

Illinois News Items

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UNITED STATES GROWS RAPIDLY

Increase of 20.7 in Population Is Shown by Census Bureau Report

EXCEEDS ALL OTHER NATIONS

Western Portion of Continent Is Being Settled Faster Than The Eastern Section, Though All Parts Show an Even, Steady Advance.

Washington dispatch: The United States beats the world in growth of population, according to a discussion of the increase as shown by the figures of the last census. This discussion is published, as a bulletin, by the census bureau. A general summary of the principal results of the study set forth in the bulletin shows the following facts:

The increase in the population of continental United States; that is, the United States, exclusive of Alaska and the recent insular possessions, was 13,046,861, or 20.7 per cent. Only one country, Argentina, has shown, by the most recent figures a more rapid rate of growth.

The present rate of growth in continental United States is estimated as double the average rate of Europe. It

west of the Mississippi increased in the later decade not much more than half as fast as it did in the earlier. The conclusion is drawn that the increased growth of the East and the decreased growth of the West may both be connected with a probable decline in the current of westward migration.

The rates of increase in the North and the South during the last twenty years were practically the same. But in the character of this growth the two regions differ widely, there being a relatively uniform growth over the whole South, equalized by a balance in the North between a lower rate of rural growth and a higher rate of urban growth.

Decline in Corn Region.

Extensive but sparsely settled areas in the western parts of Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota show a decline of population in the last ten years, a fact which, it is said, may be connected with the increase of population in many agricultural counties of Iowa, Illinois and adjoining states, 1890 to 1900, after losing population during the preceding ten years.

Between 1890 and 1900 the per cent of increase in the population of all cities having at least 2,500 inhabitants was only about two-thirds of what it was between 1880 and 1890. The increase in the aggregate population living outside of such cities was approximately the same for the two decades.

The most noteworthy of the entire discussion, it is stated, is the cumulative evidence of the rapid approach to equality in the rates of increase of various parts of the United States. This appears whether North be com-

MINING MEN TEST EXPLOSIVE

Substitute for Powder Is Said to Be Powerful and Safe.

A number of mine examiners and operators met in Springfield to witness a series of tests which were conducted at the mine of the Republic Iron and Steel company, to determine the value of a new explosive which is being placed on the market. The explosive is like dynamite, and is very powerful, but at the same time is safe. It will not explode from friction, concussion or contact with fire, a special explosive cap being required to ignite it. The tests made were not satisfactory, and a number of the mining experts are of the opinion that the new explosive will not prove to be practical.

SAYS PRAYER BRINGS HEALTH

Marvelous Cure Is Reported in Case of a Church Member.

Mrs. Daisy Berry of Carlinville has experienced a most marvelous cure by faith in prayer. She has been ill for two years with tuberculosis of the spine. She was operated upon three times, and came home nine months ago to die. She is a church member, and after the prayer meeting of thirty minutes in her behalf by co-religionists she got up from her bed and walked. The case has caused the greatest sensation, owing to the prominence of the parties and the fact that all knew of her condition.

Cache River Commission.

Under the law which went into effect July 1, providing for the appointment of a commission to have charge of the widening of the Cache river in southern Illinois, Gov. Yates has appointed Judge W. A. Wall of Mound City, Andrew Davidson of Metropolis and H. H. Capper of Marion as members of the board. The commission will be known as the Cache river drainage commission. The act providing for the new board was approved by the governor May 16, 1903.

Clubs Must Pay License.

Members of the Springfield city council have decided to wage war against the clubs in the city which have bars and which are not paying saloon license. There are five such clubs and the total revenue would be \$2,500. The council bases its action on the recent decision of the Supreme court and on the test case made in Chicago.

Alleged Daughter Is Insane.

Mrs. Gertrude Kelly has filed a petition in the Sangamon county court alleging that her daughter, Miss Pearl Kelly, is of unsound mind. The daughter, she claims, has left home and has been swearing out warrants for her mother charging various offenses of which the mother is not guilty.

To Buy Palmer Residence.

The supreme board of directors of the court of honor have decided to purchase the Gen. John M. Palmer residence at Springfield and remodel it for the headquarters of the Supreme court. The price to be paid is over \$25,000 and \$12,000 improvements will be made.

