

\$15,000 IN PREMIUMS

FOR THE

Nearest Correct Estimate of the Census of 1900.

Rules of the Contest.

The publishers of The Weekly Bee will give away premiums valued in aggregate \$15,000, to subscribers who make the closest estimates of the census population of the state in which they live. The awards will be made on the official figures of the United States census for 1900. The subscriber making the closest estimate of the total population of his own state will receive the first premium, the subscriber making the next closest estimate will receive the second premium and so on.

Under the plan of award each subscriber will figure out the population of his own state and send the same with his subscription, which will be stamped with the date and hour of receipt at this office and filed. In case of a tie, the estimate first received will be awarded the premium.

For example: Suppose a Nebraska subscriber makes the closest estimate on Nebraska within 30,000 of the Nebraska census returns while an Iowa subscriber makes the closest estimate on Iowa within 30,001 of the Iowa census returns—then the Nebraska subscriber will receive first premium and the Iowa subscriber 2d premium.

All territories, Nevada and the District of Columbia are barred as the basis of calculation. Subscribers living in those states and territories will make their estimates on the population of Nebraska.

As the time when the census figures will be made public is not yet fixed, the close of the contest will be announced three weeks in advance, through The Weekly Bee.

Every estimate competing for these premiums must be accompanied by \$1.75 as a subscription to The Weekly Bee for one year, and The Illustrated Bee for one year.

Every subscriber now taking The Weekly Bee, may register his estimate by sending \$1.00 for The Illustrated Bee for one year.

List of Premiums

1st—10 room house and lot in Omaha, value	\$3,500
2nd—Cash	\$1,000
3rd—One Chickering Piano	\$600
4th—Cash	\$500
5th—One Kimball Piano	\$450
6th—Cash	\$200
7th—Cash	\$200
8th—Cash	\$100
9th to 19th—10 Sewing Machines, <small>Davis Ball-bearing, \$50 each</small>	\$500
19th to 24th—5 Defiance Sewing Machines, \$40 each	\$200
24th to 29th—5 High Grade 1900 Bicycles, \$50 each	\$250
30th—1 Omaha Commercial College full scholarship	\$60
31st—1 Omaha Commercial College mail scholarship	\$15
50 Cash Premiums, \$10 each	\$500
100 Cash Premiums, \$5 each	\$500
Farm Implements, wagons, buggies, musical instruments, guns, household furniture, books, pictures, etc	\$6,425

Grand Total.....\$15,000

Federal Census.

	1860	1870	1880	1890
Nebraska ..	28,841	122,993	452,401	1,058,910
Iowa	674,918	1,194,090	1,664,615	1,911,896
N. Dakota. }	4,837	14,181	155,177	182,719
S. Dakota. }				328,808
Missouri ..	1,182,012	1,721,295	2,168,350	2,679,184
Kansas	107,206	264,399	996,096	1,427,096
Wyoming ..		9,118	20,789	60,795
Colorado ..	84,277	89,864	194,327	412,198
Texas	604,215	818,579	1,591,749	2,235,528
Arkansas ..	435,450	484,471	802,525	1,128,179

Nebraska

Census	Population	Rank in List of States
1860	28,841	39th
1870	122,993	36th
1880	452,402	30th
1890	1,058,910	26th

Increase Per 10 Years	Per Cent of Increase
1860 to 1870	94.152
1870 to 1880	329.409
1880 to 1890	606.508

Iowa.

Census	Population	Rank in List of States
1840	48,112	29th
1850	192,214	27th
1860	674,918	20th
1870	1,194,090	11th
1880	1,624,615	10th
1890	1,911,896	10th

Increase Per 10 Years	Per Cent of Increase
1840 to 1850	149.102
1850 to 1860	452.099
1860 to 1870	519.107
1870 to 1880	430.595
1880 to 1890	287.281

Kansas.

Census	Population	Rank in List of States
1860	107,206	33rd
1870	364,399	29th
1880	996,096	20th
1890	1,427,096	19th

Increase Per 10 Years	Per Cent of Increase
1860 to 1870	267.083
1870 to 1880	631.895
1880 to 1890	431.00

Estimates must be accompanied by one year's subscription to the Weekly Bee and the Illustrated Bee, both for \$1.75

Figure it Out and Get a Big Premium

If desired you can send the papers to some friend and have the guess registered in your own name.

Address, The Weekly Bee Premium Dept., Omaha, Nebraska.

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