

CENSUS OF FACTORIES

WORK COMMENCED IN PORTLAND AND OREGON CITY.

Statistics for the Last Year of the Century the Most Important Ever Collected.

The work of obtaining statistics of manufactures for the 12th census of the United States was begun by the Government in Portland and Oregon City yesterday.

Most Important of All. In referring to the work before this department of the census, Chief Statistician R. N. D. North says:

Anticipating Growth. "The prophecy is had business for statisticians to include in their work as yet discovered enough already, in the preliminary work of the census, to warrant the statement just made.

One Episode. Upon the outbreak of the South African War, the British Government had immediate need for a large number of horse blankets for the use of its cavalry in the distant continent.

Enumerators' Unpleasant Task. "The task of the enumerator and the special agent of the Census Office is not a pleasant one at the best.

Answers Are Compulsory. The law in regard to answering the census agents correctly reads: "And every president, treasurer, secretary, director, agent, or other officer of every corporation, and every establishment of productive industry, whether conducted as a corporate body, limited liability company, or by private individuals, from which answers to any of the schedules, inquiries, or statistical interrogatories provided for by this act are heretofore required, who shall, if he or she is requested by the director, supervisor, enumerator, or other officer, to neglect or refuse to give true and complete answers to any inquiries authorized by this act, or shall willfully give false in-

formation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, but may be added imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year."

BRYAN AT THE TELEPHONE

What the Reporters Heard at the End of Line.

KANSAS CITY, July 8.—(Chicago Tribune special.)—The mail may be quick, the telephone quicker, and the long-distance telephone the quickest of all, but it is the most dangerous in politics, that is, if one has any desire for secrecy, as "even the walls have ears."

The man at this end of the line seemed to be repeating and echoing a sentiment uttered at the other end when he said: "Yes, I would have put you in the worst position occupied by a public man, if I had happened."

Mr. Bryan evidently said "Good, good," for the lieutenant replied, "Yes, it is good."

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AFTER HOLBROOK'S SEAT

RECOUNT PRACTICALLY ORDERED IN NINTH WARD.

Judge Fraser Holds That the Court Must Recognize Contests for Office of Councilman.

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AS A FURNITURE MARKET

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All Manufacturers and Dealers Here Welcome the Establishment of the New Factory.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, July 8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 78; minimum temperature, 54; river reading at 11 A. M., 13.0 feet; change in the past 24 hours, 0.2 feet; total precipitation, 6 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.00; total precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 88.08 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1899, 45.97 inches; dew-point, 72.2 inches; barometer July 8, 12:12; possible sunshine July 8, 15:42.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The barometer has fallen very rapidly over the Pacific Northwest during the last 12 hours, and cloudiness is increasing along the coast.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Oregon—Increasing cloudiness, with probably showers and cooler weather near coast; partly clear.

AMUSEMENTS. FREDERICKSBURG MUSIC HALL—SEVENTH AND ALDER STS. IVANHOE, The Famous Entompeo-rous Slinger.

THE DI BOSCA BROTHERS, The World-Renowned Electrical-Musical Experts. Rajetta and the Famous Entompeo-rous Slinger.

ALISKY'S WINTER GARDEN CAPS. There is no abatement of the tremendous patronage. Fourth of July is over, and still it continues.

NEW TODAY. CARPET SALE. We have four patterns of excellent wearing Brussels carpet, the size of a bed room, which must be closed out today only at 50c yard.