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### THE TWELFTH CENSUS.

#### Some of the Interesting Things it will Bring Out.

In 1900 comes the twelfth census, which is expected to bring out some very interesting figures respecting the resources of this great and growing country. Already the clerical staff has been organized for the work, in skeleton shape and every thing now is in trim for beginning the count. It is believed that the population will not be found to exceed 75,000,000. Those who are guessing 80,000,000 and upward fail to take into consideration the large decrease in the birth rate, which has run down in a surprising way during the last ten years, owing, apparently, to a growing prejudice in favor of setting an artificial limit upon the size of the family. This idea, says the commissioner of labor, "has more effect upon the growth of population than war, pestilence and all other causes combined."

Nevertheless it will be shown by the new census, a baby is born in the United States every twelve seconds, and at this rate, 2,475,000 fresh citizens will be added to the population of the country in 1900. At the same time, of course, people will continue to die, and to keep up with their departure, the passing bell must toll every twenty-three seconds, ushering 1,350,000 Americans out of the world during the twelve months. Every twenty-four seconds a marriage will occur, giving expectation of filled cradles, and it is a comfort to know that five of these latter will be supplied with occupants every minute in the twenty-four hours throughout the last year of the nineteenth century.

The total weight of the people of the United States in 1900 will be about 3,000,000 tons, and if all of them stood upon each other's shoulders in a single column they would tower to a height of about 56,000 miles or nearly quarter the way to the moon. Placed in single file, each one with hands on the shoulders of the person ahead, they would make a continuous line long ahead to encircle the globe nearly twice at the equator.

Every day in the twelvemonth they will eat 12,560 tons of food, and each twenty-four hours they will swallow 28,000,000 gallons of water—more than enough to float all the vessels of the United States navy.

In 1900 no fewer than 190,000 persons in this country will die of that dread malady, consumption, and 41,000 will be carried off by typhoid. Sixty-five thousand will succumb to diphtheria, 18,900 to apoplexy, 17,500 to cancer, 47,250 to heart disease and 4,725 to Bright's disease. One-half of all the negro children born during the twelve months will die before they reach five years of age, where as three out of four of the white infants will live that long, and very near 50 per cent of the latter will see their 50th birthday—a term that only one colored person in four attains. Forty-five hundred men and women will commit suicide in the same period, most of them because of alcohol.

During the year the average individual in the United States will drink ten gallons of beer, five quarts of spirits, and nearly half a gallon of wine, paying for these luxuries the sum of \$5. The census will show that one American in every 650 is blind; that one in every 750 is deaf and dumb; that one in every 1,400 is idiotic. Furthermore, it will be proved by the enumeration that there are about 448,500 Indians in this country, exclusive of Alaska—probably as many, the ethnologists say, as ever existed here, not to mention the widely-accepted notion that the effect that the copper-colored folkings were formerly very numerous, and are now on the verge of extinction. In 1900 there will be in the United States, in round numbers, 13,665,000 horses, 2,134,000 mules, 15,990,000 milk cows, 28,000,000 other cattle, 39,000,000 sheep, and 38,650,000 hogs. No reckoning will be made of the hens, but it is worth mentioning that 420 eggs will be laid by those useful birds during the twelve months, while chicks will be hatched at the rate of 100 to the egg. The country's total output of chickens and eggs for the year will represent \$290,000,000, exceeding by \$100,000,000 the value of all the coal produced in the United States.

Out of every 1,000 children born in the United States during the year 511 will be boys and only 489 girls. How-

ever, more of the girls than of the boys will survive infancy, and that will even up matters. Every half hour in 1900 a divorce will be granted, and yet the oft-repeated lessons will not hinder people from rushing into matrimony. These odd points are thrown in casually, and as being likewise apropos to anything in particular. It may be mentioned that if the hairs of the head of all the women in this country were put end-to-end and made into a single thread they would stretch a distance of 1,250,000,000 miles, or nearly seven times from the earth to the sun and back. This estimate excludes female children and allows 140,000 hairs to each woman.

