Likely to Remain Within the State of Indiana.

Indications Are That the New Census Will Not Move It Far-Wickersham and Nagel to Report on Alaska.

Washington.-Some spot in Indiana probably will mark the center of population of the United States for another ten years. It is worth while to emphasize the word "probably," because there is not available at this time very much definite information on which to base speculation as to where the center of population will be.

The officials in the census bureau who have access to the population returns refuse to speculate at all. Outsiders without a great deal of information in hand on which to base an opinion are disposed to predict that the "center" will not move very far from the point six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., where it is now established.

The census figures so far made public show that there has been an enor-



E. DANA DURAND. Director of the Census.

mous increase in population in the southwest during the last ten years. The northwest has also grown rapidly In population. If one examined the returns from the southwest and the northwest without taking into account the fact that the east has also in creased its population within the last ten years, he would be inclined to say that the center of population would be pulled a considerable distance westward.

A fact worth bearing in mind is that The increases in population in the east particularly have been in the larger cities, and it is true, of course, that there are more large cities in the east than in the west. Another fact that will undoubtedly have a bearing on the "center of population" is that the millions of immigrants who have come in during the last ten years have nearly all camped in the eastern section of the country.

By the census of 1900, the center of population is in the following posi-

Latitude, 39 degrees, 9 minutes, 36

Longitude, 85 degrees, 45 minutes, 54 seconds.

This particular spot, as is generally known, is at a point six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., and is marked by a monument. In the ten years from 1890 to 1900, the center of population moved westward 16 minutes and 1 second, or about 14 miles, and southward 2 minutes and 20 seconds, or about

21/2 miles. It is a comparatively easy matter to ascertain the center of population after the total count of the people of the country is known. This total count for the thirteenth census will not be known before the 1st of October, and possibly not before the 1st of Novem-

Center Moves Westward.

The center of population has moved almost due westward since 1790, when It was at a point some 23 miles east of Baltimore. From 1790 to 1800, it moved almost due west to a point 18 miles west of Baltimore. In the next ten years, from 1800 to 1810, it moved westward and slightly southward to a point about 40 miles northwest by west of Washington, D. C. That slight deviation toward the south was accounted for by the annexation of the territory of Louisiana. From 1810 to the south, and brought up 16 miles years between 1820 and 1830, it conof Moorefield, in what is now the state of West Virginia.

Between 1830 and 1840 there was a point" was located 16 miles south of under proper restrictions? Clarksburg, in the present state of West Virginia. In the next ten years, 1840 to 1850, it moved west and slightly southward again and halted 23 to visit as many parts of it as they miles southeast of Parkersburg, in what is now West Virginia. Between 1850 and 1860 there was a second slight bending toward the north, and it reached a point 20 miles south of

Chillicothe, O. The sharpest turn northward was between 1860 and 1870, when it reached a point 48 miles east by north of Cincinnati. During the succeeding ten years, between 1870 and 1880, it veered to the south slightly again and reached a point eight miles west by south

to practically the same latitude it oc- he asserts.

cupied in 1870, and in 1890 was ic cated at a point 20 miles east of Columbus, Ind. During the ten years be tween 1890 and 1900 the "center" moved westward a little less than three miles, and as has already been stated halted at a point six miles southeast of Columbus, Ind. This movement between 1890 and 1900 was the smallest in one hundred years.

FEDERAL IRRIGATION INQUIRY

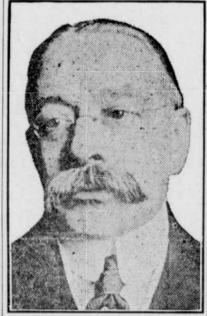
E. Dana Durand, director of the census, is seeking the advice of all persons possessing first-hand knowledge of the subject of irrigation with a view to devising a schedule of inquiries which will elicit adequate in formation concerning the extent and effect of that system of reclaiming land for the purpose of agriculture. This census or investigation was or dered by congress in act amending the census law passed last February. Under its provisions the director is ordered to ascertain the area of irrigated lands in the arid regions of the country; whether such irrigation is carried on under state or federas laws; the prices at which irrigated lands, including water rights, are obtainable; the character and value of crops produced upon them; the amount of water used for an acre; the situation of the various irrigation enterprises, together with a description of their methods of construction, their physical conditions and the amount of capital invested therein.

In taking the agricultural census, the field work for which has just been completed, the census office furnished the enumerators with a supplementary schedule relating to irrigation. These questions, however, did not develop all the information asked by congress, and nine different schedules are being prepared for special agents of the census bureau. In connection with these new schedules the director is asking the advice of government and state officials, corporations, experts and the special agents themselves, who have been selected because of their special fitness to do the work.

