

some prairies are now so nearly taken up that there is a mighty rush every time one of the small remaining tracts is thrown open for settlement. It is a well known law that the increase of population goes on at a continually diminishing rate, after a country has become widely inhabited.

A note of importance is the change relatively of the standing of some of the states from their position of ten years ago. Illinois takes the place of Ohio as third in population; Massachusetts that of Indiana as sixth; Texas leaps from eleventh to seventh; there are numerous other examples of changes.

Nothing is more indicative of a restless, energetic, thrifty people, than these facts, which nevertheless are taken by some as startling.

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**O**UR newly established course, Industrial Art and Design, under the charge of Miss Redifer, is acknowledged to be a success. Already talent which required only skillful direction in order to bring it out, begins to show itself. The course is made to cover Object Drawing, Elementary Design, Applied Design, Historic Ornament and Moulding.

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**M**ANY are firm believers in "luck." Many think that a man's lot is predestined, let him try to make of himself what he will. Some say that Shakespeare believed in luck because he

had a character in one of his plays say, "There is luck in odd numbers." The ancients had divers beliefs concerning the time of a man's birth, and the arrangements of the stars and heavenly bodies each had some significant omen as to the man's future.

We often hear people say that such a man is lucky, and can "stumble through the world" in most any manner.

How far could this belief go with a student at college? Did anyone ever hear of a student who trusted to luck the getting out of his recitations? Did some imaginable arrangement of circumstances ever make a man out of a student who had "stumbled" through college? No, there is no royal road by which one may obtain an education; all that a man gets in college without effort will aid him very little in his after life.

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**T**HE manner in which many subjects were discussed at the recent Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association at Philadelphia, indicates to some considerable extent the trend of popular feeling in the institutions there represented.

It was generally expressed that there is a great lack of interest shown by many editors of college papers, due some times to the election to such positions of inferior men by slates, etc. among students who act selfishly for the body with which they are associated. This evil was heartily condemned and plans