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THE DUTY OF ASSESSORS.

Within ten days the county assessors will begin their annual rounds. The city and county tax roll for 1891 will depend on the result of their labors.

It is of the greatest importance that they enter upon their duties with an honest determination to do justice to all. They should keep in view the fact that the value fixed by them cannot be changed by the county board of equalization unless a protest is made by an aggrieved property owner.

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THE NEXT APPOINTMENT.

It is expected that the compilation of the statistics of population under the eleventh census will be completed by August, and that everything will be in readiness by the time of the meeting of the present congress for making the next apportionment of representatives.

In view of this a good deal of interest is said to be shown among members of congress in the question of the probable size of the house of representatives under the next apportionment.

According to reports from Washington the belief is somewhat general that the next house will be composed of three hundred and fifty-three members, or, in case of the admission of Wyoming and Idaho this year, of three hundred and fifty-five members.

This would make the total number of electoral votes in 1892, if the apportionment should be made by this congress, either four hundred and thirty-seven or four hundred and forty-three, and the successful candidate for president would have to receive in the first case two hundred and nineteen votes or more, and in the second case two hundred and twenty-two votes or more.

The new census is expected to show the population of the country to be about sixty-five million, of which the western states, including those on the Pacific and states newly admitted or to be admitted, will have somewhat more than one-third, or as estimated, twenty-three million five hundred thousand.

On the estimates of population for the several divisions of the country, and assuming the membership of the house will be increased as stated, the New England states would probably lose one or two representatives, the middle states gain one or two, the southern states gain nine, and the western states increase their representation fifteen.

On the basis of three hundred and fifty-five representatives in congress the probable votes of the several divisions in the house and in the electoral college would be: New England states twenty-five votes in the house and thirty-seven electoral votes; middle states, eighty-two votes in the house and ninety-four electoral votes; southern states one hundred and ninety-two votes in the house and one hundred and sixty-six electoral votes.

In any event the western section of the country is certain to have a very decided preponderance over any other section in the next house and in the electoral college of 1892, a fact which may have a strong influence upon both the political parties in selecting presidential candidates two years hence.

The question whether it is expedient to increase the membership of the house beyond what it is at present has received some discussion, and probably opinions are pretty evenly balanced, while there are some who think it would be wiser to reduce than to increase. But obviously the greatly enlarged ratio of representation that would be necessary in order to make the membership less than at present would be regarded as unjust to those states whose populations have remained almost stationary since the last apportionment, and an increase in the membership of the house of from twenty-three to twenty-five is therefore probable.

One very important result of the census of population will be in determining whether the elections are free and fair and the returns honest, in states whose election returns indicate a decrease of population. It may safely be predicted that it will be shown they are not.

THE WOOL GROWERS AND WOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS are at loggerheads. The Ohio fleece producers are united in demanding higher duties on the ground that without it their industry will be crippled.

On the other hand, the New England carpet makers complain that their business is languishing for lack of proper varieties of wool, the home market being glutted and the foreign market sealed against them.

In the endeavor to follow the business in congress the public has lost sight of the fisheries question. The plenipotentiaries of both the United States and Canada have, however, not neglected the subject.

Mr. Charles Tupper, the Dominion minister of marine and fisheries, has been closeted with Secretary Blaine for a number of days and the negotiations have proceeded so far as to warrant the prospect of a speedy settlement satisfactory to both parties.

A DISPATCH was sent to Baltimore a few days ago from two hundred elevators of Nebraska in effect that they are satisfied with the corn inspection of that city and object to any change in the system.

The corn shippers of this state are deeply interested in the movement proposed in Baltimore to place in the hands of the governor of Maryland the power of appointing a commission to regulate the inspection of grain, as any alteration in the standards of inspection is liable to influence values and cause confusion in the markets.

Baltimore is one of the largest corn and grain exporting cities on the Atlantic coast. Its trade has developed for the past twenty years, and exports now run

IN THE ROTUNDA.

Mr. P. Walsh, a member of the North Platte city council, is at the Millard. "Anything interesting in North Platte politics?" was the question put to the gentleman.

"Yes indeed," he replied. "We are looking for the hottest election there this spring we have ever had. Charles Ormsby is the present mayor, and, being a pronounced prohibitionist, is going to have a determined opposition. Thomas Fort, a rabid prohibitionist, will be his opponent, and he declares he will beat him, but he will find out that the people don't agree with him."

"North Platte doesn't want a prohibition mayor, and I don't think it will have one." "As a prohibitionist, I have no opinion generally throughout Lincoln county?"

"Yes, they are. They are vigorously engaged with their organization work, and are determined to make a hot fight." "Will they carry the county?"

"No, I do not think they will. They may, but it is highly improbable. They had two meetings there last week, both of them being fairly well attended. But the other side is at work, too, and does not seem to be much alarmed."

