

## CENSUS OF VOTERS.

### A Scheme to Rob the South of Her Representatives.

## GOTTEN UP BY REPUBLICANS

### Its Success Would Give that Party Indefinite Control of all Branches of the Government.

Representative Crumpacker, a Republican from Indiana, has a bill now before the House of Representatives which will rob the South of half her representatives in Congress and the Electoral College should it become a law.

Crumpacker has prepared a statement setting forth the objects sought by his bill and explaining the necessity for its enactment into law. His statement follows:

"The object of the bill is to reduce the number of representatives in the various states to the number of male inhabitants over twenty years of age, who are citizens of the United States, excepting for crime or participation in rebellion, the representation of such state shall be reduced in the proportion that the number of male inhabitants bears to the whole number of male inhabitants over twenty years of age. It is the policy of the federal government to encourage universal manhood suffrage, and it is a notorious fact that in a number of states a large proportion of the voting population is disfranchised.

In some states not over 12 per cent of the male inhabitants over twenty years of age are allowed to participate in elections. That result is brought about in part by direct provisions of law and in part by maladministration on the part of election officers. The reconstruction legislation that was designed to place the ballot in the hands of the colored man in order that he might be able to elect himself as a factor in the affairs of his locality has been practically nullified. White citizens of the South no longer dispute the fact that the constitutionally guaranteed right of suffrage away from the negro.

In Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina, at the congressional elections in 1898, the vote in each district averaged about 5,000. The average vote in the state of Louisiana at the same election averaged about 45,000 in each district. The supreme court of the state of Mississippi, in a recent decision, boldly declared that the legislature of the state had swept the field of expedients in its attempt to discover means to disfranchise the colored man without violating the fifteenth amendment of the federal constitution, and it upheld the legislation.

In several of the states are educational laws, fixing so high a standard that it is almost impossible for a colored man to be registered. In Louisiana the law is called the "grand jury white clause." It provides that the educational law shall not apply to any one who was a voter on the 1st of January, 1867, nor to any of his legal descendants. The effect on this provision is to limit the operation of the educational law to the colored race exclusively, because they could not vote on the date fixed and every white man could.

"I have profound sympathy with the whites of the South who are honestly attempting to protect their institutions against the ravages of illiteracy and ignorance. I believe that fair educational laws, honestly administered, would have a most salutary effect. If the colored man should be allowed to know that in order to become a voter he must prepare himself by a degree of knowledge, and if we assured that he did so, we would be accorded him, there would be an important privilege, and when secured it would be a mark of honor. It would enhance his self-respect and make him a better citizen.

The prejudice against color in the South, however, is so general and intense that discrimination is not made between the worthy and the unworthy. The laws, either by express provision or by the method of their administration, discriminate against all colored men alike. The colored man understands this, and, seeing no prospect of improving his condition, he is resigning into hopelessness. If the representation of those states should be reduced, as it ought to be, it would operate as a countervailing force and tend to establish a proper political equilibrium. The importance of a large representation in congress and in the electoral college is appreciated by the white people of the South, and they would be prompted, on the one hand, to establish fair laws for the protection of their domestic institutions, and on the other hand, to honestly administer them, and to accord the colored man the right to participate in politics as soon as he was fitted for the privilege in order to increase their representation. This would put before the Negro a recognition that he was a citizen and that it would be a powerful force toward the elevation of the moral and intellectual tone of the race.

The white people of the South have felt justified in resorting to subterfuges for the purpose of evading the federal laws, in order to protect themselves against the colored vote, until there prevails in many localities a general condition of political demoralization. The cheating of election laws has come to be looked upon as a virtue. The respect for law, that is so conspicuous a characteristic of the American people

