

WESTERN GROWTH HALTING

Population Figures Show East Catching Up on Region Nearer-Sinking Sun.

CENSUS BUREAU MAKES COMPARISONS

Immigration Seems Less Inclined to Enter Farming Country, Though South Fills Up Rapidly of Recent Years.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The census bureau has published a bulletin on the discussion of the increase of population in the United States, as shown by the census of 1900.

The principal results of the study of these figures are summarized as follows: The increase in the population of the continental United States—that is, the United States exclusive of Alaska and the recent insular acquisitions was 33,946,321, or 20.7 per cent. Only one country, Argentina, has shown by the most recent figures, a more rapid rate of growth.

The rates of increase on the two sides of the North Atlantic differ much less than they did a generation ago. Among the five main divisions of continental United States the highest rate of increase is found in the western division, and the lowest in the north central.

In the decade, 1890 to 1900, for the first time in our national history, the southern states increase less rapidly than the northern. East of the Mississippi, however, the northern states as a group, have grown in the last ten years somewhat more rapidly than the southern, but west of that river the southern states have increased almost two and one-half times as fast as the northern.

The region west of the Mississippi river is still increasing faster than east of it; but the difference between the rates of growth in the two regions from 1890 to 1900, was little more than one-fifth of what it was from 1880 to 1890. The region east of the Mississippi increased more rapidly from 1890 to 1900 than from 1880 to 1890, while that west of the Mississippi increased in the later decade not much more than half as fast as in the earlier.

The conclusion drawn that the increased growth of the east and the decreased growth of the west may both be connected with a probable decline in the current of westward migration. The rates of increase in the north and south during the last twenty years were practically the same. But in this story, there being a relatively uniform growth over the whole south, equalized by a balance in the north between a lower rate of rural growth and a higher rate of urban growth.

Will Aid Papers, Not Railways. The decision of the Postoffice department to allow haggardness to act as custodians of loose newspaper mail on certain trains has been misconstrued in some places as an intention to permit the indiscriminate awarding to the postal service of all railway employees, and the department has received a number of protests.

Some days ago some of the newspapers announced that the Postoffice department was contemplating the issue of orders to make every train of cars mail train, and all train employees would be required to be sworn in as postoffice employees.

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ONLY THE BEST GETS IN. That's another reason why The Illustrated Bee is so popular. It never admits cheap things to its columns and never prints a picture without a good reason.

HIGH COMPLIMENT WAS PAID JOHN B. BARNES this week when the republicans of Nebraska unanimously chose him as their candidate for supreme judge. It is an honor rarely bestowed on an individual to be allowed to go before a state convention without opposition, but this honor was given Judge Barnes.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF IOWA spent a week at Council Bluffs in attendance on the grand lodge of the state which was in session there several days. Four hundred knights of the Uniform Rank were in camp at the time, and engaged in a competitive drill.

WORK AND WAGES IN RUSSIA is the title of Frank G. Carpenter's latest letter. Mr. Carpenter deals with an interesting and little known phase of Russian industrial activity in his well known style. He imparts a great deal of information in a most entertaining manner.

NEW SERIAL STORY BEGINS ON SUNDAY—"The Weary Kings," a modern romance by Richard Voss. You must have this from the first number. Then there is the Woman's Department, "The City Beautiful," another of the municipal improvement series.

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Cuban government was ready to conclude the formalities connected with the leasing of the cooling stations in Cuba to the United States. Ratifications were not exchanged today, but the State department will probably take action in a few days to carry the leases into effect.

NEW COAST SLEEPER SERVICE Burlington Will Put On Through Cars from Chicago to the Pacific. The Burlington is, it is said, will soon put into use a new through sleeper service from Chicago to the Pacific coast that will afford as good service over that road to the Pacific from Chicago as from St. Louis to Portland.

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YANKEE TROOPS MOBILIZED

News Comes that Hostile Fleet Has Sailed for Portland, Maine.

ARMY PREPARES TO BATTLE IN MIMIC WAR

Navy Must Strike at Coast Town Which Hastily Summoned Soldiers Will Seek to Defend.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 21.—Theoretically, a hostile fleet sailed from the tropics today to attack Portland, and secret service agents notified the United States government of the fact. In this way began the mimic war in which detachments of the United States army and the combined fleet of the North Atlantic squadron are to take part during the next ten days.

