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THE CENSUS RETURNS WILL CAUSE GENERAL SHAKEUP

The Incoming Legislature to Re-Appportion the State When Oteo and Cass Will Lose It's Float Representative.

The publication of the census of Nebraska for 1910, showing a total population of 1,192,214 and the pledge of both political parties to redistrict the state this winter with reference to representation in the legislature, gives basis for showing that the distribution of political power in this state is due for a momentous shaking up.

Douglas county will have fourteen members instead of nine. The Sixth district will very nearly double its representation; the Fourth will have to fight to keep its feet, while the First is due for marked losses.

The trend of population has been toward the north and west, agriculturally, and toward Lancaster and Douglas counties with respect to centers of population.

There are one hundred members of the house. Divided on a basis of population, each member will represent approximately 11,922 people after the redistricting is completed.

In the past many counties have been given more than their share of representation and others have been cheated. This situation has become so acute that it demands remedy. No more glaring example is shown than in the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth districts, comprising counties in the extreme western part of the state, which have had only two members in the house and which are actually entitled to seven.

The majority of power still remains with the eastern part of the state, but the west has gained so much that it will be able to dispute for its own rights, if any sort of coalition can be made with central and northern counties.

The redistricting can only be approximate. If it were made exact some counties would only be entitled to a fraction of a representative. It is possibly owing to this fact that many counties have sent members to the legislature who were considerable less than real men, some of them being about a tenth of what a real upstanding, two-fisted man ought to be. Owing to the fact that counties cannot be forced to meet the exact basis of requirement some counties will get more than they actually deserve in the shake-up and some will get less. The political possibilities of the situation from the standpoint of the professional log-roller, must be limitless and this feature of the legislature promises to be one of the most interesting this winter.

There are thirty-three members of the state senate. Under the 1910 census there will be one senator for every 36,128 of population. This will also force a reapportionment and redistribution of power in the senate. This redistribution will work in a general way just as it does in the house, giving the western part of the state greater representation than it has ever had before.

Aside from the western part of the state the most notable gain will be that of Douglas county which, with 168,546 people, will easily gain one senator, making a total of four, or if gerrymandering is successful, this county may get a total of five senators, more than a seventh of the entire senate.

Under the new census a house comprising 100 members would give the representation of 11,922 population to each member. On this basis some remarkable changes would occur in the constitution of that body. Naturally there are rough edges in figuring such representation as the population nowhere admits of giving each county exactly what is due it. As near as representation can be obtained, however, sticking to county lines the following changes would result:

Richardson would have two members, Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha one each, with possibly a float representative for the counties, making six members instead of ten as at present.

Oteo and Cass would retain two members each, but would lose their float representative. Four members instead of five.

Sharp would retain her one member, Douglas would have fourteen instead of nine members, Washington would be more than entitled to one member, Bart county would also be entitled to one member and the two counties could hardly be given the float member that they now have. Dodge county would retain her two members, Cuming would retain her member, Dakota and Thurston should be given one instead of Cuming, Dakota and Thurston, as at present. Wayne should have an independent member and Cuming, Dakota, Thurston and Stanton would be entitled to a float representative, giving four members to this section instead of three. Dixon retains her member. Cedar and Pierce are clearly entitled to a member each, instead of one between them.

Box Car Robbers.

The Tribune last week spoke of the grand jury indicting four men living out of the state and not then in custody. They proved to be a bunch of toughs who have been robbing Burlington freight cars, and they recently broke into a box car at Pacific Junction. They are now in jail in Omaha with a penitentiary sentence awaiting them, and it may be several years before Mills county authorities can deal with them.—Glenwood Tribune.

SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

The Machine Becomes Unmanageable and Collides With a Tree.

From Friday's Daily.

A very painful and serious accident occurred this morning about nine o'clock at a bridge a mile west of Mynard, which resulted in the serious injury of Rev. W. L. Austin, of this city, and Mrs. Goodwin, of Mynard, and was caused by the breaking of the steering gear on Mr. R. L. Propst's automobile. The car was being driven by Mr. Propst and at the time the accident occurred was going at about a 25-mile an hour clip.

Rev. Austin was being driven to the home of Mr. James Speck, who resides a few miles west of Mynard. Mrs. Speck has been dangerously sick for some time, and desiring the ministrations of a minister of the gospel, Rev. Austin was going on this mission when the unfortunate accident happened which came near resulting in his death.

