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LAKE LEADS STATE IN BOY GRADUATES

Proportion to High School Girls Is Highest of Any County.

CHURCHILL REPORTS

Curry Only County From Which Boy Was Not Graduated In 1923.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—Lake county leads in the state with relation to the proportion of boys to girls that complete a standard four-year high school course, according to announcement made here today by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

In 1923, according to Mr. Churchill's report, boys graduated from the Lake county high schools was 65 per cent of the total. It was explained by Mr. Churchill that the proportion of boys to girls that complete a standard four-year high school course is one of the 10 measurements of the Russell Sage foundation in determining the rank in efficiency of the public school system.

Taking the state as a whole, 58.1 per cent of the graduates from the standard four-year high schools in the 1923 were girls, while 41.9 per cent were boys. The graduates numbered 4847. Curry was the only county in the state in 1923 that had no boy graduates.

Copies of the report are being prepared by Mr. Churchill and will be sent to a large number of prominent educators who are interested in the increasing efficiency of the school system as far as boy graduates are concerned.

In only five counties in the state was the percentage of boy graduates higher than girl graduates in 1923. These included Lake, Grant, Clatsop, Sherman and Wasco counties. Josephine county broke even, with 50 per cent boys and 50 per cent girls.

The following summary prepared by the state superintendent of schools shows the rank of the different counties in Oregon in the order of percentage of boys to girls in the graduating classes for the year 1923:

County	Girls	Boys
Lake	35.0	65.0
Grant	45.9	54.1
Clatsop	46.8	53.2
Sherman	48.3	51.7
Wasco	48.9	51.1
Josephine	50.0	50.0
Lane	50.4	49.6
Gilliam	51.8	48.2
Deschutes	52.2	47.8
Yamhill	54.0	46.0
Columbia	55.0	45.0
Jackson	55.2	44.8
Umatilla	55.5	44.5
Wallowa	56.6	43.4
Baker	56.8	43.2
Marion	57.5	42.5
Polk	58.7	41.3
Multnomah	59.3	40.7
Jefferson	60.0	40.0
Klamath	60.0	40.0
Union	60.9	39.1
Douglas	61.5	38.5
Linn	61.7	38.3
Clackamas	62.6	37.4
Wheeler	63.0	37.0
Lincoln	63.3	36.7
Malheur	63.4	36.6
Washington	63.4	36.6
Harney	63.6	36.4
Crook	64.0	36.0
Coos	65.7	34.3
Benton	66.6	33.4
Tillamook	68.0	32.0
Morrow	71.7	28.3
Hood River	73.9	26.1
Curry	100.0	

McADOO INVITED TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The annual banquet of the Jackson club will be held at Portland Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, January 8, at 6:15 P. M., according to arrangements which are now being forwarded. Robert A. Miller, newly elected president of the club, will preside at the gathering and there will be a programme of addresses and special numbers now being arranged. An invitation has been sent to William G. McAdoo, democratic aspirant for president, to be present.

Klamath Falls—Officials of the California-Oregon Power company authorize immediate construction of a half-million-dollar power plant on Link river with a capacity of 4500 horsepower.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR LONELY FOLK ON PITCAIRN ISLE

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—

Christmas cheer in the form of fresh fruit and vegetables, candy, nuts and clothing is being sent from Honolulu to the lonely inhabitants of Pitcairn Island, a tiny, isolated speck of land in the southeastern Pacific. The island is off the regular trade lanes of Pacific steamers, but this Christmas one of the steamers bound out from Hawaii to the Panama Canal will swing from its course and send ashore this boatload of supplies.

Many Honoluluans are familiar with the tragic story of Lincoln Clark, the Californian who, saddened by the loss of his wife 15 years ago, went with his young son to Pitcairn Island, where they have since lived with the descendants of the Bounty mutineers who discovered and settled on the island more than 100 years ago. Clark's son, now grown to manhood, is married to one of the island girls. The residents of the island, more than 100 in number, are devout Adventists.

LEGION WILL BACK BETTER ALIEN LAWS

Ex-Soldiers Interested in Immigration Laws and Their Enforcement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The American Legion is showing much concern over the immigration laws and their enforcement. Representatives from twelve Western States are meeting in Chicago to lay plans for the successful culmination of the Legion's pending legislation before Congress for stricter immigration and naturalization laws. The Department of Justice will work with the Legion's legislative committee for a bill satisfactory to both interests.

"The Chicago meeting of State adjutants to check up our work will lead to definite recommendations to the Legion's legislative committee in Washington," said Morgan Keaton, State Adjutant. Recommendations will be based on five considerations: Specific educational qualifications for all eligible aliens; annual registration as a preliminary to naturalization; assessment of all aliens to help defray expense of public school education; amendment of the naturalization laws making it impossible for aliens to procure citizenship through the fraudulent claim of Army or Navy service; uniform and dignified naturalization ceremonies.

