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The Insurance Rates

THE insurance general agents now here should give careful attention to the risks and general conditions while they are in El Paso. They owe it to themselves and to the city.

The inspection upon which the present rates were made, was a haphazard, careless one, to say the least. Insurance agents of El Paso, posted on fire hazards, declare they never saw worse misrepresentation than El Paso received on many of the fire risks.

The insurance agents should look into conditions for themselves and learn how things are being misrepresented by the actuaries and their agents, and then they will see that the cry raised against their rates is not unwarranted. Nobody charges that the misrepresentation was intentional, but it was at least the result of gross carelessness.

One agent says that out of all the investigations he made on Wednesday, he found only a very few that were correctly rated. In one instance, he found a place charged with a fire hazard of \$1.75 for being in the same building with a moving picture show, when as a matter of fact a brick wall separated them.

But not only has El Paso a complaint against the mistakes of the "experts" who inspected the buildings; El Paso has a just complaint against many provisions of the new code as applied to the city. Especially is the population total very misleading. As an insurance man said in The Herald yesterday, there is so much of the population of the city that does not carry any insurance—in the Mexican section of the city—that the population for fire rating purposes should be greatly reduced.

The rate against residences because of tenants is too high. A tenant is no more apt to burn his house through carelessness than a person who owns the place and lives there. In many cases the tenants carry no insurance on furnishings, or carry a very small amount, and their home and contents means more to them than the man who lives in his own mansion and carries heavy insurance.

The shingle roof hazard is also too high, considering the fact that almost all buildings are brick. In most other Texas towns, the houses are all frame; then a shingle roof adds to the hazard very greatly; it is true that it adds some to the hazard in El Paso, but the fact of the houses themselves being of brick offsets this to a large extent.

Also, as to the pump house on the mesa, it is true that it is only sheet iron, but there is absolutely no fire hazard close enough to set the building on fire and the interior of the building is almost as safe as if it were brick.

There are many other features to the new rates in which an injustice has been done El Paso. The general agents of the insurance companies should make a careful inspection of conditions and they will readily see that El Paso has not been given "a square deal."

The comet has passed. Now let the comet jokes die. Subscribe to the fair. Don't let El Paso become a failure at anything.

The Rio Grande must feel like some men on Saturday night—it's full. While El Paso is getting into print on the strength of twelve story skyscrapers, other Texas cities have to engineer high waters in their rivers to get into the date lines.

The complaint against the early stoppage of the street cars to the union station is well taken. The cars should run until all regular trains have arrived or departed at least, if this hour is before midnight.

That Dayton, N. M., man can afford to lose his oil derrick when the loss comes from striking a gas and oil well. Lots of people would like to furnish derricks to burn, if they could get a gas well of their own to burn them over.

If some men would expend as much energy on the front yard as they do in rooting at a ball game or polishing the top of some bar, El Paso would be the real city beautiful.

A rearrangement of the Mexico car service as at present constituted, and as asked for by a citizen of Stanton street, would not give the lower end of the city generally as good a car service as at present. At present the Juarez cars, in going to Stanton street, a service to their homes from the business section of the city without their having to take a ride to Mexico first.

UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

ONE merchant said to his toiling clerk. "I'm greatly pleased with the way you work. The chap who tends to his duties right is bound to win the worldly fight, and you're bound to get to the top some day; meanwhile I guess I'll advance your pay."

THE TWO MERCHANTS. Dan A. Stuart has gone to Mexico City, where, it is understood he will try to hold a big prize fight. The east side smelter may start any day now as the manager is here to see the test run.

Copyright, 1910, by George Matthews Adams. A woman giving the name of Josephine and claiming to be the daughter of the famous scout, Kit Carson, was arrested yesterday while trying to swim in a little puddle of water on the courthouse lawn. She is alleged to be insane.

14 Years Ago Today. High School Graduation Plans; Woman Held as Insane. (From The Herald of this date, 1896)

The High school commencement exercises will be held at the opera house Wednesday night May 27. The graduates are Mary Grant Blacker, Margaret Anastacia Held, Alice Philena Hubbard, Margaret Joyce O'Keefe, Lily Gertrude Smith, Madge Moselle Spencer, Alward Hamilton White, Owen Payne White. The concert season will open at Chopin Music hall this week, Miss Rose M. Heilig and Mrs. Grace L. Williams opening with a concert Friday night.

