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Congressional Reapportionment.

The reapportionment of the members of Congress under the new census promises to provoke quite a warm contest in the house of representatives. According to Congressman Dalzell it appears to be the disposition of the Republican leaders to keep the total membership of the house down to the present number, in which case the number of population to each member would be fixed at 209,000. By this some states will lose a member and others will gain. The present ratio is 173,901, and it would be out of the question to retain that. But should it even be increased to the number suggested, 209,000, West Virginia would certainly be a gainer, as the present population of the state is 658,900. This fully provides for the present delegation of four congressmen, and leaves a surplusage of 122,900, which is nearly 19,000 over the fraction of a half. Naturally this would entitle the state to another representative.

It will hardly be a straight party fight for the reason that among the states that would suffer by an increased ratio are some that are strongly Republican. Congressman Dalzell gives some very pertinent reasons for not increasing the total number of representatives, for as he says, "the house as it is now is too large. It is unwieldy and there must be a line somewhere. I don't see where we could put any more representatives if we should decide to increase the membership so no state, or at most only three or four, should lose."

There is another matter in this connection that will undoubtedly engage the serious attention of Congress and that is the suppression of the suffrage in a number of the southern states. If the ratio of representation in those states was determined upon by the number of the enfranchised solely they would cut a sorry figure. As it is the injustice of their representation is beyond logical dispute, and presents a problem of commanding import, for money is now being subscribed, chiefly in Boston, Mass., to test in the supreme court of the United States the constitutionality of the election laws in Louisiana and North Carolina, which practically disfranchises the negroes of the two states.

Plight of the Navy.

Admiral Crowninshield has made some very unpleasant revelations with regard to the navy. He presents the facts in such a way there can be no question of its practical inefficiency in case we should become engaged in a quarrel with some first class power. We have the ships, but we do not appear to be equipped with the necessary number of officers and men to man them. This is quite a serious predicament. The most crying need is for officers. A war ship of modern construction is a most delicate piece of machinery and it requires a man of the most thorough training and skill to manage it. The admiral points out many cases where the service is being harmed by the lack of officers. The naval academy is suffering for want of instructors, and the high standard of training cannot be maintained. Every bureau in the department is short of officers and the service, the report predicts, soon will fall behind in the struggle, first for leaderships and then for equality, with the other services. The disability of the sea-going corps of officers has greatly increased since the Spanish war and many of the best officers are being lost as a result of breaking down from overwork.

The chief of the navigation bureau blames Congress largely for this state of affairs in refusing to meet the needs of the service. He is not unreasonable in stating that it is bordering on folly to go on increasing the number of war vessels without making some provision for their proper complement of officers and men. It is declared that it is now impossible to man the vessels of our navy already constructed with the present force, not to mention those building or authorized, and it is recommended that for the next four years appointments to the naval academy be doubled, the President and representatives in Congress appointing two instead of one

wherever authorized now, and in addition senators being given the same privilege of appointment as representatives. Then, to meet future needs, it is recommended that whenever Congress authorizes an increase of vessels to the navy it also provide, in the same act, for an increase of officers and men to man the ships.

Easy and Fraudulent Divorces.

It takes a great deal to shock the moral sense of New York, and then again it takes very little. They make a great fuss sometimes over little immoralities while the grosser ones are frequently passed over, but the recent discovery of a trade in fraudulent divorces, unearthed almost wholly by accident, seems to have very properly aroused the indignation of the press of Gotham. To strictly preserve the moral unities divorce should be made much more difficult than it is.

While some western states have been scandalized by their "dead easy" divorce laws, it has come to light that the stricter statutes of New York have been evaded by the foulest methods of unprincipled men who masqueraded as lawyers.

The most searching investigation is now going on, and the guilty parties will undoubtedly be given a taste of prison life. These crimes against the marriage laws and offenses against all the proprieties, not to say public decency, have not been confined to what some people are pleased to term the lower and middle walks of life. Very high life in New York—high as measured by dollars and cents—has been conspicuous of late in setting the pace for the easy dissolution of marital ties. It is not necessary to name the parties in question, but the interchange of wives and husbands has been painfully immoral. Their offense was the greater for the reason that they were supposed to be models of the highest social standards. These divorces were obtained without publicity, and the causes that led to these separations, where they were not the common property of the town, could only be conjectured. These secret proceedings paved the way for the crimes that have just been discovered, made possible by the employment of referees to take evidence in secret, and that other aid to these reprehensible proceedings—sealed papers.