SAN FRANCISCO-SEATTLE LINE HELD UNNECESSARY

SALEM, Dec. 19.—The Interstate Motor Transit company, which has been operating passenger stages between San Francisco and Seattle for some time, has been refused a permit to operate in California, according to a letter received at the offices of the public service commission today. The permit was revoked, it was said, by the California public service commission, which set out that there is no public necessity at the present time for operation of the stages.

SISKIYOU CHAPTER NO. 21 ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of Siskiyou Chapter No. 21, R. A. M. was held last night with the following result: E. D. Wagner, H. P.; G. W. Dunn, King; D. H. Jackson; Scribe; E. B. Shaw, Captain of Hosts; C. H. Vaupel, treasurer. W. H. Day, secretary. Appointive officers will be named at a later date.

Following the election, officers and members adjourned to the Tavern, where an excellent oyster supper was enjoyed.

TUCKER AND 48-YEAR BRIDE ARE REMARRIED

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., Dec. 21.—Seventeen-year-old Burton S. Tucker and his 48-year-old bride, under indictment in New Jersey for a violation marriage laws, left here today on their second honeymoon, after remarrying at Carthage, North Carolina.

FOR FOREIGN WARSHIPS RESENTED

Chinese Labor Unions Threaten Port Strike Unless Craft Is Withdrawn

SHIPS FOLLOW THREAT

American, French and British Warships Lying off Harbors of China.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—Chinese labor unions of Canton threaten to call a general strike at that port unless foreign warships lying off Shameen Island are not withdrawn. American, French and British warships are anchored off Canton.

Dr. Sun Yet Sen, leader of South China republicans, has been warned against an attempt to seize the customs house revenues. The ships were dispatched to China immediately following the announcement that Dr. Sun planned to seize the customs house.

The presence of the international fleet is said to have aroused a high anti-foreign feeling. Sun is understood to have sent a cablegram to Ramsey McDonald, head of the British laborites, asking for a protest of British workers against the presence of the warships.

PRESENT PREMIUM CHECKS AND FRUIT TO CHAMBER

Several of the fruit growers who exhibited at the Winter Fair have very generously tendered their prize checks as well as the fruit for the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce in payment of dues and for the support of the Winter Fair. Others contributed time, and labor which tended to lessen the expense materially.

DESTRUCTIVE QUAKE REPORTED IN MEXICO

Three Towns Destroyed; Damage Greater in Ecuador Than First Reported.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Three towns, Granados, Gianabas, and Oputo, located in the Mexican state of Sonora near the Chihuahua boundary, have been destroyed by an earthquake, according to messages received here. Food and clothing have been requested. A number of deaths and many injuries are reported.

Damage at Ecuador. BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 21.—Reports received from relief workers show that the loss of life and destruction of property by the earthquake along the Colombian-Ecuadorian frontier is heavier than originally believed.

The loss of life is estimated at 3,000 while many more are injured, and about 20,000 homeless. The shock occurred Saturday but owing to the extreme isolation of the district it has been difficult to get details.

TWO NEW SCHOOLS PLANNED AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Dec. 21.—The Eugene school board yesterday purchased sites for two new school buildings and it is expected they will be erected in 1925 or possibly started late in 1924.

The six grade schools and the high school are all crowded and more room is a necessity in the near future.

It is the plan of the board to use the new buildings as junior high school, housing the seventh, eighth and the ninth grades.

PORTLAND URGES LOWER APPLE RATE TO EAST

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to the public service commission urging a lower Portland and Chicago and Portland and New York express rate on apples. It was suggested that a rate of \$1.50 a box be fixed between Portland and Chicago and \$1.75 between Portland and New York. The letter will be referred to the interstate commerce commission.

Miss Lloyd George Likes U. S. but Can't Understand Apathy to 'Tea'

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Miss Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the former Prime Minister of England, learned a lot about America during her recent tour and was able to understand most of the things she heard and saw. But she returned to England without ever having found out the correct thing in reply when a brisk American thrusts out a friendly hand and ejaculates: "I'm pleased to meet you."

"I suppose," said Miss George, "that there must be a recognized reply, but America keeps it to herself. Whenever that was said to me I invariably replied, 'How do you do?' which must have been regarded as a baffling sign of insularity. If I ever go back I intend to make America divulge the answer to that riddle."

"And I do want to go back," Miss Megan continued. "I loved it all. It was like a kaleidoscope. First the skyline of New York rising out of the clouds like a dream city in Arabian nights; the crowds of horn-spectacled reporters; ice water, grapefruit; Washington, the most beautiful city in the world; golden maple trees and scarlet dogwood—I am eager to see it all again."

