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## CENSUS TAKEN GO TO WORK ON JANUARY 2

SEVEN ENUMERATORS FOR BOX BUTTE COUNTY.

Questions Must Be Answered and Uncle Sam Is Counting On Help of Every Loyal Citizen.

On the second day of the new year the work of taking the 1920 census will be begun. The different counties are divided into enumeration districts and one enumerator has been assigned to each. A community in Box Butte county will have eight districts, which will be covered by seven enumerators, all of whom have been appointed. The following are the enumerators who will have charge of the work in this county:

Mrs. Ida Fernald, Mrs. Mary Weise, Wilbur F. Patterson, Jr., J. J. Vance, Joseph Jalenik, Joseph W. Kennedy and William J. Johnston.

The enumeration of the population during a census of the United States always presents numerous difficulties, among them the apprehension on the part of the people, particularly those of foreign birth or extraction, that their answers to the enumerators' questions will cause increased taxation, legal entanglements or other complications injurious to their welfare. In order to quiet such fears and at the same time acquaint all persons with the main questions included in the census schedules this statement has been prepared.

It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that clergymen, editors, school teachers, employers, agricultural agents and other public spirited citizens who come in contact with large numbers of people will grasp every opportunity to correct any erroneous impressions about the census which they may hear. It is no less earnestly hoped that all public spirited citizens will aid the government in the gigantic task of taking the 1920 census by impressing people with the great importance of the coming census and urging them to prepare for the coming of the census enumerators, so that correct and complete answers may be given.

The census is required every ten years by the constitution of the United States and by act of congress. The date of beginning the 1920 census is January 2, but the "census day" is January 1.

In cities the population enumeration will be completed in two weeks. The enumeration of farms will be completed in thirty days.

The census of manufactures, mines and quarries, oil and gas wells, and forestry and forest products will, as a rule, be taken by special agents and by correspondence and not by enumerators.

The census is the means by which the government ascertains the increase in the population, the statistics concerning agriculture and the vital information as to the resources of the nation.

The census inquiries are defined by act of congress.

The information gathered is strictly confidential, made so by act of congress.

Census information can not under any circumstances be used as a basis for taxation, nor can it be used to harm any person or his property.

It has nothing whatever to do with detection, arrest, prosecution or punishment of any person for violation of any law.

Questions Asked of All Persons

1. Age at last birthday.
2. Each person ten years of age and over will be asked whether he is able to read or write.
3. Each person will be asked his birthplace as well as the birthplace of father and mother.
4. If foreign born the date of coming to the United States will be asked, and, if naturalized, the date of becoming a citizen; also mother tongue or native language.
5. Each head of a family will be asked whether his home is owned by him or rented. If owned, whether the home is mortgaged or free of debt.
6. Each person will be asked his occupation and whether he is an employer or employee or is working on his own account.

The answers to the above questions give valuable and vital information to the government concerning the health, welfare and progress of the persons under its protection.

Questions Asked of Farmers

1. Each occupant of a farm will be asked how many years, if any, he

worked on a farm for wages; how many years, if any, he was a tenant; and how many years, if any, he owned as an owner.

Whether he (a) owns, or (b) rents, or (c) partly owns and partly rents his farm, or whether (d) he operates the farm for others as a manager or superintendent.

3. How many acres in his farm? Number of improved acres? Number of unimproved acres and number of acres of woodland?

4. Total value of farm? Total value of buildings? Value of implements and machinery on farm?

5. Whether farm is mortgaged? If so, the amount of mortgage?

6. Expenses for feed, fertilizer, and labor in the year 1919?

7. Several questions concerning artificial drainage of his farm.

8. Number of cows, horses, sheep, chickens, and other domestic animals on the farm January 1, 1920?

9. Quantity and acreage of all crops grown on farm in 1919, including fruits and vegetables.

10. Quantity of milk and butter sold off the farm during the year 1919?

11. Acreage of timber land on farm and value of forest products.

Correct answers to the above questions are of the utmost importance. The United States department of agriculture assisted the census bureau in preparing the questions on the agriculture schedule and appeals to farmers everywhere to keep farm records for census purposes.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET TONIGHT

Approval of State Constitution and Formation of Ladies' Auxiliary to Be Discussed

Alliance post No. 7, American Legion, will meet this evening in the city hall, in special session, and the men who turn out will find a big stack of unfinished business waiting to be transacted. First and foremost is the consideration of the new state constitution, which will be discussed and voted on section by section. The vote on this must be in shortly after the first of the year, and local officers are hoping that there will be a big attendance. All of the members have been notified, and the newspapers have been asked to call their attention to it again.