Every second in 1900 a ton of anthracite coal will be dumped at some man's door. Every second during the twelve months the mines of the United States will turn out enough silver to make a half-inch cube and enough gold to make an eight-inch cube. Putting it otherwise, the production of gold will amount to \$2 25 per second, and output of silver to a little over the sum of \$2 per second. Every second in the year a third of a ton of iron, sixteen pounds of copper, and three ounces of aluminum will be subtracted from our deposits of those metals. Two barrels of petroleum will be drawn from American wells every second, while thirty barrels of salt and fifty gallons of natural mineral water will be put up for market every hour.

During the next census year the United States will produce for every one of the country's inhabitants twenty-six bushels of corn, nine bushels of wheat, ten bushels of oats, one-third of a bushel of rye, three-fourths of a bushel of barley, one-fifth of a bushel of buckwheat—enough to furnish everybody with a reasonable supply of hot cakes—and nearly three bushels of potatoes. In the same time they will turn out six pounds of tobacco for every man woman and child, thus providing within reason for the luxuries of smoking and chewing. This tobacco will be converted by manufacture into \$200,000,000 worth of marketable material, of which \$130,000,000 worth will take the shape of cigars and cigarettes.

In 1900 American manufacturers will turn out 220,000,000 pairs of shoes—enough to provide three pair to every human inhabitant. During the same period they will produce \$81,000,000 worth of agricultural implements, \$250,000,000 worth of men's clothing, \$68,000,000 worth of women's clothing, \$110,000,000 worth of furniture, \$146,000,000 worth of leather goods, \$37,000,000 worth of musical instruments, and \$86,000,000 worth of silk goods. Thirty million dollars' worth of "men's furnishings" will be required to maintain the standard of Yankee dandy, and women will adorn themselves with \$35,000,000 dollars' worth of fresh-made jewelry. It will take \$14,000,000 worth of brooms and brushes to keep things free from dust; men will pay \$35,000,000 for shirts; people will invest \$33,000,000 for patent machines; travels will put \$11,000,000 into trunks and valises, and an expenditure of \$13,000,000 will be made for umbrellas to discourage moisture.

During the census year the government will hatch artificially and contribute to the rivers and lakes 230,000,000 shade, 78,000,000 salmon, 90,000,000 white fish, 80,000,000 pike perch, 14,000,000 lake trout and 19,000,000 lake herring. In the same period will be caught in the United States waters 28,000,000 oysters, 13,000,000 shad, 11,000,000 lobsters, 41,000,000 crabs, 53,000 alligators and 100,000 turtles, mostly of the green species.

Of course the figures given in this article are merely approximate, but being based upon reliable statistical data, they are pretty close to correctness, and are so interesting as affording an illustration of the growing prosperity of this expanding republic.

Nowadays the small boy who reads in his school book the "from township-to-President" story and then reads the daily paper begins to wonder if a little "pull" is not necessary. The spontaneous recognition of real merit by an adoring public is something of an iridescent dream. Even in ecclesiastical circles now the will of the Lord is apt to meet with a little lobbying. We remain patiently waiting to hear the choice of the Yale Corporation for President.

### QUILL DRIVERS' JOTTINGS.

THERE is only one great republic, and so far as human eye can see, there will be only one great republic. Scarcely too sacredly may we prize the type which has been found impossible of imitation.

In accordance with his annual custom Gunmaker Krupp of Essen, has again paid over the biggest income tax in Europe. They ought to invite him to come to the Peace Conference at Hague.

"The way for war to be stopped is for the people to refuse to bear arms," says Tolstoi. But it will take a long time to educate the people up to that point. The life and drum appeal strongly to the young man, who does not reason well until years and experience have developed him.

Now draws near the time when the college orator is concerned about the effect of his commencement eloquence on the expansion policy of the Government, and the fair girl graduate on the style and fit of her graduation gown. The results of both anxieties will be equally portentous.

TALKER of the day is authority for the statement that the women in Chicago who protest against corsets live chiefly on gruel and cracked wheat. Such a fact sufficiently accounts for their mental flabbiness. The corset to the truly artistic eye is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Hygienic waists do not fill the bill at all.

The news that the "terror" propaganda of Russian Nihilism has been soundly converted to peaceful methods and that Russia is to be no longer a "despotism tempered by assassination" is hopeful of the abolition of despotism there. Individual violence, especially if done in the name of liberty, is tyranny's best friend in Russia and elsewhere.

