

ESTIMATES OF POPULATION

Director of Census Replies to Criticism of Recent Bulletin.

LAYS NO CLAIM TO ABSOLUTE ACCURACY

Business System Employed as Best in Majority of Cases, While Admitting Its Error Where Exceptional Conditions Prevail.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the recent comments of your journal regarding the census estimate of the population of your city in 1901, 1902, 1903, I beg to hand you herewith a statement which embodies a general reply to some criticisms of a similar character. Very respectfully, S. N. D. NORTH, Director.

Hon. George B. Cortright, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir:—You have called my attention to certain comments and criticisms upon the estimates of population published in a bulletin recently issued by the bureau of the census. I am glad of the opportunity to reply to them in one general statement. It is with attention that these criticisms are much fewer in number and much less violent in tone than the comments which attended the actual enumeration of population at the twelfth census, and also that they come, as a rule, from the same localities. It is apparent, moreover, that they are written by persons who had not read and digested the text which accompanies the estimates and fully explains the purpose and the method of making them and the limitations surrounding them. In all quarters where those are understood the bulletin has met with great interest and value, obtained by the application of a carefully considered scientific method for projecting the census into inter-censal years.

Population estimates for inter-censal years are demanded by the current work of the census bureau; they are equally necessary in the annual mortality reports of our great municipalities, in the calculations and tabular presentations of the Treasury department and in many other directions that at once suggest themselves. Heretofore these estimates have been made by local authorities, and since the methods followed differed widely in different localities the results possessed no uniformity, and thus lacked the first requisite of comparable statistics. This deplorable condition was practically unavoidable so long as there was no permanent census bureau. Now that such a bureau exists, it would seem that one of its first duties is to establish a definite, uniform rule for projecting population from the data of the latest census, and to make the computations for the public use. Nothing more important in the direction of standardizing official statistics has yet been done, in my judgment, by the comptroller of the treasury who recognized the value of the service of the census by utilizing its population estimates in determining whether certain localities are entitled to national bank charters under the provisions of law; and it is hoped that all government officials who have occasion to use population estimates in their work will also make use of them.

These estimates are not in any sense a census, nor are they a recalculation of the investigation of the peculiar local conditions which may affect individual cases. This fact is an answer to the criticisms coming from cities which adduce various censuses for asserting that their rate of growth in population since 1900 has been in excess of that indicated. Each estimate rests upon an hypothesis, sufficiently realistic for most statistical purposes—the hypothesis that the annual increase of population since 1900 is one-tenth of the total increase from 1850 to 1900 as established by census enumerations. In only a few cases has the census deviated from a strict adherence to this hypothesis and endeavored to make allowance for disturbing local factors. These are the cases in which growth has been affected by annexations, territory, either before or since the census of 1900. Where such annexations have occurred their effect upon the population has been carefully calculated, after correspondence with the local authorities, city engineers, mayors, etc.

In all well settled communities the hypothesis is found to come remarkably close to the actual fact, when tested by similar computations based upon the growth in previous censuses. In such communities the estimates can safely be accepted in preference to any such computation by directory canvasses, school canvasses, increase in postoffice business or ballots cast at elections. Experience almost invariably demonstrates that these methods of determining population are fallacious and unreliable.

For some time there have been reports that Thomas J. Majors, who is one of the trustees of the State Normal school, was after the scalp of Dr. Clark, because the head of the school would not comply with Majors' wishes in regard to some appointments.

Missing Woman Located. FREMONT, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. A. Lyons, the Pullerton, Neb., woman who mysteriously disappeared from her home under circumstances which were rather suspicious and who was last seen in Fremont, has been located in South Dakota. She left her home a few weeks ago ostensibly to go to Walla Walla, Wash. As she did not go there, her husband became anxious about her and after tracing her to this city lost track of her entirely. She claims to have gone to South Dakota for the purpose of taking up some government land.

Smallpox at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Eight cases of smallpox were quarantined by the Board of Health yesterday and one case this morning. In the family of Henry A. Puschel there are five children afflicted with the disease. Miss Grace Bloom, aged 15, is also afflicted, as is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lohr. This morning Charles A. Finney, a printer employed at the Journal office, was found by the city physician to have a well developed case, and his home was at once promptly quarantined. He had not been at work since last Thursday, but did not know what was the matter with himself. There were no services at the church in the city last evening on account of the large number of cases of this dread malady appearing so suddenly. The city physician says in most part the cases are in a very mild form. Every precaution is taken to prevent a contagion, but it is not thought the schools will be closed, as it is so near to the end of the school year.

Saloons Go to Springfield. PAPILLION, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—In the district court here today the saloon troubles of Papillion were heard upon appeal by Judge Sutton and settled. On account of the case against the granting of a license to Mohler & Lake not having been appealed by the remonstrators through error, this case was thrown out by the court. Owing to the fact that the evidence in the Johnson case had not been taken down by a stenographer at the hearing in the lower court, but had been written long hand, and therefore was incomplete, the writer testifying to that effect, Judge Sutton declared he could do nothing except overrule the remonstrance against the town board issuing a license to Johnson. The town board had granted the two saloon licenses in spite of the remonstrance, but last week they were ordered to revoke them.

