

## MONTANA LEADS OREGON IS NO. 20 IN SCHOOL HONORS

NEW YORK, May 24.—The state of Montana has the best all-round public school system in the United States according to the results of a comparative study of state school systems made public today by the Russell Sage Foundation. The report assigns second place to the schools of California, third place to those of Arizona, fourth to New Jersey and fifth to the state of Washington.

These findings are contained in a report by the department of education of the foundation. The volume is entitled "An Index Number for State School Systems" and the author of Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, director of the foundation's department of education.

Other findings of the report are that the school system of the United States as a whole has doubled in efficiency during the last 50 years, having an index number or rating of 26 in 1870 and one of 52 at the present time. Since these index numbers are figured on the basis of 100, the school system of the country has now an effectiveness or efficiency of only 52 percent, according to the report.

The figures for the individual states as given by the foundation show that during the past 50 years the west has been coming up educationally while the east has been going down. During this time the greatest increase among all the states has been made by Utah while the state to which is attributed the greatest falling off in relative standing is Maryland. In the east the only state that has gained instead of losing New Jersey. In the west the state that has the best and most consistently high record is California.

The standing of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, and the three territorial possessions is shown in the following table:

Educational Index numbers	
1. Montana	75.8
2. California	71.2
3. Arizona	66.2
4. New Jersey	65.9
5. District of Columbia	64.3
6. Washington	63.7
7. Iowa	61.9
8. Utah	61.4
9. Massachusetts	61.0
10. Michigan	60.1
11. Connecticut	59.8
12. Ohio	59.7
13. New York	59.4
14. Colorado	59.2
15. North Dakota	59.1
16. Nevada	59.0
17. Indiana	58.9
18. Idaho	58.6
19. Minnesota	58.4
20. Oregon	57.8
21. Pennsylvania	57.7
22. Nebraska	57.1
23. Hawaii	57.0
24. Illinois	56.8
25. Wyoming	56.7
26. Rhode Island	56.3
27. Kansas	55.2
28. Canal Zone	55.1
29. South Dakota	55.0
30. New Hampshire	54.4
31. New Mexico	53.0
32. Vermont	51.5
33. Wisconsin	51.3
34. Missouri	49.6
35. Maine	47.4
36. Oklahoma	44.4
37. Maryland	43.2
38. Delaware	42.3
39. Texas	41.1
40. Florida	37.8
41. West Virginia	37.7
42. Porto Rico	35.8
43. Virginia	35.3
44. Tennessee	35.1
45. Kentucky	35.0
46. Louisiana	33.9
47. Georgia	32.6
48. North Carolina	30.6
49. Alabama	30.6
50. Arkansas	30.3
51. Mississippi	30.0
52. South Carolina	29.4

The most notable educational change that has taken place during the 50 years covered by the report, is in the attendance in high schools. There are now 100 times as many pupils enrolled in high schools as there were in 1870. The number then was 19,000 and now it is nearly 2,000,000. The high school attendance has increased with great rapidity but the new pupils have been mostly girls.

In the matter of teachers' salaries, the states show most diversified practices. The lowest average salary is \$25 per month for the state of North Carolina, while the highest is \$88, in California, both being based on a year of 12 months.



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## REPUBLICAN PARTY STARTED IN 1854 IN RIPON, WISCONSIN



CHICAGO, May 24.—In assembling at Chicago in June the republican national convention will be sitting in the section where the republican party was first named and within 200 miles of where the first recorded republican meeting was held 66 years ago. The approach of the convention recalls this early history, tho with the passing of the years and the development of new issues the first steps of the party have passed from common view.

"It will probably not be possible to trace to the earliest date the first positive meeting which led to the formation of the new party," writes Francis Curtis, in his history of the republican party. "It is quite likely that there was no considerable gathering of men, nor discussion of plans and policies, until Mr. A. E. Bovay, a whig of Ripon, Wis., together with a Mr. Bowen, a democrat, and a Mr. Baker, a free-soiler, issued a call for a public meeting to consider the now alarming situation."

The great issue of the hour was the extension of slavery. Of the political situation prefacing the formation of the republican party, Mr. Curtis says, "No political party was able to elect enough members of congress to overrule the united will of the slaveholders, and until the anti-slavery sentiment of the north should be so welded together, and its exponents should be so united in one party as to be able to send to Washington enough men to outvote the representatives of slave power, there was no hope that its advance could be checked."

Reference was made to the Ripon meeting by Henry Wilson, when vice-president of the United States, in his book "Rise and Fall of the Slave Power," published in 1874. "One of the earliest, if not the earliest, of the movements," he said, "that contemplated definite action and the formation of a new party was made in Ripon, Fond du Lac county, Wis., in the early months of 1854, in consequence of a very thoro canvas, conference, and general comparison of views inaugurated by A. E. Bovay, a prominent member of the whig party, among the whigs, free soilers, and democrats of that town. A call was issued for a public meeting to consider the grave issues which were assuming an aspect of such alarming proportions."

The meeting thus called, wrote Charles M. Harvey in the Chautauquan, September, 1897, "was held in the Congregational church at Ripon, February 28, 1854. A resolution was adopted in the meeting that if the bill then pending in the senate to throw open to slavery the territories of Kansas and Nebraska should pass, the old party organization in Ripon should be cast off, and a new party, to be called the republican, formed on the sole issue of opposition to slavery extension."

"The bill passed the senate, in which body it originated, on March 3, 1854, and on March 20, the second meeting, participated in by men of all parties, was held, this time in a schoolhouse, at which Bovay was the leading spirit.

"By a vote of the assemblage, the town committees of the whig and free soil parties were dissolved, and a committee of five, three whigs, one democrat and one free-soiler, was chosen to begin the task of forming a new party. "At these two meetings was started the earliest systematic work begun anywhere in the country to bring about the coalition of the enemies of slavery extension, who were eventually fused into a homogeneous and aggressive party, adopting the name republican."

## \$250,000 REVUE BIG FEATURE OF PASSING SHOW

It will be a long time before local theatre-goers will have an opportunity of seeing as gigantic, gorgeous and altogether pleasing musical spectacle as the one scheduled for the Page theatre, Tuesday night, June 1st, if we are to believe advance reports of this attraction. It is none other than "The Passing Show," the big New York Winter Garden's seventh annual revue. This mastodon entertainment comes to this city directly following record breaking runs in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco and is shortly due to open an eight weeks return engagement in Chicago. It is described as a \$250,000 production, and, judging from the magnitude of its fifteen colossal stage settings and the gorgeousness of its thousand marvelous costumes, this seems to be no exaggeration. Fully 200 people are required to adequately present this wonderful entertainment. Of this number about one hundred and twenty-five are choristers, and in this case size does not interfere with the quality for, according to advance reports, never in the history of Winter Garden shows has a chorus of such rare beauty, youth, and talent been gathered together in one company.

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