

THE TENTH CENSUS—THE OFFICE OF

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, 1870, 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 different from those which have heretofore obtained. Enumeration districts are not 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, 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 hours east of the 100th meridian, and \$4 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 exceed \$120. 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 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 omissions, which are liable to occur in the canvass of larger districts, and will also be above being imposed upon by false statements, which to a stranger might appear plausible enough.

It is important that enumerators be men of active habits and free writers. It is remarked that a previous experience of official duties will be found of great service to the enumerator. Township assessors and local officers, postmasters at small offices, country physicians and school masters are suggested as persons likely to make efficient enumerators, from the fact that they are well acquainted with the history and conditions of the people of their several districts, and that at least two of these classes are accustomed to official correspondence and to filling out forms. Postmasters must, however, in every case secure the permission of the Postmaster-General before they can accept the office of enumerator.

With the circular above outlined is printed the text of the act of March 3, 1870, relating to the formation of districts, and the appointment, compensation, duties of enumerators, &c. The provisions of this act are here summarized so far as they are not indicated above:

There shall be a supervisor of the census of each district, and each enumerator, before entering upon his duties, must receive a commission from him, setting forth the boundaries within which he is to work, and the enumerator shall also take an oath in manner and form prescribed. The enumerator shall then visit personally each dwelling house in his district, and each member of a family living out of the family, and shall obtain from the head of the family or each outside member every item of information required by the act providing for the census. If the head of the family is not competent to answer questions, the information required may be sought of the member most competent to impart it. The original schedules, duly certified, shall be sent to the supervisor of the district. In cases where payment is not made by the day the enumerator shall receive 2 cents for the name of each living inhabitant, 2 cents for each death reported, 10 cents for each farm, 15

cents for each establishment of productive industry. The sub-divisions to which the above rate of compensation shall apply must be designated by the superintendent of census a month before the time for the enumeration to begin. For neglect or refusal to perform the duties required of him an enumerator is subject to a fine of \$500, and for a false return may be imprisoned for two years or fined \$5,000, or for perjury be fined \$800 or imprisoned for three years. Superintendents, supervisors, enumerators and other officers of the census may transmit through the postoffice, postage free, any report or document in relation to their then business by writing on the envelop "Official Business—census," but the exercise of this privilege regarding any paper or document upon any other subject will subject the offender to a fine of \$100.

Applications for appointment as supervisor of census must be made to Francis A. Walker, Washington, D. C.; and the appointment of enumerators is vested in the supervisor.—*Charlotte Observer.*

Bank's Babies.

I was detained over Sunday in Barnsbury, and on Sunday morning I resolved to go to church. The first church I came to, a small frame structure with a wooden steeple, had the doors and windows tightly shut, but there was a man sitting on the front steps whittling a stick, and I said to him: "Are you connected with this church?" "Yes," he said, "I'm the sexton."

"What is it closed for?" "Well, mostly on account of Bank's babies."

"Babies?" "Sit down and I'll tell you about it. You know Banks, he come to this town to live a few weeks ago a perfect stranger, and he rented a pew in this church. It seems that Banks had three little bits of babies, triplers, not more'n two months old, and then, besides these, he had twins about a year old. So nobody knew about the babies, but Banks wanted the little darlings baptized, and he allowed to Mrs. Banks to rush the whole five babies into church on one Sunday night excite remark, you understand. So he settled it that he'd have 'em christened gradually, so to speak. Accordingly the next Sunday he fetched little Jimmy, one of the triplers, and all went off well enough. On the following Sunday he came a peradin' up the aisle with George Washington, another tripler and Dr. Binns, our preacher, fixed him up all right. People thought it was queer, but when next Sunday mornin' Banks and his wife come in to church with another baby, William Henry, crying like a Pawnee war-whoop—some of the folks could not help snickerin'."

"Howsomever nobody complained and all might have been well if Banks had not come along the next Sunday with Elijah Hunsiker Banks, one of the twins. Everybody laughed, and Mr. and Mrs. Banks they were furious—mad as anything you know; and when Elijah Husker Banks hauled off accidentally with his hand and hit Dr. Binns, who was holding him during the ceremony, a whack in the face, and the doctor dropped him in the water, the congregation just fairly roared with laughter. Mrs. Banks turned red as fire and looked as if she would like to murder somebody.

Well, you know, we all thought this was the last, and public feeling kinder simmered down on toward the end of the week, when who should come boom'n' up the aisle on Sunday mornin' but Mr. and Mrs. Banks, with Tecumseh Aristotle Banks, the remaining twin! Well, you ought to 've heard the congregation laugh! I never seen nothin' like it in all my experience. Even Dr. Binns had to smile. And the Bankses, they were perfect wild with rage. Anyhow, they baptized Tecumseh; and after meetin' some of the elders got to talkin' about it. One, they'd have to apply to the town supervisors for an extension of the water works; another allowed that arrangements ought to be made to divert Huckleberry Creek and run it down the middle aisle of the church; another made some kind of a joke about business being good because so many banks were in town; another said that Banks would need about twelve pews when his family grew up. Somebody told Banks about it, for what does he do revenge himself? He sends down to Clarion county to his two sisters to come and bring their children. So

they had a couple of babies apiece, and as soon as they arrived Banks he begins to bring them to church gradually, like the others. You never seen such meetings as them! The church was jammed full, and people just roarin'. And when Banks came in on Sunday with the fourth and last of his sister's babies, the trustees thought it was time to interfere. Gettin' to be a fare, you know! So Deacon Smith he stepped up and said somethin' or other to Banks, and Banks, quicker'n a wink, laid down the baby and banged the Deacon with his fist. And so, I dunno how it was, but in a minute there was Banks and Deacon Smith, and Deacon Hubbard, and Banks' sister's baby and me, all a rollin' and a bumpin' and whoopin' in a manner that was ridiculous to behold.

And when we all come to, and got straightened out, Banks picked up the battered baby of his sister and walked out of the church and was quiet, and the trustees held an informal meetin' and agreed to close the church for a month so's to kinder freeze Banks out, and now we've shut up; but I reckon its no use, for I hear Banks has got his back up and I gone over and joined the Baptists."

Caution About Shot in Game.

This being the season when game killed by shooting, and probably containing the pellets, is eaten, it may be worth while to caution those who consume the flesh of birds with avidity that the proportion of instances in which shot is found is probably small in comparison with the number of cases in which the pellets are unwittingly swallowed. It is a matter of speculation how much mischief a shot may do when passed into the intestines, but the fact that anomalous diseases have been set up by the presence of very small bodies which have become entangled in folds of the mucous membrane renders it desirable to put the public on their guard. Occasionally the most disastrous results have followed such small causes.

We have in recollection the case of a physician who died after prolonged and unexplained sufferings, from the impaction of a very small nail which had found its way into a pudding, and was inadvertently swallowed. A little care will avoid this contingency but, remembering that the bird had been shot, some pains ought certainly to be taken to avoid swallowing the missile.—*Lancet.*

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