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Congressional Apportionment

By Frederick J. Haskitt. CONGRESS MUST CHANGE RATE OR LARGE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP WILL RESULT

The thirteenth census enumeration of the people of the United States is now complete, but it will be several weeks before the first official bulletins will appear and several months before the grand total will be found and published. The census has become so broad in its scope, and so interesting in its variety, that one is apt to forget its main purpose and function, which is to provide a basis of apportionment of members of the house of representatives among the several states.

The constitution provides, in article I, for the decennial census and requires that the representatives in the lower house of congress and all direct taxes shall be apportioned according to the enumeration thus made. The direct taxation provision practically is a dead letter. And the congressional apportionment itself has come to be regarded by a great many people as least among the purposes of census taking.

Yet all the political institutions of the nation, with the exception of the senate, are affected and controlled directly by the congressional apportionment, and even the senate is affected indirectly. While the constitution requires the taking of the census and makes it the basis of representation, it leaves to congress the business of apportionment. The destiny of political parties and, perhaps, even the political future of the nation may hinge upon the results of the census.

The last apportionment was made in 1901. It provided that the ratio of apportionment should be 194,182. States were given one representative for each 194,182 population, or majority fraction thereof. By this act of 1901 the membership of the house of representatives was increased to 386 members, not because the house wished to have more members, but because it was necessary to keep the ratio down in order that Maine and Virginia might not lose a representative each. A combination of Virginians and New Englanders, captained by senators Frye and Hale, determined the ratio. During the decade the new state of Oklahoma was admitted with five representatives, although its population entitled it to seven. This increased the size of the house to 391.

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Estimated Population 89,912,000. While the figures collected by the census enumerators have not been tabulated and no man knows what the results will be, it is possible to discuss the probabilities by taking the census office estimate as a basis. According to the statisticians' estimates the population of the country on June 1 will be 89,912,000. The census office believes that this figure will not be far out from the correct figures as shown by the actual enumeration. The estimate is made by states and, for the purposes of this article, is assumed to be approximately correct.

PIONEER PHILOSOPHY.



There's lots of talk about denatured alcohol, but if there's anything that shouldn't be denatured, it's alcohol and its near kinfolks.

- Pineapple, 65c and 70c each. Roquefort, 60c per lb. Swiss, imported, 40c per lb. Limburger, 25c per lb. Round steak, 15c per lb. Circle Brand, 19c each. Dutch Girl, 40c per lb. Beef. Sirloin steak, 30c per lb. Rump steak, 12 1/2c per lb. Lamb chops, 15c per lb. Rib roast, 15c per lb. Beef livers, 10c per lb. Lamb. Lamb leg, 25c to 35c per lb. Lamb racks (whole), 25c per lb. Lamb loin chops, 30c to 35c per lb. Lamb shoulders, 15c per lb. Breast pieces, 3c to 10c per lb. Lamb livers, 10c each. Mutton. Leg, 17 1/2c to 18c per lb. Rack, 15c per lb. Loin, 18c to 20c per lb. Shoulders, 10c per lb. Neck pieces, 8c per lb. Breast pieces, 12.00 per lb. Crown roasts, 20c per lb. Pork. Leg, 18c to 20c per lb. Chops, 15c to 20c per lb. Steaks, 20c to 22c per lb.

The shipments of alfalfa into the city the past week have increased, as was natural, over that of the week previous, and the wholesale price per ton reflected the increased supply by dropping from \$14 to \$13. Texas oats are wholesaling at \$1.90 and retailing at \$1.90. There was no change in quotations on other grains.

- Alfalfa, wholesale, \$13 per ton. Alfalfa, retail, \$15 per ton. Northern Texas hay, \$18 per ton. Corn, wholesale, \$1.85 per cwt. Corn, retail, \$1.75 per cwt. Oats, wholesale, \$1.90 per cwt. Oats, retail, \$1.90 per cwt. Texas oats, wholesale, \$1.90 per cwt. Texas oats, retail, \$1.90 per cwt. Chops, wholesale, \$1.65 per cwt. Chops, retail, \$1.75 per cwt. Bran, wholesale, \$1.65 per cwt. Bran, retail, \$1.75 per cwt.

