

In 1787 the famous ordinance for the government of the northwest territory was passed by the continental congress, preceding only by a few months the present constitution. It forms a convenient landmark to note the development of the northwest. The colonization of Ohio was just beginning. The ordinance provided that as soon as there were 5,000 inhabitants in that whole territory, embracing Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, the people should be entitled to a legislature of their own. In 1880 these five states had a population of 11,206,668, which has since been increased to about fourteen millions. It is curious to note that the areas comprised in these five states lying east of the Mississippi river, which constituted the northwest one hundred years ago, are hardly considered now as belonging at all to the northwest of to-day. They constitute the west to those lying along the seaboard, but the northwest proper of to-day only begins after crossing the Mississippi river. The country between the Mississippi river and the main range of the Rocky mountains was regarded as part of the Louisiana purchase acquired in 1815, including the present states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota, with the three territories of Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

It to the original five western states east of the great river be added the population of Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota and those territories east of the Rocky mountains, we have a population of about twenty-one millions, or about one-third of the entire population of the whole country in a region that did not have 5,000 inhabitants a hundred years ago. Where else on the face of the earth has such a change been wrought during that hundred years or any other century since the world began? There was not at that time in this whole region property of the value of half a million dollars where now there are billions. This vast region that now produces the food for the eastern states and much of the south and a large part of Europe, then produced nothing and was hardly considered capable of producing anything. Another curious thing will be noticed in reading the ordinance of 1787. The governor must own a thousand acres of land to be eligible. Judges and members of the council must own five hundred acres, and even voters must own fifty acres. This was the act passed by the generation that won the independence of the United States and in the same year and by the same men that framed our present constitution. There was not much fear of landed monopolies in those days. They were rather encouraged than discouraged. The idea of manhood suffrage had not then found a foothold in the most advanced political theories.

That ordinance too provides that whenever any portion of that northwest territory should contain 60,000 inhabitants they might organize a state government and join the confederation, or even a smaller number might by consent of congress become a state. Now we have a congress that refuses admission to Dakota with a population of 500,000.

SAMUEL FIELDEN, the most thoughtful and brilliant among the doomed company of Chicago anarchists, reads a great deal although he frequently passes entire days with his head resting on his hands and staring into vacancy. The speech of Fielden before Judge Gary, prior to the passing of sentence, is considered one of the most brilliant oratorical efforts in the English language. Of the seven men doomed to hang Fielden is considered the less guilty and is the object of widespread sympathy. He seldom speaks about his case. Sometimes he appears anxious, but as a rule he seems to care very little about it. He was asked what he would do in the event of all hope of life passing away. He quoted Bryant and said he would lie down to pleasant dreams.

While we hear much about the extortions of railroad monopolies, it is worth while to note that the cost of their service is continually falling throughout the country. The earnings of all the railroads during the year 1886 for passengers were 2,181 cents a mile against 2,514 cents per mile in 1882, while the earnings per mile per ton on freight were 1,042 cents in 1886 against 1,236 in 1882. The net traffic earnings per mile in 1886 were 2,376 against 2,670 cents in 1882.

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We know at once what hindered— When hoisting up to wind'ard— The dashing yacht from weathering the stake; The wind was from the south'ard, And the bowsprit oft was smothered By the billows that were running in the wake.

The mainsail's leech was shaking, And the sea a breach was making From stem to stern, from weather side to lee, But at last the stake she rounded, And away she homeward bounded With her weather soppers buried in the sea.

Then the wind veered to the north'ard And the jolly sailors for'ard As the spinnaker at once spread to the gale, And the taffrail out the billows, And her booms they bent like willows, Though a reef or two were taken in the sail.

Yes, 'tis pleasant to peruse Each day the yachting news, Which of the strongest saline flavor smokes, And all mysteries reveals, Both of center-boards and keels, Of wearing, beating, port and starboard tacks.

How to Waltz.

The dancing masters' convention in New York September 14th decided the correct position for waltzing. The gentleman should hold the lady with his right forearm, placing his hand flat against the back. No part of his arm above the elbow should come in contact with her body. The lady's left hand should rest upon the gentleman's arm about four inches from the shoulder. Her right arm should be held out perfectly straight, at an angle of about 45 degrees from the body. Her right hand should rest in the gentleman's left palm with the knuckles uppermost. It is necessary that the lady shall not bend her right elbow, otherwise they will fail to give the mutual support which is a requisite of good dancing.

There Are No Incomplete Lives.

I try to measure the plans of the Infinite with my little two-foot rule. I know, as well as I know anything, that when God takes a soul away from this world, in infancy, in childhood, in young manhood, that life is complete, finished, as perfectly as though it had rounded out the full-orbed years of the patriarch. It has done its work, it has accomplished God's purpose, in one year or seventy. The little life whose evening time fell at noonday or in the morning, began a work that may be carried on for ages, or was just needed to complete one that was begun—God knows—ages ago.—Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

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