arriving at Eugene at 10:30 p. m., will be placed in service. This will be operated in conjunction with a new train, replacing No. 14, that will leave Eugene at 9 a. m. and arrive here at 11 a. m.

The effect will be that of giving the people of Eugene and intermediate points an opportunity of leaving their homes at a convenient hour in the morning, arriving in Portland in time to do a day's business and return to their homes at an unreasonable hour of the night.

But six stops are provided in the new south-bound schedule. They are at East Morrison street, Oregon City, Woodburn, Salem, Albany and Junction City.

With the inauguration of this service the equipment will consist of three day coaches and a baggage car, provided with all the modern conveniences of the standard Southern Pacific trains.

Late this afternoon A. J. Gillette, local agent of the Southern Pacific, received a wire from Portland stating that it would be impossible to get the equipment to Eugene in time to put on the train service to Portland tomorrow morning, but it will commence Monday morning instead. No. 14 will go out at the regular time tomorrow morning.

Albany and Salem will each be sent a car of the smaller type, similar to the smallest ones in use here. The track in both cities is short and the small cars take care of the business easily.

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House of Lords Is Tottering, and All England Awaits the Crash.



The turning point of the house of lords is at hand. The older Conservatives view the march of events with anxious concern and are loudly lamenting the disappearance of the hereditary principle as the basis of the upper chamber; but, whatever may result, a second appeal to the nation arising from the struggles between the two houses seems certain and that henceforth elective and selective bases will enter into the constitution of the house of lords. Interest in the situation has now been transferred to the constituencies. The belief is that the house of lords will not attempt to pass the second reading of the veto bill on the conditions imposed by Premier Asquith.

DIAZ SENDS PEACE MESSAGE TO CHIHUAHUA

Train Flying Flags of Truce Hurries From the Capital

Chihuahua, Friday, via El Paso Saturday.—A special train bearing a peace commission of four members, appointed by President Diaz, left here tonight with a flag of truce flying from the engine. The commissioners go to discuss with the revolutionary leaders ways and means of bringing the present disturbance to an end.

News of the appointment of the commission occasioned considerable surprise, as it is said to be the first time in 20 years the government has sought thus to treat with insurgents. The commissioners, among other things, will endeavor to ascertain just what are the grievances of the revolutionists and terms of peace will be discussed and a report made to the national capital. The insurgents will be given to understand that if they persist in bearing arms against the government they will give a lesson which will leave the state of Chihuahua in peace for many years to come.

JACK JOHNSON FULL-FLEDGED CAPITALIST

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Champion Jack Johnson blossomed out as a real capitalist today, when he secured an option on property valued at \$50,000, at State and Thirty-first streets. It was expected the deal would be completed today.

PRESIDENT TAFT WOULD HARMONIZE

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Taft held a conference today with a number of senate leaders, including Senators Cummins, of Iowa, and Borah, of Idaho, progressives. The conference is taken to indicate that the president is doing his utmost to bring about a semblance of harmony to the Republican forces in the senate.

NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL CHOSEN

Washington, Dec. 3.—Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, was today appointed to be solicitor general to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lloyd W. Bowers.

EUGENE FIGURES NOT GIVEN OUT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The population of Eugene not yet announced. Will wire instantly when given out.

NEW ROUTE FOR PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Proposed Good Roads Experiment May Traverse Eastern Oregon

A new route for the Pacific Highway through the states of Washington and Oregon was suggested at the last meeting of the governing council of the Pacific Highway association which was held on November 25. The proposed change in the plan would call for a road along the north bank of the Columbia river eastward to The Dalles, Oregon, then to Prineville via the Deschutes valley and on to Lakeview, Oregon, and thence into California. The argument in favor of this route is that the cost of construction would be greatly lessened and the heavy grades, such as would be necessary in passing through the Siskiyou mountains, would be eliminated. Should this route be chosen, the way northward would be from The Dalles through Goldendale, North Yakima and over the Snoqualmie pass in the Puget Sound region.

While the above proposed route was discussed at great length by the association officials, no definite action was taken. Good roads critics admit that the new route suggested would have many good points, but it is true that the route usually taken south from Portland is by way of the Willamette valley. The latter named route would pass through a thickly populated district and serve thousands of people.

A bill calling for an \$18,000,000 bond issue has just been passed by a large majority in California and is to furnish bonds for highway construction. Word has just been received by the highway officials that the Sacramento Automobile club will immediately affiliate with the Pacific Highway association. The Thurston County Good Roads association, of Thurston county, Washington, has just promised to take an active part in the projected work, and in Aberdeen an automobile club is soon to be organized and at once to affiliate with the Pacific Highway association.