Hymeneal. Hesse-McNister. BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—In court Saturday occurred the marriage of Mr. Barick E. Hesse of Wynora and Mrs. May B. McMaster of Beatrice, Colo. County Judge Bourne officiating.

FINISHING TOUCHES PUT ON

Democratic National Subcommittee Meets at St. Louis.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR SEATING

Award for the Decoration of the Hall is Made, but It Will Be Ready by the Fifteenth of June.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—The subcommittee of the democratic national committee met here today, practically completed arrangements for the democratic national convention, which will meet in this city July 6, and adjourned to meet again Wednesday, June 8, at 10 a. m. at the Hotel Jefferson. The disposition of the tickets for the 3040 seats that will be provided for in the convention hall for delegates, alternates, the press and the general public was taken care of and other matters were arranged.

Those present were Chairman J. K. Jones of Arkansas, Senator William J. Stone of Missouri, Daniel J. Campeau of Michigan, Norman E. Mack of New York, James M. Head of Tennessee, J. G. Johnson of Kansas and John E. Osborne of Wyoming. The absentees were Messrs J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania and John R. McLean of Ohio.

Congressman G. M. Hitchcock of Omaha, who is at the head of the press ticket disbursement arrangements, and Mr. Edwin Sefton of Washington, D. C., who will have the direct allotment of the seats, were also present. Mr. Sefton acted as secretary pro tem of the committee.

A resolution was adopted providing that all applications for press tickets from newspapers for the democratic national convention shall be made by and in the name of publishers or managers of newspapers and must be filed with Mr. Charles H. Mann, press gallery, house of representatives, Washington, D. C., on or before June 8. Applications for press tickets from persons other than those indicated above will not be recognized.

Hall Will Be Ready June 15. A total of 702 seats will be provided for press workers. Of that number 332 seats are for correspondents or local newspaper workers. These will have tables. The remaining 370 seats will be reserved for representatives of the weekly press and publishers who do not send telegraph matter, but write news letters. Each member of the national committee has been allotted ten tickets and each delegate three.

Contracts for the printing of the tickets, it was reported by the subcommittee having that matter in charge, have been let to a Chicago firm, which was the lowest bidder. The award for the decoration of the hall has not yet been made. It was announced on behalf of the local committee on arrangements that the convention hall will be ready to turn over to the national committee by June 15.

It was provided that all doorkeepers for the national convention shall be appointed by the subcommittee on arrangements of the national committee, through the sergeant-at-arms of the convention.

MAN IS DROWNED IN A CISTERN

No One Near at Time to Tell How Accident Happened.

BENKELMAN, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—J. O. Jeppen, a mason, of Stratton, Neb., for many years a resident of Dundey county, met with an accident Sunday morning, before 9 o'clock which cost him his life. Mr. Jeppen had been employed to repair the inner walls of a cistern belonging to C. C. Barr of this place and was working about three feet down from a board attached to a rope suspended from a picket fence above.

Shortly after he had commenced work the little daughter of Mr. Barr went out where he was engaged, and not finding him told her mother, who went out to the cistern and peering down discovered the board which had been used as a seat and Mr. Jeppen's head and one arm protruding. Help was at once called and upon examination the body of Mr. Jeppen was found at the bottom of the cistern. Upon medical examination life was pronounced extinct.

It is supposed that the rope which held the board upon which Mr. Jeppen was sitting became loose, and he fell, with nothing to grab or to use in saving himself he fell into the water and was drowned.

Democratic Harmony Lacking.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The county democratic convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention was held in this city Saturday afternoon. H. L. Cooper was made temporary chairman and J. R. Douglas temporary secretary. Resolutions endorsing the Kansas City platform were adopted, but not without opposition, nor are the democrats generally pleased at the idea.

The delegation to the state convention is made up of the following: T. Ward of Tecumseh was endorsed as delegate to the national convention from the First district, and Hugh LaMaster of Tecumseh was endorsed as a member of the state committee from this district. The delegates selected to the state convention include J. B. Douglas, George Warren, J. O. Reed, William Conway, John Howarth, Daniel Martin, George Clark, Marion Stevens, George Sandusky, Herman Ernst. At a later date a convention will be held for the purpose of nominating a county ticket.

Hold Up Track Walker.

SHELTON, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Sunday morning about 5:30 as Charles Carpenter, a section hand and son of P. M. Carpenter, section foreman, was making the regular morning trip over the track about a mile west of town he was stopped by four tramps and asked for some matches, which he felt in his pocket for, when one of the men produced a good-sized revolver and pointed it at him and told him to give up his money, which he reluctantly did, \$1.40 being all the cash he had. He was then allowed to go and the tramps disappeared. A warrant was made out charging the men with highway robbery, and a marshal and several deputies started in pursuit. All day was spent in looking for the thieves, but they had not been seen up to dark last night, but Sheriff Sammons and a crowd of men are making every effort to locate them.

