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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1912.

WE ARE GROWING WHITER.

It is apparent from official statistics just issued that the white population in this country is growing twice as rapidly as the black. The negro population reaches almost 10,000,000, but relatively is only 10.7 per cent of the whole, whereas 20 years ago it was 13.1 per cent. The South increased its white population in the past decade by more than 4,000,000 or nearly 25 per cent, while the blacks in the South gained only 826,000, or about 10 per cent. This percentage shows that the fear of negro domination felt in parts of the South has less and less foundation.

Only in two states do the negroes outnumber the whites—Mississippi and South Carolina; but in four states the margin of whites over negroes is not large. For instance, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana each has a very large negro population. Southern states that have a white preponderance by two to one are North Carolina and Virginia, while in others, notably Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Delaware, the negro population is a small minority. In Oklahoma the whites outnumber the blacks 10 to 1, and in West Virginia it is about 20 to 1.

Maryland, Kentucky and Tennessee, in the last decade, record an actual numerical loss in the number of negroes, showing that there have been migrations. Wherever the blacks have scattered it is certain that there is no probability that they will make an increasing impress upon the national population. The fall significance of the figures would seem to be that the blacks are becoming less of a problem, although it seems reasonably certain that they will long be a problem in the South.

A Scranton (Pa.) woman who was the target for a revolver shot, was saved by the bullet striking the steel in her corset. This is still another argument in favor of the retention of this article by women. It leads us to suggest that a corset made up entirely of flexible steel stays be employed by the U. S. government to be used by the standing army in time of actual warfare.

More than \$14,500,000.00 was spent last year in the fight against tuberculosis. This illustrates in a measure the generosity of the American public. The Red Cross Society and kindred organizations are doing a splendid work in this direction, and it is believed that some real headway is being made to stamp out this white plague.

Woodrow Wilson received most of the applause when his name was mentioned at the Jackson banquet held in Portland last night. This may not please W. J. B.

The Filipinos have recently adopted a divorce law. A few days ago a moving picture show was established in Manila. Civilization is rapidly overtaking this ignorant and down-trodden race.

A recent dispatch asks this question: "If a tie vote is cast for two candidates for office, is settlement of the contest by a shooting match legal?" We should say that it depends on the verdict of the jury.

The man who drank a gallon of whiskey and then set fire to his house and barn could, by no possible chance, have been a resident of Roseburg???

Dancing under the direction of the rector will be taught in the Guild hall of an Eastern church. We wonder if the Apache and Texas dances will be included in those taught.

Have you voted in The News' Presidential Preference contest? Better hurry, for the box is getting full.

POEM FOR TODAY.

Forgotten. Forgotten? Well, if forgetting Be thinking all the day How the long hours drag since you left me, (Days seem years with you away). Or hearing through all the strange babble Of voices, now grave, now gay, Only your voice; can this be forgetting? Yet I have forgotten, you say. Or counting each moment with longing. Till the one when I'll see you again, If this be forgetting, you're right, dear, And I have forgotten you then.

Forgotten you? Well, if forgetting Be yearning with all my heart With a longing, half pain and half rapture, For the time when we never shall part.

If the wild wish to see you and hear you, To be held in your arms again; If this be forgetting, you're right, dear, And I have forgotten you then. —Eugene Cowles.

LAUGHING GAS.

In Earnest. The Rev. Sylvester Horne, the Liberal M. P. from London, was talking about religion. "Too many of us in our religious observances," he said, "are like a little Tottenham Court road girl. "This little girl said one night to her nurse: "Oh, must I sleep in the dark?" "Yes, miss," the nurse answered. "Then wait a minute," said the little girl, "I'll get up and say my prayers more carefully." —Los Angeles Times.

ATHLETIC MEET FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

(Special to The Evening News.) BERKLEY, Cal., Jan. 11.—High schools throughout the state, and a number in Oregon and Washington, have accepted the invitation of the University of California to compete in the Second Pacific Coast Inter-scholastic meet to be held on the campus April 26 and 27. The meet, in which the Roseburg High school, among others, in this vicinity has been invited, will undoubtedly be the most important event on the coast in the realm of high school track athletics. This meet is an annual event.

Special preparations have been made by the Big "C" Society of the University for the entertainment and housing of all the visiting athletes during their entire stay at Berkeley. The fraternities and house clubs have offered their houses for this purpose. The evening preceding the meet the University Glee Club will give its annual big show in the Harmon Gymnasium. The visiting athletes will be invited to attend. The monster inter-scholastic circus will be held Saturday night at California field. This will be the largest affair of its kind ever attempted on the Pacific Coast. At this circus the visiting men and team will be awarded their medals and cups. The new University swimming pool will be open to the use of the athletes at all times while they are on the campus.

Terms will be limited to twelve men, including the relay team. The meet will be a two-day affair, the heats taking place on Friday, April 26, and the final events on Saturday. All of the usual track events will be on the program, with the exception of the two-mile run. Medals will be awarded to all taking place. In addition, several handsome cups will be awarded, a perpetual challenge cup for the winning team, a perpetual challenge cup for the winning relay team, an individual cup to be kept by the highest individual point winner, and a challenge record cup for the record holder in each event. The medals given at this meet are the most handsome and expensive given at any high school meet on the coast.

MOVABLE SCHOOLS.

Agriculture and Horticulture Taught —Farmers Give Attendance.

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 11.—The month of December marked a new and important step in the development of practical agricultural education in this state. The people of Lynden, Whatcom county, in co-operation with the agricultural experiment department of the state college, held a six-day dairy school. In like manner the people of Cashmere conducted a six-day horticultural school. The college furnished the instructors and the communities provided all local accommodations, equipment and supplies. The Great Northern Railway

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At Lynden, December 11-16, over 200 farmers and farmers' wives enrolled for the school. The average daily attendance was 150. Several farmers drove from eight to twelve miles each morning and evening, while others came in on the train. A number of the rural schools excused their older pupils and allowed them credit for attending the course. Nearly every man had cows to milk and chores to do, but they hastened every morning the lectures began promptly at 9:30. The laboratory and demonstration work concluded at 3:45 each afternoon. Five members of the college staff and one assistant gave instruction in dairying, soils, poultry and home management. At the close of the first day's work several men said, "Well, that lecture on soils and this afternoon of cattle judging have been worth the cost of my ticket for the whole week."

At Cashmere, December 18-23, 200 people registered for the course, while the average daily attendance was above 200, and just the week before Christmas. There the work was in charge of seven members of the college staff and instruction was given in the various phases of fruit growing, orchard pests, soils, fertilizers, poultry and home management. Special sessions devoted to fruit marketing and irrigation were addressed by the leading authorities of the state on these questions. Lectures began promptly at 9:30 each forenoon, while the afternoons were devoted to practical field and pruning work in the orchards. As at Lynden the interest was intense.

The role purpose of all work of this sort is the rapid and permanent improvement of agricultural conditions in our state. The movable school has demonstrated its value and the extension department of the State College hopes to conduct several such schools in different parts of the state during 1912.

Sheriff George Quine left for Salem this morning with Fred Foster and Edward Jurgins, who were recently sentenced to terms of 10 years in the penitentiary following their arrest upon charges of highway robbery. The men confessed to holding up and robbing the Drain-Scotchburg stage, near the former city, in December.

Save Your Carpets Keep a Dustless Home

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