The New York Times speaking of these methods has a very clear sense of the situation when it says: "Nor can it be denied that frauds of the sort now exposed are rendered easier by the employment of referees to take evidence in secret. This would be much more difficult, and indeed would be practically impossible to practice, if the proceedings were public. We are aware of the excellent motives that induced the courts first to send these cases to reference by their own ruling, and when that was found to be without warrant in law, induced the legislature to give the courts discretion as to the exclusion of all persons not directly interested. This was done to prevent the less evil of the attendance of the pruriently curious on the courts. But it is plain that whatever was gained in that direction must be offset by the facility afforded to fraudulent practices. If the advantage sought cannot be got without the attendant evil, it is dearly bought. It is far more important that the right of members of the community to a complete knowledge of all legal proceedings in which they are parties is much more the care of the legislature and the courts than is the protection of the public from the indulgence of its salacious tastes. Any decent and healthy mind can protect itself in that direction, and will do so without the aid or compulsion of the law. But no one should be left by the law helpless to defend himself or herself against wrongs perpetrated through the agencies of the law."

Lauding Altgeld. One of the most unpleasant characters in the late campaign was that warm supporter of Bryan, ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois. His anarchistic sympathies developed years ago when Illinois disgraced itself by electing him governor. While occupying that exalted position he distinguished himself by pardoning several anarchists who were convicted, being engaged in the Haymarket riot where a number of policemen were killed. Some people may have thought that the citation of his anarchistic proclivities by the Republican press was political bombast or partisan slander, for the reason they could not believe that a man of Altgeld's intelligence could lower himself to the level of the spawn of disorder and riot. If any doubts were left as to the sincerity of his affiliations with elements wholly inimical to American patriotism, they were removed Sunday night, when the Chicago Anarchists assisted by visiting "Reds," celebrated the anniversary of the execution of those who participated in the Haymarket riots. The orator of the occasion was the notorious Johann Most, of New York, and he wound up his harangue by paying a highly ornate tribute to John P. Altgeld. The devotees of the cult are measurably harmless, it is only such educated but perverted minds as Altgeld's that are dangerous. It was the imminent danger of Altgeld being called to some place of power in the event of Bryan's election that caused many good Democrats to shudder and turn their backs on Bryanism.

Last Night's Celebration.

The great Republican victories obtained in the nation and state were celebrated last night with a remarkable outburst of enthusiasm on the part of the people and those who were in the procession. It was a remarkable spectacle and fitting climax to the triumph secured at the ballot box last Tuesday. People from the suburban towns and our Ohio friends joined in jollifying over a common victory.

The line of march was a continual streak of red fire, rockets and roman candles, the residents along the route of the procession illuminating and partaking of the spirit of the marching columns.

Two Noted Men Dead.

Yesterday two men of note in public affairs passed away, both of them notable for rising to affluence and power from very humble beginnings, and both of them exemplifying the truth of the lines of the poet that "honor and fame from no condition rise."

Henry Villard was a picturesque character in the railroad history of the country, rising to distinction as a railway magnate and financier after he had graduated from a newspaper office as a reporter. His name is inseparably connected with the Northern Pacific road and other western transportation enterprises. He made and lost several for-

tunes, but he leaves behind him a career that is an incentive to every American boy who has ambition and pluck.

Marcus Daly, is another sort of character, and achieved success in lines entirely different from those of Villard. He gained wealth by hard work as a miner, finally becoming one of the copper kings of the west. He gained considerable notoriety over his political feud with Senator Clark, of Montana. These two men were relatives by marriage and at one time close personal friends and business associates. Both were Democrats.

Some Democratic papers are hysterical over the fact that Governor-elect White did not receive as large a vote as McKinley. How about Judge Holt? He was overwhelmingly defeated in his own county, which has been normally Democratic, while White received a most substantial endorsement from his home town and county. For comparative popularity White is away ahead of the Democratic nominee.

About the most pronounced case of sacrilege we have run across is found in the headlines of the Omaha World-Herald, announcing Bryan's defeat, reading as follows: "People Say Again, 'Not This Man, But Barabaz.'" This is the paper that Mr. Bryan edited in days gone by.

