

Taking the Census.  
There is no branch of the government so accurately reflects the mind of the head as does the census office, says the Washington Post, and seldom has a work of a tenth of its magnitude been undertaken with so little restriction in discretionary power as that devolving upon the superintendent of the census. He is absolutely free in the selection of his assistants, whom he chooses with respect to their qualifications for the duties they are to perform, and his great work ends only when he shall say it is complete, and will involve an expenditure of not more than \$5,000,000, exclusive of the cost of printing, engraving, and binding, whereas the cost of the tenth census was restricted to \$10,000,000. The army of 40,000 employees will be in the field in June, 1900, every member doing exactly the same work as at the same time, the active labor of enumeration being embraced within a few weeks. There is no other country that has ever undertaken so massive a census work, and the United States may easily be placed at the head of the nations of the world in the perfection of its administration of this important function of the government. It is no exaggeration to state that the schedules of inquiries of any one of the fifty subjects of investigation embrace a number of inquiries of the schedules of most other countries, and especially does this comparison hold in the case of Great Britain.

The fact that the census of England is taken in a night has often been the subject of newspaper comment in this country, but when the character of this work is known it will be seen that there is nothing remarkable in the fact that the results are in keeping with the time employed. The census of England involves merely a household schedule that can be answered in an evening by the head of a family and is left at the places of residence by police officers, who are employed to do this work by the British government, and who call for the late the following morning. In this manner the census is, technically speaking, taken in a night. It would be folly to leave the schedules containing all the items of information required by the United States at the homes of the people to be answered, as in hardly one case in ten would even an attempt be made to answer it. Then the police forces of this country could not be relied upon for this work, their maintenance is here borne by the various cities, villages, and counties, whereas in England the general government pays half the expenses of all the police forces and controls them completely.

The house-to-house count of the inhabitants which will be pursued by the 40,000 enumerators on the first Monday of next June will be attended by an inquiry of the age, sex, nativity, race, physical condition, and all the facts relating to the people. For this purpose the country has been distributed into 175 census districts, for each of which there will be appointed a supervisor by the president next spring, whose duty it will be to subdivide his district into what are called enumerators' districts. The salary paid the supervisors will be \$100 per month and in addition thereof \$1 for every 1,000 of the population of thickly settled districts and \$1.40 for sparsely settled districts.

These supervisors cannot be paid less than \$500, their average earnings probably amounting to about \$600, which includes an allowance for clerical services. The enumerators will be paid 2 cents for every inhabitant, 10 cents for each birth and death record, 20 cents for each farm, and 30 cents for establishments of productive industries, and they will be paid in addition 5 cents for every veteran of the late war whose name goes on their lists.

The law permits the superintendent, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, to withdraw certain schedules relating to special matters from enumerators and commit the same to the charge of special agents employed by the superintendent for this purpose. These special agents are paid per diem and will be employed in 1899 as in 1880 collecting statistics of manufactures in all cities with a population exceeding 5,000 inhabitants throughout the country. In this manner the enumerators are relieved of some of the more important schedules of the lists and the vital work of the census facilitated.

Having subdivided his district the supervisor's duty is to nominate suitable persons for enumerators, whose appointment is made by the superintendent. These enumerators are allowed fifteen days in which to complete their work, when it is confined to district towns, and thirty days when it extends into rural districts. The schedules, when they are answered, are returned to the supervisor, who examines them and makes up the count in his district, then forwarding the same to Washington.

In 1880 the first schedules to be returned to this city were from Philadelphia, they being followed by the papers from Brooklyn.

Upon the receipt of these schedules the great work of tabulation begins, separate lists being made of all the branches of information which the census will show, such as race, nativity, etc.

A Good Trick.  
Will Ogden of Fairfield, Neb., performed a remarkable trick last week. He laid a cooked gun on the ground, stood off about fifteen feet from it, threw a common glass ball into the air, turned a handspike, picked up the gun, broke the gun, breaking the ball before it reached the ground.

A Daughter of the Period.  
"Did Mr. Goodson ever speak to you, papa?"  
"Yes; he told me he had asked you to marry him, and you had consented; and then he wanted my permission."  
"And what did you say, papa?"  
"You consented of course."  
"No, I told him if you had said 'yes' that settled it. Anything I might say or do wouldn't make the slightest difference."—Grip.

A New Species.  
Trump—Please, mum, won't you let me have a glass of beer?  
Housekeeper—"You git out or I'll call the dog."

"Have a piece of soap?"  
"Thank you, please, and stay to dinner."—New York Weekly.

The petrels were not to be deterred, but it made many a man in his better days. There have been.

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Cash on hand and in banks 15,000.00  
Real estate 10,000.00  
Furniture and fixtures 5,000.00  
Cash in other banks 5,000.00  
Total \$65,000.00  
Liabilities.  
Capital stock \$50,000.00  
Surplus and undivided profits 10,000.00  
Deposits 5,000.00  
Total \$65,000.00

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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