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## INDEPENDENT

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### PATTON'S RAPID GROWTH!

Now has Population of Almost Four Thousand.

### CENSUS IS COMPLETED

A Steady Advance Along all Lines During the Past Half of a Decade—Interesting Figures Adduced by the Assessors—No Race Suicide Here.

Ever since the federal census was taken in 1900, when Patton commenced to grow by leaps and bounds, speculation has been rife as to the actual population of the place. Some of the guesses were wide of the mark, while the more conservative ones placed it nearer to what is now known to be the actual figures.

To satisfy this natural curiosity on the part of the people, Assessor John Somerville, of the First ward, and Assessor John E. Radcliffe, of the Second ward, conceived the idea of taking a census themselves. This was done by the two gentlemen named, without pay or compensation, as they made their yearly visits to the homes of the people.

Their report as submitted to the JOURNALER shows that the first ward present has a population of 2,158; the second ward 1,701, or 457 less, making a grand total of 3,859 people residing in Patton, exclusive of those born this week. Remember these figures and the next time strangers ask you the population of "the Star" you will be able to give the correct answer.

This undoubtedly places Patton as the largest borough in the county, Gallitzin a poor second, and the largest municipality, Johnstown the first. As a desirable place of residence Patton leads the way. The material growth of the place has kept pace with the increase in population. During the past five years there have been some residences and business blocks have been built in all departments. A steady advance has been made. Streets have been laid, a \$10,000 school building, a \$30,000 school building, industrial improvements that have aggregated about \$150,000, telegraph system, and a street car system. Completed that the towns with Cambria county.

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