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### THE TENTH CENSUS-THE OFFICE OF ENUMERATOR.

We have received from Prof. Francis A. Walker, superintendent of the census which is to be taken next year, a circular, some of the provisions of which may be of interest to some of our readers. The circular is entitled, "Notes upon the Office of Enumerator, Under the Census Law," and since its length is too great to admit of its publication, we make a summary of the facts and suggestions therein contained:

The duties of an enumerator of the tenth census, under the act of March 3. 1879, will, in the main, be identical with those of assistant marshals at the three last censuses; but the provisions regarding the time during which the enumeration shall continue, and the size of enumeration districts, are materially 000." different from those which have heretofore obtained. Enumeration districts are not now permitted to exceed 4,000 inhabitants according to the census of 1870, and it is the desire that, except in cities and large towns, the number shall fall far below this. The month of June, only, next year, will be allowed for the enumeration of districts, while in cities of over 10,000 inhabitants the enumeration must be taken within two weeks from the first Monday in June. A certain sum will be allowed for the enumeration of each inhabitant, each death reported, each farm, shop, &c., and the amount paid must not exceed \$4 per day of ten hours east of the 100th meridian, and \$6 per equivalent day west of that meridian. Thus, thirty days being the maximum during which the work may be done, the pay of an enumerator east of the 100th meridian cannot much exceed \$100. Thus, there will be no necessity, as under previous laws, for the enumerator to fit himself up expensively for traveling, and there is nothing in the law inconsistent with the idea of the enumerator devoting a all this? There is no word of truth in a part of every day or night to his ordinary business and his family. Thus, the compensation will be to a great degree net. The advantage to the government of close limitation of districts will be found in the high degree of local knowledge secured. The enumerator knowing, as will presumably be the case, every house and every family of the town of which he is a resident, will be placed almost beyond the danger of Southern Republicans. This presents omissions, which are liable to occur in in a very clear and enviable light those the canvass of larger districts, and will also be above being imposed upon by Southern men who belong to the Republican party. They must either false statements, which to a stranger repudiate this plank of their party might appear plausible enough. It is important that enumerators be platform, or else they must join in "the machine" sneer at their own peopleapt at figures, of active habits and at their neighbors and at those of their free writers. It is remarked that a previous experience of official duties will own flesh and bone. If they refuse to do this they are not in accord with be found of great service to the enutheir party, and their party tolerates no merator. Township assessors and loinsubordination; if they do it, they cal officers, postmasters at small offices, country physicians and school masters place themselves in the same category are suggested as persons likely to make with "the ill bird which befouls its own nest," since they revile their efficient enumerators, from the fact neighbors for inability to pay debts that they are well acquainted with the history and conditions of the people of which they themselves, with their their several districts, and that at least carpet-bag allies and the negroes. two of these classes are accustomed to created. This is just the dilemma in official correspondence and to filling out which the Southern Republican finds forms. Postmasters must, however, in himself, and on either horn of it he every case secure the permission of the must be impaled. Postmaster-General before they can accept the office of enumerator. THE FAILURE OF WAR FIRMS .-With the circular above outlined is James Adger & Co., of Charleston, who printed the text of the act of March 8. ern tirms which the end of the war 1879, relating to the formation of districts, and the appointment, compensafound with whole bones. One after antion, duties of enumerators, &c. The other of these firms, which were unprovisions of this act are here summashaken by the noise of conflict, has gone rized so far as they are not indicated down since, while "heaven was all tranquility," until now there is scarcely one above: There shall be a supervisor of the of them left to tell the tale. This Adcensus of each district, and each enu-merator, before entering upon his duger break is a bad one. Geo. W. Williams was rich at the end of the war. ties, must receive a commission from There is hardly any longer a doubt that him, setting forth the boundaries withhe, too, is insolvent. We make no sugin which he is to work, and the enumergestion of ill-gotten gains because we ator shall also take an oath in manner do not know that any of these gains and wife, and J. F. Cronan. Mrs. Presand form prescribed. The enumerator were gotten by ill means; but the simshall then visit personally each dwell- ple story looks like Providence intend- by the board of health who telegraphed ing house in his district, and each memed that the war should be a leveler, and ber of a family living out of the family, and shall obtain from the head of the maelstrom should survive it for only a family or such outside member every brief period. item of information required by the act providing for the census. If the head It argues well for the newly appointof the family is not competent to aned comptroller-general of Georgia, Mr. swer questions, the information requir-Wm. A. Wright, that he is the brother ed may be sought of the member most of an editor, Hon. H. Gregg Wright, of competent to impart it. The original the Augusta Chronicle and Constituschedules, duly certified, shall be sent to the supervisor of the district. In cases where payment is not made by the have no doubt he is, the honorable disday the enumerator shall receive 2 cents tinction which the family name enfor the name of each living inhabitants, joys would no doubt restrain him from 2 cents for each death reported, 10 cents following in the footsteps of Compfor each farm, 15 cents for each establishment of productive industry. The sweet incense of the journalistic name sub-divisions to which the above rate of pervade and purify even our governcompensation shall apply must be demental affairs. signated by the superintendent of census a month before the time for the Gen. Sherman's Salisbury letter has enumeration to begin. For neglect or refusal to perform the duties required of him an enumerator in the duties required to Hawk-Eye, which is too stalwart ritt 153 and 4 laps, Hart 146 and 1 lap, refusal to perform the outles required ton Hawk-Eye, which is too stalwart

