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LEGISLATIVE SESSION MUST TACKLE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES

Nation's Population Is 105,708,771

Completed Returns Made by Census Bureau Give Iowa 2,404,021.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Population of the United States on January 1, this year, as enumerated in the fourteenth census was 105,708,771, as announced today by the census bureau for certification to congress as the basis for reapportionment of the members of the house of representatives from various states.

These are the final population figures of the country and states. The statistics announced early in October having been the preliminary compilations. The population of the states is as follows:

- Alabama—2,348,174.
- Arizona—333,903.
- Arkansas—1,752,204.
- California—3,242,861.
- Colorado—939,629.
- Connecticut—1,380,631.
- Delaware—223,003.
- District of Columbia—437,571.
- Florida—968,470.
- Georgia—2,895,832.
- Idaho—431,866.
- Illinois—6,485,280.
- Iowa—2,404,021.
- Kansas—1,769,257.
- Kentucky—2,416,630.
- Louisiana—1,798,509.
- Maine—768,014.
- Maryland—1,449,661.
- Massachusetts—2,852,356.
- Michigan—3,668,412.
- Minnesota—2,387,125.
- Mississippi—1,790,613.
- Missouri—3,404,055.
- Montana—548,889.
- Nebraska—1,296,372.
- Nevada—77,407.
- New Hampshire—443,083.
- New Jersey—3,155,900.
- New Mexico—360,350.
- New York—10,384,829.
- North Carolina—2,559,123.
- North Dakota—645,680.
- Ohio—5,759,394.
- Oklahoma—2,028,283.
- Oregon—783,389.
- Pennsylvania—8,720,017.
- Rhode Island—604,397.
- South Carolina—1,683,724.
- South Dakota—636,547.
- Tennessee—2,337,885.
- Texas—4,663,228.
- Utah—449,396.
- Vermont—352,428.
- Virginia—2,309,187.
- Washington—1,356,021.
- West Virginia—1,463,701.
- Wisconsin—2,632,067.
- Wyoming—194,402.

The population of continental United States as announced today shows a gain of 26,663 over the preliminary figures announced October 7.

The population of the United States with outlying possessions is 117,857,509, the outlying possessions totalling 12,148,738. These possessions are: Alaska,

Negro's Home Dynamited

Front Porch Blown Across Street With Bomb at Plainfield.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 12.—A dynamite bomb, placed under the front porch of a house at 547 South Second street, where Samuel Lyle, a Negro lives, wrecked the porch early this morning and turned everything in the house including the kitchen stove, topsyturvy. No one was injured. The porch was blown across the street but the dwelling itself was not destroyed.

Lyle told the police that he did not know that he had any enemies. The police learned that a quantity of dynamite and a piece of fuse had been stolen from William L. Smalley's stone quarry on Friday night, but they could discover no motive for the act.

Piney Woods School Hard Hit by Fire

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 20.—Harris hall the largest building at the Piney Woods Country Life school, Braxton, Miss., burned today with a total loss upward of \$20,000. Fifty boys and two white teachers, one the matron, Mrs. J. E. Green of De Witt, Neb., and Mrs. Boris James of Des Moines, lost everything.

Mr. Jones, the principal is well known throughout Iowa, being a graduate of the State University of Iowa. During the past summer Mr. and Mrs. Jones accompanied by a group of the musical boys and girls of the southland made a tour of Iowa and neighboring states in the interest of the school.

According to a telegram received by the Bystander Tuesday, the building was a total loss, and it will take some time to replace it.

Insurance will cover only a small part of the loss.

STUDENTS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

With the coming of the Christmas holidays, come the young people of Des Moines who left last September to be in or resume their studies in different colleges and universities. As a national consequence to their arrival, a number of festivities have been planned for them during the coming week. The Misses Mildred Griffin, Harriett Alexander, Goldie Crutcher and Viola Pendleton, students of the State University of Iowa City arrived in the city last Saturday to spend the holidays.

54,899; American Samoa, 8,056; Guam, 13,275; Hawaii, 255,912; Panama Canal Zone, 22,858; Porto Rico, 1,299,809; military and naval service abroad, 117,238; Philippine Islands, 10,350,640; Virgin Islands, 26,051.

Dr. Just, Noted Scientist, To Speak

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Dr. E. E. Just, professor of zoology and physiology of the Howard University, Washington, D. C., is to be one of the speakers at the eighteenth annual meeting of the Society of American Zoologists to be held in the Zoological building, the University of Chicago, December 28, 29 and 30, 1920. During the three days session, there will be discussions in Comparative and General Zoology, Comparative Anatomy, Cytology, General Physiology, Embryology, and General Zoology, Comparative Anatomy, etc. For the symposium on "Fertilization," six biologists have been invited to speak, including Dr. C. A. Gofoid of the University of California; Dr. F. E. Lillie of the University of Chicago; Dr. O. C. Glaser of Amherst college; Dr. C. E. McClung of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. E. H. Tenny of Bryn Mawr; and Dr. Just, who will speak on "The Primary Event in Fertilization."

