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DEMOCRACY BY THE DICKINSONS.

Don M. Dickinson, who saw fit to advocate and support President McKinley for re-election, is out in a statement that steps will be taken at once to reorganize the democratic party, and he intimates that he is to take an active part in the proceedings. The Hon. Don Dickinson's connection with "army contracts" and similar profitable jobs, which come to him through influence, power and pull, should deter him from associating himself with anything democratic, and, in doing so, the suspicion arises that he intends to capitalize the democracy and make it so near like the republican party that the voters will be unable to distinguish "tother from which."

Mr. Dickinson has little of the democratic spirit in his make-up, and if his nerve did not outstrip his judgment he would not be first to put himself forward as a democratic leader, particularly so when he had just rendered such signal service to his friend Hanna, the republican party and the trusts in aiding the re-election of Mr. McKinley.

No democrat, with good intentions and sincere convictions would be first to propose the resurrection of a party, so soon after its funeral, at which he was a cheerful participant. If the democratic party under Bryan deserved death, then the one under Dickinson does not deserve to succeed it.

The fact is, democracy by the Dickinsons would mean nothing to the people. If the democracy promised nothing under a sincere man like Bryan, it can accomplish nothing for the masses of the people under the wealth worshippers of the Dickinsons, and had better stay dead, if that is its present condition, as is alleged by its enemies.

GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION.

President H. S. Pritchett of the Massachusetts institute of technology, a mathematician of renown, figures in the current Popular Science Monthly the probable population of the United States ten centuries hence. He computes that our one hundred and twelfth census will find in the United States, exclusive of Alaska and the newly acquired islands, more than 40,000,000 human beings. This would be more than 11,000 to each square mile, a density of population more than twenty times that of Belgium and rivaled now only by the most densely populated quarters of our great cities.

The law of increase of population he states thus: "When not disturbed by extraneous causes, such as emigration, wars, and famines, the increase of population goes on at a constantly diminishing rate." And these extraneous causes, he says, affect the growth of population through the centuries very little.

During the last 100 years we have had years of plenty and years of want, good times and hard times, wars and epidemics, decades when immigrants were many and when they were few. Yet these factors of variation he finds in some way have offset one another, for our population has shown a regular and orderly growth in accordance with the general law stated.

From our population from 1790 to 1890 Dr. Pritchett has deduced a formula whose approximate correctness is shown in comparing the population as computed by it with the actual enumeration of each census. The discrepancies thus found are surprisingly small. In five out of twelve censuses the observed population has exceeded that computed by the Pritchett formula from 41,000 in 1800 to 975,000 in 1890. In seven censuses the computed population exceeded the observed from 12,000 in 1840 to 1,375,000 in 1900.

Dr. Pritchett states that his formula gives 32 per cent, 24 per cent, 13 per cent, and a little less than 3 per cent as the rates of increase for the decades respectively ending in 1790, 1880, 1900, and 2000. The fact that he figured as closely as 12,000 to the actual population of 1890, while he was 1,375,000 over the actual population of 1900, shows that he has not diminished his rate of increase quite fast enough. He seems to have figured the increase for the last decade at a little less than 22 per cent, whereas it was in fact a little less than 21 per cent.

But suppose this error should reduce Dr. Pritchett's rate for the decade ending 2000 from 3 per cent to 1 per cent. Our population in 2000, according to

his formula, would still be 30,764,000,000, a total so enormous that the difference between it and the 40,852,275,000 computed by Dr. Pritchett would seem as trifling to the people then as an error of 100 in its population would seem to us now. For 30,764,000,000 is almost an incomprehensible number.

Suppose this number of persons to be drawn up in a column of 231 files and allow each but one square foot to stand upon. Such a column would be 3000 miles and thirty-two feet in length. "How great a change," says Dr. Pritchett, "in the conditions of living this growth of population would imply is perhaps impossible for us to realize."

We prefer to agree with the speculative doctor than to attempt to discover his figures, but when this country has a population of 40,000,000,000 the taking of the census and the result thereof is likely to be less accurate than it is at present, and a bigger fraud upon the people in like proportion.

RANDOM NOTES.

Money and greed are back of all such wars as we are now waging in the Orient. "Commerce" and "national honor" are false cries. Our commercial prestige does need such useless sacrifices of blood and treasure as is maintained. Our national honor was never insulted until we went into forbidden paths. The vast combines of capital will be the sole winners in the outcome. They are already in the protection of the government in their troubles. They will put cheap labor at work on the vast resources of the islands, and who beside them receive any return for this outlay of priceless blood and treasure. If the American people, directly, as a nation, could be benefited by acquiring and holding distant territory of this character, there would be some shadow of excuse for our continuation of war. But the truth is, the people will not be benefited. They will be required to bear the enormous expense of a constant standing army of extraordinary size, to protect our rights. They will have to furnish soldiers to replenish the ranks in that devastating climate, and in return a horde of mongrels will flow into this country, to displace American citizens in our industries, at a lower rate of wages.