Among other matters that will come up is the question of the formation of a ladies' auxiliary. This has been in the minds of the league for some months, but has been delayed. The local post is expected to push the matter, as a number of nearby cities have done. State Commander Earl Cline has sent out the following letter on the subject:

"While the definite rules have not as yet been worked out, arrangements have been completed in Nebraska so that these auxiliaries can receive a temporary charter, which will later be replaced by a permanent one. For the time being the organization of such auxiliaries will not be extended beyond the local post of the legion.

"Anyone desiring to organize an auxiliary should obtain blanks from our state headquarters at Lincoln. These, after properly filled out by at least fifteen women, first, must be approved by the post to which it is to be attached, and secondly, by the state commander. The temporary charters will be issued on a basis of a temporary constitution adopted from the present constitution and post organization of the American Legion, membership in this auxiliary will be limited to mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members of the Legion, and mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of men and women who were in the military or naval service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1920."

—Merritt Chaffee, who has been in the employ of the Newberry Hardware company, has accepted a position with the A. H. Jones company and will go on the road as auto and truck salesman beginning January 1. His territory will be north and east of Alliance. Mr. Chaffee is an ex-soldier with a mighty pleasing personality and will undoubtedly make good from the start. He makes the third salesman on the road from the Alliance offices of the company.

—Cal Cox has handed in his resignation as a member of the city's police department, and the place has not been filled. With the resignation of Chief Oscar Reed, this means that the city will have but one cop on duty after January 1 unless the vacancy is filled within the next two days.

## STORES TO CLOSE NEW YEAR'S DAY

To Celebrate the Arrival of 1920 by Taking a Day—City Hall Also Will Be Closed That Day

Indications are that practically all of the Alliance stores will be closed on New Year's day. The big dry goods concerns, clothing dealers and groceries have signified their intention of taking a day off to celebrate the arrival of 1920—the banks will be closed—and the chances are that those who come to Alliance on that day will find few opportunities to do much trading. Plans are to remain closed the entire day.

No offices in the city hall will be open for business on the first day of the New Year. The city officials have had their hands full getting caught up with the work that the fuel distribution delayed, and they will take advantage of the first opportunity they have had for a holiday in some time. During the rush days when the city was in the coal business, they not only worked holidays but Sundays, and they feel that they have earned a rest.

## BRAKEMAN INJURED IN LOCAL YARDS

W. H. Wilson, a brakeman in the employ of the Burlington, suffered what for a time were believed to be fatal injuries when his head struck the beams on the viaduct about 4 a. m. Sunday. Wilson, who was riding in the caboose of a freight train, stuck his head outside the window and was looking back for signals, when the accident occurred.

He was taken from the car, an ambulance called and he was rushed to the hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Bellwood. He did not regain consciousness until Tuesday morning, when Dr. Bellwood said that he had a chance for recovery.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

The last wheelbarrow load of cement was poured into the first floor frames of the new Lowry & Henry garage on Monday morning, and for the balance of the day the workmen were engaged in spreading sand over the newly finished cement and in hauling lumber and constructing support for the frames for the supports for the next floor. The big engine that has been on the job furnishing steam to heat the sand and also prevent the cement freezing has been removed.

Today the walk at the front of the lot will be opened up for the first time in months. The work of construction will proceed rapidly as long as the weather permits, the supervising architect says.

Shortly after spring officially arrives, it is said, work will be started on another garage of similar dimensions, but a full story higher, which will be occupied by another automobile concern of the city.

## "AUCTION OF SOULS" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

"Auction of Souls" was accorded an enthusiastic reception at the Imperial yesterday, and will be shown again this afternoon and evening. A box for contributions for Armenian relief has been placed in the Imperial lobby, in charge of the ministerial association. The royalty from the picture also goes to Armenian relief.

Rev. A. J. Kearns, secretary of the local Armenian-Syrian relief committee, has made the following statement concerning Box Butte county's quota:

There has been no drive for Armenian-Syrian relief in Box Butte county this year. It was postponed last January to June and finally was not taken. The year before (1918) Box Butte county raised over \$3,000 and oversubscribed her quota \$566.72. The state committee has given us credit for that amount. This year's quota, \$2,216 less \$566.72, leaves approximately \$1,650 yet to be raised if Box Butte county will do its part to care for these starving people.

