CORRECT CENTER OF POPULATION IS IN MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA

Discovery of Error Puts It In Western Part of Bloomington

Citizens of Brown County Had Already Erected a Monument

THE director of the census in presenting the final statement of the location of the center of population announced that an error was made in the preliminary statement of July 17 last, in which the longitude was given as 86 degrees 23 minutes 24 seconds west.

The correct statement of the longitude of the center is 86 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds west, changing the position of the point nine minutes, approximately eight miles farther west, and locating the center of population in southern Indiana, at a point in the western part of the city of Bloomington, Monroe county.

In the statement of last July the population center was placed in Brown county, Ind., eight miles due east of Bloomington. Citizens of Brown county celebrated the announcement and erected a monument marking the spot.

The error referred to occurred in multiplying 319,198 population by its distance from the assumed meridian of 1851.0 miles. This work is done in duplicate, and two clerks made the same error, giving the result of this multiplication as 59,083,549.8 instead of 590,835,498, a difference of nearly 532,000,000 in the product, and as the error affected the western movement it changed the position of the center of population as noted.

In ten years the center of population has moved west 43 minutes 26 seconds, or about thirty-nine miles, and north 36 seconds, or about seven-tenths of a mile.

The great increase in the population of New York, Pennsylvania and certain other states north of the thirty-ninth parallel has balanced the increase in Texas, Oklahoma, the Indian Territory and southern California. The greater advance toward the west is to a large extent due to the increase in population of the Pacific coast states, their distance from the center giving them much greater weight than the populous states east of the center. For instance, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and Sacramento, with a population of 906,016, have as great an influence on the center as Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, with a population of 2,778,078. The west movement of the center in the past decade is the same as its movement from 1820 to 1836.

The closeness with which the center of population through its western movement has clung to the parallel 39 degrees of latitude is remarkable. The most northern point was reached in 1790 and the most southern point in 1830. The greatest western movement was in the decade from 1850 to 1860, when it moved eighty-one miles. The total western movement since 1790 is 558 miles.

In 1910 the median point was located at latitude 40 degrees 6 minutes 24 seconds north and longitude 84 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds west, practically the eighty-fifth meridian. Its location, therefore, was three and one-quarter miles south of Winchester, Randolph county, Ind., and its west movement during the decade was 7.5 miles, while its north movement was 2.3 miles. Comparing its movement since 1900 with that of the center of population, it will be noted that the north movement of the median point was one and six-tenth miles more than that of the center, while the center of population moved west 31.5 miles more than the median point, showing that the increase in the population of the Pacific coast had a much greater influence on the movement of the center of population than upon the median point.

INDIANA

USES CONCRETE GUN.

Goethals' Economical Way of Solidifying Culebra Channel.

Colonel Goethals' latest device to aid in the difficult work on the Panama canal is a "concrete gun." It shoots a continuous charge of cement against the rock sides of Culebra cut, thereby changing a soft stone subject to great erosion in the tropical climate to one that is as hard and free from erosion as granite.

Ever since work started the rock sides of Culebra cut have been crumbling. It is Colonel Goethals' idea to save them from further deterioration by coating them with cement, but to do the work by hand would have cost a tremendous sum. The "gun" is mounted on a flat car. It has a capacity of 200 square yards of surface a day and requires only five men to operate it.

TO PROLONG LIFE.

Sauerkraut Adopted as Experiment at Ohio State Hospital.

Sauerkraut is to become not only the staff but an agency for prolonging life at the Massillon (O.) State hospital, provided the theory of a Cincinnati physician proves correct after a thorough test.

The claim of the Cincinnati doctor is that eating the dainty will add to the years of the consumer.

The physicians at the institution will make observations as to the mental and physical condition of the patients after following the diet.

A Big Mushroom.

A mushroom measuring fifty-nine inches in circumference and weighing twenty-one and one-half pounds was found near Swanville, Minn. The mushroom was of the edible variety.

MORE SUSPECTS.

Easton "Poisoned Pen" Case Growing Daily.

POLICE HAVE MORE LETTERS.

Three More Clergymen Appear Before Investigators With Defamatory Notes—Authorities Convinced One Didn't Write All.

Easton, Pa., Sept. 7.—It was learned here that three additional clergymen of this place have received communications in the anonymous letter mystery that has stirred Easton. Developments also make it practically certain the letter writing has been done by more than one person.

The latest recipients of unsigned letters are the Rev. A. H. F. Fischer, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church; the Rev. Charles R. Trowbridge, former pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, and the Rev. Charles H. Bohner, pastor of Trinity Evangelical church. H. G. Seip, a common councilman from the First ward, also has received several anonymous letters.

The last letter sent to Dr. Fischer was received only a few weeks ago. The communications received by Messrs. Fischer, Trowbridge and Bohner criticised their sermons.

None of the letters was saved. After a time the clergymen recognized the handwriting of the correspondent and, as a rule, burned the letters which followed without reading them.

Mr. Seip also became sufficiently familiar with the handwriting on his letters to consign them to the waste paper basket without perusing them.

Miss Harriett De Witt, who was arrested and held in $500 bail for court charged with being the writer of the "poison pen" letters sent to the Rev. Elmer E. Snyder, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, and members of his congregation, appears very little concerned since it has become known that many anonymous letters have been received by persons who have not accused her.

Officials interested in the case are not inclined to believe now that Miss De Witt is the author of all the anonymous letters she is charged with having written.