Balance in School Fund.

The superintendent of the schools at Quincy reports the receipts from all sources for the fiscal year ending on Aug. 1 were \$106,070.90; disbursements \$83,585.02; leaving balance on hand \$22,485.88.

Woman Is Fatally Burned.

Mrs. W. B. Jacks of Decatur was fatally burned at her home by gasoline igniting her clothes. Fire Commissioner Dinneen used a comforter and suppressed the flames.

Saloonkeepers Are Fined.

Fifty-seven Springfield saloonkeepers have pleaded guilty to keeping their saloons open on Sunday, have paid fines of \$25 and costs each, making a total of \$2,000.

Reunion at Bushton.

The thirty-first annual reunion of the 1234 Illinois volunteers will take place this year at Bushton Sept. 10 and 11. Preparations are making for a big meeting.

Pioneer Dies of Paralysis.

John G. Green, a pioneer resident of Ashman township, died from a stroke of paralysis. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1826, coming to Illinois in 1840.

To Address Workmen.

County Judge Berner will be one of the principal speakers at the Labor day celebration in Tilden on Monday, Sept. 7.

Academy Principal.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Union academy, near Anna, has elected Rev. L. F. Bickford of the Daniel Baker college of Brownwood, Texas, as principal in the ensuing year.

Dies of Starvation.

An unknown man was found dying from starvation, brought on from malaria, near the Illinois Central railroad tracks near Anna. He died before being able to divulge his identity.

NOTED EDUCATOR IS DEMENTED

Losses Reason a Second Time and is Committed to Asylum.

Professor Nicholas, one of the most prominent educators of Washington and St. Clair counties, and for many years instructor in the parochial school board of St. Libory, has been examined by a medical board and found of unsound mind, and ordered committed to the southern Illinois hospital at Anna. This is the second time Prof. Mayer has been confined in the Anna institution, having been sent there in 1902, but was released after several months' confinement as cured. The school of which he has been instructor is just at the intersecting line of Washington and St. Clair counties.

Coal Route to St. Louis.

The Illinois Southern railroad management announced from the general office at Sparta that they have commenced the operation of regular freight and passenger trains through to Bismarck, Mo. The Missouri end of the road has only been recently completed, and it is expected that a large amount of coal will be shipped via the route to Bismarck and thence over the Iron Mountain to St. Louis, thus avoiding the bridge arbitrary at East St. Louis.

Work for Exiles.

Harry A. Lipsey visited Cairo for the purpose of placing a few Russian Jewish exiles. He found employment for a cabinet maker, two carpenters, one salesman for the Boston store, two tailors at Sandler's and one or two men at Solomon's junk yard. The men will not bring their families for the present, but will wait until they are able to send for them.

Thrifty Cairo Citizens.

The savings deposits of the people of Cairo and vicinity have increased over \$100,000 during the past year, and nearly double that amount in the past two years. They now amount to over a million and a third of dollars, according to the statement of the two savings banks of Cairo, which have been made to the state auditor.

Held on to Their Corn.

Macon county farmers will not part with their old corn. They are holding it on the theory that much of the late crop will be caught by the freeze, and there are others who figure that without a freeze the crop will be short. The cereal millers here experience difficulty in getting corn to operate the plants steadily.

Miners to Celebrate Labor Day.

Labor day will be celebrated in Breese under the auspices of the miners' local union, No. 67. The orators of the day will be Thomas Reynolds, Edward Cahill, John Green and Frank Hayes, state and district officials of the U. M. W. of A. A feature of the celebration will be a street parade in the morning.

Favor Hoggens.

The city of Alton lost its case against Arthur Smith, charged with maintaining a nuisance by keeping eighteen or more hogs in a pen within the city limits. Justice Nathan decided against the city, because the majority of Smith's neighbors swore that they did not consider a hogpen a nuisance.

Chemist Finds No Poison.

Riddle Coats of Union county, under charge of administering strychnine to his mother-in-law, causing death, has been discharged. Prof. Warren of the chair of chemistry of Washington university at St. Louis claiming no poison was found in examination of the viscera.

Old-Fashioned Camp Meeting.