The fleet which is supposed to be sailing toward Portland is really at anchor off Rockland, where it will remain for the two days which would be consumed if it was actually approaching from the tropics. Then the vessels will appear in this harbor and commence operations. In the meantime, prompted by the imaginary news of the fleet, the army of defense will assemble and prepare itself for the protection of the harbor and the city.

The local batteries being the first, naturally, to hear the news of threatening danger, promptly and by noon all the companies had gone into camp and taken up active duties. The First and Second regiments, which constitute the entire state militia, started as soon as notified for Portland and were in camp in good season. Before Sunday night additional forces from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York will be ready to assist in repulsing the enemy.

War Game a Puzzle. Rear Admiral Barker has received sealed instructions relating to the attack. The contents are unknown to General Coe, in command of the army. According to the rules for the maneuvers, the Blues, two squadrons of battleships located at Guantanamo and Culebra, are covered by a superior allied fleet, or Red and Black, when the political situation in the United States is suddenly strained and by noon a strong Red fleet including torpedo boats, sails at 4 p. m. on August 23 from the port of "X," holding south with sealed orders.

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GOSSIP OF COMMISSION ROW Old-Fashioned Sweet Potatoes from Virginia and Melons from Morristown State. Lovers of sweet potatoes, of the regular old-fashioned sweet potato, from where they have grown just because they want to ever since the days of Pocahontas and Captain John Smith, may satisfy their appetites next week. For unless it runs off the track, a car load of Virginia "sweets" will be on the market Monday morning, and three-bushel barrels will sell for \$3.75.

Something Saved, Anyway. Senator Henry Heitfeld of Idaho tells many a good story of the days when he was a "cow puncher" on the plains of Kansas. One day he met a woman who, in summing up her misfortunes, said: "Yes, Mr. Heitfeld, it has been a black year with us. First we lost our baby, and then Martha died, and then the old man himself died, and then the cow died, too, poor hussy! But her hide brought me \$6.—New York Press.

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STRUCK BY OMAHA THRIFT General Beaver and John M. Dale of Pennsylvania Guests of Gate City. General James A. Beaver, ex-governor and supreme court justice of Pennsylvania, is in the city enroute homeward from an extended visit through southern California. Other Pacific coast points and Colorado are accompanied by his law partner, Hon.

TRUTHS ARE OFTEN FALSE

Danger of Placing Too Much Balance on Circumstantial Evidence.

HONEST WITNESSES SOMETIMES DECEIVED

Men Fetched for Crimes of Which They Were Innocent—Cases Showing the Fallibility of Such Evidence.

Consideration of the nature of circumstantial evidence and of the principles on which it is founded caused one of the most learned lawyers of Washington to express himself very plainly while speaking of a comparatively recent mysterious murder. He said that in all cases of this kind the jury should keep alive all doubts of guilt until fully proved. He contends that the fallibility of circumstantial evidence has not been rare, even in cases where common sense could have no doubt. Where there exists the moral possibility that the criminal act may have been committed by any person the safest course, according to his observations, is to give the suspect the benefit of the doubt.

"Our people," said the attorney, "should be guarded in such matters. Every lover of law wishes the guilty to be punished, but none wishes the innocent to suffer. I can now recall a number of interesting cases in which circumstantial evidence played an important part, and I want to say that while medical and scientific assistance have been evidently used in getting down to facts, they are not always of much avail. A man was stabbed by another in the face; a knife, with blade entire, was brought forward as evidence against the prisoner at the trial; the surgeon swore that the wound must have been caused by the identical knife, and the prisoner, who had been heavily fined, the wounded man recovered, but a year afterward a fatal fever in the face, and the broken point of the real weapon was discharged from the sinus. This was proof positive that the wound was not made by the knife exhibited by the surgeon.

