

WORKING OUT PLAN FOR TAKING CENSUS

Officials Visit Manufacturing Centers in Search of Information.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Assistant United States Census Director William F. Willoughby and William M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures in the census bureau, have returned from the principal manufacturing cities visited to confer with the leading trade organizations and associations of manufacturers in regard to the form of the schedule to be used in the census of manufactures. The law providing for the 13th census directs that certain statistics in regard to capital, employees, wages, cost of materials, miscellaneous expenses and value of products shall be collected from all manufacturing establishments that were in operation during any portion of the year 1909.

The census of manufactures is to be confined to what is generally known as the "factory system," and excludes the so-called neighborhood, household and hand industries, which were included at the federal census of 1900. The inquiries are similar to those used at prior censuses. They require a description of the business or kind of products, the amount of capital, the number of employees, the amount paid in wages and salaries, the amount of miscellaneous expenses, the cost of material and the value of the products at the factory or mine.

GOOD RETURNS ON GREEN PRUNES SHIPPED EAST

(Eugene Guard.)
J. O. Holt, secretary of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, has received returns on green prunes which the association recently shipped to Chicago and New York, four carloads going to Chicago and two to New York. The prunes sold in those cities all the way from 75 cents to \$1.15 per box of 20 pounds, according to their quality and the condition in which they reached their destination. This nets the growers here from \$18 to \$40 per ton, which is a good figure, considering the low price received for similar fruit shipped from here in years past. Formerly the grower received very little or nothing for his prunes, the profits being eaten up by freight rates, middleman's profits, etc.

SALEM'S CHARTER IS VERY PECULIAR ONE

SALEM, Or., Sept. 29.—Because the charter of the city of Salem makes it unlawful for the city to sell bonds bearing more than 4 per cent interest, the city's credit is in jeopardy. A recent issue of \$65,000, voted August 2, at a special election, for the purpose of retiring an issue that matures Saturday, October, cannot be sold under 5 per cent. Bids were opened at the meeting of the council last night and it was found that none had offered to buy the new bond issue. A committee was appointed to devise ways and means to meet the maturity of the bonds next Saturday. A loan will probably have to be negotiated to meet the payment.

NEW TARIFF BOARD BEGINS ITS WORK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The general tariff board, consisting of President Ewing, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds and Alvin H. Sanders, will continue its meetings this week. The first work of the board this week will be to examine the tariffs of foreign nations. The report must be in the hands of President Taft before March 31, for then the new law will impose a 25 per cent additional tariff on imported goods unless the president issues a proclamation declaring that certain countries, which do not discriminate against the United States, are entitled to the minimum rate.

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FOREIGN INVESTORS ONLY AWAIT LEGISLATION

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—The president's call for further legislation in the regulation of the issue of interstate securities takes on new force when read in connection with the word of Franklin K. Lane of Europe. He declared today that "hundreds of millions of dollars are in England, France, and Germany awaiting investment in American railroad securities as soon as the investors can be assured of absolute federal legislation. "European capitalists," said the commissioner, "would like to see the capitalization of our roads hedged so that a purchaser of stock would be assured of getting what he paid for." The railroads who are the nation's greatest borrowers, should appreciate the strength of this. It would give them a standing similar to that which the pure food law has given our meat exports in the foreign markets. And even if the foreign buyers did not demand it, the Americans themselves, who form the bulk of loaning by investing their savings in bonds, are entitled to this security.

GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO MORE 13 CENT STAMPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—There are to be no more 13-cent stamps and instead the post office department will issue a 12-cent stamp. The former was devised to cover the cost of an 8-cent registry fee and the 5-cent international postage rate. The 15-cent stamp will serve this purpose when the registry fee is increased from eight to ten cents November 1. The proposed 12-cent stamp will then cover the cost of the new 10-cent registry fee and the 2-cent postage stamp rate in the United States and for England and Germany.

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UNCLE SAM WANTS TO KNOW LIFE OF EGGS

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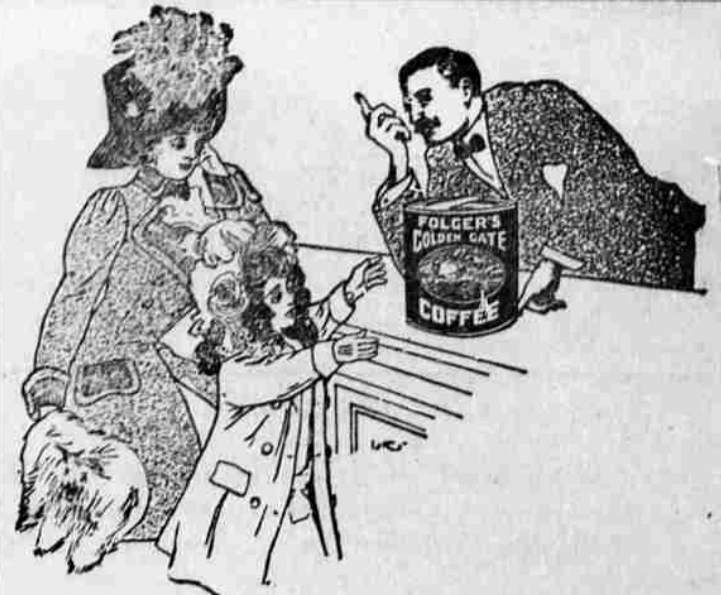
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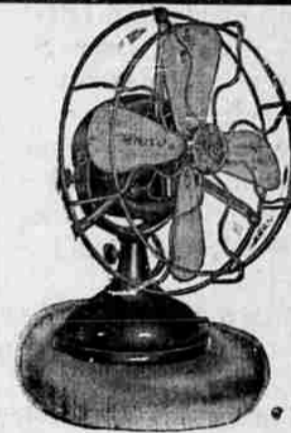


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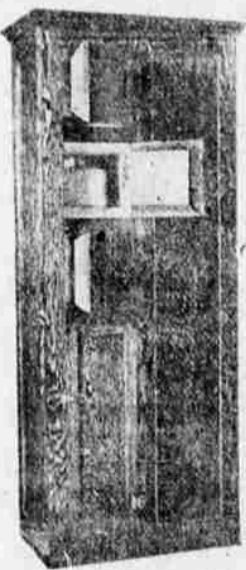
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