### SOUTHERN AND WESTERN REPU-DIATION.

The close of the war found the Southern States not only impoverished, but owing debts contracted prior to the war. The recreant natives, the carpetbaggers and the negroes came along and not only decreased our power to pay them but added other debts to them. Some of the States have scaled, others and piled up sixteen rattlesnakes, repudiated illegally contracted obligations, and others still, desirous of get- prevalent in parts of Wilkes county. ting in better condition, have postponed making any settlement at all. Hence the cry has lately been raised that the South is not only brutal but dishonest, some of these States having actually repudiated parts of their debts! Indeed! And has the South a monopoly in this business of repudiation? Now

has it? Let us see: "The St. Louis" Post-Dispatch publishes a full account of the bonds repudiated in the States of Kansas and Illinois. It shows Kansas bas repudiated \$5,547,000, and sixteen different counties and nine cities refuse to pay interest on their debt, which aggregates \$3,547,000. Seventeen counties and five cities and towns in Illinois have refused and still refuse to pay in- head City were being established. terest on their debt, aggregating \$8,517,-

The beam in the Northern and Western eye is of no consequence. It is the mote in the Southern eye that most miles. needs looking after.

THE EXODUS IN NORTH CAROLINA.-Elsewhere this morning we print a telegram saying that two colored men from North Carolina are now in Washington City endeavoring to raise means to organize an exodus movement among the colored people of this State. In the Washington Republican of the 22nd we observe an interview of a reporter with these "exodusters." They told the reporter that in this State the negroes are greatly oppressed; the laws are unjustly administered; the negroes are cheated out of all they make; if they buy anything it is of inferior quality and they are obliged to pay double price for it; they are not allowed to own stock; they are made to work the roads while the white people are not, and much more to the same effect. Why undertake to deny it but those who live here know this and many Northern people want to believe it and hence will not be convinced to the contrary. What's the odds, anyhow, so long as Robinson carries New York this fall?

### STATE NEWS.

Thank you, Crowson! Actual receipts of cotton in Goldsboro last week were 1,005 bales. Cotton receipts at Wilmington or Saturday last were 1,061 bales.

Scuppernong grapes as low as cents per bushel in Wilmington. A eitizen of Wilkes recently killed The Index reports diphtheria very The Wilmington Review announces that Capt. R. T. Fulghum has purchased the Greensboro Patriot.

The total amount of the listed real and personal property in the county of New Hanover is \$5,420,001. The total number of school children in Wilmington is 5,861, divided as folows: Whites, 1,896; colored, 3,965.

At is claimed that when Blackwell & o., of Durham, complete the addition they are now making to their tobacco actory, it will be twice as large as any smoking tobacco factory in the world. know what is being done toward open-

ing the North Carolina line, and inquires if it is not about time the contemplated steamer connections at More-A new and good road is being graded

across the mountains from Wilkesboro to Statesville. When completed, the Wilkesboro Index says, it will reduce the distance between these places to 32

Wilkesboro Index: An old Baptist, who once saw Judge John Kerr preside over a State convention of delegates from that Church, remarked to us the other day that Kerr was the only lawver he ever saw about whose Christianity he was thoroughly persuaded.

Wilmington Review: There are now but 20 vessels on their way to this port. Of these 19 are barques. There are in 7,500 teachers. port here but seven vessels in all, over 00 tons burthen, 3 barques, 1 brig and

schooners. The square-riggers are all foreign and the schooners American. The Goldsboro Messenger has just entered upon its sixteenth volume, and was never before so prosperous. It is one of our best and most reliable papers, and we are glad to know that the

industry and enterprise of its excellent editor and proprietor are meeting with the reward which they deserve. Wilmington Star: We learn, through

letter received by Postmaster Brink, of this city, that James B. Young, postmaster, and W. J. Young, deputy postmaster, at Cameron, Moore county, were arrested at that place, on the 17th inst., by Special Agent George B. Chamberin, for robbing or rifling and detaining registered mail.

Goldsboro Messenger: A very sad

### Our Dependence on the Earth.

Ex Gov. Horatio Seymour, addressing the farmers at a fair in Oneida county, N. Y., the other day, said: "I am not much of a farmer, and have little right to stand before you as such, but I brought over here for exhibition some potatoes that certainly exceed my speech. In reference to the depression of the times, let me recall to you an ancient fable: There was once a giant so powerful that he could not be overcome. But he derived his strength from his mother-earth, for no matter how exhausted he might become, he regained his powers the moment that he came into contact with the soil. The way in which he was finally overpowered was by coming into contest with an opponent so strong that he could lift him from the ground and hold him suspended in the air until he strangled to death. Now there is a lesson in this for us. So

long as this people of ours can seek its support from mother-earth, so long it cannot be overcome. There never was a President of the United States who. when he left his office, did not seek the country and retire to his farm. Washington did this, so did Adams and Jefferson. Our greatest statesmen have The Goldsboro Messenger wants to sought for rest, health and peace in retirement to their farms-witness Webster and Clay."

