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Census Taking.

The General scheme of taking the census is about the same in all countries. Our own bill provides for 1,000 enumerators and 1,000 supervisors for every 4,000 inhabitants. The director and the supervisors are appointed by the president. The director, though under the immediate direction of the secretary of the interior, is the head of the census office created for the time necessary for his work. His salary, according to the twelfth census bill, is only \$5,000 per annum. The salary of the 1890 director was \$7,000. Why the new bill gives the 1900 director a smaller salary for more work is not known.

The supervisors are appointed among the various states and territories, and take their orders from the director. Each supervisor controls a district. He separates his district into subdivisions or blocks of 4,000 persons each, and appoints an enumerator for each subdivision. With Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines included in the 1900 census 40,000 enumerators will be needed. Each enumerator is allowed a maximum of \$6 a day. This will mean about \$240,000 a day for 20 days, or a cost of perhaps \$7,000,000 just for the men who count the people and apply the inquisitorial process. The bill provides for everybody in the census office, from the director to the charwomen. There is an assistant director at \$4,000; 5 chief statisticians at \$3,000 each; 1 chief clerk at \$2,500; 1 stenographer at \$2,500; 45 clerks averaging \$1,200 each; an indefinite number of clerks at \$720 each; a captain of the watch at \$840; 2 messengers at \$600 each; a disbursing clerk at \$1,000 and a number of helpers classed as skilled laborers and unskilled laborers, the first at \$400 and the latter at \$240. The total of these figures shows that the home office of the census—the headquarters—will cost about \$200,000 per annum. For the purpose of starting this office congress has placed at the disposal of the secretary of the interior the sum of \$200,000. The whole cost of taking the census of 1890 was \$6,400,000. The census of 1900, however, will cost fully twice as much—for there are more questions to ask and more people to answer, and a much greater area to cover—Leslie's Weekly.

Sunday School Convention.

Much interest is being developed in this great National Society as the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary approaches. Meetings will be held in the Academy of Music on May 24th and 25th, at which addresses will be made by eminent speakers, representing the work of this Society. Mr. H. H. McGranahan, with the assistance of the Philadelphia Choral Union and other singers, consisting of 600 voices, will have charge of the music.

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of the music. The work of the Society for 75 years, in part, is as follows: 100,928 Sunday Schools organized, containing 578,680 teachers and 4,070,348 scholars; 224,844 cases of aid schools, having 13,333,968 members. Nearly four schools a day organized for every day of the last 75 years. Value of publications distributed by sales and gifts over \$9,000,000.

After all this work that has been accomplished by the Union in the great work which the denominations are doing, there no less than 11,000,000 youths in the United States between the ages of five and eighteen who are not in any Sunday School. Realizing the great need, as the Union does, it is desired that this seventy-fifth anniversary shall be the occasion for arousing fresh interest in the great work of the Society for the neglected children of the land. They especially request that the 25th of May be observed in all the churches and Sabbath schools as American Sunday School Union Day.

For the last six years the Society has had a state missionary in Oregon. The Rev. W. Winans, of Salem. He has worked in every Co. east of the Cascades and in full, but four west. He is glad to start new schools and to aid existing ones, and to furnish Sunday School supplies of any kind including Sunday school libraries, to union or denominational schools.

Secretary Alger showed his mettle again when he said at Detroit, while speaking of the achievements of our soldiers in the late war: "Supposing they had a little beef spoiled; what of it? If they had had no beef at all, they would have had more than General 'Joe' Wheeler and I had in that other war." That's the way to treat the whole matter! Rotten beef or no beef at all; what is the odds? Either was good enough for soldiers engaged in so glorious a war. Anybody who asks why the army was not supplied with live beef, or what the influence was which compelled the commissary department to buy only canned beef, or who made money out of canned beef contracts, is a bad American and a traitor, and no attention should be paid to him. Under the Alger method of supplying an army, the soldiers should be thankful for anything at all to eat. If they have only putrid beef, they should console themselves with the thought that when Alger himself was a soldier in the war of the rebellion, he had no beef at all. Alger, by the way, betrays a magnificent "nerve" when he refers to his own war record.

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Districts Changed.

A recent dispatch from Washington says: Director Merriam has ordered the census districts of Oregon to be rearranged and divided upon the lines of the congressional districts. The director received a letter from Senator Simon and Representatives Moody and Tongue asking that this be done, and the letters were referred to Geographer Gannett, who said that it would make no difference to have the Columbia river counties restored to Moody's district. Director Merriam says he was glad to make the change, though he insisted there was no intention of making a political division when the districts were first decided upon. Senator Simon sent a copy of his letter to Senator McBride, and the latter said he had no objection to the change if the census office was willing to make it.

The Oregon districts have been reformed as follows:

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| First— | Second— |
| Benton, | Baker, |
| Clackmas, | Crook, |
| Coos, | Clatsop, |
| Curry, | Columbia, |
| Douglas, | Gilliam, |
| Jackson, | Grant, |
| Josephine, | Harney, |
| Klamath, | Malheur, |
| Lake, | Morrow, |
| Lane, | Multnomah, |
| Linn, | Sherman, |
| Marion, | Umatilla, |
| Polk, | Union, |
| Tillamook, | Wallowa, |
| Washington, | Wasco, |
| Yamhill—16. | Wheeler—16 |

Want to Confer.

Manila, May 13, 6:20 p. m.—The Filipinos have resumed the attempt to induce the Americans to discuss the situation. Reyes a young lieutenant on the staff of General Gregorio Delphi, came to General Linton today under a flag of truce. He was accompanied by a barefooted bugler. The two were escorted to Manila by Captain Sewell, of Linton's staff.

Reyes told Otis that Aguinaldo desired passes for a military committee to come to Manila to confer with the American Philippine commissioners. General Otis replied that passes would not be necessary as unarmed commissioners could enter the American lines. He would leave the matter, he said, in Gen. Linton's hands. Lieutenant Reyes returned this evening to Bacolor.

Second Oregon.

Portland, May 13.—The Second Oregon regiment will be mustered out at San Francisco. An effort was made to have the regiment landed at Portland instead of San Francisco and the matter was referred to Colonel Summers now in the field near Manila. He replied that the regiment preferred to be mustered out at San Francisco.

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