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PADDING THE CENSUS.

The padding of census returns is a most unprofitable form of fraud, says the Washington Herald. It gives a place for a time being the fictitious importance to which it has no title, but the next census checks it up and exposes the fraud and presents the town with the padding removed at a great disadvantage.

Omaha fell under suspicion of having padded its returns in the census of 1890 when the population was given as 140,452, against 30,518 ten years before, an increase of 360 per cent. Omaha had grown, but local vanity swelled that growth beyond the truth. In 1900 the enumerators could find only 102,552 people in Omaha, which indicated a loss in ten years of 37,897, or 37 per cent., and Omaha has had to bear the distinction of being a city with a declining population, a distinct business disadvantage due entirely to the exaggerated returns of 1890.

Undeterred by this example St. Joseph, the third city in size in Missouri, gained the distinction ten years ago of having a population of 102,979, an apparent gain of 96.8 per cent. in ten years. This is believed to be a false and fraudulent return and the census enumerators of this year could find but 77,403 people in St. Joseph, a loss of more than 24 per cent.

St. Joseph must now bear the gibes of its neighbors. Either it is a decaying city or it has been pluming itself on a very shallow fraud. These things do not pay. A city may not advance as rapidly as some of its people think it should, but it is worse than useless to inflate its census returns, as the next count will reveal the fraud and an apparently declining population is a record that is hurtful to the city which has to carry that handicap on its business and credit.

A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY.

One of the interesting features of election news received the past week is a press dispatch which says Captain B. W. Hooper, republican candidate for governor of Tennessee, defeated his democratic opponent by a handsome majority. The interesting part of this incident is that the governor-elect of Tennessee is of unknown parentage, his name having been conferred by a kind-hearted citizen who adopted him as a son, the story being related as follows in a Nashville dispatch:

"Late returns show that Captain Benjamin W. Hooper has defeated Taylor for governor by between 8,000 and 15,000. He will be the first republican governor Tennessee has had in many years.

"Benjamin W. Hooper, the newly elected governor, was found on the streets of Knoxville less than 40 years ago. The walf, whose parentage was not known, was committed to the care of an orphan asylum, where he received his early training. When he was ten years old he attracted the attention of Captain Hooper of Newport, Tenn., who gave him an education and his name and before he was 21 years old he had graduated in law. He was sent to the state legislature two terms, but was not widely known before he was nominated as the republican candidate for governor. He is a successful lawyer and is considered wealthy."

What an inspiration to young Americans throughout the country! Captain Hooper, born into the world under circumstances that threatened to handicap him through life, possessed and developed those qualities of citizenship that make for success everywhere. The kindly assistance of his foster parents undoubtedly contributed to his advancement, but his rise to affluence and distinction was due mainly to perseverance, industry, and other qualities that bring reward to well directed endeavor.

This is a land of opportunity, and those who have the necessary grit, determination and ability may reach the top rounds of the ladder of success.

BRYAN IN DISTRESS.

Like a voice crying in the wilderness comes the renewed wail from Colonel Bryan complaining that not only have his clothes been stolen and appropriated to adorn a rival, but he has been robbed of his feathers as well. Among all those afflicted by the rising tide of radicalism Bryan is the most forlorn. Truly his case is pathetic. One by one his most cherished "policies" have been fished by political vandals and today he stands bankrupt among the wreckage.

The erstwhile militant leader now presents a disconsolate figure. His entire stock in trade for years consisted of denunciation, protests and fantastic schemes of governmental reforms. It was a shifting repertoire in which items were added and dropped as expediency suggested. But such as it was it was Bryan's, and for years he wandered up and down and back

and forth stirring the people to lament. For years Bryan was unrivaled in his melancholy apostleship, preaching his own sad epics of discontent. Yet his eye was always alert to new maladies, fresh woes and novel sins.