INVESTIGATING ALASKA AFFAIRS.

Washington. - Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel have not gone to Alaska for their health. What may be termed the "Alaskan situation" is giving President Taft much concern. He desires that these two members of his cabinet shall sift to the bottom numerous controversies with respect to the government of the territory.

After they have studies the situation first hand he wants them to tell him what they think of his plan of having congress install the commission form of government up there. He wanted congress to provide this new form of government at the recent session; at his suggestion Senator Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, introduced a re organization bill, but so much opposition developed that the legislation was temporarily abandoned.



Attorney General Wickersham.

The president wants to know, too, whether there is anything in these stories that a syndicate in which J. Pierpont Morgan and the Guggenheim brothers are the influential factors, is in a fair way to gain possession of about everything of value in the territory. Then there are numerous local quarrels that have been brought to the GOOD ROADS ARE VALUABLE. attention of the president.

Of course, the broad question relates to the future of the territory. It is to 1820, it took up its march westward incumbent on this administration to again, with another slight deviation adopt a general policy with reference to the territory-a policy that may be north of Woodstock, Va. In the ten safely followed for a generation to come. In adopting a general policy tinued to move westward until it halt- the question as to how the vast wealth ed at a point about 19 miles southwest of the territory is to be dealt with must be settled. Is it to be locked up for generations to come, or is it to be made available for the use of the slight movement northward and the present and succeeding generations I could go to Sheboygan whenever I

Messrs. Wickersham and Nagel expect to spend at least a month in the territory. They are under instructions can in that time. James Wickersham (not related to the attorney general), the territorial delegate in congress, wants home rule for the territory and introduced a bill providing for an elective legislature of 24 members-four representatives and two senators from

each judicial district. Wickersham says the territory has more coal than Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio; more gold than California and Colorado put together, and more copper than Montana and and more copper than Montana and Michigan. The prize is the greatest generation help pay the bill. If this stage at different times, or early sorts been found dead in bed, and the coro-In the next ten years it moved back within the gift of the United States,

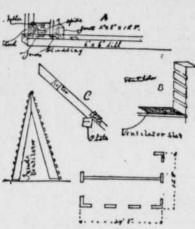


GOOD PLANS FOR CORNCRIB

May Be Used for Other Grain as Needed and Is Not Expensive -Gives Fullest Protection.

In detailing plans for a crib to hold 1,200 bushels of corn, D. P Barry, writing in Rural New Yorker, says:

Such a building must contain 3,000 cubic feet of space and support a weight of 42 tons. The desideratum in a cornerib is ventilation. A building to contain 3,000 cubic feet space should be 12 feet wide, 24 between feet long and 10 feet joists. The foundation should be pins of concrete, and pyramidal, 1 by 2 feet on the top, five feet apart on the sides, three feet apart on ends. The center wall should be continuous, and may be of rough stone laid up rough ly in mortar, Good foundations should be sought for. Stones with sharp an-



Plan for a Corncrib.

gles weighing five to six pounds may be used in the pins; there should be an inch of matrix outside all stones. Put the forms together with screws and inch lumber planed. Lubricate the forms with soft soap before filling; loosen screws to remove. Sills should be 6 by 6 inches, joists 2 by 8 inches, 12 feet 8 inches; studding 4 by 4 inches by 11 feet; plates and rafters 2 by 4 inches; plates should be doubled. Place the poists on top of sills and set studding well toed to sills, 18-inch on centers, and thoroughly spike joists to studding. See Fig. The upper tie joists may be 1 by 6 inches, well nailed under plate to studding. All material thus far preferably hemlock. Pieces same width as joists should be nicely nailed on studding between joists on sill to prevent rats getting on sill from inside, Fig. 472. The floor should be of 14 gauge perforated fron, or lay one-half inch mesh wire on the joists and lay floor over this. The perforated sheets would furnish ventilation. On inside of studding nail one-quarter

plate all over the inside except at openings. Between the studding cut in st all around and to the top, one-half by 51/2 inch, beveled on edges to a miter. These strips should be set at an angle of 45 degrees and may be three inches apart. Use window blinds for model. Cut gains one-quarter by onehalf inch in sides of studding. See Fig. 472, B. Put strips in place and toe with sixpenny nails. Strips and studding should be surfaced, and may be set up in pairs and painted before being nailed in place. It will be im possible to drive rain over these. Put a shelf high enough from the bottom so two widths of one-half inch mesh wire screen will reach it; put shelf all around at same angle as ventilator slats. Rats cannot climb over it. Put openings above shelf for shoveling in the corn. Doors may be placed on sides or ends; rat-proof by using wire cloth or perforated sheets.

inch mesh wire cloth, 11 to 12 gauge,

with light wire staples, from floor to

This building may be used for other grain by simply lining with building paper as may be needed. This is not an expensive structure, but will give the fullest protection.