Mr. Propst motored to Plattsmouth this morning with his car, which has not been out of the shop long, and is almost new, arriving here so that he, with Rev. Austin, started for Mr. Speck's home shortly after 8 o'clock. A mile west of Mynard, as they pulled upon the bridge at that point, the steering gear gave way, and in leaving the bridge, Mr. Propst had no control of the machine and it left the track colliding with a tree, threw Rev. Austin quite a distance, he alighting on his head and shoulders and back, rendering him unconscious for a few minutes. Mrs. Goodwin also, who had been taken in the car at Mynard, was thrown out and quite severely injured.

Some of the men of the neighborhood brought Rev. Austin to town, when a physician was summoned. No bones are thought to be broken, but he was suffering much pain in his back and hips at the time of going to press.

Rev. Ratcliffe was driven out to minister to Mrs. Speck in Rev. Austin's stead.

In Missionary Work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Franklin Kelly came down from Omaha this morning to spend the day with Mrs. Elam Parmele and Q. K. Parmele and family. Mrs. Kelly is a cousin of Mrs. Elam Parmele. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been engaged in missionary work at Hong Kong, China, returning to this country in July, since which time they have been conducting lectures at various points throughout the United States for the benefit of the missionary cause. Recently they have been in attendance at a missionary convention, which convened at Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly expect to return to the mission field at Hong Kong, China, some time in February.

Absent at Roll Call.

The drop in the mercury to 12 above this morning threw a sort of chill over the enthusiasm of the new "Frat," and only four were able to toe the starting line at 5:30 this morning, when Ed. Bratner fired his pistol, giving the boys the signal to be off.

Perry Thackson was not one of the four, for the reason that the thirty-minute clip of yesterday morning reduced his averdupolis so extensively that Mr. Thackson laid off this morning to rest up. But he declares he will be ready for the chase on Friday morning regardless of temperature or physical condition.

Mr. James Hatchet, of near Murray, came to Plattsmouth and boarded the afternoon train for Omaha, where he looked after business matters for a few hours between trains today.

ENGINE FACTORY GOING UP RAPIDLY

The Manager Will Have Machinery Here as Soon as Building Completed.

Mr. E. Walters is pushing the work on the gasoline engine factory building right along today, having eight masons on the job.

Nothing was done at the brick work yesterday, for the reason that the scaffolding for the masons to work on had to be constructed, which required most of the day. This morning at 8:30 the entire force of brick men went to work laying the wall, and unless some unforeseen matter intervenes the side walls of the building will go up as if by magic, including helpers and haulers of material there were about twenty-five men at work on the job this morning. At the rate brick are being laid today one week of good weather will see the work almost completed.

Mr. Boyd and a force of carpenters are framing the windows and doors and making the trussel work to support the roof, which will be very heavy. The window frames for the north wall, and the window frames and doors for the west end are all in the walls and the wall will be built to the top of these before the end of the day, which gives a slight idea of the progress the building is making. It has been Mr. Boyd's plan to use every available man on the carpenter force as well as on the brick work, so that when the walls are up the matter of enclosing the building will be a quick, short job.

The officers of the Plattsmouth Realty Company received the contract from Mr. Chopieska a day or two ago all properly signed up, stipulating that he will move his plant and all of his foundry machinery, amounting to five or six thousand dollars' worth of the latest improved factory machinery, into the building as soon as it is completed; and sent along with the contract properly executed papers, binding Mr. Chopieska to the fulfillment of his part of the agreement, placing in the hands of the committee a forfeiture ample to secure the owners of the building. While Mr. Chopieska makes the lease for a three year term, yet he has signified his willingness to take the building off the owners' hands at the end of his lease. There is every reason to believe that conditions in Plattsmouth will be found favorable to anyone wishing a permanent location for a manufacturing industry such as the engine factory is to be. The two lines of railway make it an easy matter to place the output on the market.

Poulson Will Fail.

Superintendent M. S. Poulson of the Nebraska Anti-Saloon League has undertaken to organize the coming legislature by having all the members pledged to support county option, whether republicans or democrats, go into one caucus for each house and select the officers. In a letter mailed out to the various members committed in favor of county option, Poulson declares that the organization will fall into the hands of the opposition unless his plan is followed, and that the passage of a county option bill will be made correspondingly difficult.