## INDUSTRIAL BOOM.

### The Figures Showing Last Year's Business Investments.

## CLASSES OF ENTERPRISES.

### Statement That is Significant.

### The Capital That is Involved in the Year's Record.

The statement of the Secretary of State showing the number and character of enterprises chartered in the year during the past year as compared with the preceding year is worthy of more than passing attention. It shows that cotton manufacturing heads the list of enterprises actually organized and under way; that building and loan, cotton seed oil, lumber, banking and like enterprises bespeaking a great industrial boom throughout the State, have been the principal objects of capital seeking investment. Richland heads the list of the counties as to capitalization, and Charleston is first in the number of companies. Here is the comparative statement of the enterprises chartered up to this week by classes:

1898.	No.	Capital Stock.
Cotton manufacturing	6	\$510,000
Electrical construction	0	0
Cotton seed oil	3	42,500
Milling and graining	7	109,900
Iron working	1	6,000
Newspaper and printing	1	5,000
Other manufacturing	7	374,000
Cotton compress	0	0
Railroad construction	1	100,000
Power, light, water and ice	3	650,000
Lumber	1	8,000
Transportation other than railroad	1	15,000
Telephone and telegraph	4	9,500
Tobacco warehouses	4	6,500
General warehouse	1	20,000
Building and loan	4	650,000
Real estate, loan and investment	10	325,500
Banking	5	150,000
Carpet mill	1	60,000
Farming and agricultural	3	144,000
Mercantile	20	273,300
Grain and mining	2	2,000
Phosphate and fertilizer	5	270,000
Insurance and surety	4	5,000
Collection	3	3,000
Religious	3	3,000
Memorial	19	1,750
Charitable	1	0
Benevolent and fraternal	6	0
Educational	3	12,300
Total	124	\$3,951,750

## Reported Dead But Living.

An attempt to obtain the payment of an insurance policy on the life of a man supposed to be dead, has come to light. On July 30, last, Aaron Wolfson was living in Los Angeles, Cal. On that date his father B. J. Wolfson, tailor, received news that his son was dead from inhaling gas with suicidal intent in the rooms of a woman who at that time refused to give her name. The son's life was insured for \$10,000 in the New York Life company. Evidence was produced purporting to prove that the dead man was none other than Aaron Wolfson. The insurance was paid to the public administrator in Los Angeles, Cal., but before the money could be turned over to the young man's father, Aaron was reported to have been seen in Chicago. The discovery was made by an uncle residing in that city and the young man's parents were notified and on Aug. 11 the attorneys, Sale and Sale of St. Louis, wired to the headquarters of the New York Life insurance company, which at once made a demand on the public administrator for \$10,000, the amount of the insurance on Wolfson's life, which is still held by him.

## Shrewd Hindu Priests.

Hindu astrologers, according to Bombay papers which have just been received, are attributing the famine, plague and British reverses to the peculiar conjunction of the planets, which on the 15th of November, seven planets were in the sign of Scorpio. The Hindu of Bombay, therefore, to avert further calamity and insure success to the British arms, arranged for special prayers and religious ceremonies at one of their great temples. Seventy-five learned Brahmins officiated. The first act was a presentation of gifts to these priests of valuable shawls and money. The priests then invoked divine blessings on the rulers and ruled, and the people sans hymns in Hindi and Gujarati. At the close of the service three flowers were given for the long life, glory and success of her Majesty, the Queen Empress.

## Three Leading Questions.

William Jennings Bryan's attention was called to a dispatch from Washington stating that he had written Congressman Daly of New Jersey that he would make several speeches in the east, discussing trusts and imperialism, and he was asked as to whether the report indicated any intention of abandoning the silver question. He said: Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the east but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions. There are three questions now prominently before the people, to-wit: the money question, the trust question and the Philippine question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all these questions."

## Blew Off His Hand.

A special dispatch from Bi-honore to The State says Mr. F. M. Muldrow had his hand so terribly mutilated by the premature explosion of a cannon cracker that amputation was necessary. The operation was successfully performed by Drs. Dennis, Alford and Manning. It is reported that Dr. Harris of Elliotts met with a similar accident, also that a young man by the name of Atchison accidentally shot himself through the hand while handling a shotgun.

