

SIX PER CENT GAIN

FINAL CENSUS COUNT SHOWS STATE MADE SUBSTANTIAL POPULATION INCREASE.

TOTAL IS 133,291 MORE THAN IN 1910

Largest Increase Is in Cities and Towns, With Southeastern Counties Showing Actual Decrease - Eighty-Four Counties Made Gains, Fifteen Show Loss - Totals by Counties.

Des Moines, Feb. 16. - Iowa has 2,358,062 population, according to the state census of 1915. This is a gain of 6 per cent over the federal census of 1910.

The population of Iowa in 1910 was 2,224,771. Since then there has been a gain of 133,291. These figures are official as far as ninety-eight of the ninety-nine counties are concerned.

The gain in population has been almost entirely confined to the cities, the results show. The rural districts about held their own. A few lost population.

Eighty-four counties gained while fifteen counties lost in population. Those which lost were Allamakee, Audubon, Buchanan, Cedar, Cherokee, Clayton, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jackson, Madison, Mahaska, Milk, Muscatine and Van Buren.

Counties in southeastern Iowa showed losses. Des Moines, Henry, and Van Buren head the loss column, while Polk, Woodbury, Black Hawk, Cerro, Gordon, Dubuque, Linn, Marshall, Scott, Webster, head the list of counties which gained.

The gain in the city of Des Moines was the greatest of any Iowa city. In 1910 the federal census gave Des Moines 86,368. The 1915 state census credits the city with 105,652, an increase of 22 per cent.

Polk county jumped from 110,438 to 129,121. This city increased, but the rural districts of the county did not hold their own since 1910, according to the returns.

A. U. Swan, director of the state census, is only half thru with the census work. The count was finished to-

day, but for the next six months his force will be busy tabulating the information which was secured last year in connection with the census. This includes data on farm products, wages of all wage earners of Iowa, ownership of homes, educational advantages of each person, social condition, and a score of other things.

Count by Counties. The 1915 state census, by counties, showing a comparison with 1910, follows:

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DR. RUNYON LEAVES OAKDALE.

Assistant Superintendent Resigns to Accept Railroad Position. Iowa Falls, Feb. 16.—Dr. Will D. Runyon, assistant superintendent of the Iowa sanatorium, at Oakdale, has resigned and will leave tomorrow for Colorado Springs, Colo., where he becomes the surgeon and head of the Union Pacific Railway Company's sanatorium. Dr. Runyon is an alumnus of a medical college, and practiced at Cornish, Iowa, before he came back to Iowa City.

War Times Prices.

Special to Times-Republican. -With potatoes retailing at \$1.50 a bushel and assurance from dealers that the price will soon go to \$2 a bushel, the prices paid in this part of Iowa fifty years ago are interesting. At that time, beans were selling at \$1 a bushel and now retail at 5 cents a bushel.

Bootlegger Given Jail Sentence.

Special to Times-Republican. -Hampton, Feb. 16.—Harvey Elkins, the young man who a few weeks ago was bootlegging liquor and ran up against Sheriff Schweiger as a customer, is being held in jail serving out his fine of \$125 and costs. He was indicted by the grand jury and pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor unlawfully, and confessed in open court that it was intoxicating liquor he sold.

Northern Iowa Items

Jewell. Miss Julia Olson, aunt of Mr. Magnus Johnson, fell last Saturday while carrying out a man of apples to school on the ice-covered sidewalk. She fell upon her right arm, breaking several small bones of the wrist.

Cartersville. Fire totally destroyed the general merchandise store of H. J. Callahan here Saturday evening, and sparks from the building also are believed to have caused the fire in the Clark pool and billiard hall, which was burned to the ground Sunday morning. The loss of the Callahan and Clark buildings is estimated at \$6,000.

Sioux City. Douglas Bruce, aged 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bruce, is dead, the result of a coasting accident. Steering a bob-sled down a steep hill, he collided with another. The muscles around his heart were torn. Death occurred at the St. Joseph's hospital where he was taken after the accident.

Jewell. Friday morning Mrs. Hans Lilland, while going out to feed the chickens at her home in Jewell, slipped on the icy steps of the back porch and fell, breaking two bones of the wrist. She was badly shaken up and bruised. Miss Anna Hanson, who attends college and rooms at the Mrs. Lilland home, has been caring for her with the help of several of the ladies of the vicinity. Her son, Henry Lilland, came home Saturday night to help take care of his mother.

