

SCHOOL TAX PER CHILD IS LOWER HERE

Only Three of 15 Larger City Districts in State Have Better Rate.

POPULATION IS EIGHTH LARGEST

General Taxation for Education in City and County Compare Favorably With Others.

That the rate of taxation in La Grande and Union county for school purposes compares favorably with other cities and counties in the state, and that the cost per child in La Grande is lower than many city districts in Oregon are revealed in a recent survey published in the Oregon Voter.

These figures are the more remarkable in view of the fact that La Grande High school is one of the highest ranking high schools in the state in point of scholastic standards, and the grade schools also rank with the very best.

The cost per child in the La Grande district and the population of children of school age here is compared with 14 other city districts in the state in the following table:

Table with 3 columns: City, Children, Cost per Child. Lists cities like Portland, Eugene, Astoria, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, La Grande, etc.

The rate of taxation, equalized by the state tax commission for application of State tax, and the proper rate to use for comparisons between cities in all counties, La Grande is \$1.62, and is lower than Bend's rate of \$3.05, Grants Pass \$1.59 and several smaller cities over the state.

Table with 3 columns: City, Children, Cost per Child. Lists cities like Union, Elgin, North Powder, Cove, Timbler, Island City, Summerville, Enterprise, Joseph, Lostine, Walhalla.

Rural Tax Rate Very Low Union county's average tax rate for rural schools, equalized to a

M. I. A. PLAYERS RETURN FROM PLAY CONTEST

With the contestants home from Fall Lake City, additional details have been announced in reference to the M. I. S. play contest, in which the La Grande cast reached the finals.

They won in their ward, in their stake, in their district, which includes Hollywood and many others, and in their division, which gave them a chance to go into the finals, which was considered a very great honor.

As their were eight divisions, the local cast was one of the eight best in the church. First place went to Idaho Falls and second place to Provo, Utah.

Table with 2 columns: WEATHER TODAY, WEATHER YESTERDAY, WEATHER JUNE 12, 1929. Lists temperature ranges and conditions.

K. P. Officials To Attend Banquet Here Tonight

Harry M. Love, of Minneapolis, Brings Bible Used in 1864 to City for Ritualistic Work.

Harry M. Love, of Minneapolis, supreme keeper of records and seal of the order of Knights of Pythias and Leslie M. Crouch, of Portland, supreme vice chancellor of the order will be the main speakers at a banquet and lodge gathering tonight at the Sacajawea ballroom. Mr. Love will exemplify the ritualistic work in the rank of page. He has conferred this work on thousands of men throughout the United States and Canada and uses the original Bible that was used when the order was founded in Washington, D. C. in 1864.

Prominent among the representatives at the meeting tonight will be Walter G. Gleason, of Portland, the grand keeper of records and seal of the state of Oregon; James W. Maloney, of Pendleton; James H. Gwino, of Pendleton, a past supreme lodge representative who will act as one of the supreme lodge officers for the evening and Bruce Cox, of Wallowa, who will act as one of the grand lodge officers for the evening.

Other than the work as given by Mr. Love the regular officers of the local lodge, who have a reputation of doing some fine initiatory work. Will fill the regular chairs. The officers of La Grande lodge are: Don L. Gally, chancellor commander; Wesley McDonald, vice

Mr. Cochran Is Elected Grand Worthy Patron

George T. Cochran, local attorney and a prominent figure in state Masonic organizations, was elected grand worthy patron during grand chapter sessions in Portland yesterday.

Presbytery In Meeting Today In La Grande

The Grande Ronde Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church here this morning at 10:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. George Wale, moderator, presiding. The congregation appointed to close up all matters pertaining to the Presbyterian church at Union made their report which was received. Further action was tabled until the fall meeting.

The Rev. W. A. Counden, who had been appointed Sunday school missionary for Eastern Oregon, announced that for health reasons he could not accept the office, and would continue his pastorate at Walla Walla and Lostine. The committee was instructed to make another appointment. Mr. Counden announced a successful daily vacation Bible school at Walla Walla and the Rev. H. B. Thomas, of Halfway, announced a similar school in his town.

