

A HOMELESS PEOPLE.

The result of the census of farms, homes and mortgages was not made public during the campaign except in a very fragmentary shape, and the totals are still withheld. Indeed the prospect is that they will be withheld almost indefinitely if Mr Porter is left to consult his own wishes in the matter; but in spite of the policy of suppressive delay, it is known that the total number of tenants not owning homes in the cities of the country will reach about 75 per cent of the urban population included in the investigation. Of the remaining 25 per cent occupying their own homes about half hold under mortgage.

The number of tenant farmers shows a marked increase since 1889, and there is a marked decrease in the number of farms. In Illinois as in Maine, in South Carolina as in Georgia, the number of tenant farmers has increased and the number of home-owning farmers decreased under the ten years of republican politics.

This is as true for one section as for another. It is as hard on Kansas as on South Carolina. But it is worth while to make passing observation of the fact that the high prices of the necessities of life and the low price of cotton have checked the movement, once marked among the negroes of the cotton states, to become home owners. Where white farmers fall behind, forfeit their homes to creditors and become tenants, it is idle to expect the negro to make progress in the accumulation of property. Instead of increasing, the number of freeholders among the negroes in the principal cotton states has decreased. The negro is going backward. The burdens on him are immense, and they are not the less oppressive to him because he is too ignorant to understand what they are. For one thing, the negroes are paying for their freedom several times over in the share they have to pay of the enormous expense of pensions—this after having worked for 25 years to pay the war debt and interest. It is not much matter to the negro whether he is the slave of one master or of the politicians at Washington and the brokers in the east. Under neither system does he own his own labor.

If this is true of the negro, it is hardly less true of the white farmer at the west or at the south. The present system is one of slavery that in some respects is more unjust than actual ownership of the slave's person. Two or three thousand persons, non-residents, located in the northeast, own whole states in the west, and in one way and another draw from them as revenue the net profits of the labor of millions of people. This cannot last and the people are making up their minds that it shall not last.

The workers of the west and south are entitled to something more than a bare living. They are entitled to live under a keep their net earnings that they may invest them in homes and that the number of home owners may increase instead of decreasing.

The policy of controlling trade and the currency heretofore pursued cannot be carried further without producing the most disastrous effects. It is dangerous business, this of trifling too far with blind Sampson!—St Louis Republic.

A correspondent referring to an anecdote published in the World to the effect that Ben Butler was drowned out from making a speech in Maine by some one in the audience asking 'what about those spoons?' says:

Whatever may have happened in Maine, I remember well a meeting in Hartford, Conn., soon after the general had commenced speaking a tipsy individual cried out in a loud voice: "Gen Butler, tell us something about those spoons you stole in New Orleans!" The general replied by saying he would tell him all about it when he got through, and went on with his speech. When he ceased speaking and was gathering up his notes and papers preparatory to leaving the stand without making the explanation asked for, the same voice was heard again and in a very peremptory tone demanded an explanation as to those stolen spoons. "Ah, yes," responded the General. "The matter had escaped my memory." Then in his most persuasive tones he innocently inquired: "Are you a republican, my friend?" "I am," replied the other, "and I am proud of it."

"So was I," sharply retorted the General, "when I stole those spoons," and turning about he left the stand amid such a storm of laughter and applause as was never heard before in that hall. The "howls of laughter" in this case were evidently on the General's side.

Two packages which arrived from England recently on the steamship Rossmore for President-elect Cleveland and Mrs Vice-President Morton were opened at the Custom House and the duties estimated. The package for Mr Cleveland contained an unique looking pair of gloves with a letter from Alfred Yates, of Leicester, asking the president-elect to accept a pair of real Scotch gloves. They are brown, with red stripes and lined with red, the inside and outside being all Scotch wool. They weigh a quarter of a pound and the appraisers, valuing them at 36 cents, assessed them for 12 cents duty. Mrs. Morton's package contained two dozen silk hose. They are valued at \$43 and Mrs. Morton will have to pay \$25 of duty.

The sudden death of L Q C Lamar, one of the supreme judges of the United States, leaves another vacancy, and although it is only five weeks to the end of the term of Harrison, it is highly probable that he will fill the vacancy. The creditable thing to do would be to leave the matter to the incoming administration.

The Boston Herald calls attention to the fact that the republican party has a larger popular majority against it than was arrayed against the democrats in the days of their most disastrous defeat. It has almost reached the low ebb of the whig party just before its dissolution.

What remains of the apparent strength of the republican party is very largely fictitious. In Pennsylvania, Vermont and Maine it holds something of its former strength, but nowhere else. The creation of rotten borough states in the West enables it to make a showing in the senate, but in the house, with its large democratic majority, we see the real sentiment of the people represented.

In Massachusetts, where the republicans were once sure of a majority from 30,000 to 70,000, they had only about 15,000 majority in congressional elections, about ten thousand more on the electoral ticket, and no majority at all for governor. Then Connecticut, New York and New Jersey are democratic by large majorities. In the West the former banner state, Iowa, leaves the party in a minority of the popular vote. Ohio has deserted the standard under which it never faltered before. Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin have followed suit, and Kansas and Nebraska have tried new organizations rather than remain with the republicans.

Can the republicans hope to regain their lost voters? It strikes us that the steady growth of the democrats in the house points to the final downfall of the opposing party. The great West has gone over bag and baggage to the democracy. Nothing but a policy of stupendous folly on the part of the victors can reverse the popular verdict, and it is not likely that they will recklessly throw away their advantages in this early stage of their triumph.

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SUMMONS.

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Mattie E Bolin, Plaintiff,

vs

Wm E Bolin, Defendant.

To Wm E Bolin, the above named defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff now on file against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the next regular term of the circuit court for the state of Oregon, for Linn county, to be holden on the second Monday, the 13th day of March, A D 1893, and if you fail to answer for want thereof the said plaintiff will take judgment against you for a dissolution of the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the care and custody of the minor child, and for costs and disbursements of this suit.

This summons is published by the order of the Hon G H Barnett, Judge of said court, made at Chambers on the 1st day of January, A D 1893.

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