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THE CENSUS.

If any stranger should manifest impertinent curiosity in your affairs today, or at any time within the next two weeks, do not resent his inquisitiveness; do not utter rude language, and least of all use personal violence. In all probability he is the embodiment or personification of the United States of America, your native land, the object of your devotion, upon whose altar you would readily lay down your life—unless you had money enough to go to Europe during a war, or at least enough to hire a substitute.

This great and glorious nation, the biggest and the best in all creation, is taking an account of stock, and you're a part of the stock. When the United States of America ask you whether you are a white man or a negro or a Mongolian or an Indian not taxed, do not tell their personification to get out, but answer the question respectfully and truthfully so far as you know anything about your ancestry. If your native land demands to know whether you are the head of the family you may confidently answer in the affirmative, because the blank which the enumerator is filling out will never be shown to your neighbors, who would only laugh at this statement.

In fact, nobody will ever see that blank. Several thousand young women in Washington will take it, and millions like it, and will feed them with great velocity into electric tabulating machines five hours a day for several months, and these intelligent and faithful machines will infallibly punch holes in all the spaces where it is intended that holes shall be punched, and they will automatically register the number of holes they punch, and in due course of time, which means six or eight years, fifteen or twenty huge volumes will emerge from the Government Printing Office, from which you may learn how many of you there are, and what proportion of the population speaks English tolerably, and what all the people earn and how many children there are, and how many there ought to be, and how many divorced women have married men whose first wives died, and how few people own their houses free of encumbrance, and what proportion are deaf in one ear, and how much less the pay rolls of the factories are than the bounty that the protective tariff gives them, and an incredible mass of further information.

And when you gaze at a five-foot shelf completely filled, not by John Woodman's autobiography and other light literature selected by Dr. Elliot, but by a set of blue volumes lettered in silver and containing the results of the Thirteenth Census, completed a short time before the taking of the Fourteenth begins, you will reflect proudly that you answered all the questions asked you by the United States of America and that you and your age and color and conjugal condition of servitude, the olive branches around your hearth, and the mortgage on your house, are all atoms that went to make up the magnificent total which at a cost of some fourteen million dollars sets forth all the statistical details of the American people.—Philadelphia Record.

The rise of prices puts the Republicans in a distressing dilemma. They dare not say it is due to the tariff, for that would condemn them for not reducing duties further, and if they say it is due to the greater quantity of gold William Jennings Bryan rises up and says they have admitted the quantitative theory of money. They would be very glad if they could get along without saying anything. At the same time it may be worth while to

observe that fifteen years ago the complaint was of low prices, and the question was whether free silver coinage would raise prices or not. Now we have the high prices, and somehow or other the people who are paying the bills fail to recognize them as a great blessing.—Philadelphia Record.

Good luck, muses the Chicago Record-Herald, is an excellent thing to meet about half way.

Now the male advocates of votes for women are being called "Suaragents," notes the Grand Rapids Press.

Women, declares the New York Telegram, have frequently hit the nail of fact on the head.

To make men good by force, avers the Chicago Tribune, is to force out of them the dynamic of real goodness.

The man who quits when he has earned all he gets, declares the Commoner, is forever getting no more than he earns.

The fact that over a thousand post offices were robbed last year, thinks the Charleston News and Courier, may in some measure explain the postal deficit.

In a speech before the University of Berlin, Prof. Albrecht Penck, who was Emperor William professor at Columbia University, said New York, with its population of nearly 5,000,000, has a brilliant future. Looking far ahead, however, he thought Chicago would be a greater city.

A prize of \$100,000 has been offered anonymously through Yale University for the discovery of an adequate remedy of tuberculosis. It is a worthy gift, contends the New York Press, the chief usefulness of which will be to stimulate here and there efforts already undertaken to fight this dread disease. Perhaps the money would be of more value if put in the hands of investigators who cannot afford the expense of research. There is already enough incentive to the medical profession for the pursuit of a baffling foe to mankind. The man who can achieve this triumph is assured of one of the richest prizes in the history of medicine. To make such a discovery in commerce would itself be worth more than all the riches of a hundred Rockefellers, yet fortune as well as everlasting fame would surely come to the winner. Money as a means to the conquest of tuberculosis could best perform its office by supporting investigators who are devoting their energies to the study of the curse. And meanwhile, in the absence of a cure, money can go a long way toward reducing the ravages of the disease.

The charge is often made, at home as well as abroad, that Americans are money mad; and, of course, there is ample ground for the accusation, confesses the Dallas News. There is likewise ground for the broader assertion that the whole world is afflicted now and has always been afflicted with the same madness. The Spanish invaders were wild in their search for gold; and the same may be said of all invaders, even from the beginning, since gold was found to be precious. The enormous sums claimed by the rulers and dignitaries of the Old World evidenced a greed for gold quite equal to that which we have developed; and there is a tone that is funny in the criticisms of American avarice by the thrifty keepers of pensions, restaurants, and hotels and by relic peddlers and various schools of professional swindlers and beggars in other countries, and even by imported lecturers who actually dilate over our avarice in cheap lectures for which we have paid them a fancy price! We are an avaricious people, to be sure, but it is just as well to add that avarice is a world-wide ailment and always has been such. There are victims of avarice to be found everywhere, as well as a few men and women who are not so greedy. The love of money is the same sort of root the world over.

