COMPILE YOUR LIFE HISTORY FOR UNCLE NOW

Are you married or single? Can you read and write? What nationality is your mother and father? Where were you born and when. How much schooling have you had? What is your line of work? How long have you lived in this country? When did you take out your last citizenship papers?

You'll be asked these, and numerous other questions after January 2 1919. Better be prepared to answer them, and do it politely. If you don't Uncle Sam will impose a penalty. And that penalty is $100. You've got lots of time to study the questions so you don't need to worry about raising Uncle Sam' ire on that score.

Work of compiling the official United States census for 1920 begins January 2. On and after this date an enumerator will come to your door, with a big sheet, which he will fill in as you answer the above questions. The information he receives from you will be treated as confidential. It is only for the government's reference, and will incur no obligations from you other than co-operating with the solicitor in getting the information.

Preliminary work of carrying on the compilation of the census here is now being planned. H R. Crawford, supervisor for the first district, postoffice building, is now receiving applications of persons who wish to work as enumerators in the first district. As an inducement for persons to act as enumerator Mr. Crawford said that they can earn from $4 to $6 a day during the period of census taking, which in cities of 2500 or more, will last two weeks; and in outlaying districts will last a month.

Already many persons have applied in Salem for the position of enumerator. But there is still a need of persons to take the position in outlaying districts. When the complete corps of enumerators is oragnized there will be about 600 in the first district, which comprises the counties of Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia Coos, Curry, Douglas Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill.

Enumerators will be required to take a brief civil service examination, to be held in the county seat of each county, the last week in October. The examination will be, briefly, a short course in census taking. Qualifications for this position are not very strict. All persons wishing to take the examination should write Mr. Crawford before October 15.

In taking the census farmers will, in addition to the other fuestions be asked to give an account of their productions and sales during the last year. This is asked to give the government a general idea of business conditions in the United States.

House Committee Urges Sweeping Budget Change

Washington, Oct. 9—Sweeping changes in the governmental system of appropriations were recommended to the house by the special committee appointed to investigate the practicability of a national budget.

The committee recommended:

First—That a bureau of the budget be established by the president to have supervision of all requests for appropriations and to cut everything to the lowest possible minimum.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

Portland, Or., Oct. 9.—More than 3000 employes of the Standifer Construction company at Vancouver, Wash returned to work at 8 o'clock this morning.

The decision of the steel and wood shipbuilders to resume operations was made at a mass meeting of practically all the men at the Standifer yards yesterday afternoon accompanied by rousing cheers and the throwing of hats into the air.

Scratch as Cats Can—Two cats were about to have a duel.

"Let us have an understanding before we begin," said one.

"About what?" asked the other.

"Is it to be a duel to the death, or shall we make it the best three lives out of five?"—Boys' Life.

TORNADO KILLS TWO

Hoisington, Kan. Oct. 9.—Two persons were killed and a score injured in a tornado which struck this city late yesterday. Property damage today was estimated at $250,000. About fifty residences were wrecked and an entire block of business houses blown down.

Mrs. G. H. Cravens and an infant daughter were killed when their home was blown down.

INCORPORATIONS.

The Hermens Steam Motor company of Portland, capitalized at $250,000, filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department, Wednesday. The incorporators are John Hermens, Martin F. Moran and David E. Griffin and Herry E. Wheeler.

Articles were also filed by the following companies:

Burns Machine Works, Inc., Pendleton $25,000; W. J. Burns, Ina Burns and H. J. Warner.

Pacific Development company, Astoria; $350; Jacob Kesti, John Saarinen, Thomas Drift, Abram Pekkala, Atto Wiss, Mary Hihnala, Matti Peltonen, Katri Saarinen, J. W. Konttas and K. Bellman.

Articles of incorporation were filed with Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, this morning by the Farmers and Stock Growers bank of Vale. The institution is to be capitalized at $50,000 with the following incorporators: M. G. Hope, I. W. Hope and S. Humphrey. There are already two national banks at Vale.

CONTRACTS FOR 124 MILES OF ROAD LET

Contracts for 123.91 miles of road work at an estimated cost of $1 375,320 were awarded by the state highway commission in session in Portland Wednesday and Thursday.

Contracts let for bridge work aggregates an expenditure of $79,526 in the state.

Decision to enforce maintenance by the counties of the highways within their boundaries also was decided. Other business concluded was plans to erect a cement pipe making plant; to readvertise for 50.31 miles of road work in Klamath county; and the placing of work on the Mount Hood loop in the hands of Multnomah county.

The commission was informed that the bithulithic basic patent expires May 20 1920. A proposition, offered by the Warren Construction company, for patent paving was considered, but no action taken.

Contracts awarded yesterday were:

Baker county—Baker-Cornucopia high way, 7.9 miles gravel surfacing. Bids rejected. State will handle job on force account.

Coos-Douglas counties—Camas Valley-Remote section, 14.2 miles grading, John Hampshire, $350,092.72 for both units.

Lake county—Lakeview-New Pine creek, 1.8 miles, grading and gravel, Lake county court, $13,867.

Marion county—Borden hill to Wain hill, 1.2 miles, gravel, Pacific highway, Marion county court at cost, estimated at $5200.

Morrow county—Oregon and Washington highway, Heppner to Gilliam county line, 35 miles, grades, Oskar Huber, $146,493.50.

Wasco county—Columbia highway, Mosier-Rowena section, 9 miles, grading and 50 foot tunnel, Johnson Contracting company, $223,627.50.

Wasco county—Columbia highway, Rowena-The Dalles section, 7.76 miles, grading, A. D. Kern, $76,425.