From expressions so far heard, the proposition of the Anti-Saloon League official has little chance of acceptance. Democratic members who are for county option do not appear willing to forsake their own party in order to participate with the republican minority in effecting a hybrid organization. They think some way can be evolved to organize on a satisfactory basis to themselves without going to any such length.

Take Peick to Be Tested.

Christ Bayser, the city engineer, went to Omaha this afternoon with thirty paving brick blocks, ten each taken at random from each of three cars which are being unloaded, for the purpose of testing them in the weighed in and out of the rattler, and if they lose more than 18 per cent in weight after being whirled for an hour in the rattler, the brick will be rejected.

Mrs. Fred Gelse was an Omaha passenger on the afternoon train today, where she went to visit relatives for a few days.

The Squirrel Season Closed.

The squirrel and chicken season closed Wednesday in this state. Game Warden Gellus says that he has received no complaints about the depredations of squirrels this year. The opening of the season on these little animals by the last legislature has served to allow hunters to keep their numbers down. When the game laws were before the legislature for consideration many letters were produced, in which farmers stated that squirrels, particularly in the southeastern part of the state, had made life miserable. Some of the informants wanted the state to pay for the damage caused by squirrels.

THE POSTOFFICE A PROSECUTOR

Purging the Mail Service of Dishonest Schemers.

The arrest of a number of stock mongers for alleged fraudulent practices is of much interest from each of several points of view, but perhaps most of all for the manner in which, or the agency through which, it was effected. The boldness of some of the offerings was striking, says the New York Tribune. The magnitude of the operations, in the number and distribution of victims and in the pecuniary proceeds, must be regarded as affording an impressive and depressing exhibition of human credulity under the influence of covetousness. But still more interesting and suggestive is the fact that the work of detection and seizure was performed by that department of government the fundamental function of which is merely the collection, conveyance and distribution of the mails. The postoffice played the part of prosecutor.

That was, of course, because of the wise provision of the law which forbids the use of the mails for fraudulent or immoral purposes. It was on that same principle that the notorious Louisiana State Lottery was driven into exile. A state might permit and even license the existence and operation of a lottery, but if the federal government forbade it the use of the mails, through which the bulk of its patronage had to be bestowed, it was hopelessly hampered and driven out of business. So in the case of fraudulent stock schemes, State and municipal authorities might be indifferent or powerless. The operators might be shrewd enough to avoid culpability of which the police or the ordinary law could take cognizance. But the moment they used the mails for a nefarious purpose they made themselves subject to the penalties of a law and an administration which take no account of state boundaries or of municipal ordinances.

It is an exceedingly gratifying and reassuring thing to have such functions performed by such an agency, and it is an instructive illustration of the contrasting dualism of that as of other branches of government service. It is welcome and reassuring to have the mails purged of dishonest schemes.

Prof. Rouse Is Now Dean.

At the meeting at Chadron, last week the normal board, besides the transaction of routine business and the laying of the cornerstone of the new normal building there, made Prof. E. L. Rouse dean of the school at Peru, thus making him second in authority and gave Mrs. Nettleton the rank of associate professor, and also a substantial increase in salary, to take effect the first of April. Both of these promotions come as rewards of meritorious work in the Normal.—Peru Pointer.

In County Court.

Judge Beeson and Mr. B. I. Clements, of Elmwood, were busy this morning checking over the claims in the Mary Nickel estate, this being the first day for hearing claims filed against the deceased. Mrs. Nickel had been seized of a life interest in her deceased husband's farm, near Elmwood, which will now descend to their children, under the provisions of her husband's will.

Mrs. Frank Moore and son, of near Murray, took the train at the Burlington station this afternoon going to Omaha, where they spent the afternoon.

A VERY BUSY CANDY KITCHEN

The Home of the Popular Fairy Candies in Their Usual Christmas Rush.

The Nemetz & Co. candy kitchen is right now experiencing its annual Christmas rush, being compelled to commence a little earlier than some of the larger candy makers owing to their limited room and the large quantity of candies they are compelled to manufacture at this season of the year. A Journal representative accepted an invitation to call at the manufacturing department and see how the candy is made. In the larger factories visitors are not permitted to enter the candy making room at all, but this is not the case with Mr. Nemetz, he extends a cordial invitation to all to call and see them at any time they are making candy, and he will take time to explain the manner in which the various lines are made. The candy kitchen of the Nemetz & Co., home of popular sweets, may not be quite so large as many others and do not make candy in such proportions, but we will venture to say that it is one of the cleanest and most painstaking little kitchens in the land. Mr. Nemetz tells us that in addition to the popular "Fairy" chocolates, that have become great favorites, he will this season manufacture in large quantities the cheaper grades of candies, but will be just as pure as the "Fairy" brands, and every effort will be made to make them the very best of the kind. Mr. Nemetz has been manufacturing candy for a great many years, and being located in Plattsmouth for the past nine years, and while his experience limits him to the quantity it is unlimited when it comes to quality, as his many patrons will vouch. You are invited to call and see them and investigate if what we say about our candy makers is not true.

