

HOUSE APPROVES BILL FOR HOUSING CENSUS
 Washington.—The House passed, 222 to 51, a bill calling for a census of housing next year as part of the regular population count which

comes every 10 years. The regular census is expected to cost \$70,000,000. The bill sent to the Senate would add \$15,000,000 to find out what kind of living quarters Americans have.

Kind Of Contract N.A.M. Likely To Grant Approved

Those who grow a little older in life are prone to talk about the good old days. An A.F.L. organizer on the West Coast brings forth the information that the first contract signed with a Meat Cutters Local Union was in Utah with the market of P. W. Madson in 1870.

The market in question was owned by the Mormon Church. When the agreement was consummated, a notice was prominently posted in the store which read as follows:

"To All Employees: We have signed a contract with the workers' union. Therefore, in the future our store will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., except on Saturday when it closes at 9 p.m. This store will remain closed each Sabbath.

"Under the agreement the duties of the employees among other things shall be as follows: Sweep the floors, dust the shelves and counters. Meat cutters shall each day trim the lamp wicks, fill the lamps with oil and clean the lamp chimneys. All employees must make their writing pens carefully but they may whittle the quills to suit the individual taste. Employees must open the windows every day for fresh air in the winter as well as the summer. One meat cutter each day shall be designated to bring into the market a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

"Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at the barber shop or frequents pool halls or public dance halls shall be subject to discharge.

"Each employee is expected to pay his tithing to the Church, which is 10% of his annual income. No matter what the income might be, each worker must contribute not less than \$25.00 per year to the Church. Each employee will attend Sunday Sacrament meeting and adequate time will be given to attend Fast meeting on Thursday.

Also each employee is expected to attend Sunday School.

"Employees will be given an evening of each week for courting purposes or two evenings off each week if they go regularly to Church and attend Church duties. After any employee has spent his 13 hours of labor in the store, with the rest of his leisure time he must then read good books and contemplate the Glories and building up of the Kingdom of God."

In all probability the above agreement was some improvement upon previous working conditions. We can only comment that meat cutters in 1870 must have been of very hardy stock inasmuch as they were still expected to have leisure time after working 13 hours each day in the store.

While the agreement does not state, in all probability the union meat cutter in those days who was compelled to sweep the floor also had to buy his own broom.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT OFF: MARCH DIP 4TH STRAIGHT

Washington.—Industrial production dropped in March for the fourth consecutive month and the downswing is continuing, the federal reserve board reported.

BRITISH COMMONS VOTES NATIONALIZATION OF STEEL

London.—The House of Commons passed and sent to the House of Lords the controversial bill to nationalize most of Britain's iron and steel industry.

The key vote came on a proposal by the Conservative opposition to reject the bill. The motion lost 330-203 and the bill was "read" a third time. This was a formal passage.

Consideration of the measure by the Lords is expected to begin without delay. The Labor government measure faces bitter but probably futile opposition in the chamber. The bill authorizes the govern-

ment to buy up the stock of 107 companies at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000,000. These companies, employing about 300,000 of the nations 395,000 iron and steel workers are capitalized at \$780,000,000.

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