

RATIO OF INCREASE.

Taking the nation in the aggregate, and we find its population and ratio of increase for the several decennial periods to be as follows:

Table showing population and ratio of increase for various years from 1790 to 1850.

This shows an average decennial increase of 34.60 per cent. in population through the seventy years from first to our last census yet taken.

It is seen that the ratio of increase at no one of these seven periods is either 2 per cent. below or 2 per cent. above the average; thus showing how inflexible and consequently how reliable the law of increase in our case is.

CAPACITY TO SUPPORT POPULATION.

These figures show that our country may be as prosperous as Europe now is at some point between 1920 and 1930, say about 1925, our territory, at 73 1-3 persons to the square mile, being of the capacity to contain 217,196,000, and we will reach this too, if we do not ourselves relinquish the chance by the folly and evils of disunion, or by long and exhausting war springing from the only great element of national discord among us.

THE COST OF THE PLAN.

If we had allowed our old national debt to run at six per cent. per annum, simple interest, from the end of our revolutionary struggle till to-day, without paying anything on either principal or interest, each man of us would owe less upon that debt now than each man owed upon it then, and thus because our increase of men through the whole period has been greater than six per cent., and has grown faster than the interest upon the debt.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONCURRENCE.

The plan is proposed as permanent constitutional law. It cannot become such without the concurrence of, first, two-thirds of Congress, and afterwards, three-fourths of the States.

EASY LESSONS FOR NEW BEGINNERS.

The late Message of President Lincoln abounds in simple and luminous sentences and sayings worthy of the immortal Jack Bunbury and admirably adapted to the capacity of juveniles just mastering words of one and two syllables.

THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS.

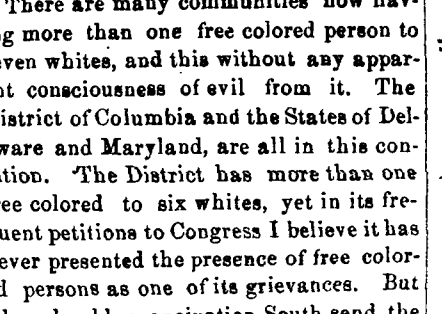
A Washington city correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "The Democratic representatives yesterday showed how much they were emboldened by their recent success in the North."

PEACE RUMOR—IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

Fernando Wood, in a speech, in New York, on Saturday night, said he had received information, and had communicated it to the Government, that, under certain circumstances, the South was ready to return.

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PROVOST MARSHAL

Gov. CURTIN has recommended ERYS K. CAMPBELL, Esq., of this place, to the Secretary of War for appointment as Provost Marshal of Greene county.

ILLINOIS—OFFICIAL.

The following is very nearly the official vote of Illinois at the late election. We take the office of State Treasurer as a specimen:

Table showing election results for Illinois: Starnes (Democrat) 136,123; Butler (Abolitionist) 117,572.

IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT IN SETTING GRATES.

Mr. Layton, of New Wilmington Pa., is now in Waynesburg and will spend some time in the county for the purpose of exhibiting his improved method of setting grates.

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.—IMPOR-TANT CORRESPONDENCE.

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a letter under date of Oct. 30th, to the Ambassadors of France at London and St. Petersburg, proposes to England and Russia that the three great Powers instruct their representatives in this country to "exercise their influence at Washington as well as with the Confederates, to obtain an armistice for six months, during which every act of war, direct or indirect, should provisionally cease, on sea as well as on land."

WANTS TO KNOW.

The Boston Post asks—Would it not be well for an officer to learn to dismount from his horse without tearing off the seat of his pantaloons with his spurs, before attempting to discuss military tactics?

WANT TO KNOW.

The following words have been added to the oath which discharged State prisoners are required to take before their release is granted:— "And that I will not at any future time commence, or cause any action or suit against the officers of any loyal State, or of the United States, for causing my arrest or imprisonment."

WANT TO KNOW.

The radicals charge that the Democrats desire the votes of the Secesh South to get power in the Federal Government. The late elections show that they don't need such aid.

WANT TO KNOW.

"Who, in the name of Heaven, wants the Cotton States, or any other States, this side of perdition, to remain in the Union, if slavery is to continue?" Bingham, of Ohio, asked that question in Congress, went home and tried to be elected again, and was badly defeated.

WANT TO KNOW.

Let 'EM MARCH.—Old John Brown's soul is marching on, and the Republican party is marching after it. Everybody knows where to. A safe journey and a long stay to the beauties.

WANT TO KNOW.

The Louisville Journal supposes that "the fortunes of the war" we hear so much about, are made by the army contractors.

WANT TO KNOW.

Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, was five hundred and eighty years old when she was married. Courage, ladies!

WANT TO KNOW.

The steamer Union arrived at New York on Tuesday night from Havana on the 25th. The advices from Mexico note the peaceful occupation of Jalapa by the French, the inhabitants fleeing. There were no Mexican troops there.

MARRIED.

On the 20th of November, 1862, by the Rev. Wm. Hanna, Mr. FRANCIS BRADDOCK and Miss MARIA, eldest daughter of Dr. Wm. B. Porter, all of Richhill Township, Greene co., Pa.

READ! READ!!

Important to Our Subscribers.

On account of late advances in the price of paper and other printing materials, many papers throughout the country have recently increased their subscription to TWO DOLLARS per annum. Instead of following their example, however, we shall only exact our published terms, which are strictly ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS in advance; ONE DOLLAR AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS at the expiration of six months; TWO DOLLARS in the year; \$2.50 after the expiration of the year.

ANOTHER FIGHT.

CHANTILLY, Va., Nov. 30, 7 p. m.—Brigadier General Stahl has just returned. He attacked the enemy at Snicker's Ferry, and followed them with three hundred cavalry into their camps on the other side of the river, and near Berryville.—Our men charged splendidly whenever they met the enemy. White's cavalry was driven in all directions; nearly all of their officers were captured, and colors taken. White himself fled, and hid himself at a house in Berryville. The 3d, 7th and 12th Virginia cavalry were also attacked and routed.

ELECTIONS YET TO BE HELD.

The States which have yet to elect their Representatives to the next Congress, and the dates at which they usually hold their elections are as follows: New Hampshire, on the second Tuesday in March, 1863.

WANT TO KNOW.

Two Companies of the 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry Cut off from the Main Body by 300 Rebels.

WANT TO KNOW.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 3, Wednesday Evening.—At three o'clock yesterday morning, part of two companies, numbering sixty men, of the 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Wilson, who were stationed at King George Court House, were attacked by about three hundred rebels, who crossed the Rappahannock in small boats.

WANT TO KNOW.

WASHINGTON, Dec 4.—The following has been received at the headquarters of the army: HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, NEAR ABBEVILLE, November 30, 1862.

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TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Having been called to mourn the loss of one deceased brother, WILLIAM BANE, late a member of Waynesburg Lodge, No. 469, I. O. of O. F., at a regular stated meeting of the Lodge, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the All-wise Ruler of the universe in the ever-righteous dispensation of His Providence, has called from among us our much esteemed and dearly beloved brother, William Bane, Resolved, That by the decease of our brother, we have lost a generous, warm-hearted Old Fellow, a true brother indeed, society a useful citizen, his wife and child a kind and affectionate husband and father, his relatives an abiding friend.

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