

WHAT CAUSED THE SLUMP IN THE POPULATION OF CASS COUNTY

The Special Reporter of the Omaha News Makes an Effort to Explain the Cause of Our Slump.

Fred Caney, special reporter for the Omaha Evening News, was in Plattsmouth last week and while here investigated the cause of the shortage in population in Cass county, and writes the following facts and figures to that paper, which no doubt will be read with considerable interest by the patrons of the Journal:

"What caused the population of Cass county, one of the most prosperous counties in the state, to fall off 1,544 since the census of 1900?"

Race suicide seems to be the answer. That there were 1,436 fewer children of school age in Cass in June last than in June, 1900, is shown by the statistics of the county superintendent.

The census shows that the county had 1,544 people less in 1910 than in 1900.

In June 1900 there were, according to the school census, 7,670 children in Cass county of school age. Ten years later only 6,234 children were enrolled.

On this census each year is based the apportionment to each county of the state school funds so that every incentive is present to count every child.

Various reasons are advanced for the apparent unfavorable showing by residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county, but no one can give a better reason than the fact that the decrease in population in ten years, all but 108 persons are children.

Delving into census returns in Cass county one can find many interesting facts.

In 1897 the school census showed 8,229 children of school age, the census of the year 1905 showing only 6,234. The low water mark seems to have been touched in 1909, when the total number of school children was but 6,102, less by 132 than 1910.

Unofficial figures give Plattsmouth 1,000 more people than in 1900. Other Cass county towns, such as Weeping Water, Nehawka, Greenwood, etc. claim to have grown. If true, this means that the country precincts and very small towns have lost between 2,000 and 3,000 in ten years.

Considerable criticism of the census taking this year has been made but the same criticism was heard ten years ago and in one ward in Plattsmouth a recount was ordered this year, because the first enumerator missed several families.

Some Cass county citizens claim the 1910 census was padded, but this does not stand analysis, as in 1900 a city census of Plattsmouth showed several hundred more people than the federal count.

School records also show that the children of school age in Plattsmouth in 1900 numbered about 1,200 and in 1910 about 1,500, a gain of 300, evidence of a decline outside of Plattsmouth in Cass county of 1,736 children.

Residents of a town and county have so much local pride that it is

exceedingly hard to induce anyone to admit the correctness of the 1910 census figures.

Cass county is prosperous, even more so than in previous years. Plattsmouth business men say business is brisk and that the county seat is prosperous.

They scout the theory that immigration to Canada, Texas or western Nebraska has decreased the farming population.

They generally admit that the farmer, who ten years ago owned 160 acres of land, now owns from 320 to 640 acres, but assert the farms are still handled by tenants, without decrease in the number of families.

They overlook the fact, however, which many farmers say is true, that where the rural family of ten and twenty years ago included six, eight and ten children, the average family of today on the farm includes only two to five children.

It is true, supported by figures, that the rural school population of Cass county has decreased far faster in proportion than the general population, conceding that the 1900 and 1910 census are correct.

The decrease in school population of 1,436 cannot be explained even by the decrease of 1,544 in the total population.

Emigration of families cannot account for it. There has not been any decided removal of young people from the farms of Cass county to the large cities, the death rate in the county has not been increasing.

Of course emigration to the new farming lands of the south and west and to the large cities has done its part.

Miss Mary E. Foster, county superintendent of schools, who is in close touch with conditions of the country, declared that the high price of land in Cass county had driven investors of small means to newer localities. She attributed the decrease shown by the census to that cause in large measure, but even she was surprised to discover such a startling decrease.

Clerk of the District Court Robertson, resident of Cass county for thirty years, and compiler of the tax lists for the past eight years, was frank to admit he did not understand the decrease. He said:

"I do not remember any decided decrease in the number of tax payers from the farms in the last ten years. I do not believe the number of families has decreased to any marked degree.

"The figures on the school children certainly surprises me. I was inclined to think the census figures were at fault. Now, I don't know."

Mr. Robertson is regarded as the best posted man on Cass county affairs in Plattsmouth and when he throws up his hands, cries "search me" when you ask for an explanation of the decrease in the number of school children, what can you do but emulate Theodore Roosevelt and cry: "Race Suicide?"