Jones Wanted in Greeley.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—One of the suspects who was apprehended by Deputy Sheriff Lechmit in attempting to aid Kelley, who is in jail here, charged with the murder of Arthur Snowden, to escape, develops to be Charles Jones, who was sent up from this county in January, 1901, for one year, being convicted of stealing a horse belonging to Henry Melcher, a well-to-do farmer living near Humphrey. On his person was found a small steel drill. Jones is wanted by the authorities of Greeley county and an officer will call for him today. The other man with Jones at the time says his name is William Condon and his home Des Moines. Condon pleaded guilty today in justice court to the charge of vagrancy and was given thirty days in jail. The county attorney may possibly file a more serious charge against him after he serves his time.

Sanitation of North Platte.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—At the city council's election a question of interest before the people was the need of a sewerage system, and, as usual, there were two factions, each supporting its peculiar ideas along sewerage lines. At that time the indications were that immediate steps would be taken to make sewerage a reality. The new council selected a committee which for some time has been ready to report, but as no petition has been presented asking the council to submit the proposition to the people, nothing can be done. At present the sanitary conditions are not of the best, and the breaking out of an epidemic would probably urge the authorities to renewed action.

Western Miners in Session.

CONVENTION OF FEDERATION MEETS AT DENVER WITH VICE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR. DENVER, May 23.—Over 50 delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners assembled here today to consider questions vitally affecting the welfare of the organization. Vice President J. C. Williams of Grass Valley, Cal., presided in the absence of President Meyer. The convention is expected to be in session for about ten days. Delegates are present from Arizona, Colorado, British Columbia, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Utah, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Alabama.

Eighteen Months for Robbery.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—John Kings, alias Pat Hill, George Sweeny and Charles Ray, the three men found guilty last week in district court of robbing W. T. B. Simpson, a traveling salesman for Swift and Company, of \$1,000 in this city last fall, were sentenced to eighteen months each in the penitentiary today. The trio will be taken to Lincoln tomorrow.

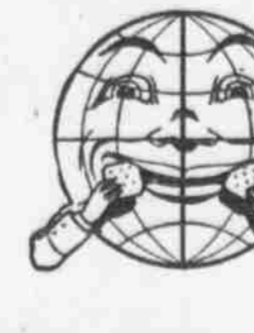
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Democratic Actions Working for Control of Convention.

BRYAN-HEARST MEN IN THE MAJORITY

Large List of Contesting Delegates Promise to Make Events at Today's Convention Excitingly Lively.

COLUMBUS, O., May 23.—Leaders are in conference here today preparatory to the democratic state convention to be held during the next two days. Nothing seems to be settled in advance, except Webb P. Huntington of Columbus for secretary of state. He has no opposition.

The Hearst men have for weeks been contending in Ohio for district delegates to the national convention at St. Louis and for county delegates to the state convention here this week, but they have failed to get a majority of either, so that there will be no such scenes of contest as were expected here during the week.

The Hearst men are now in favor of no indorsement for anyone for president. This would give them the few district delegates they have secured, while any instructions or unit rule would prevent them from getting any votes from Ohio at St. Louis. While there is no leader at this convention, as in former years, it is probable that the contest between the friends of Colonel James Kilbourne of Columbus and Hon. Judge Judson Harmon of Cincinnati may prevent any indorsement for president. It seems that there will be no instructions for either Hearst or Parker. If there is no indorsement of either Kilbourne or Harmon and no unit rule, the Hearst men will consider it a partial victory, as they would then be able to get the votes of such districts as they have carried.

Owing to the large number of contests to be heard, there is some talk of a hotting convention, but it is thought that there will be no more threats of this kind after the district meetings and the committee sittings tomorrow night.

Hearst Men Claim Majority.

The Hearst men tonight claim a majority in the state central committee tomorrow when the vote will be determined from the following counties: Cuyahoga, 23; Hamilton, 16; Franklin, 25; Montgomery, 24; Summit, 12; Miami, 17; Madison, 4; Total, 200.

The Bryan-Hearst men call themselves "the regulars" and the others "the reorganizers." Their opponents call themselves the conservatives and the others "the radicals." The Bryan-Hearst men's

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The vote at 3 p. m. Monday, May 23, was: F. M. Frederick, Omaha, 1,100; L. H. Moyer, Dow City, Ia., 49; M. M. Lillard, Council Bluffs, 12; Jesse Lucas, Albia, Neb., 12; Irene Lucas, Omaha, 1.

MOB SEARCHES FOR MURDERER

After Excitement Dies Down the Hunted Man Surrenders to the Authorities.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 23.—Word has been received from Valley Park, southwest of St. Louis, that a mob of 50 men, armed with shotguns and other weapons, paraded the streets there for three hours searching for Henry Wiseman, a saloonkeeper, who shot and instantly killed Manley Hanley.

The mob gained access to Wiseman's saloon by forcing the doors, but he was not found, it being discovered later that he had locked himself in the room in the rear of the building. The mob kept vigil for some hours and finally dispersed. Wiseman surrendered to the authorities after the excitement had abated.

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