Blood Stains May Mislead. "Take the question of blood stain—a question which always figures largely in trials now. These stains have often been taken as proof conclusive against the accused. It is said that the science of chemistry can ascertain when stains are blood or vegetable, and human blood can be distinguished from that of animals. A man was accused of having murdered a child, to whom he was being nursed. The knife which was brought in evidence against him was stained with dark spots declared to be blood. Science showed that the blade had been used the day before for cutting a lemon, and as it had not been cleaned, the juice of the lemon had caused the appearance of blood stain. Nothing is more common than stains resembling blood, and there are many on whose person or instruments such have been found who would have met the fate of murderers had they not been living in the house of a retainer near Portland. During the night one of the men was renewing his chase in his dreams and imagining himself present at the death of a stag cried out, 'I'll kill him! I'll kill him!' The other, awakened by the noise, sprang from the bed and by the light of the moon beheld the sleeper give several deadly stabs on the pillow from which his companion and bosom friend had just taken his head. Suppose a death had been given in this way and it had been shown that the two men had been known to have quarreled before? Murder in the first degree? Well, yes."

Many years ago a gentleman visited the British museum and requested the attendant who was with him to permit him to examine a certain old and valuable coin. The attendant opened the drawer of coins and the gentleman to his surprise found it was the only one of that stamp. The gentleman asked if he was sure of that and was told that he was. The visitor requested leave to take it in his hand, and after examining it closely placed it back in the drawer. The attendant, who was smiling and he must have been very pleased, vehemently declared that he did not have the coin and that he would not be searched until a thorough examination was made of the drawer. With the attendant he returned to the museum and the drawer being unlocked, the coin was found in a crack into which it had slipped.

Another Hunting Case. "But another one about hunters: A field hand was found dead, with a fearful gash in his head. It was known that the man who worked with him was his enemy. It was short work making a conviction, and the poor fellow was jerked to eternity at the morgue. The coroner afterwards a rich planter confessed that while out hunting his hounds had run a rabbit through the field and the laborer had spoken roughly to him about trespassing on the grounds. The planter was on his horse and cut at the man with his whip. The laborer, in dodging the whip the laborer had fallen, striking his head on a shovel which stood near. The fall was of sufficient force to cause a fractured skull, from which injuries the poor fellow died. When the planter discovered what had been the result of his anger in striking at the man he left the field, and it was not until on his deathbed that he made a confession.

"A surgeon well known in society and in the medical and surgical world was found guilty of murdering his kitchen maid. She was found dead in the dining room, a surgical instrument, blood-stained, was found on the floor, and in a corner of the room was a shirt completely saturated with blood. The shirt was marked with the initials of the surgeon, the surgical instrument was his brand question: his family was out of the city; there was no one home save himself and the maid, and of course, everybody believed that he had killed her. There was also a living witness, an elderly woman reading just across the street, testified at the coroner's inquest that she had seen the surgeon enter the house, pull down the shades of the windows in the dining room, and that he had not come out before dark—it was morning when the dead body of the maid was discovered.

Hanged for Another's Accident. "With such evidence there was nothing to do but hang the man, and he was hanged. Years afterward a man confessed that he was present when the maid accidentally killed herself, and believing that he would have been charged with the murder, he left the house and said nothing about it.

How to Do It. The proprietor of the theater had died suddenly. "Of course we must do something to show our proper respect," remarked the manager. "Certainly," returned the manager. "Shall we close the theater for a night or two?" "No-o-o. Business is too good. I guess we'd better put the chorus in black tights for about thirty days."—Chicago Post.

MOUNTAINS TAKE THEIR TOLL

Mountain Climbers in the Alps Pay the Penalty of Foolhardy Exploits.

The fact that 150 men and women have fallen to their death in the Alps already this season, with possibly three or four weeks and several mountains yet to hear from, will not deter more the pity, one strong Red fleet including torpedo boats, sails at 4 p. m. on August 23 from the port of "X," holding south with sealed orders.

The Red fleet at "X" will proceed at once to Portland and seize and hold the same as a base of operations. Information of the sailing of the fleet from "X" is received at Portland six hours after its departure. The time required for the Red fleet to reach Portland is fifty-four hours. It will be assumed that prior to the sailing of the Red fleet from "X" no channels are mined or obstructed. Thereafter all enterprises sanctioned by international law will be permitted. It is desirable that the operations of the fleet include all channels of approach to Portland, embrace a reconnaissance in force and attempt to destroy the mine fields.