Samuel T. Ashley Funeral Thursday

Samuel T. Ashley, who died yesterday morning at the home of his son, D. B. Ashley, of 264 Benton street, will be laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, following funeral services at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mr. Ashley was born in Missouri Feb. 17, 1855, and was 71 years three months and 25 days old. For the last eight months he has been here with his son. Besides D. B. Ashley, the deceased leaves two sons, E. R. Ashley and C. L. Ashley, both of Ashton, Ida.

Pierce Is Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, was the main speaker at today's Rotary club luncheon, giving a very interesting talk on the history and present condition of agriculture.

SHOOTING ON BORDER AIRED IN CONGRESS

California Representative Introduces Bill to pay Dependents.

YOUNG MAN SHOT BY OFFICER DIES

Two Hundred Men Rushed to Reinforce Prohibition and Customs Officers at Detroit.

LIQUOR DEVELOPMENTS

Washington—Two border patrolmen may be held responsible for shootings.

Huntsville, Ala.—Former prohibition officer killed from ambush.

Washington—Bill introduced to authorize payment of \$25,000 to relatives of persons killed by prohibition agents.

Detroit—Young man shot by border patrolman dies. Two hundred additional agents reinforced prohibition customs forces today.

DETROIT, June 12 (AP)—Archibald Eugster, 21, shot by Jonah Cox, a customs border patrol inspector early Tuesday, died today. Cox declared today in a statement to investigators that two of the youth's companions were members of the crew of a rum runner boat he was guarding.

SUMMER GRADE SCHOOL TO OPEN

Eight Classes to be Held in Central School Under Student Teachers.

Operated in connection with the first six weeks of the summer quarter of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, grade school classes will be held in Central school beginning next Tuesday morning, according to J. T. Longfellow, superintendent. Any child may attend, regardless of where he or she lives, and there is no charge for tuition.

The classes will be held only in the morning, continuing five days during the week. Classes begin at 8 o'clock for third to eighth graders, inclusive, and the first and second graders start at 9 o'clock. All classes will adjourn at noon. The teaching will be entirely by normal school students.

These summer schools, of vital importance to the Eastern Oregon Normal school who much have practice teaching, are also of much benefit to local children. It is said, they present an opportunity to children who need strengthening in their work, and many who fail to pass in eighth grade state examinations attend so as to be prepared for the next state exams, to be held later in the summer. Many children, forced to drop out of school during the regular term because of illness, take advantage of this opportunity to make up lost work.

According to Mr. Longfellow, the prospective enrollment for the school will total about 200.

Population Statistics Are To Be Announced in Each of 500 Districts

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Population statistics of the 1929 decennial census will be announced publicly in each of 500 districts immediately after they are gathered, instead of being tabulated first in Washington.

William M. Stewart, director of the census, explains that this procedure would be followed for the first time with the forthcoming census, in order that inaccuracies may be detected before the figures are tabulated for the permanent record.

At least 10,000 enumerators will be needed to canvass the nation's homes for the census, he says, and between 6,000 and 8,000 more will be employed here later.

Selection of women for the job is favored by the directors. "Women have been employed in the works for census of the past,"

Ultimatum Given Senate Today By Leaders in House

No Summer Recess Unless Upper House Agrees on Time for Tariff Vote, is Message.

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—An ultimatum was delivered today by house leaders against any recess this summer except for periods of three days at a time unless the senate agrees to a definite time for a vote in the fall on the tariff bill.

The house declaration threw the program of senate Republican leaders completely out of line and threatened to keep both the senate and house here throughout the summer while the senate finance committee toils away on revision of the house tariff bill, preparatory to senate consideration of it.

Senate leaders had abandoned plans for an all-summer recess early this week after senate Democrats decided against agreeing to a definite time to vote on the tariff bill.

The Democrats, however, did give informal assurance they would permit the tariff bill to be enacted before the regular session opens in December and upon this, senate leaders were preparing to go away next week until August.

Borah Favors Adjournment

The decision of the house leaders, however, has upset this plan. Immediate adjournment of congress sine die, was advocated in the senate today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho. "If a general revision of the tariff is contemplated,"

Borah made this announcement after Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, expressed the view that general revision was "inevitable." The Idahoan demanded that the tariff be restricted to farm schedules.