An old-fashioned camp meeting has been opened at the Mount Moriah church near Centralia, and will be continued as long as the interest warrants. The meetings will be under the management of the several Christian church congregations of Marion county.

Want Grade Crossing Abolished.

The city council and the public of Springfield are bringing pressure to bear to secure the construction of a subway by the Chicago & Alton at the Eighth street and Eastman avenue crossing, and by the Wabash at the grade crossing at Tenth and Cook streets.

Elevator at Richland.

The Farmers' elevator at Richland is fast nearing completion. The machinery is being installed. A twenty-horse power gasoline engine will furnish the power. The elevator when completed will be up-to-date in every respect.

To Close Saloons on Sunday.

The village board of Keyesport has passed a resolution instructing the village marshal to close and keep closed all saloons on the Sabbath day. The night closing hour on each day is fixed at 11 o'clock.

Accident to Banker.

Charles Ridgely of Springfield, vice president of the Ridgely national bank, who is touring Europe, suffered a fall in London and sprained his leg. Dispatches say he will be laid up for several weeks.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTISTS MEET.

Most Successful Session of Association Is Held at Jonesboro.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the Clear Creek Baptist association, which includes forty churches in the counties of Jackson, Union, Pulaski and Alexander, has just closed one of its most successful meetings in the history of the association at Jonesboro. The association is the oldest religious body in Illinois in point of continuous existence. There were present, out of a total of 117 messengers, 110. Rev. H. N. Wallace of Cobden was elected moderator for the ensuing year, and Dr. F. M. Agnew elected clerk for the thirty-ninth consecutive year. The next meeting will be held at Dongola. The association has an endowment fund, known as the Peeler, and Willis Rendlemen of Alto Pass, Wm. H. Peak of Jonesboro and F. M. Agnew of Makanda, trustees.

Cucumber Season Opens.

The cucumber pickle season has opened about Carlinville and the roads leading from the city are crowded with wagons bringing in the crops. The acreage is the largest in years, and the late rains have made a bounteous yield. Many acres are growing in the vicinity of Carlinville, Nilwood, Hettick, Palmyra, Macoupin and Plainview, and the Dodson-Braun manufacturing company of St. Louis is the market, they having a factory in Carlinville. The price paid is 50 cents per bushel, delivered. Onions and dills are grown also in large quantities.

Dead Near His Home.

George McNail, a prominent young stock buyer and member of one of the foremost families, was found dead within 150 yards of his father's home near Ashley. There was a deep gash in the forehead and other bruises about the head and body. McNail had driven to Ashley the previous evening. His team was found near his home, and the supposition is that the horses became frightened and ran away, throwing the young man from the wagon.

Bond County Old Settlers.

The executive committee of the Bond County Old Settlers' association met at the office of the secretary, R. K. Dewey and decided to hold the annual old settlers' picnic at Greenville Friday, Sept. 4. A committee composed of R. K. Dewey, Col. J. B. Reid and W. H. Taylor, was appointed to locate Hill's Fort in Mills township. It is probable that a monument will be erected there.

Fifty Years a Priest.

A large reception was tendered Father J. F. Davis of St. Luke's Catholic church at Virginia in honor of the 50th anniversary of his birth. A purse containing fifty silver dollars was presented by Rev. George C. Lemington of the First Presbyterian church, and other gifts were numerous, as Father Davis is a favorite with Protestants and Catholics alike.

Saloon Men Are Fined.

The cases of Charles Balsiger and Henry Von Aist, saloon keepers of Breese, charged with selling liquor to a minor, have been disposed of in the county court. The case against Balsiger was dismissed at his cost, which amounted to \$19.25. Von Aist entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$20 and costs, amounting in all to \$51.75.

Economical Committee.

The treasurer of the committee has made his report on the Roosevelt day exercises at Springfield, when President Roosevelt dedicated the new armory and when the grand military ball was given. The receipts for the ball were \$4,806.50. There is a balance of \$2,173.97 in the treasury.

Sunday School Convention.

The Effingham County Sunday School association will hold its convention at Altamont Oct. 8 and 9. C. E. Schenck, field worker, of Paris will be in attendance.

Subscriptions Are Liberal.

Subscriptions for the fall carnival under the auspices of the Springfield Business Men's association are coming in rapidly. The amount contributed already is \$4,500.