Preparations will be made to resist the attacks by the forts. The period of hostilities lasts from midnight on August 23 to noon on August 25. The period from midnight August 23 to midnight August 25 is to be known as the period of preparation. Enemy is Reinforced. ROCKLAND, Me., Aug. 21.—Rear Admiral Barker's fleet of warships was joined today by four of the torpedo boat destroyers, Truxton, Vorden, Whipple and Laurence. The gunboat Topeka, the collier Marcellus and the United States tug, Admiral, a semi-official announcement today says the fleet will leave here on Sunday to begin the war maneuvers.

Rhode Island Defended. NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—Tomorrow is set for the time for the troops in the various forts in this district to go into camp on a war footing and from that time on for a week drills will be carried on as though a state of war existed. This is in conjunction with the joint war games of the coast of Maine, and although it is not expected that any of the enemy's ships will make their appearance off Newport the troops will be ready to repel any attack on the land if one is made.

BACHELORS ROAR MIGHTILY Hammond's High Lonesomes Meet Efforts to Drive Them Into Matrimony. Bachelors of Hammond, Ind., are up in arms because of Mayor Knott's proclamation that single men in the Indiana town should marry in order that industrial peace might be maintained. The bachelors' club yesterday adopted sarcastic resolutions as a result, and the mayor is now the butt for any number of cynical flings.

Look back a few years," say the bachelors, "to the time when you were childless and wifeless and in no position to take upon yourself the burden of making and keeping a home. This is only one of the caustic bits of advice offered the mayor. President Frank L. Susemihl, at the meeting of the Bachelors' club recently appointed Dr. J. E. Covay, a young dentist, as honorary secretary. The club then drafted resolutions. The result of their labors follows: Whereas, Mayor Armanis F. Knott of Hammond wishes the manufacturers of this town to be satisfied with the number of men in their employ in favor of the man with a home and keeping up a home. Whereas, However willing we are at present to marry we cannot get wives as we can now get them. Therefore, we hereby resolve that money cannot buy, and we hereby resolve that we will not be married by the man who is unwilling to support the community we look with favor upon the man who is willing to support the community. Resolved, That we petition the manufacturer before they take action upon it and dismiss us from their employ, and be it further Resolved, That we implore the bachelors of Hammond to get up and move on themselves and do all they can for the mayor, judge and justices of the peace in buying licenses and paying taxes for themselves, and be it further Resolved, That we ask his honor to go back to France and remember the time when he was childless and wifeless and in no position to take upon himself the burden of making and keeping up a home.

In Chicago there was unanimity of opinion. In every case Mayor Knott's position was declared untenable.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Woman and Rat in Battle. Mrs. Irving Shultz of South Canaan, Conn., had a fight with a rat and was badly bitten on the foot and hand. The rat is dead. For some time past Mrs. Shultz's chicks have been disappearing with regularity, and investigation showed that they usually disappeared through a large rat hole in one corner of the coop. The woman set a trap, but in vain. Up to date the rat had disposed of sixty of the 150 chicks owned by Mrs. Shultz. Mrs. Shultz was conversing with Deacon Morse when both heard a commotion in the coop. Mrs. Shultz arrived in time to see a huge rat running toward a hole with his teeth in a chick's wing. The woman set her foot on the rat's tail, whereupon it turned and bit her foot. But she pounced the rat's head with her clenched fist. This made the rat let go the foot and bite her hand. Finally Mrs. Shultz loosened a stone in the wall and with it dispatched the rat.

Iowa Undertaker Picked. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—The National Association of Funeral Directors today elected the following officers: President, Colonel J. M. Connelly of Charleston, S. D.; vice-president, H. M. Penney of Topeka; second vice president, F. W. Alexander of Conrad, Minn.; secretary, H. M. Kipstick of Elmwood, Ill.; re-elected, treasurer, C. A. Miller of Cincinnati, re-elected.

BUFFALO LITHIA WATER In Gouty, Rheumatic and Renal Affections.