Miss Megan admitted that a lot of her preconceptions of Americans had been knocked for a loop by her actual experiences in the United States.

"The conventional idea of the American—loud voiced and always chewing gum—is ludicrous," she said. "Americans have not loud voices, and I never saw anybody chewing gum. On the contrary, Americans are the politest people on earth."

"Another discovery I made is that the women dress quite exquisitely. I don't know how it is, but though they seem to buy most of their dresses in Paris they wear them with quite a New World air. To drive down Fifth Avenue is a sheer delight—one sees so many beautiful people in such beautiful clothes."

America, however, would be more pleasant if it would only take up tea, Miss Megan believes. Not that there is any special merit in tea, but because the tea habit eases the strain of modern strenuousness.

"It was brought home to me that Americans do not know how to rest," she said. "Life flies by too fast for them to step aside even for an instant. And it is because they do not know how to rest that they never will understand the meaning of tea."

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WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Churches of City Will Observe Spirit of Christmas Season.

MUSIC TO BE FEATURE

First of Special Programs Will Be Held at Christian Church Tonight.

The Christian church plans to have an old fashion celebration tonight at their Christmas tree. Members of the church, Sunday school and social organizations and their families are invited.

A wholesome and happy party is planned and a short play entitled "Unexpected Company" is to be the main event of the evening, tho a very fine program has been prepared.

A Christmas Cantata and carols are to be given Sunday and the public is invited to attend the service.

The Methodist church has prepared a beautiful cantata to be rendered Sunday evening. Concerts given at the Methodist church are always interesting and special musical numbers have been planned. Miss Bernice Yeo is to give a piano solo.

The public is invited to attend the Christmas tree and program prepared at the Congregational church Christmas even. The Sunday school has been preparing an entertainment that will celebrate the evening in a pretty fashion.

"Xmas Eve in Toyland" is the playlet prepared by the Presbyterian Sunday school in celebration of the evening. The children of the Sunday school are the special guests, tho there is a good time for everyone who cares to spend Saturday evening at the Presbyterian church.

Other churches and the schools are having their entertainments in due time. This afternoon the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades of the Junior high joined in giving a program.

TRAVEL HEAVY OVER OLD OREGON TRAIL

55,502 Autos Travel Highway During Present Year; 44 States Represented

BAKER, Or., Dec. 21.—A conservative estimated total of 55,582 automobiles, the bulk of which were tourists, passed thru Baker on the Old Oregon Trail during the last year, according to an exhaustive report prepared by Walter Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, and presented to the Baker county chamber of commerce today. This figure is double the total of 1922.

More than 4000 of these cars stayed at the local tourist campground. The words of hotel managers and the signed statement of the attendant in charge of the alfalfa weevil quarantine station, at which all cars must stop, are submitted to substantiate the remaining figures.

Forty-four states, besides British Columbia, were represented at the campground. Idaho led with 756 cars and Oregon was second with 448. Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska and Iowa were all over the hundred mark.

"I'VE JUST SHOT A DOG", HE INFORMS POLICEMAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Theodore Loosvelt shot a fellow worker, Harold Logerquist, six times and probably mortally wounded him after Loosvelt's wife confessed to unfaithfulness, naming Logerquist. Mrs. Loosvelt is the mother of five children. After shooting Logerquist, Loosvelt sought a policeman, saying "I've just shot a dog."

HUNTER LOSES FINGERS IN HANDLING RIFLE

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 21.—M. H. Truax of Lakeside lost two fingers of his left hand while hunting on Tenmile lake, Sunday. Mr. Truax carried a rifle which slipped and was about to go overboard. Grabbing the rifle by the muzzle, Mr. Truax forced the hammer against the bottom of the boat and the gun was discharged.

CAROL SINGING TO LAST THREE DAYS

SISSON, Cal., Dec. 21.—Because of the pleasant custom of singing carols at Christmas time has grown until the community cannot be served in one night, arrangements are being made this year to devote three nights to carol-singing beginning Sunday and finishing Tuesday night.

Started about ten years ago when Rev. G. G. Berger, now at Woodland, was a pastor here, the custom has grown year after year until last year the singers did not finish the district and were out singing all night, or until 4 o'clock Christmas Day.

This is the only town in this part of the state which observes this custom so extensively.

WARNING; BAD CHECK ARTIST APPROACHING

Medford Police Chief Receives Letter to Be On Guard for Slick Artist.

The merchants and business men of Medford and Ashland are warned to be on the lookout for a young check artist most any day now, as it is said he has been working at Corvallis, Grants Pass and elsewhere in Oregon and it is claimed had made the assertion that he would clean up southern Oregon this Saturday and during the holidays, says the Mail Tribune.