German Farmer Gives His Views on Question That Interests Every Agriculturist.

(By HOWARD H. GROSS.) A sturdy clear-headed German, in speaking of good roads, said:

"My farm is ten miles from Sheboygan; if it was only five miles it would be worth \$10.00 more an acre. If I had a good hard road all the way wanted to and haul twice as much. So a good road would be just as good for me as if I lived five miles out with a bad road. So that's why I go in for a good road. Sure it will cost money but so does everything else worth

Bad roads and the extra cost of doing business over them would bankrupt almost any country except ours. We have the worst roads on earth and yet we are better able to have good ones than any other people. When we wake up and take hold of this question at the right end, we will get results. We need both state and national aid and to build permanent roads by bond issues and let the next is done we can have good roads with very little increase in taxation.

LADDER THAT WILL COLLAPSE SEEKS BIG ESTATE

As Arranged by Illinois Man Steps Fold Up and Permit Siass to Be Drawn Togethor.

There are several forms of collap sible ladders, but that shown in the illustration seems to be the most ingenious yet. It was invented by an Illinois man. The sides of the ladder, or the stiles, have recesses along



Ladder Will Collapse.

their inner edges in which the steps fit and into which they can be folded. The steps themselves are hinged his southern home. A short time aftin the center with the form of hings erward he learned that Ed H. Baker that opens only one way. When the lived here, and he sent him an inviladder is in use and the steps are flat- tation to visit Natchez, representing tened out they are quite as safe as if that he was Mr. Baker's uncle. they were of a solid piece. When the visit was made and the "uncle" treatstiles are pressed together the steps break and fold into two parts, each part fitting into the recess along the stiles of the other and the recess along the imparting much information concernitis lawyer flat on the floor of side of the stiles and giving the ladder ing her. He persistently adhered, how- court. The lawyer was not much the appearance of a couple of planks eved, to his statement that he was laid side by side. The back supports only an uncle. of this ladder and the side pieces connecting them with the stiles are also Baker in this city, and took every care jointed and can be folded into a very to ascertain as much of his history as small compass. Though this apparatus is perfectly safe it takes up no Baker began to suspect that the more room when collapsed than a fourinch plank of the same length.

NO MOSQUITOES BREED HERE

One Barrel of Water May Be Breeding of his parents, among other things Place for Enough Insects to Infest Entire Farm.

Keep your rainbarrel covered. One barrel may be the breeding place for



No Mosquitoes Here.

neighborhood or the entire farm. That malaria is caused by a certain type South Dakota Town's Unique Way of of mosquito has been proved beyond a doubt; without the pests no such sickness would exist.

Home-Made Water Cooler. be appreciated during the summer.



Cheap seed is often the most expensive.

Always plant the best seed you can

get for every crop.

Good time to cut out the poison ivy. It's almost a crime to allow it to grow anywhere.

Give the boys a chance to take a swim every day possible-and the horses too. Do not let any pickles ripen as long

as more are desired for pickles, for the vines stop bearing. After the hay is off the meadow we

busy with the manure spreader. Make sowings once a week of such

Smilax does not need sunshine. It requires a soil of sandy loam, that of a rattlesnake, at once stripped should be watered freely and kept in off the child's stocking and with his a warm place.

Cucumbers for pickles should be picked every alternate day at least, than a haif-inch deep. He then sucked Cut them but never pull them off, as the wound, drawing out the poison, the vines are liable to be injured.

asparagus for family use? It is very for a doctor. little trouble; once planted it remains indefinitely and never fails to bring a will recover. The snake, measuring

Machinery used during the summer harvest should not be allowed to stand out in the fields. If it has not yet been placed under cover it is high time that it is placed there now.

comes if care is taken to plant va- infant child. During the past year rietles which come to the eating 90 babies in Des Moines alone have may be planted every ten days until ner attributes their death to smoth-

INDIANA MAN ENDEAVORING TO ESTABLISH HIS CLAIM.

Belleves He is Heir to \$75,000 in the South-Father, He Claims, Insisted on Posing as His Uncle.

Oakland City, Ind .- Ed H. Baker, owner of a flour mill in this city, is busy unraveling a mystery of his life which may make him the richer by \$25,000.