THESE PHYSICIANS HAVE USED IT PERSONALLY AND IN PRACTICE: Dr. Charles B. Nancrede, Professor of Surgery, Medical Department, University of Michigan: "I have used it with undoubted advantage in my own person." Hunter McGuire, M.D., LL.D., late President and Professor of Clinical Surgery, University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va.; ex-President American Medical Ass'n: "BUFFALO LITHIA WATER as an alkaline diuretic in all cases of urinary disease is invaluable. In Uric Acid Gravel, and, indeed, in diseases generally dependent upon Uric Acid Diathesis, it is a remedy of extraordinary potency. I have prescribed it in cases of Rheumatic Gout which had resisted the ordinary remedies, with wonderfully good results. I have used it also in my own case, being a great sufferer from this malady, and have derived more benefit from it than any other remedy." Dr. John R. Page, Birmingham, Ala., formerly Professor of Zoology, Botany, etc., University of Virginia: "I am fully satisfied of its great value in the treatment of all affections due to a Gouty Diathesis. Indeed, I have experienced very decided benefit from its use in Gout in my own person." Dr. Algeron S. Garnett, Surgeon (Retired) U. S. Navy, Resident Physician, Hot Springs, Ark.: "I have had excellent results from this water in Gout, Rheumatism and that hybrid disease, Rheumatic Gout, both in my own person and in the treatment of patients for whom I have prescribed it." Voluminous medical testimony sent on request. For sale by the general drug and mineral water trade. Hotel at Springs Now Open. PROPRIETOR BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS, VIRGINIA.

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The man was the maid's sweetheart and she had been in the habit of letting him visit her, entering the house through the rear yard. He said that on the night in question he had asked her for his keys, and she refused him; he attempted to take it by force, she at the time being engaged in cleaning the instruments for her master. In the struggle she fell to the floor, the surgical instrument which she held in her hand piercing her side, causing almost instant death. He tried to stop the flow of blood with the shirt, but finding that he could not do so he kissed the fast dying girl and left.—Washington Post.

HOW BIG TREASURES VANISH Famous Sculptures, Paintings, Jewels and China that Have Mysteriously Disappeared.

The greatest treasure in sculpture the world has ever known is imperfect, and the piece missing—a right arm—would bring the finder in a king's ransom, so may be termed a treasure in itself. This arm, of course, belongs to the Venus de Milo, now in the Louvre at Paris, and twenty-eight years ago it turned up in England, and was proved by experts to be the genuine arm of the Venus. The owner, however, refused to part with it, and concealed it somewhere lest it should be stolen by thieves. When he died he left no record as to where the arm was hidden, and from that day to this its resting place has remained a mystery. Somewhere there is an old bronze drinking cup which would easily realize \$20,000 if put on the market. It is the famous bronze bowl found in Egypt a century ago, and on which was engraved the ancient history of the Pharaohs. It was stolen from an Egyptian temple in 1728 and brought to Europe. From that time it miraculously disappeared, and forty years later the French government offered \$250,000 for its discovery, but the famous cup had vanished in all probability forever.

Great pictures have an unhappy knack of disappearing, and lucky would be the individual who came across Sir Joshua Reynolds' "Countess of Derby," for it would realize \$200,000. This was acknowledged to be Reynolds' greatest portrait, but not long after it was painted it disappeared from the earl of Derby's collection and has never since been heard of. There are also two Van Dykes and a Rembrandt missing for which the National gallery would willingly pay \$40,000, and no doubt the earl of Crews would give a four-figure reward to any one who restored the Cupid cut by some vandal from the picture of a former countess of Crews and her son, who was painted as the little sprite.

Half a century ago the Italian government offered £10,000 to any one who could rediscover the Florentine chalice. This is a goblet of green Venetian glass, made in the sixteenth century for the pope, and engraved with the picture of the resurrection. The National gallery would willingly pay \$20,000, and the secret of the glass, which was thinner than paper, is lost. The cup was stolen from the Vatican, but no one came forward to claim the offered reward, and the probabilities are that the cup has been smashed. A similar treasure, which vanished in an equally strange manner, was the Marcella vase of Dresden china. It is the only piece of china missing from the famous Marcella collection, the value of which is set down at \$10,000, and it bears upon it the cross arrows and a lion's head. A few years ago the vase was said to be in the north of England, and it is safe to assert that if any one rediscovered it he can command a price running well into four figures.

Probably in some lumber room in this country there is an old sword which, if the owner only knew it, is worth a couple of thousand pounds. It was the state sword presented by the nation to Edward III, and at one time the hit was studded with large rubies, but these disappeared long before the weapon followed them into obscurity some years ago. Any one of our national

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