Returns From Mission Field.

Miss Mary Ferreira, who has spent the past eleven years in the mission fields of the Hawaiian islands, is visiting relatives in Jacksonville.

Teacher Is to Marry.

Miss Cynthia Luttrell, a teacher of the Illinois school for the deaf at Jacksonville, will be married Aug. 26 to Mr. Buham of Chicago.

Wild Man Is Captured.

The "wild man" who has been roaming in the woods east of Springfield, terrorizing the vicinity, has been arrested. His name is Fred Schebestadt. He is mentally unbalanced and since his arrest has acted very strangely, but is content to stay in jail.

Insane Over Physical Culture.

Allie Davis of Decatur has been taken to the Jacksonville state asylum as an insane patient. He went wrong studying physical culture books.



Design suggested for a new monument in Wall street.

is nearly double that of Canada, and exceeds by one-sixth that of Mexico and by one-tenth that of Australia.

How Growth Is Distributed.

The rates of increase on the two sides of the northern Atlantic differ much less than they did a generation ago. Among the five main divisions of continental United States the highest rate of increase is found in the western division, and the lowest in the north central. Among the eleven minor divisions the highest rate of growth is found in the Rocky mountain group of states, closely followed by the western south central; the lowest in the northern South Atlantic, closely followed by the western north central.

In the decade 1890 to 1900, for the first time in the national history, the Southern states increased faster than the Northern. East of the Mississippi river, however, the Northern states have grown somewhat more rapidly than the Southern; but West of that river the Southern states have increased almost two and one-half times as rapidly as the Northern, and it is this fact which makes the growth of the South as a whole exceed that of the North.

Increase Is Steady.

In the North Atlantic division the rate of increase has risen steadily since the civil war, a notable contrast to the trend in the country as a whole. The region west of the Mississippi river is still increasing faster than east of it, but the difference between the rates of growth in the two regions, 1890 to 1900, was little more than one-fifth of what it was 1880 to 1890.

The region east of the Mississippi increased more rapidly from 1890 to 1900 than from 1880 to 1890, while that

pared with South, East with West, or city with country.

SLAYS MAN AND GOES TO SLEEP

James Sanders Kills a Bartender, Then Goes Home and to Bed.

Keyesport, Ill., special: James Sanders shot and killed William Grotts, a bartender, in the saloon conducted by H. J. Ragland. The only witness to the deed was the proprietor of the place. Sanders started a quarrel and Grotts put him out. Sanders returned in a short time with a double-barreled shotgun and conversed with the proprietor for a few minutes. He suddenly jumped to his feet and shot Grotts in the breast twice. The bartender picked up a revolver, fired one shot, which missed Sanders, then died without uttering a word. The murderer walked to his home unmolested. Sheriff William Ragen arrived from Carlyle two hours after the killing. He found Sanders asleep, placed him under arrest and took him to Carlyle.

FINDS FIRST WIFE IS MURDERED

Rev. Samuel A. Mason of Cairo Visits Old Home at Elgin.

Elgin, Ill., special: Rev. Samuel A. Mason of Cairo, Ill., and formerly of this city, who has been mourned as dead, returned to this city in search of his first wife and daughter. He found his daughter at the home of her grandfather, Charles Harding, but she did not know him. Mrs. Mason had been murdered by Harry Ford several weeks ago. The shock he sustained on receiving the news almost unnerved Mason. Mason admitted he had married shortly after securing a divorce from his first wife and that he came here to see his child.

Navy Will Advertise.

Washington dispatch: To expedite the work of recruiting the navy department will authorize pasting additional posters in various parts of the country and advertising extensively in the newspapers.

Former Banker Is Bankrupt.

Tyler, Texas, dispatch: H. H. Rowland of this place, formerly president of the old First National Bank, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$60,000.

To Pitch for Cleveland.

Rockford, Ill., special: Pitcher Ed Killain of the Rockford team has been sold to the Cleveland American league team and will report immediately. Killain is a leading southpaw twirler of the Three-I league.

Fuel and Iron Offices.

Pueblo, Colo., dispatch: Advice from Denver confirm the announcement that the general offices of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company will be ordered moved to Pueblo.

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