

## MORE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL

Four Hundred Now Live in Central Point District—Last Year's Roll Showed But Two Hundred in the District.

CENTRAL POINT, Or., Dec. 17.—The school census, which has just been completed by School Clerk Jacobs, shows a decided increase in children of school age in the district, although the increase is hardly what

might have been expected when judged by the wonderful growth of the town proper. The school district embraces considerable territory outside the incorporated limits of the town, and, according to Mr. Jacobs, the school population in the outlying districts has decreased considerably, while the increase within the town proper shows a big percentage of gain.

The number of children enumerated this year is 465, as against 272 one year ago, and it is declared by the enumerators that the increase within the town is considerably more than 100 within the past 12 months. The reason given for the marked decrease in the country section is that many orchardists have removed to town, while others who have developed orchards and have growing fami-

## SAY GOOD ROADS INTEREST IS WIDE

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—"The people of Southern Oregon are anxious for the passage of the proposed good roads law," said Dr. E. Barton Pickle of Medford, while in Portland today. "They are particularly desirous that the convict labor bills be adopted. They believe that convicts could be worked to splendid advantage on the Crater Lake road. So far as the state-aid bill is concerned, the school age have sold their holdings to non-residents and to men without families.

cerned we do not take so much interest in that. While it will benefit some of the other counties in the state very probably, Jackson county is planning to issue a million dollars in road-building bonds. We will have to have about that much to carry out our plans."

"Eastern Oregon is as much interested in good roads as Southern Oregon," said Dr. C. J. Smith of Pendleton, who was with Dr. Pickle. "I feel sure that our legislators will support the good roads measure. We have in Umatilla county about 5000 miles of roads and most of them not as good as they ought to be. Other Eastern Oregon counties are enlisted in the good roads campaign. I believe that a new beginning has been made in the building of roads in Oregon."

Dr. Smith said that Umatilla county's assessed valuation is now \$42,000,000, or \$2100 per capita. The average income per capita is \$300, making Umatilla one of the richest counties in Oregon.

### Quake Recorded.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—An earthquake similar to that which wrought such havoc in the island of Java many years ago was recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignace college last night. Records of both tremors are being compared today by scientists.

The vibrations last night began at 9:12 p. m., the main disturbance was reached at 9:47 and the shocks ended at 10:51. The estimated distance of the tremor from Cleveland was 6000 miles.

## BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME NORTHWEST

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Preliminary surveys and actual construction work will begin early next spring on irrigation projects covering more than 1,000,000 acres of arid and semi-arid lands in Eastern and Central Washington. The total cost is estimated at \$55,000,000, provided by private capital. This is exclusive of the federal government's projects in Central Washington.

Most important of the irrigation plants to be installed is the Quincy valley project, 100 miles west of Spokane, where 500,000 acres of

land will be brought under the ditch. The cost of watering the tract, which is owned by ranchers, is estimated at \$25,000,000. The survey is now under way under the direction of the Quincy Valley Water-Users' association, and it is expected to have the work completed before the end of March, 1911. Water is available from two lakes in the district. Wenatchee lake will be the reservoir and a dam is to be built to make a fall of 2000 feet, thus eliminating the necessity of expensive machinery.

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