Cypress incubator, 240 egg, new; 2 brooders, one Cypress; 20 bushels of Iowa Silver Mine seed corn; 1 separator house, 10x12; 200 rods woven wire fence, 26-inch; 1 hay fork, one corn crib; 1 dinner bell; 1 cob fork; 1 saddle; 1 Columbia wagon scales; three sets of work harness, one set buggy harness; 100 burr oak fence posts; one 45-gallon iron kettle, new; one 16-ft Iowa gate; eight or ten tons of prairie hay; sixteen dozen thoroughbred Plymouth Rock chickens; four Toulouse geese; Three stacks of tame hay, and six tons of oat straw in barn; 65 acres of stalks; one shotgun, some household goods, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

Terms of Sale:—All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; all over \$10, a credit of twelve months will be given, purchaser giving bankable paper bearing eight per cent interest from date. All property must be settled for before being removed.

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Inquire of Sam Gilmore at Wm. Gilmore's

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN

Richard R. Vivian Dies at Bayard, Nebr., and the Interment Will be Here

Mr. W. K. Fox received a wire this morning from Vivian Brothers at Bayard, Nebraska, informing him of the death at that place of their father, Richard R. Vivian, one of the pioneer settlers of Plattsmouth. Mr. Vivian's sons will arrive in Plattsmouth on No. 6, Thursday morning, and Mr. Fox has been requested to make all necessary arrangements for the funeral, which will be conducted by Canon Burgess, for years a near neighbor of the deceased.

Mr. Richard R. Vivian was well known to all of the older citizens of this city, having been identified himself with the business interests of the city, being engaged in the grocery business for several years, having built the residence in which J. M. Robertson now lives. He left Cass county for Cheyenne county, Nebraska, about 1885, and there engaged in the ranching business which he still followed at the time of his death. Mr. Vivian was twice married, losing both of his wives by death. One son, James Vivian, of Hastings, Nebraska, survives the deceased. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Vivian was married to the widow of General Gibson. To this union three sons and one daughter were born, all of whom survive their father. The sons are Lester, Emmons and Lloyd, of Bayard, Nebraska; and the daughter, Mrs. Maud Brown, of Denver. The deceased is survived also by one stepson, Mr. William G. Gibson, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Scott, of Lincoln. Mr. Vivian's remains will be interred by the side of the grave of his second wife in Oak Hill cemetery.

The pall bearers will be selected from among the old friends of the deceased.

Baggage Got There.

Miss Ritter, who has been trimming for Mrs. Norton, finished her season and yesterday departed for her home at Ft. Madison, Iowa. When Miss Ritter purchased her ticket and asked the baggage man to check her trunk, the trunk could not be found on the platform. Martin's hackman immediately phoned to the barn, and although the train was at the station, Mr. Martin, with the agility of a cat, sprang up, harnessed a team to the trunk wagon and had the trunk at the station in exactly four minutes from the time he got the 'phone message. The trunk arrived and was in the car all checked for its destination just as the train rolled out of position at the station.

Extra Clerk For December.

Miss Henrietta Martins yesterday went in to the Plattsmouth postoffice as assistant clerk, to hold her position during the month of December. The holiday traffic is usually so large that the clerks which ordinarily can do the work with ease, are completely swamped with packages and Christmas mail.

Postmaster Schneider determined to have the difficulty remedied if possible and applied to the department for another clerk for the month of December, which was granted.

Elected Secretary.

"Pel" Barrows, former editor of the Plattsmouth News-Herald, has been elected secretary of the Lincoln Base Ball association at a fat salary. Barrows is one of the best base ball fans in Nebraska and his selection as secretary of the Lincoln club is a well-merited promotion. During the campaign just closed, Mr. Barrows was in charge of the publicity bureau for Senator Burket and worked hard for his chief's success.—Nebraska City Daily Press.

Notice to Creditors.

State of Nebraska, Cass County, ss.


In the matter of the estate of John H. Wallinger, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the county court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on December 12, 1910, and on June 14, 1911, at 9 o'clock, a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance.

Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 12th day of December, 1910.

Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 10th day of November, 1910.

(Seal)
Allen J. Beeson,
County Judge.



OPEN EVENINGS DURING DECEMBER

Buy Him Pajamas for Christmas!

One-third of a man's life is spent in slumber. Comfortable slumbering garments are appreciated by the most of men. We have the celebrated BRIGHTON line of Pajamas and night robes in cotton, flannelette and silk. Prices 50c to \$5. If he has a supply of these buy him a good HOUSE COAT. Our showing of these is unsurpassed outside the largest city stores. New fresh goods. Prices \$4 to \$10. Needless to tell you that the early shoppers get the best selection and the best service.

