

THE TWELFTH CENSUS.

The next census of the United States will, from all accounts, be the most complete and thorough ever taken in this country. With the view of making the census a lasting benefit to the whole country, the government is taking every means to insure accuracy and efficiency in the various departments. Supervisors have been appointed on account of their known ability and character and it is proposed to select enumerators for their qualifications, regardless of their political affiliations.

In this section of the State the twelfth census will be of very great importance, as it will show the wonderful progress made in the last decade. It will show the increase in population and in the different industries, giving reliable information as to the development of the country, both in an educational and industrial way. Louisiana has no reason to be ashamed of its vast resources and advantages and it will have a splendid opportunity to make a showing worthy of itself. It is the intention of the supervisor of this district to solicit the good will of the people toward having a proper appreciation of the duties of the census-taker and census-giver and to obtain this end the valuable co-operation of the press is desired.

In olden times the census man was looked upon by many misinformed persons as a wicked intruder who went around nosing into other people's business out of pure cussedness, but that impression does not prevail to any perceptible extent now. The census-taker has a plain duty to perform and the unreadiness of people to give him the desired information, makes it annoying and disagreeable to all concerned. The census-taker or enumerator is paid for the amount of work that he does and by acting sensibly people help him along and save themselves unnecessary trouble.

At the request of Mr. Clegg, the supervisor for this district, The Gazette will, during the time intervening between now and next June, print a number of articles which may help the enumerators in their work.

Another eastern college has conferred an L. L. D. upon Dewey. If the Cavite hero were given to the vigorous style of expression for which Bob Evans is noted he would confer a few G. T. T. D's. upon these officious institutions which, after all, are only looking for a little cheap advertising. If the admiral is the man of sense the American people believe him to be such empty honors as the honorary degrees of colleges must surely make him tired.

THAT "ONE MAN POWER."
"All white men of the parish opposed to the present local administration are invited" to meet at Pillette to-day "and to help to nominate a ticket that will forever destroy 'ONE MAN' power in Lafayette parish."

The foregoing words form a part of an ominously yellow dodger which was posted up in various places throughout the parish. We suppose it is the confession of faith of the reformation. It is to be the war cry of those who tell us that the "one man power" must be destroyed. As The Gazette does not know of the existence of such an anomaly, it fails to see what is doomed to destruction. If there ever was any "one man power" in this parish it has long ago ceased to exist. If it exists now, it exists only in the minds of men who are making war upon wind-mills. Serious folk will not likely engage in so Quixotic an undertaking. It may suit the purpose of ambitious men to use so trite an expression as "one man power," but what Judge Clegg aptly terms the "tyranny of phrase" has been thrown off by the reasoning mind. The gentlemen who are leading this movement will never bamboozle the people by such senseless twaddle, and the most verdant tyro in kindergarten politics knows better.

But it matters not. "One man power" is the title of the song which will be sung at Pillette to-day. The spell-binders will tell about it. Thumbing birds will warble it. The bull frogs will add to it their joyous refrain and the dulcet symphony

of the distant cow-bell, the bobolink and the lark will be blended with the expiring echoes, resounding in one glorious acclaim over the green, undulating plains of Pillette which bid fair to remain forever the citadel of straight Democracy.

Oom Paul says the Lord is on his side. If that is true there is nothing in a face or the photographer has done Oom a cruel injustice.

AN OFFICIAL PRAISED

The Gazette is pleased to reproduce the following compliment paid to a worthy gentleman by the Alexandria Town Talk. Mr. Smith has shown himself to be an efficient official, industrious, painstaking and accommodating. The Town Talk says:

It pleases the Town Talk very much to see the way our friends of the press speak of Mr. LeDoux E. Smith and his candidacy for the position of State treasurer. It always pays to be kind and courteous and that is Mr. Smith's way. If the editors who know Mr. Smith want to find out anything in Baton Rouge, and can't get the information elsewhere, all they have got to do is to write to him and he will go to the trouble to serve them. So it is with other people beside the newspaper fraternity. If you want information from the State Capital and don't know who to write to, address L. E. Smith, State Treasurer's office, Baton Rouge, La., and he will do the rest.