## A Successful Career.

The career of the several Keeley Institutes in various parts of the United States attests the efficacy of the treatment employed for the whiskey, the morphine and the tobacco habit. Numbers of men who have been restored to usefulness and good repute, through their rescue from the thraldom of the battle rattle in the blessed relief which has come to them. The Keeley Institute is now located at Columbia, S. C.

## THE MAINE DEAD.

### Buried in Arlington With the Impressive Honors of War.

## THE PRESIDENT PRESENT.

### While his Cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Gen. Miles and Other Distinguished Army and Navy Officers Attend.

Upon the windy heights of Arlington cemetery the Maine dead, brought from Habana by the battleship Texas, were Thursday laid away in their final resting place with simple religious services and the impressive honors of war. A cabinet officer surveying the flag-draped coffins before the ceremonies began, said: "The lives of these men cost Spain her colonies."

The caskets ranged row on row. Over each was spread an American ensign upon which lay a wreath of salal leaves. Around the enclosure, shoulder to shoulder, the yellow of their coat linings forming a band of color, were drawn up the cavalry of the Maine; to the right was a battalion of marines from many navy yards with their spike helmets and scarlet caps turned back; to the left a detachment of jacksies from the Texas in navy blue; in the flag-draped stand in the rear, the president and his cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Maj. Gen. Miles and a distinguished group of officers of the army and navy in their show dress uniforms; and all around pressed the throng of people who had braved the snow and biting cold to pay their last tribute to the dead. Among these were many relatives and friends of those who had been lost in the disaster. There was a tender appropriateness in the fact that Capt. Sigbee, who was in command of the Maine when she was blown up, had charge of the ceremonies in honor of his man and that Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, was there to perform the last rites. Three others who lived through that awful night in Habana harbor were at the side of the graves of their comrades, Lieut. Commander Wainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine and Jeremiah Shea, a fireman on the Maine, who was blown out of the stove hole of the ship.

The full marine band broke the deep hush, peering forth the dirge "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and there were twitching of lips and wet eyes as Chaplain Clark of the naval academy at Annapolis came forward and took his place under a canvas canopy shelter in the open space in front of the dead.

## A Drunkard's Folly.

Two men were killed from a railroad bridge 70 feet high at Loudon, Tenn., Tuesday under peculiar circumstances. Sam Edridge, colored, one of the men, will die. The other will probably recover. John Wear, in a drunken condition attempted to ride across the high bridge and had freed his horse along about forty feet before it fell between the cross-ties. An oncoming train was flung just in time to prevent horses and rider being killed. In attempting to get the horse off the bridge Samuel Edridge and Wm. Rogers were knocked off the structure.

## Forty Children Drowned.

Upward of forty school children were drowned recently in an ice accident at Preliminary, Belgium, near the French frontier. The children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen river. When the ice melted they fell height for height, and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing. The catastrophe is a sad consequence through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

## Throat Cutting Contest.

In a street duel at Deposit, Ala., two men were killed and a third probably fatally wounded. James Harden's throat was cut from ear to ear by his nephew, Jesse Harden. The former is dead. John C. Harden, a brother of the dead man, was seriously cut by Jesse Harden, and as the fight was drawing to a close Max Russell discharged a load of buck-shot into the abdomen of Jesse Harden, causing death. All the parties are well known and prominent in politics. The cause of the fight is not known.

## Killed in a Rabbit Hunt.

A special dispatch from Luereus to The News and Courier says in a rabbit hunt Wednesday near Cross Hill, Casper Fuller, a young gentleman 19 years old, was accidentally shot by Mr. Butler Richardson. Young Fuller died this morning. They are of our best citizens. The accident will be greatly deplored.

## British Subjects Warned.

The British privy council held a meeting at Windsor Castle at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warning to British subjects not to assist in the transport of the Transvaal or of the Orange Free State to sell or transport merchandise thereto under penalty of the law.

## Killed Both Brothers.

As the result of a dispute between John and James Carter, brothers, and Bud Lyden, a neighbor, at Piney Lick, Putnam county, Tenn., a quarrel ensued, terminating in a man killing the brothers. All are farmers.