"The Farmers' alliance? Well, it is a strong organization and no mistake, and it is growing stronger every day. It is the most wide awake organization we have ever had in that section, and the members are today well reached fully six hundred. They claim to be non-partisan, and their aim is to send somebody to Lincoln who will legislate for the people and not for the railroads. There is a strong feeling in the country districts against the railroads. John Nossitt, the present member, made a speech at Lincoln against the submission bill, but afterwards voted for it. He gave his reasons, but they were unsatisfactory to a large proportion of his constituency. He holds over, you know."

"We are in the Third district. I'm a democrat, but voted for Dorsey. Yes, I have heard of many complaints against him. He made many enemies by his opposition to our efforts to secure a government building—a postoffice and land office combined. The citizens raised a subscription and sent a delegation to Washington on this errand, but Mr. Dorsey sat down on them, and we didn't get the building. In this Washington delegation were B. J. Hinman and State Senator Nesbitt, but their influence was not sufficient to accomplish anything, and they returned disgruntled."

"Yes, business is increasing nicely at Platte. We have built two splendid banks during the past year, the North Platte and First National, costing respectively \$10,000 and \$21,000. There are quite a number of buildings in contemplation there for this summer, and we are all expecting an improved condition of affairs in business circles."

A Two Line Tragedy. Nowkin, Conn., March 23.—Two boys. Shotgun. Fun. Funeral. Next.

The Reason of the Thing. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The treasury shortage of Mississippi is considerably larger than that of Missouri; but then her democratic majority is a good deal larger too.

The Kaiser at Large. Hartford Conn. An unknown elephant was in the streets without a keeper, who was a disquieting spectacle. What of an unknown young German emperor loose in European politics without Bismarck?

Not a Perennial "Kicker." Washington Post. President Hiram has completed the first year of his administration without having once resorted to the veto power. During the same period of the Cleveland administration congress was notified by the chief executive that it had passed undesirable measures on 115 separate occasions.

New York's Worst of the Pork. Pittsburg Herald. It is interesting to learn that Mr. Roosevelt has offered, on behalf of New York, to support a \$25,000,000 river and harbor appropriation on condition that New York gets a big share of it. This indicates Mr. Roosevelt's full adherence to the school of accuracy which consists in supporting everything that yields a large enough piece of the pork.

The Duty of the Iowa Legislature. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some of the republican papers of Iowa are disposed to question the Globe-Democrat's accuracy in reporting on the character of the advice of its members with regard to the matter of prohibition in that state. It is not true, they say, that public sentiment is against the prohibitory policy. But it is certainly true that a majority of the people voted last fall for the anti-prohibition candidate for governor and that very nearly a majority of the anti-prohibition candidates for the legislature were elected. It is likely that other causes helped somewhat to bring about that result; but the main issue was prohibition. The democrats did not conceal their intention to repeal the prohibitory law in the event of their success; and, with a full understanding of this fact, enough republicans joined with them to give them a majority in the state. If these republicans who voted the democratic ticket were not influenced for the most part by hostility to the prohibitory policy, then surely their feeling in its favor was of a very law-abiding and honorable character. They were willing, at least, to have it decided by an adverse vote and men who have their devotion to a cause thus lightly can hardly be depended upon to stand by it in future contingencies.

It is useless to deny that the republican party has been steadily losing ground in Iowa ever since it espoused prohibition as a party measure. The defeat of last fall was not an accident. It was the climax of a gradual process of democratic gain at republican expense. In a local way the people had repeatedly manifested their dissatisfaction with the prohibitory experiment; but the warning went unheeded, and so they emphasized it by electing a democratic governor, not so much because he was a democrat as because he was an anti-prohibitionist. That is the logical and intelligent explanation of the matter. And the lesson which it conveys is manifest and conclusive. A majority of the people of Iowa prefer to vote the republican ticket undoubtedly, but they will not do so unless it is for a reason that is not an accident. If they are required to accept prohibition as a part of the republican creed, it is for this reason that we urge the substitution of some other and more popular plan of temperance reform. The question is not one of yielding to the liquor interest, but of respecting the honest wishes of voters without whose support the republican party can not hope to retain its ascendancy in a state where it has heretofore been so splendidly prosperous. It is not to be supposed for a moment that there is a predominant sentiment in Iowa in

FAVOR OF THE SALOONS AND THE EVIL INFLUENCES AND TENDENCIES that are always and everywhere associated with them.

But there is a ruling sentiment, unless all signs are misleading, in favor of a judicious local option law, similar to those which are working satisfactorily in other states; and the republicans should persist for still stronger and more disastrous expressions of public displeasure.

THE WIDOW OF ARCHIE SEAT OF REINBECK, who was fatally shot while assisting the sheriff to arrest two tramps last summer, is in absolute want and the legislature has been asked to provide a fund for her relief. She is in delicate health and has four small children dependent on her for support. As her husband lost his life in the service of the state, it is thought some provision should be made for the support of his family.

About three years ago Pierson Wilson of Clinton county, while engaged in the business of his hand, the blade being broken about three-fourths of an inch from the end and remaining embedded in the palm. He suffered considerable pain, but on the advice of the physicians at the time allowed the blade to remain and has carried it since until last week when he paid him so severely that the physician advised that, acting on the advice of Dr. Peterson, he had the hand cut open and the blade taken out. It was somewhat corroded, but he has since recovered his hand and will soon have the use of the hand, which he has not had for three years past.