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

SIX MEN ARE INJURED
Fire Loss is \$100,000; Flames Checked by Dynamiting Exchange Hotel.

Johnstown—There has been a loss of \$100,000 from fire at Ebensburg. Six men were injured in fighting the flames.

The injured: John P. Blair, left hip dislocated; dying. Frank Jones, head scorched, back and chest bruised. Lee Brown, bruised about body; Roy Davis, deep cut on head; L. S. Hummel, deep cut on the back; Del Shute, struck on head by hose nozzle.

Help was asked from Johnstown and Altoona, but was long in reaching the town. The principal losses are as follows:

Huntley's hardware store, where the fire originated, \$21,000; Schettig's hardware store, \$15,000; Mrs. R. H. Jones, women's furnishings store, \$20,000; Mrs. Elizabeth Griffiths' residence, \$6,000; Hott's hotel, \$15,000; Exchange hotel, \$15,000; several smaller structures, \$10,000.

The fire started in Huntley's hardware store and quickly spread to some inflammable material that was stored in it. There were two explosions in the store. Blair, Jones, Brown, Davis and Hummel were injured when the wall of the hardware store fell outward after the second explosion. They had gone to the rear of the store in an attempt to put out the fire. The fire was checked at 2:15 by dynamiting the Exchange hotel.

BIG FISH HATCHERY PLANNED

State to Take Over Large Peninsula in Lake Erie.

Erie—State Fish Commissioner W. E. Meehan has arranged for the state to take immediate possession of a large portion of a peninsula in Lake Erie, the use of which was recently granted by the United States government. The piece contains several hundred acres and it will be used for the largest fish hatchery in the world. It is expected the next legislature will provide funds to carry on the work as planned.

Commissioner Meehan, who was here looking over the situation, said: "The state needs all the fish hatching stations, natural and artificial, it can get. In a few years the demand for fish food will have increased and the supply diminished."

Banker Indicted.

Pittsburg—Thomas P. Daniels, who is alleged to have operated the Banker's Bond Company, with offices in this city and Guthrie, Okla., was indicted by the federal grand jury, charged with using the mails to defraud. The company was incorporated in Oklahoma and it is alleged that advertisements were circulated throughout the country to the effect that the company was in a position to secure large amounts for investment in business enterprises.

Pennsylvania in Big Deal.

Beaver—A syndicate, headed by W. F. Dunsbaugh of Beaver, and Walter P. Rice of New York, with many stockholders distributed throughout the Beaver and Ohio valleys, has just closed a deal whereby it takes over the Maplewood hotel and 1,000 acres of ground in the heart of the White Mountains at Maplewood, N. H. The deal involved the expenditure of almost \$1,000,000.

New Chief of Police at Butler.

Butler—Too great political activity at the recent election is given as the reason for the defeat of Chief of Police Joseph Angert and Lieutenant of Police Louis Hays for re-election by council. E. L. Schultz, former chief, was chosen chief and James A. Hamm, lieutenant. George Armbruster was selected councilman to succeed John Schenck, who resigned.

Postoffice Is Looted.

Oil City—The postoffice at Coal Hill, near here, was entered by thieves and there about \$350 in money taken while James Straup, the postmaster, and his wife were at supper. The postmaster and his wife intercepted the robbers and succeeded in recovering part of the money, but in the battle Mrs. Straup was badly beaten and is in a serious condition.

Will Establish Parochial School

Canonsburg—The Pittsburg diocese of the Catholic church, through Edward Mooney and J. J. Foley, purchased property at East College street and Greenside avenue, and a parochial school will be erected, in charge of the Sisters of Mercy. A residence on the property will be remodeled and the school will be opened September 1, in charge of St. Patrick's congregation.

Pittsburg Firm Sued by State.

Harrisburg—The state has brought suit to recover \$40,000 from the Midland Coal Company of Pittsburg on the ground that it had not made a correct report to the state auditor general for taxation of capital stock. The suit is the first of the kind to arise after a decision by the state board of accounts and covers taxes claimed for several years.

FIRE LOSS \$400,000

Business Part of Town Near Harrisburg, Pa., Burned and Half Dozen Persons Hurt.

Harrisburg—The business section of Middletown, nine miles distant, a manufacturing town of 10,000 people, was swept by fire. About 75 buildings were burned, with more than \$400,000 loss.

The town was in danger for two hours until by the combined efforts of firemen from Harrisburg, Lancaster, Columbia and Steelton and the use of explosives the spread of the fire was stopped.

Except about a dozen buildings, such as the Auditorium, Y. M. C. A., market house, Odd Fellows' buildings and a few large stores and residences, the bulk of the buildings destroyed were small frame structures, containing stores, restaurants, pool rooms and offices. Many occupants lost everything and have no insurance. Many stores had large spring and summer stocks and nothing was saved.