The motion picture film, "The Auction of Souls," was announced to county committees in Nebraska last May and was produced originally

## CHURCHES JOIN IN A WATCH NIGHT

Will Watch the Old Year Out and the New Year in the Presbyterian Church Tonight

All the churches of the city will unite in watch-night services at the Presbyterian church tonight. A program will be given under the auspices of the women's missionary societies of the various denominations, and there will be enough happening to make the hours of waiting pleasant and enjoyable.

The union watch-night services are due to two things, this is the opening gun, so to speak, in the inter-church world movement, and the watch-night prayer used will be one that will be said all over the country the night the year 1919 comes to an end. In the second place, the women's missionary societies of the city have been holding union meetings during the months which contain five Wednesdays, and this is the month and the Presbyterian church was the appointed place, the women holding their program in the evening instead of in the afternoon as usual. Refreshments will be served.

The following program, to which every person in the city will be made welcome, has been arranged:

Address of welcome, Mrs. W. E. Spencer.  
Response, Mrs. J. Orrin Gould.  
Solo, Mrs. Hershman.  
Reading, Eva Beal.  
The Missionary Box, senior girls of Presbyterian church.  
Instrumental solo, Norman McCorkle.  
Reading, Evangeline Acheson.  
Piano, Mrs. Dunning.  
Reading, Dixie McManis.  
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fuller.  
Selection, male quartet.  
Reading, Aseneth Shell.  
Devotionals, led by ministers of the churches, with watch-night prayer heard around the world.

## ONE LAST TRY FOR VISIT FROM PERSHING

Secretary Rufus Jones is not a man to give up easily. He has been sending out letters by the bale in an effort to get various people to press Alliance's invitation to General Pershing to stop off and get acquainted with the city on his way to Cheyenne. Congressman Kincaid has done his level best, and may have had the best of success, but no acceptance has found its way to Alliance.

According to Lincoln papers, General Pershing will spend several days more in Lincoln, and will then strike out for Ogden, Utah, by way of Cheyenne. The route as mapped out does not pass through Alliance, but it will require very little change to make it do so.

The secretary has made one final try, this time sending the invitation through Mark Woods, who is not only chairman of the national "Pershing-for-president" committee but a personal friend of the general's, and Mr. Woods has forwarded a cheering reply, stating that he will personally guarantee that the invitation is placed in the general's hands.

under the title "Ravished Armenia." It is handled entirely on a commercial basis, but certain royalties to Miss Aurora Mardiganian go to Armenian relief through the New York office. Beyond this the management of the theater and of the film have invited the committee to place a box at the door to receive donations to Armenian and Syrian relief. Every dollar of your gifts goes to the credit of Box Butte county's quota.

If the county quota is to be raised Alliance ought to give \$800. "Auction of Souls" is a great historical drama and will portray graphically to future generations the barbarisms of the Turks in the great war. It represents the greatest tragedy of the ages, more terrible than the deportation and captivity of the Jews in Babylon in ancient times. See "Auction of Souls" and then realizing the untold agonies these people have suffered and that there are thousands of them yet on the verge of starvation, let us make a great Christmas gift for the healing of this nation. Monday's gifts netted \$143.05 for the cause.

A. J. KEARNS,  
Sec'y Armenian-Syrian Relief Committee of Box Butte County.

## WAR IS DECLARED IN COURT HOUSE

Janitor Corp over at the county court house has been tackling a ticklish job this week. Somewhere, somehow—mice have appeared in the building, and the result has been that every now and then visitors to the building would see some senographer up on one of the tables yelling at the full capacity of her lungs. Four ordinary traps—and a supply of choice cheese for bait—altogether with a policy of watchful waiting, has turned the trick. War was officially declared last Saturday, and the engagement continued fiercely all day. Monday not a single one of the enemy appeared or made his presence known by scratching on the doors. Eighteen victims responded to the bait left in the traps, and four others were freed—and the janitor is in hopes that the total of twenty-two represents the entire mouse population of the county's building. The janitor tells of chasing one mouse into an empty room and then shutting the door. He chased the festive animal for at least ten minutes, when it suddenly dropped off the face of the earth. There was no opening in the room—even the windows were closed—the doors fitted so snugly that there was no opportunity for escape there. But no mouse was to be seen. He looked about for a few minutes and was about to concede that the little cuss had vanished into thin air—when he caught a gleam of two black eyes from the steam radiator. There was his mouse, perched up in between the dinkybobs, (note to op: if you can think of the right word for this part of a radiator, you are at liberty to insert it—note to ed: was never taught to take liberties; "dinkybobs" goes)—and that mouse was grinning at the discomfiture of his pursuer. That bright grin was his last, for he was rapped on the nose within four seconds by a heavy piece of balling wire, and another notch was carved in the broom handle. Court house folks have a hunch that all these mice came from an agricultural exhibit that was brought back from Lincoln and stored in the building. It was a pleasant mouse paradise while it lasted, there being all sorts of grains—millet, wheat, corn, rye and even clover and beet seed—all prize winning stuff.