Wheeler and Grant counties—John Day highway, unit No. 2, Scarvice creek to Valades ranch, 12.5 miles, grading, James F. Clarkson, $126,934.60; unit No. 3, 12 miles, J. F. Carlkson, $115,536.60; unit No. 4, 11.45 miles, A. W. Kern, $154,561.26.

Bridge awards were:

Gilliam county—Overhead crossing at Heppner Junction, Reese& Davis, $12,725; bridge on Willow creek, Reese & Davis, $21,515.

Jackson county—Overhead crossing at Tolo. Albert Anderson, $14,576.

Morrow county—Overhead crossing at Messner, Reese & Davis, $13,240.

Polk and Yamhill counties—Holmes Gap-Amity section, west side highway commission will build on force account. Estimated at $17,470.

Clackamas county bridge, one over Sucker creek and one over Tyron creek, were referred to the Clackamas county court. Pacific Bridge company was low bidder on the first at $48,906.25 and E. D. Olds on the latter at $7224.

Making time—"What was he pinched for?"

His father let him use the auto for an hour."

"Well"

"He tried to ride an hour in fifteen minutes."—Houston Post.

Public Service Board Sets Dates Of Hearings

Cases have been set for hearing by the public service commission as follows:

October 10—Portland, hearing on application of city for extension of St. Johns line of P. R. L. & P. to new municipal docks.

October 14—Gearhart, on application for county road crossing over S. P. & S.

October 16 — Philomath, telephone rates.

October 17—Kings Valley, on application for more adequte fencing of Valley &Siletz railroad.

October 20—The Dalles, Great Southern railway, cattleguards.

October 21—Prineville, Pilot Butte telephone service.

Multnomah County Likely To Protest State's Claim

Multnomah county will give the state of Oregon a reply to its demand for $52,701 claimed to be due from tolls collected in the operation of the interstate bridge, as soon as an audit of the account is completed, according to a letter received by the secretary of state's office today from Rufus C. Holman of the Multnomah county commissioners. In his letter Holman intimates that the county may protest the payment of the state's claim.

Thompson's Resignation Is Received By Governor

W. L. Thompson's formal resignation as a member of the state highway commission from the eastern Oregon district was received by Governor Olcott this morning. The resignation is effective as of October 15 when the appointment of J. N. Burgess of Pendleton, announced some time ago, will become effective.

Difficult — A certain judge, after passing sentence, always gave advice to prisoners. Having before him a man found guilty of stealing, he started thus:

"If you want to succeed in this world you must keep straight. Now, do you understand?"

"Well, not quite," said the prisoner; "but if your lordship will tell me how a man is to keep straight when he is trying to make both ends meet, I might."—London Tit-bits.

Mystery Surrounds Story Of 'His Majesty, The American'

Manager of Oregon Theatre Which Will Show New Fairbanks' Film Will Not Divulge Plot of Picture.

"It's too good to give away," said Manager Kupper of the Oregon Theatre when he was asked to tell the story of Douglas Fairbanks' forthcoming production, "His Majesty, the American."

"Now, I am not going to spoil the anticipation of my patrons by telling the story of Douglas Fairbanks' new film, 'His Majesty, the American' in advance. But I will say this: Fairbanks has spent more money on this picture than he has ever spent before, because he has made it for release direct to the theatres of the country by the United Artists—the 'Big Four'—which is made up of Mary Pickford Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and D. W. Griffith.

"The story of 'His Majesty, the American' is a knockout. It gives 'Doug' a chance to do a lot of entirely new tricks and I don't hesitate to say that the picture is far and away the biggest production that he has ever turned out.

"I'll let this much of the secret out. 'Doug' plays the part of a young American who simply can't keep out of trouble. He takes a hand in all sorts of situations which lead him all over the world. We find him first in New York where he tries to show the fire department how it should be run. We find him helping the police raid the den of a king of the underworld. We find him later in Mexico showing the bandits what they don't know about their business and then we find him butting in on the affairs of a little principality in Europe. It is the jolliest mix-up you have ever seen in your life.

"An idea of the enormity of the production can be gathered from the fact that Mr. Fairbanks spent $40,000 for the erection of one 'set' alone. This is an entire section of a little French town and was built complete to the last detail, from palace to hovel, from city hall to railroad station. Every building was erected as permanently as if it were designed as the living quarters of the inhabitants of the town. Even the streets were paved and the realism of the buildings was so convincing that hundreds of swallows built their peculiar nests of mud in the copings and cornices.

"Another city of an entirely different character was built in the hills surrounding the Douglas Fairbanks Studios. Here the action demanded a Mexican village and a Mexican village Doug built.

"Still another episode demanded a New York tenement street and Doug built it.

"In addition to these and many more, a complete European railway line was built, 1500 feet long and of the standard continental design, the carriages being the exact duplicate of the type in use in France.

"Supporting Mr. Fairbanks in this production are Marjory Daw, Frank Campeau, Lillian Langdon, Albert McQuarrie and Sam Sothern, famous New York and London actor and brother of E. H. Sothern, whomake s his first screen appearance in this picture.

"I do not want to say anything more at this time except that we have got a genuine treat for our audiences when we shom them 'His Majesty, the American.'"

LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS

New York, Oct. 9.—Liberty bonds quotations: 3½'s, 100.06; first 4's, 95.20 second 4's, 94.16; first 4¼'s, blank; second 4¼'s, 94.24; third 4¼'s, 95.82; fourth 4¼'s, 94.14; victory 3¾'s, 99.88; 4¾'s, 99.82.

Isaac Newton Hughes, aged 65, an old resident of Albany, fell dead last Saturday while visiting at Yakima, Wash.