

ILLITERACY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Statistics Issued by Director Durand of the Census Bureau.

A preliminary statement of the results of the thirteenth census enumeration regarding illiteracy in the United States has been made by Director Durand of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor. It shows that in 1910 there were 71,580,270 persons ten years of age or over in the United States, of whom 5,517,098 were unable to read or write, constituting 7.7 per cent of the population.

The native whites, who constituted nearly 75 per cent of the entire population, had the smallest number of illiterates—1,535,530, or 3 per cent. The foreign born whites had 1,650,519 illiterates, or 12.8 per cent of their number. The colored had 2,331,559 illiterates, or 30.5 per cent.

Comparing 1910 with 1900, there was a gain of 13,640,456 in the population of ten years of age and over, but the number of illiterates fell off 603,461. There was consequently a decline in the percentage of illiteracy from 10.7 to 7.7 per cent for the aggregate population.

Among native whites the number of illiterates diminished 378,081, and as the population increased the percentage fell from 4.6 per cent in 1900 to 3 per cent in 1910. Among the colored there was a decrease of 647,304 illiterates and a diminution of the percentage of illiteracy from 44.5 per cent to 30.5 per cent.

Among the foreign whites there was the slight increase of 363,354 in the number of illiterate persons; but, as the whole number of foreign whites had largely increased, the percentage of illiteracy remains practically the same as ten years ago, being 12.8 per cent in 1910 and 12.9 per cent in 1900.

NEW STAR DISCOVERED.

Professor Errebo of Norway Reports It Verified at Harvard.

Professor Errebo of the astronomical observatory at Dombas, Norway, has given the heavens a new star. His discovery was announced in a cablegram from Professor Kobold of the observatory at Kiel, Germany, to Professor Edward C. Pickering, director of the Harvard observatory. On the receipt of the news the photographing force at Harvard went over the negatives of the skies made and came upon two plates taken recently which confirmed the finding of Professor Errebo.

The plates show the star to be of the fifth magnitude, while its discoverer found it only of the fourth magnitude. The position of the star for 1855 is R. A. 6 hours 45.5 minutes and its declination 32 degrees 17 minutes. This position places it in the constellation Gemini, and it is about 1 degree 51 minutes south of the Theta Geminaurum.

In the last twenty years about fifteen new stars have been seen.

BROKEN AORTA TIED.

Surgeon Performs Rare Operation at New York Hospital.

One of the rarest operations in surgery was performed at Bellevue hospital, New York, by Dr. William C. Lusk, who inserted a twelve foot coil of platinum coated gold wire into the extended sort of a conscious patient.

Henry Griffin, fifty-three years old, a stationary fireman, was suffering from aneurism of the aorta, the large artery close to the heart. Even the slightest mistake of the surgeon would have caused almost instant death of the patient. The operation was pronounced a success. A thin needle, several inches long, was employed. A spool of fine gold wire specially manufactured for the occasion was fed into the needle until it almost reached the point. Then a puncture was made in the wall of the aorta with the needle, barely sufficient to admit the gold wire. The puncture was true, the wall of the aorta held, and no blood was lost. An end of the wire was coiled about the outside wall and made fast.

GUARD MORGAN ART WORKS.

Unusual Precautions Taken to Prevent Theft in New York.

With the arrival at New York of several shipments of J. P. Morgan's European art collections the police are taking extraordinary precautions to guard against theft at the Metropolitan museum, where the treasures are to be housed.

A direct wire is installed from the museum to the nearest police station, and twelve men are assigned to stations forming a complete cordon around the museum buildings. Orders have been given to all these men to watch closely any one who approaches the museum after nightfall.

They have been especially warned to allow no one who carries a parcel of any sort to pass through the lines without being challenged.

Work has been about completed on a number of large fireproof vaults in the basement of the museum. The Morgan treasures will be stored in these vaults until room is found for displaying them.

Gets Prize Money After Fifty Years.

Hiram Towley of Garfield, Pa., has received a check from the United States government for \$105, which was the balance due him in prize money for services rendered during the civil war. Mr. Towley was one of the crew of the gunboat Connecticut. For valuable cargo captured his share amounted to \$2,400, of which \$105 had not been paid owing to an oversight.