Fort Dodge. Coasting proved disastrous for several Fort Dodge young people Sunday. Helen Malady, south Twelfth street, broke her leg when her sled crashed into the tree at the foot of the historic Duncombe hill. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Steinmetz, West Fort Dodge, is suffering from a broken foot when he bumped into a tree on a foot bridge across a ravine in West Fort Dodge. A broken collarbone was the result of another sliding accident, to the son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix McCarthy.

Greene. Elder John F. Eikenberry, so well and favorably known by the people of Greene, where he has been a prominent figure since the early days, is now at his son, Ed Eikenberry's home, south of town, suffering with a fractured hip. Last Friday morning Ed Eikenberry had some hogs loaded ready to take to town and the old gentleman stepped out the door to see them and fell on the ice, sustaining the injury mentioned above. As he is 85 years old his condition is very serious.

Charles City. Fire caused by an overheated furnace, burned the interior of the English Methodist church here Sunday morning and for a time threatened to destroy the entire building. The decorations in the building were destroyed by the fire and water and the loss is estimated at \$1,000. The fire was discovered at 10:15 o'clock by several persons that had entered the building to attend the morning services. An alarm was turned in and following the arrival of the fire department the men soon extinguished the blaze.

Clarence. This Peterson cobbled the shoes of local residents more than fifty years. Chris was a good cobbler and he was thrifty—"he frugal" was his motto—and when he died folks said, "well, old Chris must have left quite a piece of money." He did. The estate of this late cobbler was recently appraised at \$250,000. It was found to consist of several tracts of valuable farm land, bank stock and outside investments. He left no direct heirs. Peterson occu-

MRS. MEYER GUILTY

JURY AT WINTERSSET CONVICTS AGED WOMAN OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

VERDICT SAME AS IN TRIAL OF HER SON

Younger Meyer Now at Liberty Pending Appeal From Fifteen-Year Sentence—Jury Several Hours in Reaching Verdict—Meyer Family Wealthy and Owners of Valuable Farm Lands.

Winterset, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Ida Meyer, 60 years old, was found guilty of second degree murder late Tuesday by the jury that heard her trial on the charge of complicity in the murder of her daughter-in-law, Ethel Meyer, last July 25. The jury was out from 11:25 o'clock until 4:45 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Meyer, who with a single exception, has maintained an attitude of stoical coolness thruout her trial and that of her son, appeared little moved when the verdict was read. She made no statement and was leaving the court room walked erect and defiantly.

Same Verdict as Son's. The verdict is similar to that rendered in the trial of Fred Meyer, son of Mrs. Ida Meyer, at his trial on the same charge last December. Fred Meyer was sentenced to fifteen years in prison. Mrs. Meyer likely will be sentenced late this week or early next.

She is still at liberty on the \$30,000 bond that freed her before her trial. Her attorneys said last night they would start proceedings to ask for a new trial or to appeal the case to the state supreme court.

Judge J. H. Applegate, in his instructions to the jury, laid stress upon the consideration to be given circumstantial evidence, such as the state retained upon at this trial.

Circumstances Do Not Falstify. "Human experience shows that witnesses giving direct evidence may testify falsely or inaccurately. Circumstances, however, can not be inaccurate and they do not falstify," stated the judge in his instructions.

The trial of Mrs. Meyer and her son followed the tragical death of 20-year-old Ethel Meyer at the Meyer farm northwest of here Sunday, July 25. The girl wife was found dying in an upstairs room of the home.

A pearl-handled .38 caliber revolver was lying by her side when physicians arrived. Her husband, Fred Meyer, and his mother, Mrs. Ida Meyer, who were the only other persons at the house at the time of the shooting, said the young bride had killed herself. They declared she told them when they found her dying that she was "tired of life and wished to die."

Quarrelled With Wife. Meyer and his mother, however, were charged with the girl's murder. At Meyer's trial in December evidence was introduced by the state showing that he and his young wife had quarrelled over his "beer parties." The state also put a number of witnesses who testified the .38 caliber gun could not have been discharged by any other than a strong man, that the revolver was rusty from long use and that the bullet found in the wife's brain was too small to have come from a .38 caliber revolver. Meyer was known to have possessed also a .32 caliber revolver.

Young Meyer was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to fifteen years in prison. He appealed the case and it is at liberty on \$30,000 bond. Mrs. Ida Meyer was put on trial last Tuesday.