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## TEMPESTUOUS TRIP.

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A special to The Post from Norfolk, Va., says: The big Johnstown steamer Noramome arrived here yesterday afternoon right from Liverpool, one of the most tempestuous voyages on record. Capt. Richardson, her commander, reported having an unknown bark founder at sea, her crew of 12 men. The Noramome, which flies the Belgian flag, is of tons register. She sailed from a pool for Norfolk, Dec. 17th, and nearly a week overdue, her agents were anxious about her. The hurricane which swept this coast Saturday struck the Noramome at sea at night. The waves rolled over almost continuously, and would, Capt. Richardson says, have swamped an ordinary ship. Soon after the storm arose the Noramome overhauled a strange bark which was on the point of foundering. Only the stump of one mast still stood, and others having been bent or carried away. Several lights were burning aboard her and 12 men, believed from their gestures to be foreigners, were seen running about the decks, which were awash. A boat's crew, in one of the Noramome's boats was put over the side and the men were rescued immediately. The men, who wore life jackets, were picked up by a second boat, which was, however, compelled to return to the Noramome. While the rescue of these men was being effected the bark disappeared in the darkness and Capt. Richardson says that beyond doubt after dark revealed no sign of the Noramome's steel bow was shattered by the proppeller were the men engaged to resist this without the loss of a man.

## Killed on a Trestle.

A dispatch from Antron to The State says on Wednesday, the shifting engine at the Charleston and Western Carolina depot near Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Jones, with her two little boys had just returned on the 6:10 p. m. train from a Christmas visit to her mother's, and accompanied by her husband, was walking a short distance up the track, toward their home near the Orr Union mill, when the accident happened. It seems that while they were crossing a small trestle they were overtaken by the engine. Mr. Jones gathered his two little sons and jumped from the track, the engine brushing one of the children slightly. Unable to save his wife, he was compelled to see her mangled under the wheels of the locomotive. Mrs. Jones lived about 30 minutes after her injuries. She was a woman of good repute and highly spoken of by her neighbors. She was about 30 years of age, and her husband, who is a carpenter at Orr's new mill, and two children survive her.

## He Is a Renegade.

The Washington Post says: "In a few days charges will be filed before the finance committee of the senate against the continuation of ex-Representative William D. Bynum, of Indiana, as Democratic appointee for the New York board of appraisers. The minority of that committee are determined to resist the installment of Mr. Bynum in that position. They will do so on the ground that he is not a Democrat, but has openly affiliated himself with the Republican party.

## Making His Word Good.

According to some of the latest figuring the Boers have killed or captured 4,736 Britons since the racket began, and it hasn't got a good start yet. The British are probably beginning to realize that there was something in President Kruger's declaration before the fighting began, that "England will pay the Transvaal, but she will pay no price that will starve the civilized world."

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### A Steamer Arrives at Norfolk from Liverpool a Week Overdue.

A special to The Post from Norfolk, Va., says: The big Johnstown steamer Noramome arrived here yesterday afternoon right from Liverpool, one of the most tempestuous voyages on record. Capt. Richardson, her commander, reported having an unknown bark founder at sea, her crew of 12 men. The Noramome, which flies the Belgian flag, is of tons register. She sailed from a pool for Norfolk, Dec. 17th, and nearly a week overdue, her agents were anxious about her. The hurricane which swept this coast Saturday struck the Noramome at sea at night. The waves rolled over almost continuously, and would, Capt. Richardson says, have swamped an ordinary ship. Soon after the storm arose the Noramome overhauled a strange bark which was on the point of foundering. Only the stump of one mast still stood, and others having been bent or carried away. Several lights were burning aboard her and 12 men, believed from their gestures to be foreigners, were seen running about the decks, which were awash. A boat's crew, in one of the Noramome's boats was put over the side and the men were rescued immediately. The men, who wore life jackets, were picked up by a second boat, which was, however, compelled to return to the Noramome. While