

CAPITAL GOSSIP.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1895.—Some interesting statistics are now being made public through reports of the Census Bureau which are being given out. One feature of the returns afford a very instructive study of the density of population in the great cities of this country and abroad. Taking the average, Chicago is shown to have only thirteen inhabitants to each acre of ground. People are more crowded in New York, ninety-four of them being packed into each acre. But in Paris there are 162 persons to each acre, and Berlin stands at the head of the list of European cities with 255 individuals per acre. It seems rather curious to learn that New York averages eighteen people for each dwelling, whereas London figures out only eight persons for each house. This is because London is very much spread out, most of the dwellings are small. In Paris, where the houses are mostly big and the people live in flats, the average is twenty-seven for each house, and in Berlin, for like reasons, it is fifty one. No other city in this country has so large a graveyard area as New York, its thirty-nine cemeteries containing at present the remains of about 1,368,672 dead people. The metropolis on Manhattan Island is also the best lighted city, having forty-seven street lamps to each mile of streets. Boston comes next with Providence, R. I., next with thirty lamps. New Haven, Con., has the greatest area of parks in proportion to its size, New York being a close second.

Figures given out by the Census Bureau seem to indicate that the people of Chicago are cleaner than those of New York, inasmuch as the average person in the former city uses ninety-one gallons of water daily, while the consumption in Gotham is only seventy-four gallons per capita daily. Residents of Buffalo, N. Y. must be remarkably cleanly, as each of them expends 196 gallons of water per diem. However, they do not equal in this respect the citizens of Hoboken, N. J., who use 289 gallons apiece every day. The people of Waco, Tex., would appear to be the largest consumers of the same fluid, their daily average being 519 gallons for each individual, but a great part of this is employed for purposes of irrigation. The residents of Fall River, Mass., seem to be exceedingly economical of water, as they utilize only twenty-five gallons daily per capita.

Philadelphia, according to the census returns, ought to be called the city of fountains. It has 646 of them, Baltimore coming next with 187, and Boston third with 74. The water supply of Milwaukee is stated in the census reports

to be largely consumed in the shape of beer. From the same authority it may be presumed that the people of Milwaukee drink more beer per capita than those of any other city, inasmuch as the beer gardens of that place have seating capacity for more than one-half the population. The town which has the greatest number of saloons in proportion to its inhabitants, as reported in the census, is Atlantic City, N. J., it possessing fifteen such resorts for every 1,000 people. Butte City, Mont., which long held the reputation of being a very wicked town, has only thirteen saloons per 1,000. Chicago has more dogs than any other city in this country, licensing 17,000 of them annually at \$2 each.

THE DYING EDITOR.

The owner of a paper lay dying in his lair, and the dew of death had gathered on his brow so calm and fair; but a printer knelt beside him, as his life-blood ebbed away, and asked the dying editor if he had a word to say. The doomed man murmured softly as he grabbed the printer's fist: "Well, at last the struggle's over, and I never will be missed."

"Take a message and a token to that city man of mine, that all his worn-out chestnuts he had better put in brine. There's his joke about the weather, which he used this many years, and the gag about the fellow who is always hunting beers. An the item he's fond of on the man who peddles books, and the chestnut based on people who go fishing in the brooks; just to save the paper's credit, and to cast no slurs on mine, I would ask him as a favor to put such gags in brine. And the lies he's fond of telling of the street cars and the tacks, and the one about the dandy who will never pay for clothes, and the one on women cleaning house—its weary, heaven knows!

"O, I know I'll slumber happy in my grave beneath the vine if the man who does the city work will put these jokes in brine. Tell the man who tends to business not to weep when I am dead, but to buy himself a club and hit the first man on the head who comes in with strings of items and requests them printed free, when the regular rates are cheaper than they really ought to be. Tell the foreman when he makes up not to turn a rule for me, but to simply print an item saying that my soul is free, for I want no eulogistic taffy of that kind in mine, and I think such hoary chestnuts should be pickled well in brine.

"Have that gay and fresh reporter I engaged the other day put a stop to saying 'Salah,' also 'We have come to stay,' and if he should say 'Ye local' you must trample in his gore, for you know I'd never allow it in the happy days of yore. And the man who

comes to tell you how to run the paper well should be greeted with a pewter chestnut bell; and you'll print the paper promptly, be the weather full of storms, and the foreman must be careful when he is making up the forms, that the beauty of the paper may through all ages shine, and not be like its neighbors, only fit to put in brine." —Milwaukee News.

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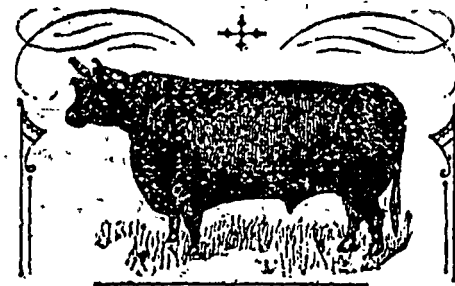
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