Promise and Performance

What the Republican Platform of 1908 Pledged.

And What President Taft and His Party Have Performed.

PROMISE.

Tariff revision along protective lines, with a maximum and minimum provision.

Free interchange of products with Philippines.

Development of permanent currency system.

Establishment of postal savings banks.

To increase power of government to control trusts and secure greater publicity of corporation methods.

National supervision of railroad stocks and bond issues.

Enactment of employers' liability law and other laws further advancing interests of American workingmen.

To define authority of courts with regard to writ of injunction and uphold integrity of courts.

Extension of rural free delivery.

More federal aid in agricultural experiments.

Enforcement of fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth amendments to the constitution.

Conservation of natural resources and improvement of waterways.

To maintain and promote American army and navy.

Expansion of foreign commerce.

Liberal pensions for war veterans.

Protection of American citizens abroad.

Obedience to and maintenance of civil service laws.

Greater efficiency in public health agencies.

Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona.

Extension of principle of arbitration.

Citizenship for Porto Ricans.

Involved eighty or more defendants. Eight out of twelve defendants were convicted on one indictment after trial by jury and their conviction confirmed by the court of appeals, and thirteen criminal prosecutions are pending.

A brief review of the cases brought under the anti-trust law during the administration demonstrates clearly its value to the American people in their protection of that equality of opportunity which is declared by the platform of the Republican party to be the right of every citizen.

Reference to a few of the anti-trust cases brought by the Taft administration gives an excellent idea of the hardships some of these illegal combinations entail upon consumers. In the prosecution of a case against a number of individuals who attempted to corner all the free cotton remaining of the crop of 1903 it resulted in a raise in the price of that commodity to the spinners, prevented some from making any purchases and was therefore restraining interstate commerce.

In like manner the government took cognizance of the pooling in the wire industry, with the result that nine indictments were found in New York against eighty-three persons engaged in that business. It was an illegal restraint of trade, and when the court proceedings had been finished the various defendants were fined in amounts averaging \$1,000 each, with the exception of the supervisor of the pool, who was fined \$45,000.

One of the most outrageous cases of combination in restraint of trade and a notable violation of the Sherman law was that of the hand blown window glass industry. Practically all of the manufacturers (eighty-three in number) formed a company which controlled the entire output of hand blown glass. As a result the price was advanced 100 per cent within less than a year. The indictment of the men responsible, the imposition of fines and the restoration of the business upon its former lines were followed by a substantial reduction in the price of hand blown glass.

The federal government is prosecuting suits against the beef trust and the lumber trust with every promise of victory.

No Brass Band.

Brass bands and megaphones have not been needed to herald the accomplishments of the administration of President Taft. All of the great achievements for which the president is directly responsible have been accomplished quietly and without the slightest semblance of noise or bluster. The voters of the country displayed their faith in President Taft and his policies in 1908, and they are prepared to do so again.

PERFORMANCE.

Payne bill, reduction downward, tariff board, maximum and minimum, veto of bills which violated principle of protection.

Embodied in Payne tariff act.

Report of currency commission submitted and pending.

Postal banks in operation. Millions already deposited.

Federal incorporation act recommended, anti-trust law strictly enforced, corporation excise tax, providing for publicity imposed by Payne tariff act.

Stocks and bonds commission created, exhaustive report on subject submitted.

Employers' act submitted, law limiting hours of employment enforced, compulsory compensation act pending, bureau of mines established.

Measure based on president's recommendation pending, Arizona recall provision vetoed.

Rural free delivery extended.

Operations of agricultural department vastly enlarged.

Strictly enforced. Sixteenth adopted by congress, submitting income tax amendment to the states.

Bond issue for irrigation projects, "pork barrel" method of river and harbor appropriations abolished, comprehensive conservation policy adopted.

Army reorganized, maneuvers that gave it mobility, two battleship program submitted.

China opened to American finance, increased commerce with all the world.

Pension roll liberally maintained.

Russian treaty abrogated because of discrimination against American citizens.