There are puzzling questions before the laboring class in every section. In the south the whole labor in white and negro is striving against the combined and the white capitalist combined, to maintain a respectable rate of pay for his work. The negro can live on less, desires fewer luxuries, and is content with less time for culture than the white, and the corporations encourage the negro for these reasons. The white man in the west is confronted with the Japanese. They are rented out in gangs to companies, like so many units. They are located simply by their number and the number of their gangs. They have no individuality. They get their supplies principally from Japan, and are displacing white men at an astonishing rate.

In the east the Slaves and "Dagoes" and Hungarians are taking jobs from self-supporting, self-governing white men, thus swelling the tide of the unemployed. With these problems to settle, while he supports a family on a small income, and increasing expenses account, the man who works for his bread has his two hands full. It is not the laboring man alone, who is struggling with these questions. The civilization on the American continent is struggling to settle them.

If you do right, you can do away with a thousand useless occupations. You would have no need for lawyer, judge, jailer, executioner, prison boss, posthouse keeper, guard, priest or preacher, jury or king. It is the simple key to the golden age of man.

It must be pleasing to the daughter of another millionaire who is to marry Count "Bony" Castellane's brother, to read of the disgrace which has come upon her. Illustrious brother-in-law, Every American girl who rises herself to one of these bogus wax men, whose only single, solitary claim to the respect of mankind is a lingering shabby, nasty, insignificant tail end of a once well disgraced title, which taken at its best, never did equal the broken pedigree of a good bull pup, should be exiled from her native land, and her name wiped off the list of our daughters. They are dragging the slums of Europe into the American social atmosphere, which would be pretty clean upon her. Illustrious brother-in-law, visitations. BERT HUFFMAN.

APPLES COMMERCIAL FRUIT.

Henry E. Doeh, of Portland, recently wrote as follows: Oregon has acquired the moniker of the "Land of red apples," and justly so, ever since that beautiful fruit was first introduced by Mr. Loebling in the early '40's.

While apples are grown to perfection all over our state, yet certain sections are better adapted for apple culture than others. In our Willamette valley apples grow everywhere in great profusion, but they have not the keeping qualities of those raised either in Southern or Eastern Oregon, though equally fine flavored and highly colored. Apple trees standing on my own grounds near Portland and planted

nearly fifty years ago—Hawkins, Spitzbergs, Fall Pippins, Gloria Mundi and Bellebeur—bear as fine fruit today as they ever did.

The total acreage planted in apples at present in Oregon is about 15,000 acres, but now that it has become apparent that the apple is the commercial fruit, many new plantings are being made, notably in Southern Oregon, Hood River valley and the higher plateau regions of Eastern Oregon, where apples can be grown to perfection commercially.

My observation at the Columbian exposition held at Chicago in 1893, and more recently at the trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, led me to the conclusion that the apple is the commercial fruit par excellence of the whole world as a fresh fruit, followed by our fine prunes as an evaporated product.

We only need to keep track of production and consumption of the apple to become convinced soon, that such is the case, as people become more educated, or civilized so to speak, if you will allow me to use such a terse expression, the more they learn that fruit, especially apple, is the best food for man.

In 1896, America had one of the largest apple crops up to that time, and the cry came from every quarter "over production," yet this year's crop, which is equally as large if not larger, finds that prices are very firm—apples which sold in '96 at New York at 75 cents per barrel are quoted this day at one dollar and fifty cents per barrel, and the market in Oregon is very firm in sympathy with these conditions. First class four tier apples are now selling from 45 cents to \$1.25 per box, for shipment east and to Europe, and in a short time will reach a higher figure.

What does this all mean?

Just simply this: that the market is better organized. The grower and dealer have come in closer touch, with each other for their mutual benefit. Prices have become more distributed than heretofore, and Europe has learned the value of American apples as a food. To illustrate: Last spring a commission house sent one car of Newtown Pippins of Southern Oregon growing to Hamburg, in Germany, which were sold for fifteen marks or three dollars and sixty-five cents per box. About a month ago a gentleman came to my office and presented his card; he proved to be a commission merchant from Hamburg. He said to me that he was grossing this car of apples was auctioned off and was one of the bidders; he was so impressed with the fine quality of these apples that he came over in person to make arrangements for this winter's supply.

The outlook for the apple in the future, as a commercial fruit, is certainly a most promising one.

A commercial apple orchard, located where climatic and soil conditions are most congenial to their perfection, is one of the best paying propositions of this day. From observation I find that the demand and consumption of apples increases from year to year to the exclusion of most other fruits in the fresh state, followed closely by our fine prunes as an evaporated product.

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