C. E. Wescott's Sons

THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

NEHAWKA. (News.)

Dr. Walker, a former practitioner at this place, was in town a few hours Saturday. The doctor has not located permanently since he left here.

Otto Carroll, Hans Stoll and Ern Young went to Murray Friday, where they took part in a blue rock contest with some of the cracks of that place. Mr. Young took first money.

Hon. Fred L. Nutzman took the train for Lincoln Wednesday morning, presumably with the intention of looking over the ground in the legislative city in preparation for his work this winter.

Ex-Governor Sheldon shipped a mixed car of cattle and hogs to his plantation at Wayside, Mississippi, Wednesday. Tom Mason, sr., accompanied them to look for their comfort en route, and it is safe to say that he will do it. Mr. Sheldon left on the midnight train the same day to look after his interests down there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick came home Wednesday from a delightful visit to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they ate Thanksgiving dinner with their son, Guy, and wife. They came home by way of Salem, Nebraska, where they visited a short time with Dr. Pollard, who practiced medicine for years here.

Wm. Carroll and daughter returned Saturday from Los Angeles, California, where they have been since July. Mr. Carroll has some interesting experiences to tell of that country, but says he is glad to get back to Nehawka. They went to California by way of Portland, Oregon, where he has another daughter living and where they visited for some time.

Many Thanks, Jap.

Everybody likes "sweetness" when it is taken in proper doses, and honey is about the sweetest article we have gotten hold of for lo, these many years. It is of the finest quality, too, which everybody will testify to willingly, especially those who have had an opportunity to test the article that comes from J. M. Young's apiary. Jap is the genial mail carrier on route 2, and he was never known to forget the Journal family when he has anything good, and, therefore, we acknowledge the receipt of two two-pound packages of the finest honey that ever went on a buckwheat cake or a hot biscuit, and we feel no hesitancy in recommending the article he produces as the finest honey in the county. He has about two hundred pounds of this "sweetness" for sale, and you want to see him and get a supply for Christmas. Many thanks, Jap.

Paving Blocks Being Laid.

The M. Ford people began laying the brick blocks yesterday as had been announced, commencing at the west end of the district on Vine street. The snow was thrown on wagons with shovels and taken out of the way for a block of the distance. Three or four men are taking the sand from the pile and laying it on the concrete, and a colored man with two helpers are laying the blocks. The intersection and the paving on the west of it, at Seventh and Vine, is of peculiar shape and only an expert can lay the blocks at this place. When this is done the work will move along rapidly, the blocks arrive and are unloaded from the car. The block between Sixth and Seventh will probably be open for travel within the next two days.

Pigs For Sale.

I have a number of spring male Duroc-Jersey pigs for sale.

N. KLAUREN

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS

The Plattsmouth People Should Know How to Read and Heed Them.

Sick Kidneys give many signals of distress. The secretions are dark, contain a Passages are frequent, scanty, painful.

Backache is constant day and night. Headaches and dizzy spells are frequent.

The weakened kidneys need quick help. Don't delay! Use a special kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, backache and urinary disorders. Plattsmouth evidence proves this statement.

Mrs. O. J. Gilson, Lincoln, Ave., Plattsmouth, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills in our family for lame back and other kidney disorders and they have brought the best results. My advice to anyone suffering from kidney complaint is to give this remedy a trial."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

A Narrow Escape.

Reports from Greenwood are to the effect that R. E. Clymer and wife, living one mile east of town, were nearly smothered to death Sunday morning by the gas fumes escaping from a new base burner they had put up the day before. Mr. Clymer's brother went over Sunday morning to see him and not getting any response in answer to his knocking, investigated and found the two in the house unconscious. Mr. Clymer was on the floor, having evidently been choking and tried to reach the door, but the gas fumes had overcome him. The doctor said in a short time more both would have suffocated. Mr. Clymer soon recovered, but his wife did not regain consciousness till about 5 o'clock Sunday evening and is still very ill.

Miss Dora Fricke was a passenger to Omaha on the afternoon train today, where she will visit her sister for a few days.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS AND DEFENDANTS WHOSE RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

William H. Rainey, Plaintiff, vs. G. M. Jordan, (first name unknown), George W. Jordan, James E. Jordan, Charles G. Jordan, Mary E. Jordan, Jasper A. Ware, Smith H. Davis, Sarah E. Davis, George M. Robertson, and Mrs. Francis A. Parry, Defendants.