At the Tri-State Good Roads convention held at Walla Walla November 29 to December 1, its delegates, from the states of Washington, Idaho and Montana, voted unanimously to support the association's good roads project. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the Pacific Highway association, was one of the principal speakers.

Langlois is gradually rebuilding; one new building is a hotel, and the upper floor of the other will be used as a Woodmen hall.

L. S. Kelsey, of Powder river, is just completing an irrigation ditch whereby he can irrigate 1200 acres of choice land only one and one-half miles from the city.

DELEGATION OF CALIFORNIANS AT CAPITOL

Boosting for Federal Assistance for Panama Exposition

Washington, Dec. 3.—Twenty-five Californians, representing the Panama-Pacific international exposition, called at the White House today to pay their respects to President Taft. Commenting on the fact that the San Francisco exposition is scheduled for 1915, the president warned the party that the canal would probably be completed long before that date, and he spoke of the uncertainty of any action by congress, and added that he himself was somewhat in the attitude of a "man on the fence."

STATION AGENT ROBBED AND KILLED

Ogden, Dec. 3.—The Union Pacific station at Devil's Slide, 32 miles east of here, was the scene of murder and robbery early today. The dead body of S. E. Turner was found by his wife at 4 o'clock, and there were evidences of a struggle. The agent's head had been battered.

SENATOR ROOT, THE HAGUE ARBITER

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Elihu Root, of New York, was today appointed permanent arbitrator to represent America at The Hague tribunal, succeeding the late Chief Justice Fuller, of the supreme court.

SPYING AVIATORS ARE NOT WANTED

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Steps to guard German defenses from spying aviators were taken today by the ministry of war, which issued regulations on the subject. Aeroplanes and airships are prohibited from sailing above or within ten kilometers of fortresses without a written permit from the authorities.

THE WHEAT MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 3.—December, 91 3-4; May, 97 1-4; July, 94 3-4.

Portland, Dec. 3.—Track prices—Club, 81-82; bluestem, 82-83; Red Russian, 78; valley, 80 forty-fold, 81-82.

COST OF ONE YEAR AT UNIVERSITY WILL BE \$200

Alumni Plans to Place Outlay of Students at Minimum BOARD AND LODGING PLACED AT \$2.50 WEEKLY Meeting to Be Held Monday to Lay Plans to Raise \$25,000 Loan Fund

To make it possible for every youth in the state to gain a college education, regardless of how poor he may be, is the plan of the University of Oregon alumni, who have called a meeting to be held in the Eugene Y. M. C. A. building Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting plans for the raising of a student loan fund of \$25,000 will be discussed and among the members at this time \$150 will be raised for one month's salary for a secretary to have charge of the work of soliciting and collecting this fund. This person will afterward be employed to act as a "booster" for the University, and his duties will be to spend his time among the High schools, grange meetings and other places, exploiting the advantages of the University and especially setting forth the matter of the low cost of living for the student of little means. His salary will be from the interest on this loan fund of \$25,000. For the first few months, or until he succeeds in raising this fund, he will be paid by the alumni members.

\$200 Expense for 9 Months This move has been quietly formulated by the alumni association for some time and many of the most prominent men of the state are at its head. It is thought that the money will be quickly raised.

The University authorities will cooperate with the alumni in this effort and are laying plans to place the cost of living for the students at a minimum. It is figured that any student can live during the nine months of the school year for \$200. This, it is said, includes all expenses. From the alumni loan fund he can borrow one-half of this sum, and he can easily earn the \$100 during the summer vacation. He will be loaned the money at a reasonable rate of interest and for four years.

Board and Lodging Cheap The University of Oregon officials have worked the cost of living for students down to a scientific basis. They announce that next year the poor student may secure board and lodging at \$2.50 per week. He may have the option of living at a small club house or at the dormitory, and the expense will be in reach of the poorest boy in the state who is willing to work for his education. At the dormitory will be established a cafeteria and the student who boards will have the choice of either patronizing this, and paying for just what he eats, or eating at the regular dormitory table at a fixed rate. By patronizing the cafeteria, some of the students may even reduce the cost of board and lodging to less than \$2.50.

By these co-operative means between the alumni and the University authorities it is planned to make the institution open to every ambitious student in the state, regardless of his or her means. This feature will go a long way toward disproving the erroneous idea that the University of Oregon is a rich man's college and that a poor student has no chance here.

FRANCE AGAIN IN THE GRIP OF DAMAGING FLOODS

Paris, Dec. 3.—There are torrential rains throughout France today and the flood situation is hourly growing more serious. Hundreds of villages are surrounded by water and are being provisioned by soldiers in boats. There is immense damage. Practically every stream in France is out of its banks today, and railroad lines are out in many places, the mails being delivered by boats.