Dr. Just's experiments during the past summer are reported to have brought him closer than any scientist in the world to the original source of life, and it is at the coming meeting of the American Society of Zoologists that Dr. Just will explain in detail some of the results he has obtained in the field of Experimental Embryology. He will also represent Howard University at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Chicago during the same week. Scientists representing every phase of original research will be attending these meetings.

Training Negro Social Workers

A social service school for colored students was established this fall at Atlanta, Ga., in co-operation with Morehouse College, under the control of an executive committee and an advisory council. This school is largely the outgrowth of a discussion at the New Orleans meeting of the National Conference of Social Work participated in by executives of organizations throughout the country who were interested in the problem of training the Negro for social work.

In an address before the conference, Jesse O. Thomas, field secretary of the National Urban League, emphasized the importance of social welfare organizations, manned by white people working in urban communities, adding Negro social workers to their staff.

The object of the school is to afford young Negro men and women an opportunity for training in principles and technique of social work. As Mr. Thomas pointed out, trained leadership in solving the Negro problem in the city is essential. Atlanta seems a wise choice for the school since it not only has a large Negro population but also a splendid spirit of co-operation between the races. Further, it is surrounded by schools and colleges. The various social agencies of the city are in the forefront in the south, and the leading ones have developed strong Negro departments, notably the Anti-Tuberculosis association, the Juvenile Court and the Associated Charities. The southern headquarters of the National Urban League is also in Atlanta.

Elks' Benefit Provides Xmas for Kiddies

Members of Hawkeye Lodge No. 160, I. B. P. O. E. W. gave an entertainment Monday and Tuesday night to raise money for the purpose of providing Christmas gifts to the boys and girls of the city. The entertainment was in the nature of a minstrel and was excellently given and well received by the large crowd that witnessed the two performances. A neat sum was realized and the Elks will be able to make all the kiddies happy who will come to the Lincoln theatre, corner Twelfth and Center streets between the hours of 10 o'clock and 5 o'clock on Christmas day. The management of the Lincoln theatre have generously donated the use of their auditorium to the Elks for Saturday afternoon. Ed. Morton, Herman Williams and Jerald Hayes, constituted the committee in charge of the benefit.

Honor Roll

If you have paid your subscription and did not see your name in the Honor Roll call Walnut 899 and ask for Mr. Shedd.

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Col. Bennett Appoints Negro Ex-Service Man

According to announcement of Col. E. R. Bennett, former commander of the 168th infantry of the famous Rainbow division and treasurer-elect of Polk county, Atty. James B. Morris, late lieutenant in the 366th infantry of the 92nd division has been appointed deputy in the tax department of the county treasurer's office. Mr. Morris will assume his duties the first of the year.

LINCOLN POST ELECTS OFFICERS.

The regular meeting of Lincoln Post, No. 126, American Legion was held at the Community Center, Thirteenth and Crocker streets, Tuesday evening at 8:30. This was the last meeting of the year. Officers elected for 1921 were as follows: Clarence L. Harding, Post Commander; James L. McGuire, Vice Commander; George King, Adjutant; Festus Stone, Financial Officer; Arthur Trotter, Chaplain; Vivian Wilkinson, Sergeant-at-arms; James B. Morris, Historian; John Q. Lindsay, War Risk and employment officer. Officers will be installed the first meeting in January, Tuesday the 4th at which time an informal reception will be given and to which will be invited the ladies of the auxiliary.

TRUSTEES OF IOWA FEDERATION HOME HOLDS MEETING.

Pursuant to a call of Mrs. Helena Downey, the chairman of the trustees of the Iowa Federation Home, a meeting of the body was held Friday, Dec. 17 at Atty. S. Joe Brown's office. The application of Mrs. H. Della Marshall of Davenport for the position of matron of the home at Iowa City was presented to the board, the result being her unanimous election to succeed to the duties of the place by January 1. Mrs. Marshall has an acquaintance of year's standing with several members of the board, all of whom speak of qualifications of mind and heart and should make her an ideal guide, friend and counsellor of the girl students. Stress was laid upon the urgent need of funds to meet the January payment on home.

Clubs are urged to redeem their pledges made at May meeting; friends who donated last year are called upon to give anew and as their circumstances will permit, out of the fulness of a loving heart, of pride in the educational ambition of our girls and from a desire to see justified the confidence of the people at large in the ability of our women of the state to launch and bring to a successful issue worthy projects like the "Home."