TO OBLITERATE TOWN

New P. & L. E. Yards Will Occupy the Site.

Connellsville—The village of Dickerson Run will probably be wiped off the map and replaced by a large railroad yard for the joint use of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad and the Western Maryland railroad, when the connecting link between here and Cumberland is constructed.

The owners of 28 properties which have been under option by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road for 60 days were notified that the options will be closed. The prices range from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

State Treasurer Appointed.

Harrisburg—Governor Stuart announced the appointment of ex-Congressman Charles Fred Wright, a prominent banker of Susquehanna county, to succeed John O. Sheatz as State Treasurer. Attorney General Todd said that he would institute proceedings in the Supreme court at Philadelphia to determine the legality of the appointment. The proceedings will be in the form of a quo warranto against State Treasurer Sheatz to determine the right of the governor to appoint, J. A. Stober of Lancaster county, elected State Treasurer last November, having died before he could qualify. The governor, in making the appointment, acted up the advice of Attorney General Todd.

ARMORY DEDICATED

Governor Stuart and Other Noted Men Present at the Ceremonies.

Warren—The handsome new armory of Company I, Sixteenth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, was dedicated here on the 6th, in the presence of Governor Edwin S. Stuart, members of the armory board and others distinguished in military and civic life.

Republican Candidates Endorsed.

Somerset—The legislative committee of the Somerset County Anti-Saloon league endorsed the following candidates seeking Republican nominations at the June primaries: For State Senator, district of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton counties, William H. Miller of Stoyestown; for Legislature, William H. Floto of Meyersdale and M. D. Reel of Shade township.

Gives \$100,000 for Y. M. C. A.

Greensburg—The will of David S. Atkinson, late president of the Westmoreland Bar association, provides for the building of a Young Men's Christian association building to cost \$100,000 or more, and gives a plot in the center of town upon which it is to be erected.

Presbytery Elects Officers.

Uniontown—Redstone Presbytery met here in an all-day session. Rev. J. L. Clark of the Second church, McKeesport, was elected moderator; Rev. Theodore S. Negley of Little Redstone, stated clerk, and Rev. R. C. Aukerman of Dunlaps Creek, permanent clerk.

May Abandon Narrow Gauge.

Foxburg—It has been reported here that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is considering closing its narrow gauge road between Foxburg and Kane, a distance of 90 miles. It is said \$500,000 would be necessary to repair the road.

Hotel Burned by Incendiary.

Corry—As a result of an effort to burn the Bacon House at Cherry Creek, N. Y., the hotel barn was destroyed with a loss of \$2,500. Charles Dwight is under arrest. He is a stranger who was ejected earlier in the evening and swore vengeance. The guests were badly frightened.

Incendiaries Destroy Barn.

New Castle—Fire of incendiary origin did some \$4,000 damage when a large barn on the Carl Ferver farm in Neshannock township was burned. The live stock was saved after hard work. It is believed tramps along the railroad caused the fire.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Dr. Carl Dinger
Dentist

Philipsburg, Pa.

Painless Extraction of
Teeth a Specialty

Dr. F. K. White
Dentist

SECOND FLOOR

GRANT BLOCK
PHILIPSBURG, PA.

R. J. YOUNG, M. D.

Practising Physician

SNOW SHOE PENNA.

DR. J. W. CARTER
DENTIST

BELL TELEPHONE

OFFICE HOURS } 9 TO 12 A. M.
} 1:30 TO 5 P. M.

Masonic Temple
ALTOONA, PA.

ONE CAUSE

of headache is straining the eyes and using them until they feel weak and bleary. If the people could realize the need of proper glasses, there would be less sore eyes and fewer headaches.

I can fit you out with the right thing. Give me a trial.

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BANKERS INDICTED

Men Who Furnished Funds to Buy Councilmen's Vote.

Pittsburg—Frank N. Hoffstot, of the Pressed Steel Car Company, and president of the German National bank, of Allegheny, was indicted on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the payment of \$52,500 to former Councilman Charles Stewart for councilmanic influence in the selection of certain city depositaries.

Emil Winter, president of the Workingman's Savings and Trust Company, North Side, pleaded nolo contendere to the charge of bribery in connection with the payment of \$20,000 to former Councilman Morris Einstein to have the bank selected as a city depositary. James M. Anderson, bookkeeper for the Workingman's Savings and Trust Company and confidential man to President Winter, pleaded nolo contendere to the charge of mutilating a book of the bank for the purpose of preventing disclosure of the \$20,000 payment.

A presentment came from the grand jury naming James W. Friend and Frank N. Hoffstot as the men who negotiated with Charles Stewart to have the Farmers Deposit National, Second National and German National bank of the North Side selected as city depositaries, and the men who paid over the \$52,500 bribery fund in New York.

Before becoming district attorney, William A. Blakeley was requested to hold the bribery fund until the ordinance passed councils, according to the presentment. He refused and warned the plotters.

Write me as one who loves his fellow-men.—Leigh Hunt.