"It is perfectly apparent that there is to be general tariff revision," declared Borah, "and there is no prospect of concluding that before the regular session in December."

"That is true," replied Watson. "Then I am ready to vote to adjourn this congress at once," Borah shot back.

DEATH TAKES MRS. PURSEL IN UNION TODAY

Mrs. Esther E. Pursel, 86-year-old Grande Ronde valley pioneer, passed away at Union at 9:15 o'clock this morning. She had been gradually failing in strength of late, but her death was a severe shock to her many friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at Union, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Pursel came to Union county in the early 70s and lived at Oro Dell, her husband, S. A. Pursel, operating a sawmill near Perry. They moved to Union in the 80s. Mrs. Pursel preceded his wife in death several years ago.

R. M. McCoy on The Witness Stand

R. M. McCoy, charged with burning with intent to injure an insurer, testified in his own defense today during the trial of his case in circuit court. The state completed its presentation of witnesses about 10:30 o'clock this morning and rested its case.

This is the third day of the trial which is not expected to go to the jury before tomorrow.

GRANGE GIVES ENDORSEMENT

MYRTLE POINT, Ore., June 12 (AP)—The Oregon State granges, in annual convention here, went on record today as endorsing action of the Marion county Pomona master in enjoining payment of \$5 a day additional expense money voted for legislators at the last session.

"Publication of the figures in the districts," Director Stewart expects, "will also enable me to carry out the provision of the law of a penalty on deliberate inaccuracy. The supervisor will not be have been published and opened to public comment."

On the basis of estimates of the average periodic increase in population of the country, it is believed that about 125,000,000 individuals must be listed for the new census.

HERE FOR K. OF P. BANQUET TONIGHT



Two Knights of Pythias officials of high rank are here today for the lodge banquet to be held this evening. Above are pictured Harry M. Love, of Minneapolis, supreme keeper of bonds and seal, and Leslie E. Crouch, of Portland (right), supreme vice chancellor.

"Frankie and Johnnie" Is Too Tough For Gotham

CHICAGO, June 12 (AP)—William F. Russell, commissioner of police, today ordered the management of the Adelphi theater to close the show "Frankie and Johnnie," the comedy "of the woman done wrong" based on the one time burlesque song of the same name. The commissioner said the performance had been found indecent by an investigator.

If the show is not closed today, the commission declared he would ask the mayor to revoke the theater's license. An alderman who took his family to the show was one of the complainants, he said.

Other shows have been censured in recent years, but this is the first time a closing order has been issued, police said.

Duff Is Leading Pirate Team In Hitting Column

Cecil Duff, La Grande's "Iron Man" pitcher, whose latest feat was hitting two games last Sunday against the Baker Elephants and allowing only four earned runs in 16 innings, has another laurel—and this even more unusual than the chukking record.

Mr. Duff is one of the very, very few pitchers who also happens to lead his team in hitting! He has a nice fat percentage of .400 at the bat, gained by smashing out 10 homers in 25 times at bat. Not only does his percentage stack up highest, but these 10 hits are one more than any other member of the Pirate lineup.

The batting average of all players who have taken part in La Grande league games this year follows:

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, AB, H, Pct. Lists players like Duff, Knight, Helms, Stokke, Solvester, Moore, Alexander, Murchison, King, McKennon, Garity, Price.

Los Angeles Oil Fire Now Under Control, Report

LOS ANGELES, June 12 (AP)—The Santa Fe Springs oil field fire, which threatened to sweep the field when it broke loose in the forest derrick Monday, today was well in hand. Asbestos-cloth volunteer firemen, who battled the conflagration with streams of water playing over them confined the fire to two producing wells, these, what first were 150 feet high pillars of searing flames, have diminished to torches barely 30 feet in height.

Oil company officials, faking stock of the loss of ten derricks, several storage tanks of oil, the 50,000 barrels of oil estimated to have gone up in flame and smoke from the two burning wells, and wrecked boilers, machinery and other oil field equipment, variously estimated the damage at two to four million dollars.