Those citizens in the city and over the state who made pledges of specified sums last year and who have failed to respond to repeated reminders of your indebtedness, know the intent of your hearts at that time, and if, as we believe you were sincere, but have been neglectful, will you not allow this call of distress to prove to you the urgency of our needs and give generously, freely and at once.

Mrs. Helena Downey, Chairman.
Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, Sec-Treas.

Knights of Pythias Banquet a Success

The various departments of the Knights of Pythias lodge were host and hostesses at a banquet last Thursday evening at the Corinthian Baptist church. The auditorium was filled to capacity with members and friends of the order who come there to enjoy the splendid music and literary program arranged and to partake of the appetizing viands. Among the out of town guests present were: L. W. Williams, Grand Chancellor, Clarinda, Iowa; Rev. O. A. Johnson, Grand Prelate, Kansas City, Mo.; N. E. Black, Washington, Iowa; Mr. Baker, Ottumwa; Mr. J. E. Harrison, Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Carter, Ames; Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Ewing, Waterloo.

The arrangement for the affair which was the first of the Pythians' annual "get together" banquets, were made by a committee composed of J. H. Jett, chairman; Mrs. Bessie Smith, Sir John Dickson, Rev. S. Warden, Mrs. Mary Mease Scott, Fanny Saunders, Rufus Smith and Mr. Robert Couch.

Atty. Geo. H. Woodson was master of ceremonies.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dear Co-Workers:
I wish to call your attention to the change made at our general conference which met at St. Louis, Mo., in May, 1920. Our General Secretary, Rev. J. C. Caldwell, who has served us faithfully for eight years resigned the position of general secretary. Therefore our new general secretary is Rev. S. S. Morris whose address is 705 St. Paul street, Norfolk, Va. Please order your literature from the above address.

I am glad to notice the interest being taken throughout the district in league work.

Wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Mrs. Annie Mae Morris, C. E. E., District Superintendent Allen C. E. league, 3114 North Union street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Listen To The Call

A CALL TO THE NEGRO MEN AND WOMEN OF MISSOURI.

UNITED WE STAND—DIVIDED WE FALL

The Missouri Negro Industrial Commission urges you to consider the following statements of facts, then if you are sincere and true to the interests of the race, put your faith to the test and act.

Every race of man that has made progress that counts and lifts it up, has been the race that believes in meeting and discussing what is best for all the members of the race and devising ways and means to bring its plans to a successful issue. This is Union and Strength.

Too long have we been divided as a group in this great State; divided on mere trifles of leadership, honors of office and differences of opinion.

The time has now arrived in the History of the Negroes of Missouri when they must grasp the opportunity to assume the privileges of citizenship and accept its burdens, and, for the purpose of a heart to heart discussion of what is best for the Negroes of Missouri.

The Missouri Negro Industrial Commission calls upon every man and woman in the state to attend this CONFERENCE to be held at BOWLING GREEN, MO. on Saturday the first day of January, 1921 at 11 o'clock a. m.

"Come let us reason together."

Signed: J. B. Coleman, Columbia; A. C. MacIn, Hannibal; Joe Haskell, Maysville; Burt Hayden, Kirkwood; N. C. Bruce, Chairman; Robert S. Cobb, Secretary; Executive Committee.

Soldier's Compensation Act Up to Ia. Solons

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 19.—One of the urgent demands upon the legislature will be the passage of a bill providing for a bounty for the men who served in the world war. Before the election candidates for the legislature were urged to pledge themselves for a policy that will provide a bonus of \$15 per month for the time in actual service. Many of the members believe that the national government should take this matter up rather than the individual states. A number of states have already made provision for taking care of its men and the general impression is that legislatures must face the proposition rather than congressional action. W. C. Edson, member of the legislature from Buena Vista county, proposes a bill that will give \$15 a month to all Iowa soldiers, sailors and marines and nurses who were in the service during the war. Iowa has approximately 110,000 veterans compiled statistics which show that the average period of service was fourteen months. This would mean a fund of \$22,000,000 to carry out the provision of this bill. The proposed Edson law would provide a minimum of \$50.00 and would pay \$15 for each month or fraction of a month of service from the time the United States entered the war until the armistice was signed. Widows and children of deceased service men would receive the same benefits as the husband or father would have received had he lived.

70,000 NEGROES TAKE OUT.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—More than 70,000 Negro laborers of Chicago and vicinity have agreed to accept a reduction in wages rather than lose their jobs owing to decreased production. B. E. Parker, president of the American Unity Labor Union announced today. He said the union controlled more than 20,000 skilled and unskilled workers in the stock yards here, the steel mills at Gary, Ind., and in foundries, factories and docks in and about Chicago.

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