

The last volume of the census of 1880 will be published in 1887, about the time preparations are set afoot for the census of 1890. We are evidently a fast people.

Is our civilization a failure? Statistics show that in England under the cause of the death of 287 people in every 100,000 of population, and in the United States of 229 in every 100,000 population.

The United States paid last year \$73,000,000 in pensions and next year will pay \$100,000,000. Great Britain pays \$17,725,211; France, \$12,667,320; Germany, \$8,739,281; Russia, \$19,829,271; Italy, \$11,846,629; and Austria, \$7,400,000.

Advertisements will confer an additional favor on the Appeal if they will send in their advertisements as early before 9 o'clock p.m. to give as possible. It will enable us to-day them a good display and desirable positions and space.

The African Methodist Church, recommends that the brethren go into the fasting and praying business to secure their rights. The Atlanta Constitution truly and forcibly remarks that "while this fasting is going on a new crop of spring chickens may be raised."

The Democrats in Congress ought to make a virtue of putting Grant on the retired list with the full pay of his rank. It is not a pleasant spectacle to see the ex-general of all the armies of the United States on crutches and a bankrupt. He ought to be pensioned.

The assertion of Chinese Gordon by the English government is the most disgraceful and cowardly thing in the pages of English history. His bravery in going to Klartown alone, running the gauntlet of wild, untamable tribes, in marked contrast to the halting shuttle policy that leaves him to a possibly awful fate.

That noble patriot, Flanagan, of Texas, in the Republicanism, writes on the 18th, asked "What are we here for?" and in the same breath answered "The officers." This honest way of putting the truth before his constituents and Flanagan will again flourish in Chicago, where he will not doubt break out again unexpectedly and in a new place.

One of the most hopeful signs of the progress of civilization in New York and Brooklyn is the rapid increase in the circulation of Democratic papers. The World, of the former city, now circulates 100,000, the number of papers it did a year ago, and the Globe, of the latter city, issues 75,000 a day, whereas a year ago it was only 17,000. The world moves.

A report of the recent inaugural banquet in London made Mr. Wilson Barrett's Mr. Lawrence, who is now in the United States. This was an error. Mr. Barrett says he yields to none in admiration for his American housemate. At the same time, however, he says he would not have been in London if he had not been invited to the banquet.

It is Thomas Hughes's forthcoming novel, "The Two Admirals," that is being written by three boys who are making their way to fortune in a new land. These letters, addressed to friends at home, describe the fashion in which they make their new home and the people they encounter; and give all manner of personal details as to wages and their methods of work.

Mr. Michael Davitt denies that he is about to give up politics in consequence of a rupture with Mr. Parnell over Mr. Henry George's land nationalization doctrine. Neither is it true that he intended to abandon the Nationalist party because Mr. Parnell had defeated his endeavor to have the league committee elected to his land nationalization policy. As to the rumored rupture with Parnell, he said it would do nothing out of his purpose to let a lecturing engagement there. Mr. Davitt has defeated his life to Ireland.

"Boots" of Arkansas, one of the kind of souls and as genial as sunshine itself, very sensibly defines Judge Parker, of the Western District of Arkansas, from the charge of Senator Cook, of Texas, that the nepotism of the United States judges had become a scandal. "Judge Parker is a good man," says "Boots," and he closes it with the hope that "Judge Parker may continue in his honored position many years, increasing in esteem with people who know his worth and appreciate true worth in a man, come from whatever section he may."

The Democratic Convention, to be held to-day, should be made the occasion of harmony, and not distraction or dissatisfaction. Of these elements we have already too much. The party is not strong in Shelby county as it can afford to waste even the least mile of its strength in wrangles, especially over questions that must finally be passed upon by the State Convention. Called together for the purpose of selecting delegates for that convention, and the question of Executive Committee, it should confine itself to that specific duty, and not entertain any outside issues. Platforms and resolutions should be left to the body which alone in Tennessee can speak authoritatively for the Democracy within its borders, and in-dorsements that are likely to lead to wrangles, possibly the washing of very much of dirty linen, should be carefully avoided. The Appeal believes that the success of the Democratic party is essential to good government, and it believes that the best way to assure that success is to prefer measures to men, to prefer principles to individuals, no matter how deserving. Pure Democracy and undivided energy are the greatest good of the greatest number. We urge a spirit of conciliation and harmony to-day that shall go far to preserve the good name of the Democracy of Shelby county.

The failure of the firm of Grant & Co. proves to be one of the most disastrous "street" has known for many years, perhaps in its history. The liabilities are stated to be \$10,000,000, and the assets less than \$1,000,000. And the active partner, W. A. Grant, is a fugitive from justice, a self-confessed rascal, and a total white slave who was working for \$100 a month, but shrewd and active, he saw his chance to trade in the name and name of Gen. Grant who joined him at a special partner in order that his sons should have a start in business. Customers went to him on the strength of Grant's name, without ever thinking that the old general had neither knowledge nor responsibility in the matter and was utterly innocent of the ways of Wall, and perhaps, who are open book. However this may be, it is a bad break and for a time at least will becloud the Grant name.

THE KELLOGG CASE.

Attorney-General Brewster Perfectly Satisfied With His Course in the Matter, and Thinks the People Will be When They Fully Understand All the Circumstances—Additional Evidence.

Mr. Hewitt, of New York, to Introduce a New Tariff Bill—Proceedings in Congress.

BREWSTER AND KELLOGG.

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