The trial aroused intense interest in all of Madison county as the families involved are well known and have resided in the county for many years. The Meyers are wealthy and own several valuable farm properties.

VICCIO CLEARED BY JURY.

Italian Who Shot and Killed Gibson Is Exonerated.

Council Bluffs, Feb. 16.—A coroner's jury, after an inquiry lasting partly of two days, exonerated Tony Viccio from criminal responsibility for the death of J. B. Gibson, who died from a pistol wound inflicted by Tony Monday night at the Northwestern passenger station.

Fred Delaney, Gibson's companion and fellow Industrial Worker of the World, testified Gibson followed Tony after the latter had refused to give him money and seized him from behind for the declared purpose of attempting to take his revolver from him.

The jury held that the Italian laborer had reason to believe that he was being held up and robbed when he was seized from behind in the dark and his arms pinioned to his side and that he was about to lose \$18 in cash in his pocket and a fine gold watch.

This part of the jury's verdict says: "That Gibson was shot by Tony Viccio in defense of his person and property from attempted robbery at the hands of the deceased." The verdict recommends that Tony be held to answer to the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Viccio will be arraigned in police court on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and will be sent to the district court. The mitigating circumstances connected with the case will probably be the means of letting him off with the lowest fine that can be imposed.

A remarkable feature of the case is that there is really no reason to believe that either Gibson or his friend, Delaney, had any intention of robbing Tony, but Gibson, who had been drinking heavily, yielded to an impulse to disarm the Italian and had no other intention than of taking away his revolver.

News of Aiden.

Special to Times-Republican. Aiden, Feb. 16.—Rev. W. J. Muhleman is completing plans this week to go with Mrs. Muhleman next Tuesday on a trip to Florida to enable her to be out doors more than is possible in this climate at this time of year. The physicians at the Methodist hospital corroborated the family physician's advice. The pulpit will be supplied in the absence of the pastor.

John Rotzler returned home Thursday and is at a regular business in much better health and spirits than before his operation. Lewis Harris will farm his place this year so he will be free of this care.

The Illinois Central railroad's change of passenger and mail train schedule is now promised to be positively put in effect Sunday, Feb. 20.

Mayor and Mrs. Stringer's return is expected shortly. They went to California early in the winter. Frank Zufall loaded his household goods and other personal effects to start for Springbrook, Wis., his new home, Tuesday, with his family.

Peter Hanson left the farm he occupied near Popejoy to move to his new home near Dows, Tuesday. Enoch Warman shipped a couple of live stock to Chicago Tuesday. Mr. Warman accompanied the shipment to the market.

The Lee Center band will have a social at the Burdette Woodman hall on Friday evening.

Scranton News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican. Scranton, Feb. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hollerfer have sold their restaurant business here to the former owner, Mr. Salene, of Jefferson, who has taken possession.

Hollis Huffman has accepted a position in the Willett pharmacy. A two weeks' revival opened at the M. E. church here last evening under the management of a revivalist from Ohio.

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First—The door of the oven should be left slightly open for a few minutes after the burners are lighted.

Second—Oven linings are best protected from rust by the application of oil, or grease free from salt. When the range is in constant use, the top burners and all the cast iron parts are best protected by wiping off with the dish cloth, after washing the dishes, in the same manner as one would wash the frying or broiling pan.

Stove blacking should not be used to "brighten up" the burners, as the small burner parts easily become clogged, and thus prevent good combustion. When the top burners do become obstructed from any reason, they are best cleaned by being boiled in strong soda water, carefully rinsed, wiped dry.

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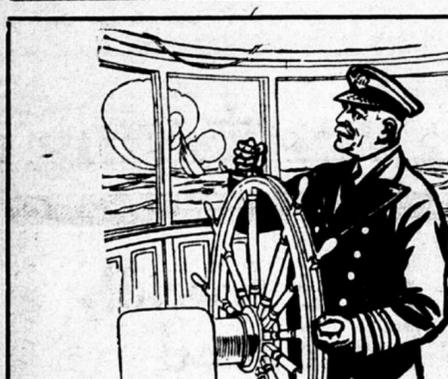
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The Man Who Looks Ahead

Most persons have some goal to which they steer their hopes, but many thoughtlessly unnerve the hand, and dull the brain by faulty living, then wonder why success is not achieved. Among the everyday habits of life that often upset health is coffee drinking, an ancient and respectable custom, but harmful to many.

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