One oil worker, who was listed as missing after fellow employees said he had been engulfed in an explosion of flaming oil at the start of the fire, was located Tuesday.

U. S. Gunboat Luzon Floated by Japs

SHANGHAI, June 12 (AP)—A Japanese salvage concern has requested the United States gunboat Luzon which went ashore on a breakwater near Wooning a week ago. The gunboat used its own steam in getting to Shanghai but went immediately to a dry dock for repairs. Extent of the damage has not been determined.

Tax Commission Is Organized in Salem

SALEM, Ore., June 12 (AP)—The new state tax commission, created by the 1929 legislature, called its first meeting here Tuesday afternoon and organized. Earl Fisher, who has been state tax commissioner for several years, was elected chairman, and John H. Carkin of Medford in addition to the other duties of his position, will serve as secretary. The third member of the commission is Charles V. Galloway of Portland, who prior to his affiliation with the Hibberd bank had for a number of years been state tax commissioner.

AUSTRIAN BEAUTY RECEIVES HONOR

Lisl Goldarbeiter Crowned Miss Universe in Contest in Galveston.

GALVESTON, Tex., June 12 (AP)—Miss Lisl Goldarbeiter, beautiful Austrian blue eyed brunette barely out of her teens, today won the crown of Miss Universe.

Miss Goldarbeiter, daughter of a Vienna merchant, won the title and \$2,000 prize money over 21 American beauties and nine foreign damsels at the international pageant of pulchritude here last night.

She was the first foreign girl to win the honor since the pageant became international four years ago. Miss United States, Irene Ahlberg, of New York, was voted second prize of \$1,000 and Miss Ohio, Dorothy Jean Davis of Massillon, third prize of \$500.

Prizes of \$100 each were won by Miss Massachusetts, Margie Barrett of Springfield, who was fourth; Miss Dallas, Mittie Bush, Dallas, Tex.; fifth, Miss Tumbana, Migda Demetresco, sixth, Miss Oregon, Mary Benoit, of Portland, seventh; Miss Cuba, Elvira Moreno, eighth; Miss Tulsa, Thoda Delroy, Tulsa, Okla. ninth and Miss California, Ruby Smith of San Francisco, tenth.

Miss Goldarbeiter cabled her father, the proprietor of a Vienna leather goods shop, as soon as she was notified of her selection. Before coming to this country, for the pageant she kept books in his shop. Her mother accompanied her to Galveston.

The pageant was the first the Austrian girl ever had entered in this country. She represented Austria in an European contest and won second place. The winner of the foreign event was not entered here.

PLANE LANDS ON GOVERNOR'S "WHITE HOUSE"

SEASIDE, N. J., June 12 (AP)—A gaping hole yawned in the ceiling of Governor Morgan F. Larson's sleeping room today where three callers in an airplane literally dropped in.

A biplane, piloted by William Taft and carrying as passengers Mrs. Olive Jennings and Roger J. Ryan, all of Red Bank, N. J., landed yesterday on the parade ground in front of the "little white house," Governor Larson's summer home at Camp Larson.

After conversing a few minutes with Mrs. Thomas Hanson, wife of the governor's secretary, Taft took off again. He circled the executive summer cottage twice trying to gain altitude. The plane struck a flagpole on the parade ground, tearing off a wing that dived through the roof of the cottage, coming to rest in the ceiling of the governor's room.

None of the occupants of the plane was seriously hurt. The crash started a fire which was extinguished after slight damage.

Public Invited To Flag Day Services

The public is cordially invited to attend the Flag day services at the B. P. O. Elks temple on the evening of Friday, June 14. It was announced today. The services, an annual event, will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening. A. A. Smith, prominent lawyer, attorney, will be the speaker of the evening. The local lodge officers will conduct the services. Andrew Loney will play a cornet solo, Raymond O. Williams and Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller will sing.

O. S. C. Professor Called by Death

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 12 (AP)—Frederick C. Kent, professor of mathematics at Oregon State college, here and mathematician and textbook author, died suddenly here last night. A break-down in his health was believed to have been caused by intense labor on his latest book which was to contain the first arrangement of complete ten-place interest and annuity tables ever compiled. Funeral arrangements were awaiting arrival Saturday of his son, John Kent, from Middleport, Ohio.