There is no question that Box Butte county land will raise successfully almost any kind of a crop that can be grown in the state. The prizes that our agricultural displays have repeatedly won furnish all the proof that can be desired. More and more farmers are coming here. The more men with scientific training, the better will be the results secured.

There is a marked difference in the attitude of farmers in the western part of the state toward county agents and scientific farming as compared with agriculturists in the more thickly settled portions. Eastern Nebraska farmers are slow to accept the services of the scientific farmer. Out here men are quick to see the advantages and not at all slow in adopting recommendations. Mr. Newberry offer is a fine thing, not only for the boys who will win the competition, but for the county as a whole.

## PRODUCE COMPANY SLEKS A LOCATION

J. L. Clayton, representing the Hastings produce company of Hastings, was in town this morning looking up a location for a branch distributing point for his company. The company has in view two points—Sterling and Alliance, with things pretty much in favor of Alliance with the exception of that everlasting housing question. This is one more point that should emphasize in a very practical way our urgent need of adequate housing facilities not only for home people, but for new businesses coming our way. Alliance must awake to this important feature and provide these necessary things if we expect to get new industries here. Mr. Clayton figured that the country surrounding Alliance would be ideal for their business and talked pretty strongly of locating here if they could only find even temporary quarters.

Ever notice what a hit a good listener makes with the women folk?

## CHANCE FOR BOYS TO ATTEND THE SHORT COURSE

C. A. NEWBERRY MAKES A LIBERAL OFFER

Will Pay the Expenses of One Boy From Each Precinct to Attend Sessions for Four Weeks

One boy from each precinct in Box Butte county will be sent to the short course in agriculture, to be given at Lincoln beginning January 26 and continuing four weeks. C. A. Newberry, president of the Newberry Hardware company of this city, will bear the expense.

Mr. Newberry's offer is made in order to encourage scientific farming in Box Butte county. This is not the first time that he has gone to considerable expense in order to show his interest in agriculture. Seven or eight years ago, before county agents had been thought of, Mr. Newberry brought Professor Hunt of the state university school of agriculture here and kept him here for a year, in order that the farmers of the county might have the benefit of his experience and advice. The present plan will have an even greater effect on the future of farming in the county.

All boys making application must be between eighteen and twenty-one years of age, and must have completed the eighth grade. Each applicant must fill in the questionnaire and application blank, and selection will be made by a committee consisting of County Superintendent Opal Russell, ex-County Agent George Neuwanger and W. E. Spencer, manager of the Alliance creamery. In deciding what boy shall go from each precinct, the committee will take into consideration successful farming experience and general scholarship.

Boys interested will find the application printed on another page of this issue. Get your application in early.

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## RUFUS' BOOKS ARE WORTH LOOKING AT

The editor of The Herald happened to drop into the office of Rufus Jones, secretary of the Community club, a day or two ago at a moment when Mr. Jones was at work on the books of the organization, and, becoming interested, devoted half an hour to an examination of them. We are now prepared to state that, although the secretary probably does not pose as an expert accountant, there is not a prettier set of books in Alliance.

The disbursement book in particular is a marvel of neatness and exactness. It shows in minute detail where every penny of the Community club's money has gone to since Mr. Jones assumed the secretaryship last April, each expenditure being charged to a separate department of the club's work. At any moment the secretary is prepared to render an offhand report of the organization's financial status, and his system is so simplified that a child may readily grasp it, at least we had no difficulty, and there are those who insinuate that we are no financial wizards. Taken altogether it is an exceptionally attractive set of books and one that the secretary ought to be proud of.

Miss Mabel Worley entertained the following guests at a Kensington Monday evening: Misses Ruth Rice, Ethel Graham, Alta Young and Mesdames Axel Johnson and R. L. Johnstone.