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Census Appointments.

President Taft has addressed a letter to Secretary Nagel on the behavior of census supervisors, which is an admirable epitome of the duties which come to the men selected to manage the counting of the population.

The president endeavors to separate entirely this constitutional duty from the old trammels of politics. Any supervisor or enumerator who, during his term of office, takes part in politics, by service on a party committee, by public addresses, by the solicitation of votes or otherwise, shall at once be dismissed.

The supervisors are to be strict in avoiding pressure on the enumerators, clerks and other subordinates to assist any party, or any candidate, in a primary or a general election. The president, who will be fearlessly assisted by Secretary Nagel, himself an advocate of business efficiency, proposes that the vast army of census appointees shall not be used to build up any political machine.

Mr. Taft disposes of one matter which over-strict reformers might make a subject of advice. He says that the quickest and best way of selecting suitable supervisors is to consult senators and congressmen in the districts. That is not flawless civil service reform, but it is common sense and the plan has always been followed.

In turn the supervisors will consult, it may be supposed, party leaders in minor civil divisions concerning enumerators and clerks. The president does not intend to ask Mr. Nagel to make rules that will not be obeyed or will provoke confusion. In fact, the only criticism which justly applies to the letter is that the language of inhibition almost would prevent a supervisor or enumerator from taking the ordinary citizen's ordinary interest in politics.

"Any part in politics that merely casting his vote" is fixing limits which permit the constitutional privilege of free speech and little more. But it can be safely assumed that neither the president nor the secretary contemplates a bureaucratic and mechanical rule of conduct. They only give notice that this is a business affair, a taking of the census and not an opportunity for political boasting, or a reliance on favoritism.

It is of the first importance that the people have confidence in the good faith and competence of the men who make and tabulate the decennial count. The letter is designed to promote that kind of confidence. To the extent that it is a precaution and a justification. Last Spring the secretary discovered certain conditions in the census office which called for reproof. This letter is notice that the payrolls of the office are not to be stuffed with the names of political favorites. Capacity and character suitable to the work are to be the first consideration.

Chicago. It is a part, and no passing phase, of a great sociological subject. But what good comes of talking about what is not new. Good looks do not make employment and do not make marriages, though nobody ever heard of a woman who would deliberately make herself ugly. Cleverness makes many more successful saleswomen, stenographers and wives than beauty, and the most successful cleverness comes in two branches, talking well and dressing effectively. All the opinions of all the employers in Chicago and New York would not change the fact that from Esther Summerson to Esther the Queen the woman who knows how to deal with people has the advantage, for good looks are apt to be of short life and to lack attraction. A business woman would better think of business than of hair dressers and face dressings.

The School Board. A school board ticket is to be nominated at today's primaries and nomination on the republican ticket will be practically equivalent to an election. This year for the first time the members of the Board of Education are to be chosen by wards, one from each of the first four wards. After careful investigation of the list of candidates filing in the various wards we are convinced that these selections are worthy of recommendation.

First Ward—George H. Schnell. Second Ward—Dr. E. Holovitchner. Third Ward—Henry I. Plumb. Fourth Ward—Charles R. Courtney. While the nominations are to be by wards, the candidates are voted on over the entire city. Do not fail to vote for the best men for the school board.

Primary Pointers. The primary election today will determine the make-up of the republican ticket in Douglas county, and while there are only a few contested places, still the aim should be to settle these places in such a way as not only to present qualified and trustworthy candidates, but also to strengthen the ticket all along the line.

For coroner the aspirants are all reasonably qualified, but the place is a political one, and if party service counts for anything the nomination should go to C. H. T. Rippen, who, besides being a member of a pioneer German family and in good business standing, has been the efficient secretary for the committee through two county campaigns and one city campaign.

For county surveyor South Omaha presents a candidate in the person of George McBride, who has been surveyor before, and is concededly one of the requirements of the position. If it is good politics to give South Omaha recognition on the county ticket this place should be accorded to Mr. McBride.

Two nominations are to be made for county commissioner, one for the short term and one for the long term. For the long term the strong candidate seems to be John A. Scott. Mr. Scott is a representative business man with obvious qualifications. He is not a chronic office-seeker; he is not a man out of a job; he has never failed in his own business. He is the kind of a man who would be chosen director of a big corporation spending a half million dollars a year and erecting a million-dollar office building.

is unnecessary to say that this novelty is not intended for consideration after about October 1. And now we are told that railroads have plenty of equipment for handling record crops. That's fine news. Also let them be on the square about supplying cars and routing trains. Mr. Taft is about to renovate the interstate commerce law and has his eye on the combinations.

Sample wheat of the new crop gives at Minneapolis signs that the quality is to be extraordinary. If they will kindly keep the price within reach there will be bread to eat. Omaha, with plenty of wheat of its own, offers congratulations. St. Paul is arranging a reception for the Minnesota congressmen who fought upward revision. All democrats are specially invited. Mr. Bryan ought to go. It would be a good place for enlarging the "Roll of Honor."