Lack of Money Causes College To Close Doors

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 12 (AP)—Financial difficulties an inability to meet requirements of an accredited standard college, has resulted in indefinite suspension of Philomath college, conducted by the United Brethren church in Philomath, five miles west of here. It is one of the oldest colleges in Oregon. The Rev. W. A. Nicoles, president of the college and president of the board of trustees, made the announcement at the conclusion of the annual commencement exercises yesterday.

The college was founded in 1865, and numbers some of the northwest's most famous men among its alumni. In recent years, however, the school has steadily declined. This year only 45 students were enrolled.

The college owns eleven acres in the center of the city of Philomath. Final decision as to the future of the school and disposition of property depends on the outcome of pending negotiations, President Nicoles said.

Airplanes Plan To Start Ocean Flight Tomorrow

OLD ORCHARD, Me., June 12 (AP)—Two airplanes, which have landed on the beach here for many days, this afternoon were being made ready for a take-off for Europe at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Lewis A. Yancy, navigator of the Green Flash, which will head toward Rome, said the New York weather bureau advised him conditions were near ideal. Mechanics sent to work to give the big ship a last minute check-up.

Armeno Lott, Jr., sponsor of the French plane, Yellow Bird, instructed his mechanics to start fueling the plane which he and two companions will pilot for Paris.

Oregon Fire Loss In May \$229,833.00

SALEM, Ore., June 12 (AP)—The monthly report of Clarence L. Lee, state insurance commissioner, shows a total fire loss in Oregon outside of Portland during the month of May of \$229,833. The total number of fires was 28. The most serious losses were a laundry and equipment at Eugene, \$50,000; a cannery with equipment and contents at Hillsboro, \$25,000; and a barn, bottling plant, garage, horses and equipment in Multnomah county, \$22,500.

Senate Democratic Leaders Today Regarded the Decision to Bring the Debenture Plan to a Vote in the House Virtually as a Complete Victory for their Coalition

The White House meeting, attended by republican leaders of both branches of congress, was called after the president had made public a statement reiterating his opposition to the debenture plan.

Hoover Issues Statement

The senate vote on rejection of the report was 46 to 43, as compared with 47 to 44 at the time the plan was written into the bill after

FARM RELIEF BUCK PASSED ON TO HOUSE

Senate's Rejection of Compromise Bill Victory for Coalition.

HOOVER IS NOT PLEASED AT VOTE

President Declares That Sustaining of Debenture Plan "May Gravely Jeopardize" Relief.

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Selection of a "progressive" candidate for president and the formation of an active progressive party was advocated in the senate today by Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, who said President Hoover's special session of congress has created over the question of farm relief.

Flaunting the views of the president against the export debenture plan, which he characterized as a subsidy, the senate has insisted on inserting that provision into the pending measure, even over the emphatic opposition of the house administration leaders.

Some of the senate opposition to elimination of the debenture plan was based on the ground that the house had never had a roll call vote on the proposition and last night at a White House conference an agreement was reached to have that branch of congress formally record itself, perhaps tomorrow.

Qualification Victorious

The defeat of the bill, the coalition of democrats and republican independents in the senate, who have steadfastly insisted upon inclusion of this proposal in the bill stood victorious today over the opposition of Mr. Hoover.

The action of the senate in sustaining the debenture plan resulted in a quick and vigorous retaliation from the White House. No less emphatic than in his previous declarations, the president asserted the vote "adds further delays to farm relief and may gravely jeopardize" the enactment of the legislation.

Friends of the bill are now awaiting the house vote in the hope that the action of that body will clarify the atmosphere and allow the program outlined by Mr. Hoover in calling the special session to go forward.

White House Meeting

The agreement to bring the issue to a vote in the house was reached at a White House conference last night after the senate had rejected the joint conference report recommending elimination of the debenture plan.

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Today's Baseball

Table with 2 columns: AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES, NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES. Lists games between Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, etc.