

## STORIES OF OREGON TRAIL ARE RECALLED

### Reminiscences of Pioneer Days in the Old West Revived at Anniversary

Interesting stories about the early pioneers who traveled the Oregon trail have come to light in connection with the recent observation of the 100th anniversary of the "covered wagon" and its heroes, says a Central Press report from St. Louis.

It was Milton Sublette who left St. Louis with 10 wagons on April 10 and arrived at the Wind River mountains in Wyoming on July 16. His were the first wagon wheels on the Oregon Trails through Nebraska.

#### Coming of the Mormons

Others soon followed. In 1847 the Mormons started westward and one of the buffalo skulls which they used as a signpost may be found on a Colorado road. It reads: "Pioneers camped here June 3, 1847, making 15 miles a day. All well. Brigham Young."

Planes of a transcontinental air company now traverse that distance in nine minutes.

Harold Crary, of the airplane company, has written this interesting summary of the transformation of the trail:

#### Gold Rush in 1849

In 1849, simultaneously with the cry of "Gold in California," the trail became the greatest traveled highway in the world—wider and more beaten than a city street—and hundreds of thousands of wagons passed over it. One set of government wagon trains in 1858 made a line 50 miles long. 40 thousand were on the trail. One firm's freight teams numbered 6,000 wagons and 75,000 oxen.

The first monthly Wells Fargo mail stages began running from the Missouri to Salt Lake and California in 1856. The trail was now in full tide of life, filled with gold seekers from the Missouri to the Pacific. Towns stirring and turbulent, some now gone from the map and some grown to be cities, flourished colorfully. Frequently immigrant trains had to stop while immense herds of buffalo crossed the highway, the herds being so great that at times they obliterated sections of the trail.

On Sept. 15, 1858, the first overland stage coach left San Francisco for the east, and on Oct. 9, 1858, the first stage from the east reached San Francisco.

#### Beginning Pony Express

The first Pony Express mail began running from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal., in 1860. The Pony Express continued for 18 months until the completion of the telegraph line to San Francisco in October, 1861. Daring riders, traveling day and night as fast as their horses could run, relayed bags of mail across the plains and mountains from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean.

The first rail was laid at Omaha, July 10, 1865, and by the close of the year 40 miles of track had been completed. Fighting the Indians, the snows of winter, the heat of deserts, and disease, the grim workers pushed forward. Surveying crews, were attacked and slain by the red

men, who resented the invasion of the iron horse. The men worked with rifle and pistol close by and often under guard of troops or friendly pawnees.

On May 10, 1869, in eight years less time than had been allotted for the mighty project, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, 56 miles northwest of Ogden, Utah, joining the rails of two railroads and forming the first railroad line from the

Missouri river to the Pacific coast, spanning some 1,770 miles. Now, the last frontier of all, that of time, has fallen before the transcontinental plane.

### Lake County Exceeds 100,000 On Population

Lake county last week went over the 100,000 mark in population when Libertyville township was shown to

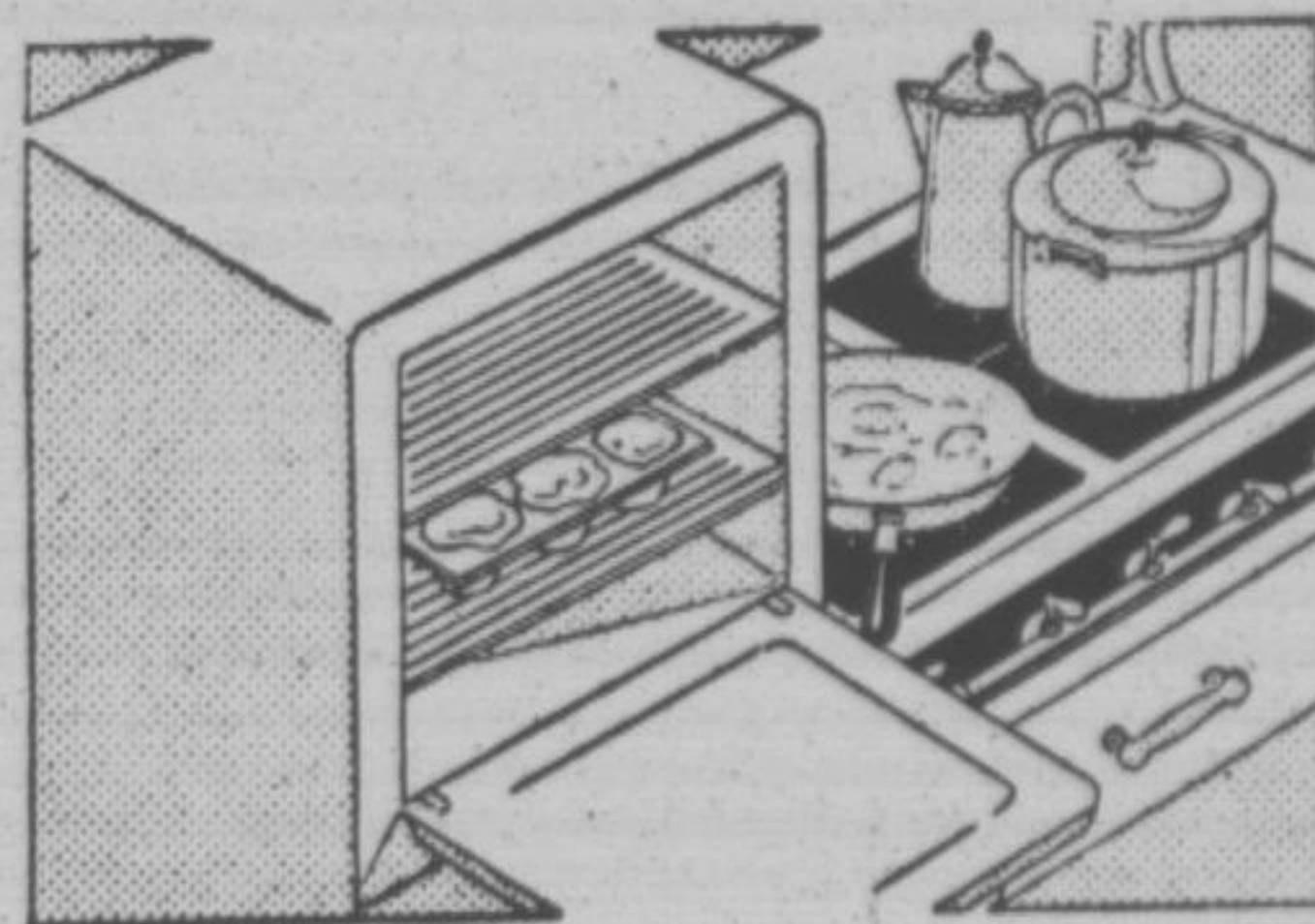
have 5,648 for 1930 against 3,719 in 1920. This places the population of Lake county at 104,000 without the city of Highland Park, figures for which were not then reported.

The total on Waukegan township was given as 41,266 against 24,550 for 1920.

A very rich collection of the plants of tropical America is available for study in the herbarium of Field Museum of Natural History.



# Every So Often!



Every so often you have a burnt dinner because some friend keeps you talking on the telephone. Your telephone is liable to ring at any moment. It may ring when you've just placed a nice batch of biscuits in the oven. If you have to go to the "front of the

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