Not only is the assistant State treasurer a courteous and polished gentleman but he will make us a splendid treasurer. In fact he has had charge of the State treasurer's office for nearly four years, and the office work is transacted in a manner that could not be surpassed by any one. Mr. Smith is a good Democrat, comes of honest, straightforward Louisiana stock, and is the right man for the place. We hope our newspaper friends will keep saying nice things of LeDoux Smith. He deserves them.

The code duello is beginning to be looked upon as a most humane institution. Two gentlemen have once declined to serve as seconds because they claimed that it was "inhuman and barbarous" to fight a duel with rifles at close range and now comes a New Orleans gentleman who refuses to accept a challenge because twenty-four hours had elapsed since the insult was offered. After awhile the most scrupulous humanitarians will be found among the enthusiastic advocates of duelling as a mode of harmlessly and peacefully settling affairs of honor. This is an age of progress and everything is pointing toward a higher civilization, and there is reason to hope that ere another decade has gone by even so inherently barbarous a thing as a duel will have been robbed of the horrors before which a civilized world has shuddered these many years. There is no reason why a duel should be so wicked. Let us have "benevolent assimilation" all along the line and let us make it so that a challenge to a "deadly combat" will excite no more anxiety in the mind of the receiver than an invitation to attend a birthday party or a candy-pulling.

JUDGE DEBAILLON COMPLIMENTED.

Before bringing its labors to a close the Grand Jury recently empaneled in Vermilion paid Judge Debaillon a very handsome compliment. No district judge in the State has had more business before his court and no one could have disposed of that business more speedily and correctly than has Judge Debaillon. As is well known the judge is thoroughly versed in criminal and civil law and being what may be termed a "hustler" he has succeeded in keeping the docket of his court free from any accumulation of business. The Gazette is pleased to note that the people of Vermilion have appreciated his efforts directed toward an efficient and wholesome administration of justice. The grand jury says at the conclusion of its report:

We have been greatly assisted in the performance of our labors by the able and instructive charge administered to us by your honor, and have attempted as far as lay in our power to comply with the same in both its spirit and letter. In view of the fact that your honor will not be among us as our presiding judge after the April election and in view of the fact that in all probability no other Grand Jury will form a part of the court before the change in our judicial district, we feel that we would be ungrateful and ungrateful if we failed to commend your honor for the uniform fairness and justice with which your honor has been guided as the presiding judge of this court of the parish of Vermilion. We will lose an upright and impartial judge who has ever been mindful of the welfare of the people.

MCKINLEY'S MISTAKE.

Daily States.
How disgusting it is to people who despise cant and hypocrisy to hear President McKinley say that the flag which has been raised over the Philippines will remain there because the islands came to us as "the providence of God." It is as certain as anything can be that the American people will not be impressed by this kind of twaddle. They are well aware of the fact that the expansion precedents quoted by him in his Minneapolis speech differ from his present imperial policy

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CHAS. D. CAFFERY.

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in the respect that the territories of Louisiana, California and Texas, previously annexed to the United States came into the Union with the consent of their inhabitants. The Philippines, if they come in at all, will be forced in at the point of the bayonet and the sword. Another important difference is that until the acquisition of Hawaii, the wisdom of which is doubted by many of the ablest minds in the country, all the territory annexed was situated on the continent of North America and contiguous to our own. Try as he may Mr. McKinley cannot gloss over the fact that he has confronted the American people with problems for solution which are new and without precedent.

President McKinley, now making stump speeches in the West, is mistaking the applause of the curious crowds that gather to hear him as an endorsement of his imperialistic policy, and he is growing bold in declaring his intention to permanently retain the Philippines. He will discover, however, before the national elections of 1900 are held that the intelligent, conservative and patriotic elements of the people are opposed to his policy and their influence will be felt at the polls and in Congress. So able and prominent a man as ex-President Grover Cleveland declares that the whole pith of the question of expansion and imperialism is contained in the declaration of the recently formed American League: "We are opposed to the use of force in the extension of American citizenship." These words mean a great deal. Imposing our institutions on other people who declare for themselves the inalienable rights of self-government, and by the power of Krag-Jorgensens and 13-inch shells, as Mr. Cleveland says, "presents an inconsistency whose evil and dangerous tendency ought to be apparent to all who love American institutions and understand their motives and purposes.

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