

## PICKING UP SHREDS.

The Fag Ends of Census Enumerators' Reports Relied Upon to Bring Pittsburgh's Population

### UP TO WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE.

Supervisor Oliver Positive That His Force Will After All Make a Very Good Showing.

### HOW SOME CENSUS-TAKERS WORKED.

The Forrest Kind of Heresy Evidence Depended Upon in Many Cases.

Comment on the evident fact that the coming census would not show Pittsburgh's population to be as large as it is confidently believed to be quite general yesterday. The instances of omissions from the lists of enumerators that were quoted in yesterday's DISPATCH opened the eyes of many to the fact that if there were so frequent that a short investigation revealed so much recklessness, what must be the exact number, if an exact and accurate census could be obtained?

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upon him yesterday afternoon, was busy with one of his enumerators from the hill district. The enumerator was seated beside Mr. Oliver's desk, holding in his hand the bundle of his sheets. The Supervisor had just come from the Second Avenue district which the enumerator had worked, and was reading the names from it, to learn if they had been caught by the census taker. What the result of the examination was the reporter was unable to learn.

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#### THEY ARE GETTING TIRED.

Delegates to the Amalgamated Association Dwindle in Numbers.

Delegates to the Amalgamated Association Convention are tired and wish the convention would adjourn, in order that they may get back to their homes. A determined effort is being made to finish the business, so as to secure an adjournment by Saturday. There are a number of important committees to report, however, and they are not nearly finished. One committee which has finished its work is the Committee on Claims. It reported yesterday morning, and one of its recommendations was that two local manufacturers be given a \$1000 each exonerated from payment as the members have been idle from strikes. The report was adopted yesterday afternoon, and the convention adjourned yesterday at 12 o'clock until this morning.

The scale is being set up in the main hall of the Amalgamated Association, and the changes made in the Wage Committee's report, the scale will hardly be ready for presentation to the manufacturers before Friday afternoon. The delegates are now engaged in the examination of building a hall for the use of the association. It is not probable, however, that the hall will be built in the main hall, as there is a general division of opinion as to where the hall should be built. The Pittsburg delegates would never consent that it be built in the main hall, as they are the ones who desire that the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association be removed farther west, can muster sufficient strength to prevent the hall being built in Pittsburg.

#### ILL-TREATED HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Harry Corrigan Bodily Beaten by Her Drunken Husband.

Last night Officer Wachter, of the Frankstown police district, was notified that Harry Corrigan, who lives in a little shanty on Second avenue near Greenfield avenue, had beaten his wife in a horrible manner. The officer went to the house and found Mrs. Corrigan lying on a bed in a terribly mangled condition, and the husband, who was carrying on a high-handed manner, smashed a wild state of intoxication, was

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and was taken to the Hospital building where the injured wife was also removed. Dr. Davis was called, and on examination found that the wife had been beaten about the body to such an extent that her condition, while not particularly dangerous, was ex-

tremely painful.

Another enumerator reported that an entire street which it was said was missing had not yet canvassed, which was exactly what was printed in THE DISPATCH. It was that very fact which was dwelt upon as an illustration of the way in which the census of Pittsburg is being taken. This same enumerator claimed to have reported the statistics of three families upon whom reporters had called and by whom they were not told of a census taker had been made at their home.

#### NOT EXACTLY POSTED.

The three families named reiterate their statement, and say that if any mention of them is made in the paper, it must have been made up from information gleaned from neighbors, none of whom were ever posted as to the number of persons contained in their families, let alone the equally important statistics otherwise required to be annotated on the census blanks.

"Do you really think you got every name in your district?" asked one of the other half a dozen enumerators. The reply invariably, given with a sarcastic smile, was: "No, indeed; it was an impossible; but I did the best I could."

The Allegheny enumerator quoted above said he could not be in twenty different places at once, and therefore could not call at home and be told there was no one home just then to call at supper time. He couldn't be at every house in his district "at supper time," so he would have to trust to luck in getting the names he was after from some servant or neighbor, "or," he added, "I would never have half covered my district."

This is precisely the point made by those who fear that Pittsburg, instead of showing up with 250,000 to 265,000 population, will fall far short of the former figure. They claim the time was too short, some of the districts too hard to cover in twice the time, and a lot of disengaged enumerators trying to get rid of a thankless task as quickly as possible.

#### SCARED AT THE START.

Another reason for the difficulty in obtaining correct information was generally spoken of yesterday. It was the fact that when it was first learned there were at least six impenetrable and needless questions to be propounded, a universal protest went up, so that the dear old "no" was the only answer that they could give. But to those who take a pride in Pittsburg's making as good a show as possible, the instances were numerous.