### Disagreements Between the Vatican and the Belgian Clergy.

BRUSSELS, September 23 .- The Norwelles Du Dour states that Mr. Frere Orban, minister of foreign affairs, has gone to Rome to negotiate with the Vatican respecting the attitude of the Belgian clergy. That journal says Cardinal Nina, papal secretary of

State, inclines to moderation, but the Jesuits are pushing matters to extremes. The Belgian bishops have asked the Pope for precise instructions, which the Pope hesitates to give. The threatened refusal of the sacraments by the bishops to the elementary school teachers who retain their posts under the new system, has so far led to the resignation of only 100 out of a total of

### Sale of a Railroad.

April 30-d5m.

SELMA, ALA., Sept. 22 .- The Selma Gulf Railroad was sold under foreclosure to-day. The bidding was spirited. The Mobile and Montgomery Railroad's final bid at \$120,000 was raised \$100 by Charles Williams, of Atlanta, for D. F. Sullivan, president and owner of the Peninsular Railroad, who was declared the purchaser. The citizens of Selma are rejoiced at the prospect of a direct line to the peninsular. The Mobile & Montgomery Railroad did not bid as a company on the road. The syndicate was composed of New York parties.

#### Is It All for the Bloody Shirt ?

WASHINGTON, September 23.-At the instance of the Postmaster General, Chief Special Agent Parker has telegraphed his deputy at Atlanta thus cident occurred in the Contentnea sec- "The case of the shooting of the posttion in Lenoir county, a few days ago. master at Blackville requires immediate attention. The Postmaster Genfive year old girl of Mr. A. G. Coward eral will abolish the office if the postmaster is not safe while performing his duty and is not protected by the authorities. Go yourself if possible.'



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During an unguarded moment a little attempted to throw some cotton into a "SOUTHERN REPUDIATION."-This is gin while it was running at full speed, the new battle-cry which the Northern when her hands came in contact with Stalwarts have raised, and in which the saws, and both were severed from they must of course be joined by the her arms. We understand that the little one suffered intensely until death relieved her of all pains.

### BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Congressman S. S. Cox, of New York, was presented with a fine gold watch and chain, Saturday, by the letter carriers, in appreciation of his successful efforts to get their pay increased.

A dispatch from Winnipeg, Manitoba, gives an account of a duel between Sitting Bull and a Crow warrior, last summer, the latter having given the challenge. Sitting Bull killed the Crow. scalped him, and took possession of his horses.

Edward Meredith, a son of Judge Meredith, of Richmond, Va., committed suicide by shooting himself, at Kansas City, Mo., Saturday. Depression, growing out of financial troubles, and sickness, resulting from a spree, are said to have caused the act.

Intelligence has reached Washington met in convention at Altoona yesterof the death, at Montgomery, Ala., on day and nominated Wm. L. Richardson the 15th inst., of Mr. Phil. D. Savre, one for State Treasurer. of the doorkeepers of the House of Representatives. Mr. Sayre was a very and of bad quality. popular officer. He was connected with failed last week, was one of the South- several prominent families of the South. Court judge, of Pennsylvania, is dead. ....

#### WHAT THE FEVER IS DOING.

No Material Change at Memphis-The Colton Matter-The Fever in

Louisiana. MEMPHIS, Sept. 23.—No new cases reported; one death since last night— Herbert Ellsnor. The weather is clear and warm. Seven new cases: Rev. Father Reelli, Maggie Murray, Bessie Anderson. Seorge Jerome, J. D. Allen, Hariett A. Richer, John Bowles, two last being colored. Three deaths: E. E. Marshall tigde's condition is more favorable. The to Nashville for instructions:

Employ at once the best legal talent to be found in Memphis and resist by all lawful means the application made for an injunction. Send me the name of the attorney you employ. Every process shall be exhausted to protect the ives and health of the people in districts contiguous to Memphis. (Signed) J. D. Plunket, President Board of Health.

Among the contributions received by tionalist. If he were not disposed to the Chamber of Commerce of New be virtuous for virtue's own sake, as we York, and \$539 from citizens of Columbus, Ohio. MORGAN CITY, Sept. 23 .- Thirty cases

of fever and ten deaths to date. Seven cases' and four deaths at Berwick's Bay. Inspectors will investigate retroller Goldsmith. Thus does the ported cases at Labadieville.

Progress of the Great Walk. NEW YORK, Sept. 23 .- Rowell continues to keep a steady lead, varying from ten to fourteen miles. Weston 135 miles and 6 laps, Rowell

### The Belgium Wheat Crop.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 23.—The Bulletin Des Halles reports that the new wheat crop so far is unsatisfactory both in yield and quality, being deficient even | day at in the districts where it was expected to be favorable. In several depart-ments new wheat fetches from three

to four francs per quintal less than old, some of it requiring several month's drying before it can be milled.

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SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A Pleasant Incident in Editorial Life

August 29th, 1879. Office of Bethel Ledger, Bethel, Conn.

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