

## A Question and Answer Page for Foreign-Born

Questions on Americanization, Naturalization, Citizenship, Civil Rights and all matters of importance in regard to the necessary adjustments for foreign-born who have come here for the purpose of remaining permanently, will be answered promptly and as fully as possible, By Judge J. A. Buchanan, President Astoria Americanization Council in Astoria, and by H. J. Langoe, Editor The United American. Anyone asking a question may request that it be published under such pseudonym as he desires but the questioner must in all instances sign his correct name and address to the letter that accompanies the question. Anonymous questions will not be published or answered in this forum. People who are living in Astoria and vicinity may address their questions directly to Judge Buchanan.

Q.—Can an alien obtain a divorce in Oregon? —Etta B.

A.—Yes, provided that he or she has lived in the state for the period provided by statute. See the divorce laws of Oregon. —H.J.L.

Q.—Can I attend any night school in Portland or must I attend the one nearest where I live? —Fenny P.

A.—Attend any school you prefer, but it would naturally be more convenient to attend the school nearest to your home. —H.J.L.

Q.—Can I join an American lodge though I am not naturalized? —Joe D.

A.—Yes, unless prejudiced members of the organization should vote against you. It would be much better if the aliens were absorbed in American lodges than for them to organize lodges of their own of a foreign pattern. —H.J.L.

Q.—I am not naturalized, but living in a remote mountain section in Oregon. I have been hunting and fishing for several years in the vicinity of my home.

I have no special license and I have been told that an alien cannot hunt in Oregon. Is there any truth in it? —Pete R.

A.—You have been fortunate not to encounter the Game Warden, or your hunting in the woods and fishing in the streams of Oregon might have cost you a nice little fine for being without a license. Besides your fishing and hunting license you must obtain a special alien license which you may obtain for a nominal sum from the Oregon Game Commission's office. Don't go hunting again without a license. It will cost you a few dollars but breaking the law will eventually cost you more. —H.J.L.

Q.—Can an I.W.W. become a citizen of the United States, if of foreign birth? I know a man who was recently naturalized whose membership card in that organization I saw only a short while before he was admitted to citizenship? —Christ S.

A.—No doubt that there are many aliens with active membership in communistic and revolutionary organizations in America and abroad who have become naturalized as citizens of America, and many of them are expecting to be, if Uncle Sam continues to sleep at the switch. By refusing to appropriate money enough for the naturalization service, enabling careful investigation and check on the applicants for citizenship in every community, Congress is primarily responsible for the fact that we have I.W.W.s, bolsheviks, communists, anarchists, nihilists, polygamists, and vice-parasites of all descriptions entering the portals of citizenship without any possible chance of preventing their entry, as these vermin always deny their affiliation and belief. What's going to become of our country is a question, if we don't begin checking against our enemies within. Their voting army is increasing all the time. Congress has all kinds of money for every other purpose, but seemingly none for adult educational and Americanization purposes and very little for the naturalization service which has gone begging for a number of years for sufficient money to make the service of some use for the protection of the country and deliver it from its present predicament of being the joke that it is with an abundance of mediocre men in the service, who are running to the extreme in one direction or another. When Congress learns to see this thing right there will be sufficient money in the Naturalization service to induce a higher class of men to enter. A practical system of investigation will then make it possible to keep out the moral lepers and cut-throats and make

the path less cumbersome for those whose life and convictions are in accord with the principles upon which America has been built. —H.J.L.

Q.—Can an alien take a contract for roadbuilding in Oregon if his bid is accepted? —Jack L.

A.—Yes. —H.J.L.

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