Red Men Select Officers.

Missouri Tribe No. 69 of Plattsmouth Red Men held their annual election of officers at their lodge rooms in this city last evening. This is one of the most enterprising orders in the city, having a home owned and controlled by themselves in which they have their cozy lodge room fitted up, and suitably decorated with paraphernalia and all sorts of Indian accoutrements.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held last evening which was attended by nearly all of the membership of the order. After the election of officers light refreshments were served, and the Tribe enjoyed a jolly good time.

The officers chosen were: William Henriehson, Sachem; Tony Koubeck, Senior Sagamore; Frank Libershall, Junior Sagamore; Emil Walters, Keeper of Records; Tom Walling, Keeper of Waumpum; John Cory, Prophet; John Nemetz, trustee for three years.

Change in Business.

Morris D. Pollard, who has been a successful business man and good citizen of Nehawka for many years, will locate permanently in Union, having purchased G. P. Barton's billiard hall equipments and stock and will take possession tomorrow morning. Mr. Pollard has been in that business many years, and it is certain that he is a gentleman who can and will conduct the business in a manner that will meet the approval of the people. We are not informed as to Mr. Barton's plans for the future, but presume he and his family will remain residents of this village.—Union Ledger.

Another Fine Porker.

Our progressive young farmer friend, John P. Tristch, residing west of Plattsmouth, was in the city yesterday evening to receive another fine Poland China hog that was shipped to him from Newark, Ohio. It is of the big type breed and a fine specimen. Mr. Tristch believes that the Poland China is the best porker on the market and he buys the very best that is grown. This animal came in by express, with charges of nearly \$10.00.

Mr. E. M. Hoffman was called to Omaha on business this afternoon, going on the fast mail.

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO BE FURTHER IMPROVED

Half a million dollars is to be expended by the Missouri Pacific upon improvement of the system, according to reports circulated in this city.

This announcement is said to have come from the east. A railroad official says:

"The sum named does not represent the entire amount which is to be expended upon the improvements of Missouri Pacific lines in the middle-west. New rolling stock is to be put into service, and as soon as the weather permits the beginning of operations in the spring, the work of improving roadbeds will commence.

"No one understands better the need of the intended improvements than the Missouri Pacific itself, and while they have been under consideration before, the hope of any immediate relief was delayed by the building of the Western Pacific. The financial obstacles raised when this project was put through are passing away."

Among those who have received the assurance of the Missouri Pacific heads that something is to be done as soon as the conditions permit is Frank J. Ryan, a railroad commissioner of Kansas, who recently was in conference with General Manager Sullivan at St. Louis. He said that the general manager had reports on file in his office showing that steps for the improvement of the service are already under way.—Omaha World-Herald.

Must Pay Church Pledge.

From Saturday's Daily.

Judge Woodruff, at the recent term of court at Sidney, decided a rather unusual case. Olive A. Hunter was a member of the Methodist church in Tabor. She pledged \$500 to aid in building a new church and gave her note for this amount, secured by a mortgage upon her home. Mrs. Hunter brought action to have this mortgage set aside. She claimed that she agreed to give \$500 on condition that she sold her property for \$3,500, and that she got only \$1,800. She also claimed that she had been unduly influenced and that she signed the mortgage without knowing its nature.

Judge Woodruff decided that no undue influence or fraud was practiced, and that the woman was not of unsound mind when she signed the note.

In the opinion of the court the woman's donation was larger than she could afford to make, but persons often make sacrifices in order to make donations to religious objects and such sacrifices are not of themselves convincing proof that the donors are of unsound mind.—Glenwood Tribune.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express to our many friends and neighbors our most heartfelt thanks for their kind assistance, and beautiful floral tributes during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister.

J. E. Emery and daughter, W. R. Murray and family.