One of the most distinguished American features of the Paris Exposition was the publication of a Paris edition of the New York Times. It was accomplished under great difficulties, but American ingenuity and enterprise overcame all obstacles, as they usually do.

Only wise men confess their mistakes, and Admiral Dewey has confirmed his reputation as a man of wisdom by frankly admitting that he erred most unmistakably in listening to his overzealous friends and consenting to become a presidential candidate.

Bryan and his friends can extract no comfort out of the result in Colorado. Compared with 1896 the Bryan vote in that state fell off 41,000, while the McKinley vote increased about 64,000. Populism in the big silver state seems to be in a moribund condition.

Bryan and Pettigrew hold the same record. Neither of these prominent public characters carried his own precinct ward, town, county or state. The discrediting of both appears to be about as emphatic as it could well have been made.

According to Congressman John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, there will be three big fights in the coming session of Congress—the apportionment, ship subsidy bill and army reorganization.

The people of Washington are already mapping out plans for making President McKinley's second inauguration one of the most brilliant in the country's history, as it well deserves to be.

Uncle Sam made considerable profit over the big transactions in stocks last week, receiving for revenue stamps alone from the New York stock exchange \$120,000.

With Thanksgiving almost upon us Santa Claus is spying around for his stock of presents.

The presidency of the state senate will become Mr. N. E. Whitaker quite handsomely.

Now the real troubles of the state officers elect begin.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A woman's ambition is to look like an angel without being one. You never saw a woman whose husband had outlived all his folly. Every man has some lie he tells that it makes him mad if you don't believe. After a woman has chased a man so long that he proposes because he is afraid not to, she always speaks of the engagement as her "surrender."

When two women are said to be "congenial" it means that they get fun out of telling each other about all the chances they had before they married their husbands.—New York Press.

Reserving Seats on the Trains.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A New York court holds as good law that a deposit of personal property in a seat in a railway train entitles the owner of the property to the seat when he claims it. This is the great issue which two commuters in the vicinity of that city tried to settle by the ordeal of combat. The decision of the court is certainly more conclusive than the slugging match. But another vital question is how many seats a man may thus pre-empt. Can he keep a seat in one car with his personal property and another in the smoking car with his personal presence? If it is held that a passenger is entitled to but one seat would it not be a common sense corollary that every passenger is entitled to one?

Ex-President Kruger's Mistake.

Chicago Journal: The one weak spot in ex-President Kruger's armor of dignity is his absence from the side of the aged Mrs. Kruger. He left her behind in Pretoria and he sent her a pious telegram the other day quoting some verses from the Psalms to teach her resignation. Aged wives in adversity are apt to find the consoling presence of a husband even more comforting than the Scriptures. The rugged old fellow will receive a more cordial welcome in the United States if he brings his frau with him.

A Great National Monument.

Scientific American: The completion of this magnificent structure (the Memorial bridge) will form a notable addition to the great national monuments not merely of this country, but of the whole world, ancient and modern. The memorial will be a fitting example of the best work of the American bridge engineer in the beginning of the twentieth century, and in architectural effect it will be a worthy counterpart to the Congressional Library.

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HOWARD GOULD'S PAST.

Calcium Light of the Court Turned Upon the Days of His Indiscretions.

A young man without a past is of no account, but naturally objects to being exposed by the calcium light of legal necessity—when no legal necessity exists. The New York bar is crammed with lawyers whose delight it is to "sock it to" a victim on the witness stand, washing every piece of dirty clothes that can be raked out of the family tub. It is hardly possible if Mrs. Howard Gould had not experienced a brief period of publicity on the stage she would have depended entirely on certain lectures in her residence (not Howard's) at No. 827, 17th avenue for an insight into her husband's youthful indiscretions. Vigorous juvenility must let off steam or burst. She would not have gone to the open courtroom to learn the story of the dark and thin grass widow from Columbus from whose brace of six-shooters Howard narrowly escaped on the day of the announcement of his engagement to Odette Tyler. In these trials of men's virtue the wife's right place is at home. She ought to have sense enough to remain there and read the papers, which will tell her as much as she ought to know—possibly more. Besides, why does a wife want to be behind the returns? If hubby's past is securely put in the background when he takes on the burden of a better-half, why resurrect the remains?—New York Press.

