

face of the petition.

SECOND FACT TENDING TO DISCREDIT THE PETITION.

The ages of 53 of the male petitioners, and 228 of the female petitioners, making 278 in all, have been fraudulently changed from a lower to a higher figure.

The object of these changes is manifestly to try and make the face of the petition comply with the statement contained therein that the minors are over 14; and second, to give an appearance of greater responsibility and weight to the petition than it would have if so many young children appeared to be signers.

The page of the petition and number of each male signature which has been fraudulently changed, is given in Table 2, hereto attached.

The page of the petition and number of each female signature, the age opposite which has been fraudulently changed, is given in Table 3, hereto attached.

There are a great number of other ages which appear to have been tampered with, but only those ~~are~~ enumerated above which have plainly been fraudulently changed.

THIRD FACT TENDING TO DISCREDIT THE PETITION.

The signatures of over 1400, <sup>or nearly</sup>  $\frac{1}{10}$  percent of the adult petitioners, are not original, but FORGERIES.

There are an immense number of other signatures that appear to be forgeries, but only those plainly appearing to be so are