The bad check man is described as 18 years of age, six feet in height, light complexion, freckled, light brown eyes, brown hair, and usually wearing a white cord overcoat and white rough neck sweater.

The above information was contained in a letter received today by Chief of Police Adams, from an unknown man who merely signs himself as "A Friend." The writer also chronicles the statement that the checkman's method is to wait until after banking hours and then work fast by presenting \$25 checks at stores, especially drug and clothing stores in payment for an article whose cost is much less than that sum, although he has been known to reap a harvest by passing smaller checks from \$4 up.

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To Take Ounce of Fluid With Dr. Stanley and Dr. Ball the local physician will go to Folsom Prison this afternoon and the test will take place in the prison hospital. It is expected that about an ounce of fluid will be extracted from Kels' spine, to be sealed in three tubes and sent to three laboratories for analysis.

The result of the test will determine whether there is a syphilitic taint in Kels' cerebro-spinal fluid. Presence of such a taint would be considered grounds on which could be based a request by Warden J. J. Smith to have Kels' sanity inquired into by the Sacramento County superior court.

BRIDE COMES FROM GERMANY FOR MARRIAGE

BEND, Dec. 21.—John Gerhard Stenkemp, Brooks-Scanlon employee, and Miss Therese Sachtjen, who has just arrived in Bend from her home in Westphalia, Germany, were married at 9 o'clock this morning at the St. Francis church by Father Luke Sheehan. The witnesses were William Stenkemp, brother of the bridegroom, and his wife, a sister of the bride.

Mrs. William Stenkemp came here more than a year ago from Westphalia to be married. The Stenkemp brothers, formerly located on the high desert, came to the Central Oregon ten years ago from Germany.

BOTH SIDES SUSTAIN CASUALTIES IN MEXICO

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 21.—A battle is in progress at Santa Lucia on the Isthmus Railroad for the control of Tehuantepec peninsula, according to advices reaching Huerfina headquarters. Radiograms from coasting vessels said detachments of revolutionary forces under Generals Ferrara and Vega had attacked the federal defenders Hermosa in the state of Tabasco.

During a five-hour fight in the Puebla region the federal losses were placed at 104 killed and wounded, while the casualties sustained by the revolutionists are placed at 18 killed and 22 wounded.

DAWES MADE HEAD OF IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Charles G. Dawes, Chicago banker and first director of the budget, has been designated as president of the first committee to investigate Germany's capacity to make reparations payments. The nomination was made by the Inter-allied Reparations Commission and the appointment is regarded as a signal honor to the United States.

KELS WILL SUBMIT TO TEST TODAY

Operation Will Be Performed By Three California Surgeons.

DRAW OUNCE OF FLUID

Result Will Determine Whether or Not Inquiry May Be Made as to Sanity.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The new test of the spinal fluid of Alex A. Kels, Lodi slayer awaiting the gallows on January 4th, will be performed at Folsom Prison this afternoon by Dr. L. L. Stanley, San Quentin Prison physician, Dr. Jau Don Ball, University of California, and Dr. F. P. Gundrum of Sacramento.

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Dr. Stanley said today that he and Dr. Ball had decided yesterday on the laboratories to which the sealed tubes of Kels' spinal fluid will be sent, but that they would not announce them until after the reports on the test had been returned. He could not say how long it would take to make the analysis, but estimated the time at two or three days.

The controversy between the state board of prison directors and Governor Friend W. Richardson over the test on Kels was not marked by any new statements, but last night Albert E. Boynton, a member of the board, issued a parting shot in reply to the governor's statement of yesterday.

Boynton's Statement From Oroville, where he had gone to attend a Knights Templars ceremonial, Bownton issued the following statement: "The charges made by Governor Richardson are deliberate and malicious falsehoods. The prison board is not interested in the slightest degree in saving Kels' life. He has committed a cold-blooded, premeditated murder and, if sane, should be hung. The resolution passed by the board instructing the test was at the request of Warden Smith to protect him, as he stated, against the demand made by the governor that no test be permitted."

"No member of the board has been approached by Mrs. Kels or by any insurance company or by the representatives of any insurance company. That reference was absolutely a gratuitous insult, born out of a spirit of animosity against the members of the board. The fourth member of the board he has never mentioned, although he moved the adoption of the resolution. As I look at it, the governor has attempted to do politics with the life of a human being. I cannot look at it in any other way."

ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA ARE HIT BY EARTHQUAKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—There has been considerable damage and loss of life as the result of an earthquake along the frontier between Ecuador and Colombia, according to a report reaching the American legation at Ecuador. Details are lacking.