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The Jefferson City correspondent of the *Republican* gives the following additional particulars in regard to the census:

The census of the State, which was ordered to be printed, was laid upon the table of members this morning. The returns are all in, with the exception of the counties of Clay, DeKalb and Barton, and foot up 898,033. If we take the population of Clay and DeKalb as it stood in 1852 and allow 3,000 for Barton, a new county, it will make a total of 912,206, divided as follows: free whites 819,593, free blacks 2,652, slaves 89,590. Increase of white population in six years, 224,453, or over 28 per cent., increase of slaves, 1823, or a fraction over two per cent.

Platte county is next to St. Louis in population, having 18,482, and Boone is third in the list, having 17,248.

Lafayette has the greatest number slaves, 6,107; Howard comes next, 5,684; Boone has 4,712. The counties of Lafayette, Howard, Boone, Callaway, Saline, St. Louis, Pike, Jackson, Platte, Marion, and Lincoln, contain an aggregate of 45,937 slaves. Shannon and Gascoade counties show no slaves. The counties of Adair, Atchison, Butler, Dallas, Dunklin, Gentry, Harrison, McDonald, Maries, Mercer, Oregon, Ozark, Pulaski, Putnam, Reynolds, Ripley, Schuyler, Stone, Sullivan, Texas, and Wright, contain an aggregate of 1,000 slaves. The highest on the list is Dallas county, which contains 96, and the lowest, Harrison, which has but eight.

It may be a question whether or not St. Louis, Howard, and Jefferson counties, will not each lose a representative, while Ray will gain one. If the ratio of St. Louis was equal with other counties, she would gain eleven members.

It is said the census is very imperfectly taken. St. Joseph, while it is one of the youngest, is the second city in the State, and has increased with a rapidity beyond parallel in Missouri.

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