Mr. Baker's parents were residents of Natchez, Miss., but he was born in Vincennes, Ind., while his mother was visiting relatives there. At the age of three months he was taken back to Natchez, but his mother died on the boat during the trip. Soon after her death he was brought back to Vincennes and cared for by an aunt without knowing the whereabouts of his father. None of his relatives knew where his father was and the child lost trace of him. In 1901 Capt. H. L. Baker, a busi-

ness man of Natchez, Miss., came to Vincennes on a hunt for Ed H. Baker. He failed to find him, and after a short stay at Vincennes returned The

In 1905 Capt. Baker visited Ed H. possible, and it was then that Mr. "uncle" was in reality his father. Capt. Baker died at Natchez last month, leaving an estate valued at \$75,000. Ed H. Baker has returned from a

visit to Natchez, and while there found much to establish the identity the grave of his mother. The tomb stone was missing from the grave, but the old sexton in charge said it was buried in the grave. This was taken up, and on it was found his mother's name. The old man said that the late Capt. H. L. Baker had given him orders to care for the grave as long as he lived, saying that his wife was buried there. Other old residents of Natchez remember a little boy who was sent back north, and other incidents that tend to establish Mr. Baker's claim make the case so strong that he thinks there will be little difficulty proving that he is the son.

Two sisters of Mr. Baker were found by him, one living at Natchez and the other in New Orleans. Suit has been filed in the chancery court at Natchez for a division of the estate and recognition of Ed H. Baker as the son of Capt. H. L. Baker.

enough mosquitoes to infest a whole TURNS HOSE ON THE TRAMPS

Getting Rid of Its Surplus Hoboes.

Custer, S. D.-The town of Edge mont has a unique way of handling its good home-made water cooler surplus of tramps, commonly known may be made as follows: Take a su- as "hobos." Edgemont is a small railgar barrel and put straw in the bot- road town, the entrance on the Burtom, on this place a large stone jar lington to the Black Hills and the and pack around with straw. On the northwest country. Lately it has been cover of the jar place a wet cloth and infested with an unusual number of then cover the barrel. Nice cool wa- the hobo variety, who have been a ter where the men are working will general nuisance to the townfolk, numerous thefts by the visitors being pepsia and sour stomach for the las reported.

Finally Editor Harry Goddard hit apon a plan. He rang the fire bell and oon had the volunteer department on the scene. The hobos were rounded up and jailed and a stream of muddy water applied through the fire hose upon them as they stood in their cells

The following morning the bell was rung again, and while the firemen held the hose ready the hobos were given the alternative by the marshal of taking another bath or quitting town, and their decision was quickly made for a "hike."

HEROIC SURGERY ON CHILD

Father Cuts Out Piece of Flesh, Sucks Out Poison, While Wife Runs for Doctor.

Johnson, Neb.-While playing in the can see its thin spaces better. Get field where her father, J. L. Bright, was working, Vera, his three-year-old daughter, was bitten by a rattlesnake quick-raising vegetables as lettuce and and ran, screaming to her father, tellradishes, to insure a continuous succes- ing him a "long mouse" had bitten her on the leg.

The father, knowing the bite was pocket knife cut out a circular piece of flesh an inch in diameter and more while the mother, who had been at-Why do so few farmers raise tracted by the cries of the child, ran

The little girl is doing nicely and more than three feet, was killed.

For Sleep-With-Baby Law. Des Moines, Ia.-Coroner Iver G.

Newlen will draw a bill for passage in the next Iowa legislature making One may have green corn until frost it a crime for parents to sleep with an

Alfalfa Julce a Curative Alfalfa, hitherto holder of a ple place in the food scheme, is des to become a comprehensive medic and remedial agent that will p others in the shade, according to Marian N. Clark, who announce discovery of remarkable curative ers in the plant and blossoms. idea, already carried out on a scale and suggested by the meth dustry, is to electrolyze the a and condense its healing elemen vest pocket size—a haystack of eine in a tiny tablet. Dr. Clar counts many instances of curing the condensed alfalfa juice many ous ailments, from D. T.'s to that feeling. One of these was the a vated case of a Reno sport who on Jeffries and drowned his sorre so many tall ones that the concerne to get him. The condensed expert beat 'em to it, and cure victim so effectively that now he ders at sight of even a dog, if the is a growler. Tobacco cher gloomy thoughts of suicide, insor and a host of other undesirable th fade away like the mists of the m ing under the soothing influence few forkfuls of alfalfa bunched up

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An Irresponsible Client, The lawyer of a man named bornino, who was being tried for in the Paris courts recestly, play that Tambornino was not quite countable for his actions. This and rising to his feet, made use o client's violence so cleverly that secured an acquittal.

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"S-say," sobbed the little fellow s-sure do l-look as if I wus h-her dat way; somebody's allers a-ro

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Brute. With almost girlish pride she played the crullers she had cooked him with her own little hands,

"How do you like them?" she tured at tea. "Well," he chuckled, trying to tract his teeth from one, "It have been better if you had n them very much larger. Then I

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