One enumerator assured a DISPATCH reporter that he knew of cases where enumerators had taken their blanks before starting out on a day's work and filled in all of the answers they thought could be safely, especially in cases of families with whom they were well acquainted. These answers, when obtained, were of course not verified, for the manner in which they were written was merely to save time.

#### MUSIC IN A STORM.

Torrents of Rain Drench the Spectators at a Concert.

Despite the rain the first of the Highland Park concerts arranged by Mr. E. M. Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, came off last night. Everything was well arranged, and the electric lights fixed by Morris Head, of the Bureau of Electricity, and Superintendent of the East End Electric Company, gave ample light.

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#### SOMEWHAT OF A SCORCHER.

And the Sigrant Office Promises Warmer Weather for To-day.

Yesterday was a scorcher, in common parlance, and Mr. G. D. Parker, of the Sigrant Office, promises more degrees of heat for to-day, but it will be hot, he adds, as if to cheer up the depressed hearts of a sweltering public. "We don't want to roast you alive at once," he continued, with a refined cruelty, "but we will keep you in a few degrees every day, until we have an old fashioned heat wave again."

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#### ADOPTED A LITTLE BABE.

The Human Society Approves the Action of Its Secretary.

The reading and approval of the reports of Agents O'Brien and Berryman was the only work done at the meeting of the Human Society yesterday afternoon. Secretary Davidson reported contributions from H. Dewey Wood, \$20; S. L. Fleischman, \$2; C. W. Smith, \$10; and M. M. Bennett, \$1.

The adoption by the society, through Secretary Davidson, of the two-week-old boy of Barbara Turrocco, a Swedish girl, was approved.

The unfortunate mother, who had sent to the society by Dr. Foster, was a widow, and the woman to whom she had applied. She said that for days before her child was born she had walked the streets unable to find a place to live, and that she had been compelled to sleep on the ground.

Congratulated in a Wheelbarrow.

There was great excitement out Second avenue yesterday morning, which caused quite a crowd to gather in the vicinity of Moorehead's Mill. On Monday night James Gilmore, one of the workmen, was married. When Mr. Gilmore reported for duty yesterday morning he was not present, and on inquiry it was found he could be accounted as such, by his application in the morning.

#### THINKS HE WILL GET ALL.

Mr. Oliver was somewhat aggravated yesterday, thinking that some things said of the census reflected on him. He said: "I think I ought not to talk to you newspaper men any more. What you have already been printed is enough for me to bear."

The time was short, but I think the work has been fairly well done. Since it is finished, I am satisfied that nobody will be let out."

Some of his enumerators failed him altogether. Others, who were appointed because of their experience in political work, were too ignorant to go over work, and their returns have been found unfit to send to Washington. In several cases good enumerators, who finished their precincts early, have been sent out to go over the work of others, either in whole or in part.

Supervisor Oliver, when a reporter called

## FAIR BUSINESS ONLY.

That is How Manager C. E. Pugh Sizes Up the Railroad Outlook.

### A LONGING EYE ON MCKEEPORT.

One of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools to be Dropped This Year.

### GOBIN THINKS DELAMATER IS LOSING

President George B. Roberts, General Manager Charles E. Pugh, Chief Engineer W. H. Brown, T. M. Elv, J. M. Hardig and E. S. Walton arrived in the city yesterday on the spring inspection of the Pennsylvania road. They came over the West Penn road, and examined the work already done on the Ohio-Cincinnati bridge. To-day they will visit McKeesport to see what can be done to fit it to town.

#### ASSIGNEE SORG IS NOW THE TARGET

The depositories of the defunct Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Southside, are just now involved in a tangle over the affairs of the bank. The sudden uprising originated with Dennis Doran, one of the depositors.

Mr. Edwards is a young man. He was a candidate for the position of collector of the county tax. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and strong indorsements for that place. He is an active member of the American Club, and is Vice President of the Welsh Society.

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### CAUSED A SURPRISE.

#### A POSTOFFICE APPOINTMENT MADE UNEXPECTEDLY.

A Very Dark Horse Gets the Assistant Postmastership—His Name is Albert Edwards—Resignation of Colored Hudson to Take Effect in August.

The Assistant Postmaster has at last been settled, and the announcement of the selection will create somewhat of a surprise.

Colonel Thomas J. Hudson will retire on August 1, and will be succeeded by Albert J. Edwards, of the Fourteenth ward.

Colonel Hudson has handed his resignation to Postmaster McKeon, and it has been accepted to take effect on the day mentioned.

Before accepting the office he now holds

he was connected with the Adams Express Company and will probably return to that corporation.

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