From an entirely unexpected quarter came the thief in the night and robbed the Nebraskan of his all. His precious "policies" were purloined and are now in the hands of strangers who do not even give him credit for having possessed them. The creed of the "new nationalism," as enunciated by its distinguished sponsor, out-Bryans Bryan and goes to extremes not even hinted at by him. It was Bryan who first attacked the supreme court. It was Bryan who prated about "special interests." It was Bryan who demanded publicity in corporation affairs. It was Bryan who would prevent corporations contributing to campaign funds, and requiring the publicity of campaign funds before elections. It was Bryan who advocated a graduated income tax and graduated inheritance tax. It was Bryan who argued for the physical valuation of railroads and wanted them supervised by the government. And it was Bryan who was an avowed "conservationist" before Pinchot and Garfield were ever heard of outside of the school room.

The list of "Bryan's clothes" could be extended indefinitely to include universal primaries, direct election of United States senators and judges and practically all the other items of the "new nationalists" creed. But the worst blow of all is that the Bryan policies were taken by his ancient enemies and his guns are now turned upon himself. He is being baited with his own property. There is little wonder that he rises in mighty indignation and declares that the thieves are even taking his feathers.—Kansas City Journal.

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

His Smile Came Off.

Irving Bacheller, the author of "Eban Holden," was introduced one day by a mutual friend to a western mountaineer.

"Mr. Bacheller," exclaimed the friend to the mountaineer, "is an author of great repute in the east."

"Oh, yes," drawled the mountaineer; "I know of him. I was locked up in my cabin here by the snow two winters ago and I only had two books to read the whole five months; your book, sir," he said, turning to Mr. Bacheller, "and the Bible, and I read them through several times."

"Indeed?" said the author, a smile of satisfaction wreathing his face.

"Yes, sir," continued the old mountaineer; "and I never knew before how interesting the Bible was."

A Story of X. Beidler.

"X" Beidler, whose name was John Xenophon Beidler, or something very much like that, but who always was called "X" and who was one of the famous Montana pioneers, as well as a vigilante, was out on the plains one day with Liver-Eating Johnson, another well-known Montana character, when they were chased by a band of Indians.

Johnson had a better horse than "X" and was soon ahead. He turned several times and urged Beidler to hurry up.

"Hurry up, 'X'!" he yelled. "Get a move on!"

"Dod-gast you Johnson!" shouted Beidler, as he spurred his horse, "do you think I am trying to throw this race?"—Saturday Evening Post.

Improvements in Butte Mines.

BUTTE, Nov. 14.—More than \$1,000,000 worth of improvements are being installed by the Amalgamated Copper company at its properties in this camp. Within a short time a complete air system to operate the mammoth hoisting engines will be in working order. Compressed air will be turned into the engines instead of steam.

Twenty-five receivers, each 30 feet long by 10 feet wide, have been installed to store air compressed by a score of huge compressors, which occupy a building more than 300 feet long, thus storing sufficient air to hold out every man in the Amalgamated mines in the event of any accident to the air compressing plant or a suspension of electrical power.

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"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

HELENA, Nov. 15.—Joseph Oker, deputy state land register, has returned from Choteau, where he conducted an auction sale of Teton state lands. Two hundred and forty-three town lots in Catbank brought \$18,739, while 2557 acres realized \$38,292, making a total of \$57,031.

MILITIA IS UNPOPULAR.

Plans Suggested For Creating Force of State Constabulary.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The hostile attitude of the labor unions toward the organized militia has created a pessimistic feeling among officials of the army and the national guard, which is reflected strongly in the annual report of Col. E. M. Weaver, chief of the division of militia, to the chief of staff.

The officials say it is almost hopeless to expect any relief from the present conditions by the enactment of state or national laws that will restrain the unions from their unfriendly attitude. The preaching of patriotism is of no effect, even when it is shown that the sole purpose of the militia is the maintenance of law and order, and in Colonel Weaver's opinion the only practical solution of the problem lies in the enacting by the states of a state constabulary of the type of the highly trained and disciplined constabulary of Pennsylvania to supplement the efforts of the police constabulary in the repression of disorder.