LETTERS To the HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will not be published where such a request is made.)

WHO PAYS FOR THE CLERK'S HALF HOLIDAY? Editor El Paso Herald: Being a clerk, I would like for Mrs. Flora McA. Jones and her associates, who are working so energetically for a clerk's half holiday to enlighten us some on the subject.

I have taken it upon myself to interview a large number of the clerks of El Paso and I have found the sentiment rather against a half holiday. The clerks reason thus: "If we are allowed a half holiday, who will pay for it? The merchant certainly will not pay as much for five and one-half days' work as he will for six."

"If we are allowed a half holiday we will seek amusement, and amusements cost money, whereas, if we were working we would not spend that money for amusement and would receive pay for the half day. In reality we will lose a full day, viz.—one-half deduction from our wages and the amount of a half day's work paying for amusements."

The next morning we will be tired and unfit to take hold of our work and give full justice to our employer. It seems to me that it would be much better for the clerks to present a petition, fully signed by all clerks, to the Retail Merchants' league for such a half holiday, if the clerks really want it. So far I have not heard a clerk express such a desire. They say, "Of course, if we can get it and lose nothing we will take it," but they are making no effort in their own behalf.

A Clerk. TEACHERS MAY GET SUMMER SALARIES Believed Board Has Reached This Decision for This Year. There was a meeting of the finance committee of the school board Thursday afternoon with mayor Robinson relative to the financial condition of the schools.

The matter of summer salaries for teachers was discussed, but members of the board decline to state what action was decided upon. However, there is a general feeling that the teachers will be paid during the summer months this year, though in future the custom may be abolished or a compromise arranged by the payment of half salaries. This matter will not be definitely announced until a meeting of the school board is held Monday night, when the teachers for the ensuing year will be elected. PEARSON LUNCHEON IS POSTPONED UNTIL RETURN Dr. F. S. Pearson and his party of capitalists who will reach El Paso from the east Saturday night over the Southern, will not stop over in El Paso Sunday, as was expected, but will go direct to Mexico. The luncheon planned for the trip of commerce has been postponed until Dr. Pearson returns from his trip to Mexico.

Berries Are Cheap Now; Cheap Enough For Pies

- Vegetables, Fruits and Meats; Local Quotations. Lemons, 25c to 50c per doz. Limes, 25c to 50c per doz. Oranges, 20c to 25c per doz. Tangerines, 15c to 20c per doz. Cherries, 25c per lb. Apples, 15c per lb. Bananas, 25c to 30c per doz. Vegetables. Valley lettuce, 5c per bunch. Valley peas, 10c per lb.; 3 for 25c. Parsley, 5c per bunch. Green chile, 10c per lb. Bell pepper, 25c per lb. Cucumbers (fancy), 5c each. Radishes, 5c two bunches. Asparagus, 75c per bunch. Beans, wax and green, 8c per lb. Beets, valley, 10c per three bunches. Cabbage, 5c per lb. Carrots, 5c per bunch. Celery, 10c per stalk. Eggplant, 10c per lb. Lettuce, 10c per lb.; 3 for 25c. Onions, green, 2 bunches for 5c. Onion, white, 5c per lb. Potatoes, new, 25c ten lbs. Squashes, 5c per lb. Tomatoes, 15c per lb. Turnips, 5c per lb. Watercress, 7 1/2c per bunch. Nuts. Almonds, 20c per lb. Brazil nuts, 20c per lb. Filberts, 20c per lb. Pecans, 20c per lb. English Walnuts, 20c per lb. Butter and Eggs. Butter, fancy grade, 35c per lb. Eggs, Sunflower, 30c per doz. Eggs, ranch, 40c per doz. Cheese. Camembert, 35c; Imported, 50c per lb. Cheese, cream, 25c per lb. Edam, small, 15c each. Neufchatel, 10c each, 2 for 15c. Apples, \$3.50 to \$4 per 50-lb. box.