

Elk Advocate.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1874.

A Census of Our State.

A proposition that a new census of Pennsylvania shall be taken on the first day of June, 1875, in order to present a full exhibition of industrial wealth on the occasion of our great Centennial Anniversary, is now before the State Legislature at Harrisburg. No one can doubt that it is most desirable, most proper, to have this done. The time would be half way between the last and the next United States census, and the thing itself would be that "taking of stock" which is necessary in national as well as in commercial affairs. Neither need the expense be considerable. The assistance of a great many persons would be required, but only for a short time, namely, for the actual enumeration of the people and the ascertaining, classifying, and properly condensing the statistics which would be collected. A good staff of able and honest workers would be very requisite, and there can be no doubt that it could be organized with little difficulty. Above all—"aye, there's the rub"—it will be necessary to employ trustworthy people, who would disdain to make a job of what, if not fairly done, had better not be done at all. One point, above all, would have to be insisted on, namely the accurate enumeration of the inhabitants of Pennsylvania. The taking of the national census in 1860, and again in 1870, showed how the thing was not to be done. In Philadelphia alone, in 1870, over a fortnight was wasted in the attempt to count the number of inhabitants. The only reliable mode is, let the counting be done all on one and the same day, and strictly include each person within doors, wherever he or she might be, on one particular night—*Forney's Press.*

Supplement to the Election Law.

On Friday last the Senate passed and the Governor signed, an act declaratory of and amending the original act, entitled a further supplement to the act regulating elections in this Commonwealth, approved January 30, 1874, as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, etc.* That the assessors directed to be appointed and elected by the fourteenth and fifteenth sections of the act approved the thirtieth day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, are hereby declared to be assessors only to perform such duties as are now required by law of assessors incident to the holding of elections and registration of voters; and that the office of assessor for the purposes of valuation, with all the duties incident thereto, shall continue and remain as now provided for law. *Provided,* That in townships, boroughs and wards composing but one election district, the assessors for purposes of valuation shall be assessors for the holding of elections and the registration of voters.

Sec. 2. That so much of the thirteenth section of the act, to which this is a supplement, as provides "that nothing in this act shall require the returns of election of township or borough officers to be made to the court as directed by this section, but all the returns of the election of township and borough officers shall be enclosed in a sealed cover, directed to the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county, and shall by some of them be delivered into his office within three days after every such election and filed therein," be and the same is hereby so altered and amended as to require the returns of the election of township and borough officers to be directed to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the proper county, instead of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas as provided in said act.

Sec. 3. In all elections hereafter, the certificate of naturalization, if genuine, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts mentioned therein, and where the person offering to vote claims the right on the payment of tax, the receipts for such tax, if signed by the proper officer, shall be the evidence thereof; if such person does not produce such receipt, then the payment of the tax may be provided by the oath of such person or other evidence stating when, where and to whom such tax was paid.

A raid has been made by a special agent of the Post Office Department at Chicago, upon a number of quack doctors and specialists who have been sending obscene publications through the mails contrary to law. About a dozen persons were arrested, and a large quantity of books and circulars seized. The penalty for the offense of circulating this kind of literature is a fine of from one hundred to one thousand dollars and an imprisonment of not less nor more than ten years. Mr. Comstock, the Government agent referred to, has since March, 1873, procured the arrest of 45 specialists, and had destroyed 18 tons of obscene publications and 7 tons of stereotype and electrotype plates for printing the same.

Governor Woodson, of Missouri, offers a reward of \$2,000 apiece, dead or alive, for the men who robbed the passenger, express and mail train on the Iron Mountain Railroad at Loch Hill January 31. In addition to this, it is understood that the government of Arkansas has offered \$2,500 and the Post Office Department \$5,000, making an aggregate of \$7,500.

The Legislative Assembly of Montana Territory, with great unanimity and enthusiasm, have made an appropriation of \$5,000 to facilitate the exhibition of Montana products at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, to be expended by the commissioner, alternate, and the members of the Women's Centennial Commission.

Four hundred women have enlisted in the temperance movement at Xenia, Ohio.

A large and influential meeting was held in Brooklyn last week in favor of the union of that city with New York, and preliminary steps were taken for an organized movement to that end.

The Massachusetts Senate has passed to a third reading the bill prohibiting the employment, by any manufacturing corporation, of women or children under eighteen years of age, more than sixty hours in any one week.

Owing to the discovery that Tweed and Field are named as members of the commission appointed in 1871 to represent New York in the Centennial Exhibition, a resolution has been adopted, at Albany, on motion of Mr. Wood, Democrat, to wipe out the said commission.

The trial of Joseph W. Freeman, charged with the murder of his mother, at her home in Jersey City, a few weeks ago, has been postponed till March 9. The superintendent of the Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum is inquiring into the mental condition of Freeman, and makes affidavit that he will be able to reach a conclusion before six weeks.

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