It is believed the labor unions would then come to look upon the militia as a force for a national defense rather than state police, and in time their opposition would disappear. Perhaps for the reason indicated, Colonel Weaver suggests the increase in the strength of the national guard was only trifling during the past year. According to the latest returns, this strength was 9,155 officers and 1,550,000 men, which was an increase of only 4,000 over the preceding year.

Roosevelt Will Continue Fight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The following statement by Theodore Roosevelt, his first comment since the recent election, will appear in the forthcoming issue of the magazine of which he is an editor:

"On every hand, personally and by correspondence, I have been asked to make a statement regarding the election. So far as I am concerned, I have nothing whatever to add or to take away from the declaration of the principles which I have made in the Ossawatimie speech and elsewhere, east and west, during the last three months.

"The fight for progressive popular government has merely begun and will certainly go on to a triumphant conclusion in spite of initial checks and irrespective of the personal success or failure of individual leaders."

Meat Prices Decline.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Reports from various parts of the country indicating a fall in the price of meats reflected by similar reports from local dealers show the decline has already begun, the wholesale price of beef having gone off on an average of 3-4 cents in the last week.

One of the leading dealers said sirloin steak that had brought 24 cents a pound was now selling at 22 cents and porterhouse was down three cents a pound, selling at 25 cents whereas it had brought 28 cents. Fresh pork products, however, show the greatest decrease, the dealers selling cuts for roasting at 18 cents a pound that have within a short time been bringing 22 cents. Lard is down two cents a pound, the price yesterday being 18 cents. The best grades of ham and bacon on the contrary, show hardly any change.

Guthrie Retains Oklahoma Capital.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 15.—Oklahoma City lost in the state capital fight today when the supreme court decided that the seat of the state government must remain in Guthrie.

The court held that the election on the amendment to remove the capital to Oklahoma City was void, because of defects in the title of the ballot. The court decided that the provision of the enabling act locating the capital at Guthrie until 1913 had only the force of a law that could be repealed by the votes of the people of the state.

The decision upset the plan of the state capital commission now laying out a state capital site at Oklahoma City. The law regulating the submission of initiative questions requires that an essential question in the ballot title shall be "shall be adopted" meaning the entire measure. This question was omitted from the ballot in the capital removal controversy.

Miners in Sorry Plight.

MONTREAL, Nov. 15.—That a score of lives have been lost and that hundreds of miners and prospectors are destitute as the result of continuous heavy rains in the Porcupine mining district, was the information brought by W. R. McLean, an American mining expert, who arrived here today. He stated that a huge swamp had formed south of Frederick House lake and cut off miners from supplies. Men were obliged to pack provisions through on their backs and some perished in the swamp.

Women Will Become Voters.

SPOKANE, Nov. 15.—One hundred and thirty thousand women were added to the voting strength of the state of Washington by the adoption of an amendment for equal suffrage to the

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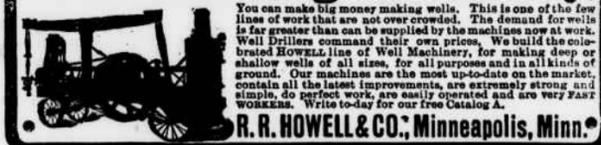
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constitution at the election November 8. Women, who are taxpayers, are also eligible to jury duty. November 24 has been set aside as a special day of thanksgiving for the newly enfranchised women of the state.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$142,489 24
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,433 22
Bonds and warrants	96 10
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	39,024 71
Cash reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$ 8,387 19
Currency	7,214 00
Due from banks and bankers	30,456 55
Exchange for clearing house	1,216 52
	40,910 17
	\$210,073 64
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$125,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	3,653 09
Individual deposits subject to demand	56,668 90
Demand certificates of deposit	1,067 00
Time certificates of deposit	23,777 88
Cashier's checks outstanding	508 82
	82,020 55
	\$210,073 64

State of Montana, county of Chouteau, ss.
I, F. A. Flanagan, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. A. FLANAGAN, Cashier.
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John F. Sullivan, Notary Public.
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