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#### THE CENSUS OF 1900.

The census of 1890 was tabulated lies. Never before had the census been deliberately falsified for a political purpose. In the Northwest where republican majorities were deemed certain the population, as a basis of representation in congress, was nominally increased by systematic padding. Thus Nebraska jumped from a representation of three in the lower house of congress to six. Thus Omaha, which never saw a day in which it outnumbered Kansas City, was made, by that most infamously false count, to contain about thirty thousand inhabitants more than Kansas City.

Nebraska City was reported at eleven thousand five hundred population and a conservative estimate at that time made it six thousand.

But the penalty of telling lies in 1890 will be visited upon the state of Nebraska and many of its towns and cities in 1900. The truth will out. The growth of our cities since 1890—if we have a conscientiously counted population in 1900—will be shown to have been phenomenally small. In some places the population of 1900 will appear less than ten years previous.

It is hoped that Mr. Merriam, the arithmetician, banker and expert politi-

cian of Minnesota, who is to boss the census of next year, will employ only intelligent tellers of the truth. We wish to have the number of people in each precinct, hamlet, city, county and state given correctly, truthfully, precisely.

The moment one finds errors in the count of the people themselves one realizes that all industrial data as to per capita production, wealth and taxation are also erroneous. Let the census of 1900 differ from that of 1890 by telling the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth.

#### IMPERIAL TOADYISM.

Napoleon made a journey from St. Cloud to Belgium in 1804, which occupied three months. He visited the towns along the Rhine and received the plaudits and adulation of his own appointees much as, in later days, partisan presidents in republics accept the worship of those to whom they have given lucrative postmaster-ships and other paying positions.

Many of the numerous speeches and editorials relative to Napoleon McKinley during some of his recent innumerable tours for rest from vast blunders, remind one of the French extravagance of flattery bestowed during that trip to Belgium upon Bonaparte. Here is one which even the Ohio platform or Emory Smith might emulate and imitate on occasion.

It is from a speech made to Napoleon by M. de la Chaise, prefect of Arras, who like an Ohio republican, said:

"God made Bonaparte and then rested."

And then Count Louis de Narbourn, who liked Bonaparte as Foraker does McKinley, remarked:

"That it would have been well had God rested a little sooner!"

The foregoing is given without any suggestions to the praise-makers of the McKinley imperialists, but with full confidence that the art of adulation in America is visibly expanding.

#### THE MOUND BUILDERS.

Archaeologists have for many generations been delving in the lore of the Mound Builders. All sorts of scientific theories have been evolved as to the origin and purposes of Mound Building.

In Wiltshire, England, is the largest artificial mound in all Europe. It is called Silbury Hill and is near Avebury. It covers five acres. Its base measures

two thousand and twenty-seven feet, and its top one hundred and twenty feet in diameter. Its slope is three hundred and sixteen feet. The perpendicular height is one hundred and seven feet.

In this age of dreamers and talkers are no Mound Builders. But the globe

is almost covered with orators, as are ant-hills with ants, who majestically build with their mouths.

The Mouth Builder constructs out of mere words new systems of finance, social life and of government. The Mouth Builder manufactures mountains of words to mark the progress of his vagaries. He does nothing with his head or hands. Mouth work is his trust!

From a trust in gab the Mouth Builder evolves populistic politics, and from populistic politics "a trust in offices," state and federal. The Mouth Builders have piled up a great many words, and no bricks, in Nebraska. They are critics always and never authors.

#### OHIO RE- PUBLICANS.

The Times-Herald of Chicago knows the cost of an Ohio republican. It has experience in syndicating an Ohio presidential candidate. Therefore when it devotes columns to Senator Joseph Benson Foraker the Times-Herald may be excused for being dogmatic.

It promises more about another republican Kerr and the public will soon be informed of canine methods in the state of Ohio generally and especially as to republican purity as depicted in the McKinley camps.

#### THE REAL MOTHER OF TRUSTS.

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY,  
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,  
June 15, 1899.

DEAR MR. MORTON:

Referring to yours of June 7, doubtless you noticed Havemeyer's testimony before the Washington commission yesterday and his remarks upon the matter of trusts, namely, that the protective tariff is the mother of trusts in the United States of America. I am with him every time on that statement. I think his observations in general were based on facts and good sense.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN J. VALENTINE.