Pierson is extending his street railway system. The county farmers have organized a county alliance. Whitewater's waterworks will be completed by July 1. A Knights of Pythias brass band has been organized at Madison. The county of Olin has settled in Charles Mix county last week.

Aberdeen has put up the amount required to secure the location of the state fair. The fair will be held at Aberdeen, S. D. The fair was appointed farmer for the Indian school at Pierre. McDermott shipped east \$140,000 in bullion last week, the output of four mines the first half of March.

McPherson county farmers are now supplied with new tools, 8,000 bushels, the amount required, having been purchased by committee. The new resort hotel, to be built at Casper, Fall river county. The mineral springs at that place are said to be a sure cure for rheumatism.

John E. Jones of White Lake poured hot water into a cold bottle and was badly injured about the face by the explosion which followed. The Pollock woman who was taken for Central City dressed in female garb and wearing a corset tightly laced. During the night she slipped and fell, sustaining a rupture which it is believed will prove fatal.

The Deadwood Times says the Bear Gulch mining district will be represented at the world's fair in Chicago by a large number of men, and that the fair will be held in the northern Black Hills, which will give the public an opportunity to see in its native state and the process by which the ore is treated.

The Scandinavian farmers of the Red River valley met at Grand Forks and organized an association called the Red River Valley Farmers' Anti-Monopoly association. The object of the association is to enable members to sell their wheat direct to the millers and to the consumers instead of middle men as at present. Representatives will shortly be sent to England to perfect arrangements.

While his parents were away from home little Nick Lester, a six-year-old youngster living near Sturgis, got hold of a shotgun, which he shot at a cat, he succeeded in aiming at his mother's pet canary birds. He then blazed away. When his mother returned the birds were dead, the window smashed to pieces and the bird was a result of the recoil of the gun.

Southern Suppression of Votes. The junior democratic organ in this city, says the Chicago Tribune, tagging along behind Senator Pardo, denies that there is any suppression of the colored vote in the north. It asserts that voters in proportionately equal numbers stay away from the polls, both at the north and south, through simple lack of interest.

The sections are not much unlike in their regard for the ballot. In both there are thousands of stay-at-homes as well as unfaithful voters. It is quite as just to infer 'suppression' in one case as in the other. The vote of both north and south is doubtless due to the same cause. The full vote is not cast in the north because a great many voters do not think it worth while to go to the polls, and it is not cast in the south for the same reason.

The inaccuracy of this assumption will become apparent when a comparison is made of the number of votes cast in each state with the total population. Taking the United States as a whole, there are more voters in the north than in the south, and more persons—men, women and children—for every vote that was cast. The following table shows how widely the southern states departed from that average:

Table with 2 columns: State, No. persons, No. persons to vote. Louisiana 1,000,000 500,000; Georgia 1,000,000 500,000; Mississippi 1,000,000 500,000; Alabama 1,000,000 500,000; Arkansas 1,000,000 500,000; Virginia 1,000,000 500,000; Texas 1,000,000 500,000; Tennessee 1,000,000 500,000; Florida 1,000,000 500,000; North Carolina 1,000,000 500,000.

One may ask with reason why the percentage of voters to the total population should be the smallest in the gulf states, where intimidation is universal; should increase in the border states, where bulldozing is limited to certain seasons; and should be the highest point in the northern states, where bulldozing is unknown. It may be said in attempted reply that there are more male adults in proportion to total population in the northern than in the southern states. This is so owing to the large foreign immigration, a majority of which composed of adults, many of them not yet naturalized. Males over twenty-one constitute a little over 50 per cent of the total population of southern and twenty-six per cent of that of northern states. This, however, modifies but slightly the figures given above and still leaves it for southern bulldozers and their followers to explain why there should be twice as many persons to a voter in Georgia as in Illinois.

TWO CAREERS. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly. So much one thought 'about the life beyond He did not drain the waters of his pond; And when death laid his children 'neath the sod He called it 'the mysterious will of God.' He would not strive for worldly gain, not He; His wealth, he said, was stored in God's To Him.

He kept his mortal body poorly dressed, And talked about the garments of the blessed; And when to his last bed he laid him down, His only mourner begged her widow's gown.

One who is not sure that he has a life to come, He made a bequest of his worldly home. He strove for wealth, and with an open hand He comforted the needy in his land. He wore new garments often, and the old He sold more than a brother to keep out the cold. He said this life was such a little span, Men ought to make the most of it for gain. And when he died, the fortune that he left Gave success to the needy, and bereft.

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The Veteran association of Lancaster county has decided to hold a camp fire at Lincoln Wednesday, May 14. It is said that the membership of this association is increasing. Lincoln divisions, Knights of Pythias, are drilling Tuesday and Friday evenings. The boys are getting ready for the Illinois convalescence. A large delegation of the boys will attend from this city.

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