

The Democrat.

FOREIGN BORN CITIZENS.

Robert P. Porter, the superintendent of the next census, has been looking over his field of operation and makes some interesting calculations as to what the work under his charge will show. Among other things he estimates that the foreign born element has been increasing much more rapidly than the natives. There were 6,679,943 foreigners in the Union in 1880. Since then, 5,428,370 immigrants have arrived, making a total, after due allowance for loss by deaths, of 9,686,810 in 1890. There have in addition been born to the new immigrants arriving here in the decade 2,237-871 children living.

This makes the total of foreign born and children of immigrants since the last census 11,924,681, while the increase in the number of natives was but 11,738,477. Between 1870 and 1880 the foreign born element increased only 20 per cent., the native born 32. Mr. Porter puts the figures for the present decade—and his estimates are well supported by facts—at foreign born 45, native born 27. These figures if borne out by the work of the census taker show the great part immigration fills in the peopling of our country, and enforces the need of proper laws upon the subject. Again, these people must on landing here go somewhere. They are seeking after homes in a land they believe to be flowing with milk and honey. They are willing, as a rule, to work, and expect to do so. Why should not New Hampshire have her proportion of the increase? The list of farms announced for sale by Commissioner Bachelier, and the prices asked for them may not from as brilliant a prospect as the romances issued by western speculators, but the inducement held out is a reliable one. The immigrant will not find here broad, treeless prairies and rich river bottoms with uncomfortable surroundings, but he will find fertile land, good health, excellent school facilities, and a hospitable people. We ask his presence, and will aid him to advance.

President Roberts of the Pennsylvania Railroad recently said that the great need of railroad managers was protection from each other. If the price of riding a certain distance were uniform, it would be easy to reduce the rates. Now the men that travel at regular rates must pay high fare, to pay less on the low rates offered to excursion parties and the men who never ride on a railroad except on a pass. This is just saying what we have always maintained. If the railroad companies did not practise discrimination, both they and the public would be better off. It is just this desireable state of things that State and Federal regulation of railroad corporations is designed to insure. Yet most of the time railroad managers have opposed such regulations by the Government as only intended to annoy and injure them. The people admit their indebtedness to the railroads, and what is necessary for their own protection need not be injurious to the interest of the latter.

The associated press tells of an effort to get Col. Bob Ingersoll to talk about the recent election. The doughty Col. would not talk but illustrated the situation by the story of the old lady who was bitten by a snake while out blackberrying. She hastened home as rapidly as possible and sympathizing neighbors gathered about, but the whimpering lady would not go into particulars. All she could be induced to say was: "I cannot show the place but I do know I'm bitten." Colonel Ingersoll likened the condition of the republican party at this time to the snake bitten woman. From which it would appear that the republicans were smitten in a very sensitive part of the corpus.

The great perfection to which the ancients carried the art of brickmaking is probably due to the abundance of labor, plenty of time to devote to each stage of the work, their great patience and painstaking, and the natural drying and preserving climate of the East. The dry, warm atmosphere of Egypt, Assyria and Babylonia, which countries were the nurseries of the ceramic arts, have kept in a good state of preservation for more than 3000 years the sun-dried bricks so common in those countries; many well-preserved adobe are also found in towns and walls of ancient India.

The total number of miles of railroads in the United States at the close of 1888 was 156,082, of which 7903 miles were built during the year. The number of locomotives in service was 23,398; passenger cars, 28,252; freight cars, 1,005, 116. This is an increase during the year of 1548 locomotives, 1383 passenger cars and 48,485 freight cars. In the Dominion of Canada there are reported to be 12,701 miles in operation, on which there are 1657 locomotives, 1915 passenger cars and 44,009 freight cars.

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CAPITAL AND LABOR.

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It is a favorite pastime with some to boast of big potatoes, some big apples, some big strawberries and some big hogs, but the biggest hog I ever saw is the miserly capitalist who seeks to grasp all the capital of the country and then would do all the labor of the country, thus leaving the laboring man to "starve or steal."

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