To G. M. Jordan (first name unknown), George W. Jordan, James E. Jordan, Charles G. Jordan, Mary E. Jordan, Jasper A. Ware, Smith H. Davis, Sarah E. Davis, George M. Robertson, and Mrs. Francis A. Parry: You and each of you will hereby take notice that on the 23rd day of November, 1910, William H. Rainey, plaintiff, filed his petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against you, the object, purpose and prayer of which is to remove clouds from and quiet title of record by the decree of said court to the east half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-four (24) in town eleven (11) north, in range thirteen (13) east, and the south twenty-five and one-fourth (25 1/4) acres of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19) in town eleven (11) north, in range fourteen (14) east of the Sixth P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska, in plaintiff, William H. Rainey, as against you, and to exclude you and each of you from ever asserting or claiming any right, title or interest therein, or to any part or parcel thereof, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 31st day of January, 1911, or the allegations contained in said petition will be taken as true and a decree rendered accordingly. Dated, November 24th, 1910.

WILLIAM H. RAINEY, Plaintiff.
By John M. Leyda, His Attorney.

Meet With Mrs. C. G. Fricke.

The ladies of the St. Mary's Guild of St. Luke's church were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. G. Fricke in a very pleasant manner yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of the ladies in attendance. The first half of the afternoon was devoted to the regular business session, during which time reports on the Christmas market were given and various plans discussed for the benefit of the organization. The remainder of the time was spent in a social way and plying the busy needle, the ladies making the cases for the candles for the Christmas party to be given for the pupils of the Sunday school. A dainty as well as delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, which was likewise thoroughly enjoyed.

For Rent.

Eighty-two acres, two miles north of postoffice, known as Paradise Park. For terms apply at Streight & Streight's furniture store, 12-3-3rd St.

For Sale!

A number of Duroc boars with pedigree. L. H. Oldham.

You Pay in Cane!

ATTENTION:—Are You in the Market for LAND, if so Read What THE PAYNE INVESTMENT CO. is Placing on Sale

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The soil is not less than 300 feet deep; corn averages from 60 to 90 bushels per acre. This is the great sugar cane region. This land raises 20 to 35 tons of cane to the acre—present price is \$4.00 per ton.

The men selling this land want cane grown for their sugar mill and you can **PAY YOUR LAND IN CANE**, 1-6 of your acreage paying for your farm.

Delightful climate, cheap living, no cold, no snow, little fuel needed, no heavy clothing necessary. Labor at 40 to 85 cents per day. All kinds of **FRUIT**:—Oranges, lemons, grape fruit, peaches, pears, cherries; berries grow in profusion.

You can buy this land at from \$55 to \$70 per acre, one fifth down, balance 10 years at 6 per cent interest.

Don't take our word for it, but go with us and see it. The next **EXCURSION DECEMBER 20th**.

Call and talk with us about it; write for further particulars.

Windham Investment & Land Co.,

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Associate Agents.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction at his home, five miles east and one-half mile north of Weeping Water; six miles northwest of Nehawka, and nine miles southwest of Murray, on

Saturday, December 23, 1910

the following described property:

Sale to Commence at 10 o'clock

1 gray horse, 12 years old, weight 1,400; 1 bay mare, 7 years old, weight 1,350; 1 bay mare, 4 years old, weight 1,400; 2 gray geldings, 3 years old, weight 2,800; 1 brown mare, 8 years old, weight 1,200; 3 yearling colts; 1 yearling mule; 1 suckling colt; 5 milk cows, three giving milk, and two will soon be fresh; 1 Durham bull, 2 years old; 1 yearling heifer, 5 spring calves, 31 hogs.

Farm Implements:—1 binder, nearly new; 1 Monitor press drill, new; 1 Sterling 2-row cutter; 1 Lewis hay stacker, new; 2 Meadow Queen hay bucks, new; 1 corn elevator and dump; 1 horse power; 1 McCormick mower; 1 Bradley hay rake; 1 12-inch gang plow, nearly new; 3 Badger cultivators, one new; 1 walking cultivator; 1 Morris three-wheel lister; 1 walking lister; 1 potato digger; 1 two-section harrow, harrow cart; 1 drill planter, one 2-row cultivator; 1 hay rack, 3 wagons, 1 carriage; 1 top buggy, 1 feed grinder, 1 sled; 60-gallon coal oil tank; 1 galloway cream separator, new; 1