INDICT TWO RICH MEN.

Smuggling Gems of Great Value Charged by Federal Grand Jury.

New York, Sept. 7.—The name of Mrs. Helen Dwelle Jenkins emerged from temporary obscurity again when United States Attorney Wise made public the indictments found by the federal grand jury Aug. 23 against Nathan Allen, leather manufacturer, of Kenosha, Wis., and John R. Collins, coal operator, of Tennessee.

Both Allen, once Mrs. Jenkins' admirer, and Collins are charged with smuggling.

While the value of the jewels mentioned in the indictments is not large, it is reported that the case involves over $200,000 in gems.

Mrs. Jenkins, it was said, quarreled with Allen, and, seeking revenge, told the customs officials what she knew about the alleged smuggling.

SWIMS ENGLISH CHANNEL.

William Burgess Accomplished Feat After Many Trials.

London, Sept. 7.—William Burgess, a Yorkshire man, successfully swam the English channel from Dover to Cape Grisnez.

The swimmer landed at Cape Grisnez almost exactly twenty-four hours after leaving Dover.

Burgess has been trying for years to emulate the feat of Captain Webb in 1875, and several times he got within a mile of the goal, only to be swept away by the receding tide.

The channel between Dover and Cape Grisnez is only twenty miles wide, but the tide through the straits is very strong and swimmers are obliged to cross at a wide angle.

The Worst.

"My wife has been having some trouble with her throat," confided a friend, "and I got pretty worried about it and sent for a doctor. He examined her and looked very grave, and that scared me even worse. So I said, 'Tell me the worst at once, Doc,' and he whispered, 'She will recover her voice.' And my wife overheard the question and the answer, and now Doc and I are both in bad."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Quarantine.

First quarantine was established at Venice in 1127.

Lifting the Napkin Ring.

Lay a napkin ring on the table and try to pick it up with the first finger. To do this it is necessary to twirl the ring very rapidly. The motion must come from the wrist entirely.

Fire and sword are but slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babbler.—Steele

He Heard Her.

"My daughter's piano lessons have been a great expense to me."

"That so? Did some neighbor sue you?"

IN THE REALM OF FASHION

Tailored Gown of Striped Tweed.

One of the new striped casmere tweeds with fine lines of saxe blue on a white background is the fabric chosen for the coat and skirt costume shown here. The stripes are cleverly

STRIPED TWEED DRESS.

arranged, so that in some cases the lines run diagonally and thus give an appearance of a very smart trimming. The skirt has a wide panel down the center of the front, the upper part of which is adorned with long rows of buttons, while the lower half is left perfectly plain. In the case of the upper part of this panel the stripes run diagonally, so that they form a number of mitered points.

Gold Shield Pins.

Shield pins of solid gold are the latest notion for girls. The tiny fasteners are in the exact shape of the small rounded wire pins that sell for 3 cents a card, but the girl who owns gold shield pins always takes more care of them. Such conveniences are indispensable when away from home and short of sewing materials, and a card of the gold pins makes a nice present for a girl friend.

FETCHING FABRICS FOR FALL WEAR

Soft Lightweight Materials Seem to Be Given the Preference.

There is a fine showing of wool fabrics in all shades of the rainbow; there are lovely silks for day and evening wear, and there are some cotton and wool mixtures that are just the thing for the first cool days and evenings that come in the autumn.

Silk and wool poplin is one of the prettiest materials for the fall dress. And a dress of this material that is suitable for the late warm days out of doors will serve until it is worn out for winter days indoors. This poplin comes in the softest and most harmonious imaginable tints.

Voiles and veilings, cotton and cotton and wool or all wool are already shown in all the latest shades of blue, brown, green and gray.

Mohairs from $1 a yard up make good street dresses or suits for between season days. There is a certain fresh look to mohair even after it has been crinkled and wrinkled with much use that makes it ideal for street wear. Mohairs are shown in plain colors—of which the slate colors, blues and grays are the best wearing—and in fine invisible stripes.

One of the most satisfactory materials now shown, a material that is serviceable as well as really beautiful, is imported serge. From a short distance this serge has almost the look of broadcloth, yet on closer examination it proves to be a fine, closely woven serge. But it possesses a satiny finish which is attractive.

Imported serges come at $1 a yard. They are made in all the lighter colors for afternoon and house wear. Nothing could be more attractive for the fall than a street gown in this imported serge in one of the new blue or tan shades.

Thin weight broadcloths in light shades are also shown, and as they vary in price as well as in color they can be found to suit any taste and any pocketbook.

East Indian Fashions.

The rumor from Paris is that everything East Indian is to be brought forward next fall and that we will not only have the mogul jackets, but the gaudy Indian turban, brilliant jewels set in heavy metal and wonderful shawls made into graceful capes for evening wear.

KATHERINE C. THURSTON.

Authoress Well Known In America Dies In Ireland.

London, Sept. 7.—Mrs. Katherine Cecil Thurston, the Irish authoress, was found dead at a hotel in Cork.

Mrs. Thurston was a native of Cork. In 1901 she married Ernest Charles Thurston, with whom she was the joint author of several popular novels. They were divorced in 1910.

Mrs. Thurston was known in America as the author of several best sellers, among which "The Masquerader" and "The Gambler" are perhaps best known. "The Circle," "The Fly on the Wheel," and "Max" were others.

"Jones grumbles that his wife can't take a joke."

"That's funny, seems to me."

"How so?"

"She took Jones."—Judge.

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