

### 59 Union County Students Given Diplomas

Number Is Very Good for the Mid-Year Class—Many Schools Do Not Graduate from the Eighth Grade in January.

Fifty-nine pupils in Union county successfully passed the eighth grade examinations held recently. This number is good for the mid-year. Many schools do not graduate pupils in January.

District 1, La Grande, leads with 22 graduates; district 5, Union, is next with 14.

The list of successful candidates for diplomas follows:

District 1, La Grande—Marcella Berry, Florence Briggs, Letha Blystone, Clara Courtney, Mercedes Dray, Josephine Evans, Ruth Fitzgerald, Sylvia Glass, Claude Haisten, Gertrude Hills, Madeline Jones, Mae Keefe, Frank Lindsay, Bessie Moran, Harry Mohr, De Loris Pearson, Jack Rogers, Robert Rush, Charlie Smutz, Jay Spencer, Wilma Wade, Ethel Wade.

District 5, Union—Alfred Crouter, Harvey Elmer, Vertie Feiser, Lena Gilmore, La Rue Hanks, Charley Hibbert, Bertha Kohler, Nellie Lemon, Verna McKeenan, Royal Neilson, Marian Phy, Eathel Shappat, Delbert Upton, Arvilla Wright.

District 6, Summerville—Edith Clara Fries, William Jay Robbs.

Districts 8 and 25, North Powder—Ernest Claude Dalton, Claris Juanita Haynes, Leila Fay McCurrey.

District 11, Imbler—Leo Doering.

District 21, Elgin—Frank Keefe.

District 24, Union (Catherine Creek)—Hermann Edvalson.

Districts 25 and 26, Medical Springs—Bessie Bowman, Fred Bowman, Sidney Turner, Vera Wirth.

District 29, Elgin (Highland)—Harshel Benschadler, Glen Hug, Thelma Hug, William Henry Wickens.

District 31, Telocaset—George H. Hill.

District 37, North Powder (Clover Creek)—Ruth Watkins.

District 38, Union (Park school)—Othello Lay, Lola Gertrude Vanorder.

District 40, Alicol (Red Pepper)—Verda May McMurren, Harry Wells.

District 45, Elgin (Cunningham)—Willie Nelson.

### Gives Bibles To Japanese Prisoners

Tokio, Jan. 26—Every prisoner in the Japanese jails is to receive a Bible as a Christmas present from the American Bible Society, an organization active in missionary work. Twenty-six thousand men are now serving "time" in Japan.

### MAYOR OF SANDUSKY TRIED ON INDICTMENT TODAY

Sandusky, O., Jan. 26—United Press)—R. A. Koegle, president of the city commission, performing the duties of mayor of Sandusky, is scheduled to go to trial today charged with neglecting to complete transcripts in criminal cases. The indictment against Koegle was returned following a grand jury investigation instigated by Judge Roy Williams of Common Pleas court.

### Woodmen of the World Install

On Friday evening, Jan. 19, La Grande Camp No. 169, met in regular session for the purpose of installing officers for the year 1917. The following officers were installed: Robert McLane, C. C.; Robt. Dostock, Adv. Lieut.; Louis Cates, Escort; Edward Kobb, Sentry; John Scott, Watchman; J. J. Murchison, Banker; Jno A. Read, Clerk. District Manager Jeffries was present and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. Our next meeting will be held February 5th in the Eagles Hall, in the Foley Bldg.

### ARNOLD DALY, NOTED ACTOR, NEAR DEATH



ARNOLD DALY

Daly, famous actor and producer, is reported near death in New York, following operation for appendicitis. The performance of "The Master," in which he starred, had to be cancelled because of his illness.

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*Ask Dad, he knows*

**America Has the Opportunity Again to Become a Great Maritime Nation**  
By STEVENSON TAYLOR, President of the American Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers

At the end of 1918, should peace come, there will be a shortage in the world's shipping of 6,500,000 tons. From this it will be seen that high freights and high prices will continue and shipyards will be busy for some years to come, and it behooves all concerned, THE GOVERNMENT, OWNERS, BUILDERS AND SHIPPERS, TO SEE THAT WE OBTAIN OUR SHARE.

There is before us a prosperous period of at least five years in which we can improve our facilities and methods so much that there will be no question of our shipyard efficiency and ability to meet competition, provided that our government and shipping board really reason together face to face with our shipowners, shipbuilders and shippers and determine to adopt the best policy to advance that most necessary and beneficial feature of our industries, an American merchant marine.

I see no chance of failure in the future. We need men, but they will come from the warring nations, tired of their systems of government and rejoicing to become American citizens.

**OUR NATION WILL AGAIN BE A GREAT MARITIME NATION, HOLDING ITS OWN AMONG THE OTHER GREAT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

**Children In Institutions Should Be Given Vocational Education**  
By ARTHUR D. DEAN, Director of Agricultural and Industrial Education, New York State

INSTITUTIONS for dependents, instead of continuing dependency by turning out children untrained for any work, by sapping initiative and potentiality and crushing capacities and interests, should turn about face, STOP WORKING CHILDREN BY ANTI-SOCIAL METHODS AND TEACH CHILDREN TO WORK.

There is a vast difference between working and being worked. Being worked means degradation, working means civilization. If the labor in an institution goes hand in hand with opportunity, then labor has a purpose; whereas, if it is accompanied by the denial of opportunity, its effect may be actually crushing.

A rich, active day in an institution should include strictly academic and cultural work, vocational work, physical training and play outdoors and indoors, ethical and religious experiences, social life of a spontaneous and conscious character and quiet relaxation, reading and study.

These elements should be properly balanced in the distribution of time so that NO ONE ELEMENT WILL STAND OUT AS DOMINATING THE INTERESTS OF THE DAY AND THE LIFE OF THE CHILD UNLESS IT HAS ACCEPTED EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPING VALUE.

**Someone Has Written Someone a Letter**

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 26.—List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending January 26, 1917:

Gentlemen—J. M. Amsberry, E. J. Coyle, Pietro Pandini, Roy E. Miller, Clarence Moore, F. T. Morss, Harold Simpson, S. E. Smith, F. H. Tatman, J. T. Thatcher, James Lee Wingate.

Ladies—Miss Maggie Blair, Mrs. J. E. Brigham, Mrs. H. C. Murphy, Mrs. F. S. Richardson, Miss Irene Stites, Mrs. Walter E. Williams.

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