RAIN PREDICTED FOR TOMORROW

Oregon — Rain tonight and Sunday.

THREE KILLED WHEN ENGINE EXPLODED

Salt Lake City, Dec. 3.—An engine on the Denver & Rio Grande exploded at Soldier's Summit today, killing W. A. Goodale, engineer; Arthur B. Spears, foreman, and E. C. Matthis, brakeman.

ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION LARGEST YET

170 Delegates Register Up to Noon and More Who Had Not Registered SENATOR BOOTH CHOSEN PRESIDING OFFICER Banquet Will Be Given This Evening in Presbyterian Church for 200

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. convention is a record-breaker for this state. The registration of delegates at noon today was 170, and there were at that time nearly 150 more who had not registered and more expected. The record was held until this year by Corvallis, which had 160 last year.

The big convention is now in full swing and is a record-breaking success in every other way. The meetings are well attended and the speakers are said to be the best ever assembled at a Y. M. C. A. convention on the coast. The noon meeting today at the Folly theatre was a great success. Charles R. Drum who did the speaking, is recognized to be one of the greatest speakers ever heard in the state on these topics and he received a great ovation. He has an intense personality that brings every man to his side. His talk is logical and he piled one argument upon another in a method that drives his points home. The theatre was crowded and it is indicative from this that the meeting in the tabernacle tomorrow will be the greatest ever held in Eugene.

This evening at 6 o'clock the delegates will banquet in the Presbyterian church. Covers will be set for over 200. After this there will be the program in the church above with stereopticon views. Every one is invited to this. A feature tonight will be the Salem orchestra, which will be aided by some Eugene players.

The program for tomorrow, the closing day of the convention, is as follows: Morning—9:30—Quiet Hour Service, association building, led by Charles R. Drum.

11:00—Church services. Addressed by convention speakers. Afternoon—3:30—Men's meeting, the tabernacle, West Tenth street. Address, "An Honest Man," Charles R. Drum. Boys' meeting in association auditorium, led by R. R. Perkins.

7:30—At Presbyterian church. Song service. Address, "The Call to Service Through the Young Men's Christian Association," E. L. Shuey. 8:45—Farewell meeting, conducted by State Secretary I. B. Rhodes.

Both Elected President The following officers of the convention were elected last night: President, R. A. Booth, of Eugene; vice-presidents, Fletcher Homan, of Salem, C. E. Brainard, of Payette, and Jesse Edwards, of Newberg; secretary, J. E. Russell, of Portland; assistant secretary, Fred M. Weatherford, of Corvallis.

Chairman Schmitt appointed the following committees: Committee on state committee report—W. N. Ferrin, of Forest Grove; C. N. Wonacott, of Portland; W. A. Cowley, of Central Point; C. E. Brainard, of Payette; E. M. Brown, of Eugene; Professor Von Eschen, of Salem.

Business—H. W. Stone, of Portland; Paul Wallace, of Salem; S. M. Ayres, of Pocatello; J. O. Isaacson, of Central Point; Claude Shaw, of Dallas; Alec McLain, of Albany, and Jesse Edwards, of Newberg.

Resolutions—Fletcher Homan, of Salem; O. P. Coshaw, of Roseburg; E. F. McKee, of Payette, and Claude Newlin, of Newberg.

H. W. Stone, general secretary, and E. L. Shuey, member of the international committee, gave reports of the Toronto convention and a review of the association movement in America during the last decade.

Last evening Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, addressed the convention on "The Church's Call to Laymen," and Dr. H. W. Foukes, of Portland, spoke on the Edinburgh challenge to volunteer service.

Committees Are Named The following committees were appointed: Nominations—E. A. McConnell, of Oregon Agricultural College; F. E. A. Smith, of Portland; Lester Bennett, of Philomath; E. M. Bosworth, of Salem, and E. C. French, of Portland. Credentials—Lester Adams, of McMinnville; Fred Tooley, Oregon Agricultural College; C. A. Steele, of Portland, and Joseph Benjamin, of Chemawa.

The address of welcome was delivered by President Campbell, of the University of Oregon, who spoke on "Moral Sanitation." The report of the membership committee, as adopted by the association, is as follows: (Continued on page 3)

Fifty Years Ago Today.
Dec. 3.
Meeting of the Thirty-sixth congress. The president's message was not ready because the copying clerks had rested over Sunday. The national treasury had virtually suspended payment. Many congressmen and senators couldn't draw their mileage.
Twenty-five Years Ago Today.
Pastour, the French chemist, appealed by cable to treat in Paris three children who had been bitten by a dog in Newark, N. J.