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**Eleven Million Votes.**

The census returns are always of interest to those who like to keep posted on existing facts, and to compare what is with what was. According to advance sheets just received it appears that there were in the United States in June, 1880, 3,270,518 native voters, and 3,072,487 foreign voters, making a total of 11,343,005 who are empowered to exercise the privilege of choosing officers in this country. The census by states shows some singular and possibly instructive figures. The southern states show in what overwhelming preponderance the native vote exceeds the naturalized vote, as for instance, in Alabama, where there are 136,058 native voters, and but 5,403 naturalized electors; in Tennessee, of 250,055, there are but 9,116, in Mississippi, of 108,354 but 5,674 were not born in the United States.

Some time ago a theory was started that the native voters had a tendency to vote the Democratic ticket, and that those who made this their country by choice instead of by accident voted with the Republicans. The census returns do not furnish either syllogism or corollary, and the argument falls to the ground. True, in the south, where the native voters outnumber the foreign born as twenty-five to one, the Democrats "scoop" their Republican competitors at every election, in about the same ratio. But as good an argument can be brought up by California and Nevada statistics for a counter argument, where we note the fact that Nevada has 11,442 native voters, and 14,191 foreign voters, and yet went Democratic in 1880. What peculiar influence Uncle Jimmy Fair had in Carson does not enter as a factor in this discourse. The additional fact that though California has 135,309 native voters and 127,317 foreign born voters, (including Dennis Kearney) that state also went Democratic by the handsome majority of 38, would further militate against the theory mentioned.

Mississippi exhibits the greatest preponderance of native votes, and some of the western states swing as far the other way, as for example, Wisconsin, which has 149,463 native born voters, and 189,469 foreign; and Minnesota which rejoices in the possession of 88,622 native American voters and 123,777 naturalized ones. Dakota seems to be the most evenly divided, having 25,476 native and 25,486 foreign born suffragists. Washington territory has an aggregate of 21,251 voters, of whom 15,868 first saw the light in the United States, and our own state has 38,006 native born electors, out of a total of 51,636.

The Chicago Tribune thinks if the men in the civil service of the United States may be justly taxed to the extent of \$400,000 or \$500,000 a year for party purposes, then it is evident that these men are paid that much in excess of a just and fair compensation for their services, and that under the pretext of appropriating money for the public service the money is voted from the treasury for party purposes. Is the Republican party willing to assume the responsibility of this misuse of the public revenue?

LAST Tuesday morning the British fleet off Alexandria, opened fire upon the town, nearly dismantling all the fortifications. The English loss was five killed and twenty-seven wounded. The news causes the greatest excitement among European diplomats, and a general imbroglio is predicted. Whatever occurs England and France are sure to come out ahead.

A curious story comes from St. Petersburg about the sinking of the great Cathedral of St. Isaac's, which was built in 1859, at a reported cost of \$23,000,000. St. Petersburg has a very low, unattractive and unhealthy site. A large part of it is built on a marsh, and St. Isaac's is said to be built over the softest part of, so that it is not surprising that the edifice is slowly settling into the ground. The cost of the original pile-driving was not less than \$1,000,000, but even this does not seem to have secured a firm foundation. One corner is sinking faster than the rest, and the whole building threatens to topple over. A crack three inches deep has been found in one place. A number of large stones have been taken from the roof, but that precaution has done no good; the engineers and architects are afraid to go near the corner, and, altogether, it is likely to be left to its fate.

Wars are inevitable, and of course any invention to mitigate its horrors must be welcomed. Hence it is quite timely, considering the squally European outlook, that a crematory has been invented in which twelve bodies may be burned to ashes in an hour and a half "without a smell." This contrivance, known as the "Kuborn furnace," is especially designed for use on the field of battle. A dozen "Kuborns," working day and night, it is calmly announced in the prospectus of the inventor, would "dispose of 2,500 corpses in twenty-four hours." Decency is better regarded in this notion than in the burial of the slain in battle heaps upon heaps in shallow trenches with insufficient covering, like so many dogs.

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