THAT English lady of title who ran away with a hand-ome captain and then changed her mind and came back is excused on the score of unbalanced condition of mind. Over here in America we manage these society affairs much better. You get your divorce without publicity and you marry again in an hour or two and it's only a nine days' wonder.

The ocean liners are loaded to the safety-line with notabilities and rich persons who are anxious to cut some figures in European circles, as well as catch a prince, a duke or maybe a count for an eligible daughter. Good luck to the match-makers. But we hope the matches will be of the Anglo-Saxon nature. An English earl is better than an obscure European prince.

THE Boston Post proposes as a "unique tribute" to Admiral Dewey to change the name of the Philippine Islands to "Dewey Islands." This would be "unique" indeed, not to say premature and invidious. Gen. Otis may be expected also to ask where he is to come in. Then there is Fuston, of Kansas, and a thousand other heroes, whose names would fit some of the 1,200 islands we are fighting for.

The women of the country are filling the land with their protests to Congress against allowing the polygamous Roberts of Utah, to take the seat in the House to which he has been elected. Would they not do the country an equal if not a greater service if they were to make an effort to have a uniform divorce law in this country, a law that would permit a divorce for one cause only, namely, adultery?

Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, widow of the late Senator Stanford, has formally transferred all of her vast wealth to the university which bears the name of her dead son. Deeds representing property valued at over \$10,000,000 have been given in trust to the trustees of the Leland Stanford, jr., university, and this, added to its previous endowment of over \$15,000,000, makes it one of the richest institutions of learning in the world.

Politicians may be insincere and may become corrupt, but they must always have a reckoning with their constituency. The people sometimes go wrong, but in time they will get right, and we see no possible grounds for fear that the republic will fall. It is, in our opinion, stronger today than ever before, and we believe that there never was a time when liberty was more precious and when the men of this country were more thoroughly in the enjoyment thereof.

THE American people, irrespective of party, look with disfavor on this proposed banquet, where the millionaires will do nearly all the eating and drinking and expect to reap all the glory. The "plain people" are not envious of men who can afford to pay \$100 for a dinner, with Admiral Dewey thrown in. They estimate at its true value the vulgarity of the men who think they can dazzle Admiral Dewey by giving him a more expensive dinner than anybody else can. Blaine went to one of those Belshazzar's feasts and he suffered for it.

In an interesting article on "Divorce" by Cardinal Gibbons this statement is made: "The reckless facility with which divorce is procured in this country is an evil scarcely less deplorable than Mormonism. Indeed it is in some respects more dangerous than the latter, for divorce has the sanction of the civil law which Mormonism has not. Is not the law of divorce a virtual toleration of Mormonism in a modified form? Mormonism consists in simultaneous polygamy, while the law of divorce practically leads to successive polygamy." The Cardinal points out in his article that there are twenty-two causes for divorce in this country, most of them of a very trifling character, and in some of the States the power of granting a divorce is left to the discretion of the judge.

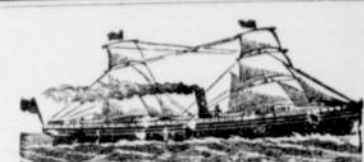
"Do Nothing But Spend Money." The Bridgeport Farmer compliments a Harvard senior who, it is alleged, said that his life plan was to "do nothing but spend money," and adds: "We do not know that his life plan is wholly lacking in merit. If all who can live without labor were to adopt a similar plan there would be an increased opportunity for those who must work or starve."

A good many people who write or speak first and think afterwards, if at all, will agree with the Bridgeport Farmer. It is a very popular theory with those who do not get on well that they are prevented from fame or fortune or both only by the crowded condition of the various avenues of advancement. Far be it from any kindly soul to deprive failure of the consolations of vanity. Yet for the sake of truth it must be said that if all who have competence were to stop work and "do nothing but spend money," not only would the wheels of industry slacken and soon stop, but also they and all their fellow-men would presently sink to a dead level of miserable and ignorant poverty.

Wherever you find a man doing "nothing but spend money" there you find a man who is not only stupidly destroying himself, but selfishly withholding from others the opportunities for work which his energy applied to his capital would create. A leisure class that does "nothing but spend money" is not an indication of civilization. It is an offensive and destructive parasite upon civilization. Every man who works usefully in any way makes useful work for others. Every true idler is truly a mendicant—a public charge and a public drag.

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