Seasonable Advice. Washington Herald. Be uniformly courteous to the ice man. You will not get any more ice, but you will keep cooler, anyway. Busting a Strike. Louisville Courier-Journal. The grave diggers of Sweden are upon a strike. Boycott them! Refuse to use graves until they come to their senses!

A Beggarly Mite. New York Sun. Only \$5,000,000 for irrigation? This beggarly mite is not the "ample funds" for which the national irrigationists ask in trumpet tones. Right in the Main Text. Minneapolis Journal. Senator Taft's message that in parting company with the republican party, he has not left the republican party. On the contrary, he has just found his way in.

Justifying His Nickname. Baltimore American. The deposed Sultan Abdul Hamid is reported to be dying of heart trouble. The Sick Man of Europe has been sick so long that the outside public might be skeptical as to this reported condition, except that it chimes in with a desired state of affairs. A Struggle for Control. Boston Transcript. Signs now point to a sharp division between the east and the middle west over the tariff. Democratic Governor Johnson's ill-advised remarks a few days ago presented the controversy frankly, and now Senator Cummins and other Mississippi valley republicans are predicting a line-up of the senate which represents against the Atlantic seaboard. It will be a struggle for control of the republican party.

NOT ALL SMOOTH SAILING. Signs of Opposition to Income Tax Amendment. Philadelphia Record. That the proposed income tax amendment to the constitution will not have clear sailing is indicated by the adjournment of the Georgia state legislature without action thereon. The reason given for nonaction makes the latter almost equivalent to a negative vote. It was remarked by the leading members of the legislature that the state might impose an income tax itself at some future time, and a federal tax would prove a hindrance to the carrying out of the state policy thus foreshadowed. It was the supposed unanimity of the south in favor of an income tax which was based the hopes of getting a three-fourths majority of the states to concur in the proposed amendment. If only a few of the southern legislatures should nonconcur the likelihood of the adoption of the constitutional amendment would be very slim.

THE FARMER OF TODAY. Real Industrial Monarch of Money Makers. Washington Post. In the continued rising tide of prosperity, as announced in every trade and crop report, the center of interest for the last few months has been the tiller of the soil. From being a figure regarded with mingled pity and indignance, in view of his down-trodden and apparently apathetic condition, he has become an object of respectful attention, so far as this country is concerned, at least, the "Angelus" and the "Man With the Hoe" are portraits of one who was, largely absorbed. The United States has been open-handed in its policy with regard to its public lands, and the agriculturists of this and other countries have taken advantage of the liberality, until now there is not so much remaining to give away or to part with for a nominal sum. Proof of this is found in the increased migration to British Columbia. The fertility of Manitoba's wheat lands has long been known, but Americans are loath to leave their native soil so long as equally good opportunities are found at home. Another proof is found in the irrigation projects now under way in the semiarid regions of the west, the development of which as a practical measure would not have appealed strongly to the farming element so long as plenty of good land remained unentered in the regions of sufficient rainfall.

Bee's New Office

Originality in Decoration and Illumination Assures Favorable Notice of Experts

Illuminating Engineer for August. If you should ask an easterner what Nebraska is celebrated for, he would probably answer: For a presidential candidate who holds the record for long distance running and a daily newspaper called The Bee. Notwithstanding the record of the candidate, The Bee has actually been running longer, and though some may be skeptical on this point, it will probably continue to run long after the candidate has ceased sprinting.

The Omaha Bee is a great party. It is a prophet having honor in its own country, as well as recognition throughout the land. Its hive is a magnificent building, which is noteworthy for the originality and clear-cut motive of its architecture, both exterior and interior. The lighting fixtures partake of these same admirable qualities. Before commenting on the lighting, let us call attention to the effectiveness of the decorative treatment, which is like a breath of fresh air after the heavy atmosphere of a crowded building. There is neither fluted column nor Greek capital nor Gothic arch nor French rococo, and yet behold the simple, pleasing, invigorating effect of originality, produced in defiance of the traditions which so generally hold our present ideas of decorative art in bondage.

The illumination is an example of the lighting of the general offices. The fixtures are wooden standards corresponding in material and design to the counters and general decorative scheme. Each consists of two quite distinct parts, one for the purely decorative lighting, and the other for the practical illumination. The latter consists of four electric lamps, having large frosted round globes hanging pendant from the four simple wooden cross-arms at the top of the standard. The only metal decoration is the bronze hook carrying the necessary socket and holder. Above this is a canopy of leaded glass showing designs in harmony with the mural decorations. This contains four ordinary sixteen candle-power lamps. Behind the body of color and design in the glass itself, this canopy serves to produce a very mild general illumination by indirect lighting from the ceiling, and also to limit the ceiling sufficiently to prevent any feeling of gloom. Individual desk lights are provided for the clerical force.

THE NEW PRIMARY.