Laws obeyed to the letter and enforced, extensions put in effect and others recommended.

Bureau of health recommended, pure food laws enforced.

New Mexico and Arizona admitted.

Arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France negotiated, ratified with amendments.

Measure pending.

Deserves Another Term.

Representative J. Hampton Moore, who is well known in many different sections of the country on account of his active interest in waterway improvements, in discussing the administration of President Taft has this to say:

"President Taft ought to be renominated and elected because he stands for stability. He should be nominated because it has been generally conceded by Republicans since the first day he entered the office that the same treatment would be accorded him with respect to a second term that is usually accorded to Republican presidents who have done well. There is no good party excuse for not nominating him. He should be elected because, while not a political president in the sense that he has played politics to the satisfaction of all elements of his party, he has in fact been a broad gauge president, conservative in all matters affecting the dignity of the office and the obligations assumed by him to sustain and uphold the constitution and the laws of this country."

Taft's Efforts For Peace.

Honesty of intention, stability of purpose and a firm faith in the principles of the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley are some of the characteristics of President Taft. Familiar with the horrors of war, as well as the enormous expense that it always entails, independent of the vast expenditures required to keep a great nation upon a constant war footing, the president has persistently sought to promote a worldwide peace of nations by international agreement. Any failure of accomplishment in furthering this worthy cause cannot be charged to the president.

Heard Every Day.

"Beaten out of \$5," said the gold leaf dejectedly. "I hope I make myself perfectly clear," said the water as it passed through the filter. "Experiences like this tend to harden one," the egg said when it was dropped into boiling water.

"I'll stay and see this thing out," said the man who was at the dentist's to have a tooth pulled.—Boston Transcript.

Political Pointers.

The man who would rather be right than be president is almost always right.—Washington Post.

Most of the candidates, however, are taking no chances on the office doing the leap year stunt.—Detroit Free Press.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

W. B. McKinley, Manager of the Taft Campaign.



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Representative William Brown McKinley of Illinois, manager of President Taft's campaign for renomination, is also chairman of the Republican congressional committee in charge of the general fight for the election of Republicans to both houses. From his headquarters at Washington Mr. McKinley will direct the pre-convention contest. After the convention he will probably relinquish his temporary duties and again take up the work of the congressional committee, although there is a possibility that he may become national chairman to handle the fight against the Democratic nominee.

Four years ago Mr. McKinley was considered for the position of national chairman to conduct Mr. Taft's campaign for the presidency, but Mr. Hitchcock was finally agreed upon.

The new Taft manager is a politician of wide experience. Already he has handled two congressional campaigns, in one of which, four years ago, he was successful and in the other, two years ago, he was swamped, losing the house to the Democrats. Mr. McKinley besides being an aggressive politician is a business man of uncommon ability. He is a native of Illinois, fifty-six years old, and by occupation is a farmer and banker. In business he has been very successful and owns a network of trolley lines that gridiron the middle section of Illinois. He is serving his fourth term as a congressman.

New York's Health Officer.

Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell, the new health officer of the port of New York, is a personal friend of Mayor Gaynor and was recommended by the latter for the post. The port of New York is that of the city of New York, and the health officer is an ex officio member of several city boards.

Although a general practitioner, Dr. O'Connell has made a specialty of



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mental and nervous diseases. He is a native of Brooklyn, forty-five years of age, and is a graduate of St. Xavier's college, New York city. He has been connected with the health service of the city for fifteen years.

He was formerly inspector for the board of health of the old city of Brooklyn at the time when the city was threatened with an epidemic of cholera and yellow fever. He was also associated with other branches of the city government and has had twenty years' experience in this line of activities.

Mr. Wickersham's Wit.

Attorney General Wickersham is not an easy man to make answer a question that he does not wish to answer. Not long ago one of the newspaper correspondents said to him:

"Since you dissolved the oil trust the price of kerosene has advanced 4 cents a gallon. What have you got to say about that?"

"It may be true," remarked Wickersham. "But I haven't bought any kerosene for a week."—New York Press.

To Patrons Along the Scranton Branch of the Erie Railroad.

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