Another Commercial Straw.

New York Herald: It isn't mixing metaphors with a vengeance the success of American bidders for the £1,000,000 coal wagon contract for South African railways, as told in our special cable from London to-day, is another commercial straw in the wind. It is renewed evidence of our capacity to provide manufactured iron and steel for even the most distant markets at a price and of a quality that enable us to compete with producers much nearer than we are to the place of delivery. With unlimited supplies of raw material of admirable quality and ample variety, abundance of skilled labor, inventive genius in mechanics and excellent transportation facilities from mine, foundry and factory to point of destination, it is no wonder that we are leading the world in manufactured iron and steel, as we undoubtedly will in shipbuilding as well.

This may all sound like a hurrah, like "letting the eagle scream," but there is good reason for it—we have had a hard uphill fight in establishing our export trade, and now that we are successfully pushing out to other continents with our products we can be excused for a tossing of caps over our national success.

The General Found the Hole.

A story is recalled about General Sherman when he visited West Point some years ago for the graduation exercises. He accompanied the commandant on his Sunday morning tour of inspection of barracks, and on entering a certain room he walked over to the mantelpiece. Stooping down he pried up a brick from the middle of the hearth with his sword scabbard, and revealed a hollow square about a foot square, in which was nicely packed a considerable quantity of tobacco and other contraband articles. Meanwhile the cadets occupying the room stood mutely watching, and wondering what sort of a man the general was to have been able to discover the only "cellar of his kind in the barracks." Turning to the commandant the general remarked: "I have been wondering if that hole was still there. I made it when I was a cadet and lived in this room."

Cheap Chinese Living.

Henry B. Miller, the United States consul at Chung-King, China, says in his last report: "The standard of living of the ordinary Chinese is so far below ours in the cost and character of food consumed that it seems impossible to us, and a statement of plain facts appears like the most extravagant exaggeration. As an example, the servants in some of the best places in Shanghai club together and pay a cook to provide and prepare their food for them at a cost of \$2.50 Mexican a month, or about \$1.25 a month in gold, or a fraction over four cents a day in our money."

One Poor Young Man's Hard Luck.

Chicago News: It is impossible not to sympathize with the distress and indignation of Count de Castellane. At a stroke this young man, who is still in the very prime of life, has been reduced to living on some 3,000,000 francs, or about \$600,000 a year, which is a bare \$50,000 a month. This is a little advance for a young man who was stony broke a few years ago. But life is so short. Who would be content to work on at this mere snail's pace?

The Bachelor's Soliloquy.

To wed or not to wed? That is the question which 'tis wiser in the mind to suffer The hash and tough steak of the boarding house. Or to make love to an heiress, and, marrying her, End all my tribulations. Eat ancient prunes No more; and in a minute to say we end The stomach ache, and the thousand awful pains Boarders are heir to 'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To wed, to marry; To wed, perchance to scrap; ay, there's the rub! For in my nightly rest what curtain lectures, When I have shuffled off this bachelor's coil, Must give me pause. There's the respect That makes calamity of married life: For who could bear each night her awful trade, The kid's shrill yells, the walking up and down, With it; the blamed inevitable tuck; The urgent visits of the mother-in-law, Who makes the home to you a very inferno, When he himself might live in blissful peace, this, To grant and sweat under such dreadful tortures, But that the thought her popper might go off, To the undiscovered country from whose bourne No traveler returns, resolves the mind, And makes him soon forget the ill he'll have And enter in the sea of matrimony? Thus conscience must be deadened, laid to rest, And thus the native line of resolution Is smoothed o'er with a gay, east of thought, And enterprise of great profit and moment, With this regard, their currents flow dead sure, And gain for us the dough. Soft you now! The dinner bell! God grant there may not be Too many files in the soup. —St. Louis Star.

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The Abolition of Hazing. Minneapolis Times: Virginia Military Academy has put itself upon record very decidedly by expelling for hazing three young men, all sons of prominent and wealthy parents. In combination with this, Lieutenant Commander Wainwright's attitude toward the same practice since he took charge of the Annapolis Academy affords some promise that public sentiment is making headway against the college sentiment on this subject. Hazing is a cover for too much actual brutality to survive much longer.

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