Bloomington Advocate: We were in favor of the primary law at first, but it has been a disappointment. We are in favor of the old caucus system with the conventions. Ainsworth Star-Journal: The primary election ballot this year is big enough and broad enough, and caused worry enough to the printers, who are printing it by job forever, but it isn't. And you will say so when you see it. Rushville Recorder: Next Tuesday the wide open ballot will be tried for the first time, as given us by the democratic legislature. Politics aside this ballot is a grave reflection upon the political sagacity and honesty of some of our law makers. It is full of inconsistencies and loopholes for fraud. Fremont Herald: The new primary ballot is in the hands of the county clerk. The sheet is twenty-one inches long and twenty-eight inches wide. It requires a great deal more paper this year and involves more work in the printing, notwithstanding there are only a few nominations. When it comes to a presidential election the chances are that it will require a sheet many feet in length.

Loup City Northwestern: Oh, yes, this primary ballot is a good thing for the newspapers—the big ones, we mean. For instance, Judge Hamer is having two to three columns of paid stuff in his laudation in the Lincoln Journal, News and Star, Omaha Bee, Kearney Hub, Fremont Tribune and other bigger papers, but the little fellows, who have been howling about the primary giving the newspapers the wonderful power heretofore exercised by the conventions, where are they? They have been simply the tools of the big fellows that reap the benefits. Faith! Beatrice Sun: The election laws of this state should be amended so as to cut down the time necessary to be devoted to politics by a candidate. The present campaign started two months ago, and politics will not be disposed of for the year until we have gone through nearly three months more of it. Five months is too much time to devote to men to fill public offices, no matter how important those offices may be. The intent of the law in spreading the campaign over so much time probably is to give the voters an opportunity to get acquainted with candidates for state offices. Very few people know who are candidates for supreme court nominations, a great many people do not know how many judges are to be elected, nor how many members of the university are to be elected, nor who are the candidates. To enable the voter to become familiar with the issues and candidates in state-wide politics, the campaign is scattered through the best part of a year, and the county candidate has the inconvenience and expense of a long campaign.

BEWARE OF THE SQUINT.

One of the Effects of Bright Summer Sunshine. Indianapolis News. It is about this time of the year that the reflection of the sun shining on streets and cement pavements begins to affect people's faces. Unless one keeps the thought in mind, not to allow the face to take a wrinkled expression, the sun squints glare into the eyes, horizontal lines form across the forehead and vertical or "V" shaped lines between the eyes. Often with this triple formation of the upper part of the face there comes a corrugation of the muscles and skin of the nose, and sometimes a drooping of the jaw and opening of the mouth.

Serious-minded people will say that the lines of the face denote character. Probably they do to a large degree, but the sun of summer and the desire to shade the eyes from the disagreeable glare of the street is responsible for many of them. And the sun is not so much to blame for some of the wrinkles as the fashionable wig on the face of the young girl. A troubled look, as if life were not all bright and happy for them. The scowl is the caprice of the time, just as the high shoulders, extended elbows and the forward throw of the head was the whim preceding, or the stilled waist was of the season before that. The high shoulders are dropped, so are the elbows, and the head is held erect. But we have the scowl instead. Lines due to the scowl, no doubt, betray character, for it is an affection, and affection is hypocrisy. In after years it will show hours of masquerade to create these unnecessary and ugly lines. They will cause anxiety when the rags for them pass and the girl finds she cannot rub them off as easily as she put them on.

The era of prosperity has met the farmer first. Should hard times come, he will be the last to suffer. Happy is the farmer who lives in the dew!

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PERSONAL NOTES. he takes hold of things that interest him. Daughter—All right, dad, just you pop out on the piazza suddenly some night—Boston Transcript. "Good gracious, but that your husband across the street there quarreling with the man on the opposite porch?" "O, they're not really quarreling. They dispute that way every night. George is a monopolist and Mr. Stiggins is a biplanist."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Splinter Aunt—No, indeed, I'll not risk my money in putting it into a business with you. Scapraunce Nephew—But, consider, sunny, if you were in a business firm you could advertise for proposals.—Baltimore American. Wiggs—It takes my wife to manage tramps. You should see the wood she has got out. Wiggs—How does she work it? Wiggs—Easily enough. She tells them such funny stories they laugh till they split.—Boston Transcript. Cooling Thoughts. W. J. Lampton in New York World (See, while I wait, with a bill. It is! It's the real thing— A foot deep and all shiny. Including the balmy breeze that blow The spume in your face And every old place That you try to keep warm And out of the storm. Oh, say, Don't you like it this way? Ain't the pure white A pipe of delight? You're not afraid To trade, Are you? No? Then waste under the snow. And, say, Ain't it fun when you have a long way To come and go? Oh, the sun and all that! The beautiful snow, Is a boon to those who come and go. Yet, The sunn't forget That only the other day We wanted to have it just this way. At least we wanted change from the slush. Tho' really we didn't insist on a rush. Like this, By gum, We wanted snow, But why in thunder Must we be snowed under? However, don't worry, Or be in a hurry To kick and curse; 'Tis better 't goes. It will be a darn sight wiser.

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