

DIVORCES SHOW LARGE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The department of commerce announced that according to returns received, there were in the United States for the calendar year 1924, 1,178,206 marriages performed and 170,867 divorces granted. For the calendar year 1923, 1,223,924 marriages and 165,096 divorces were reported.

The decrease in marriages reported for 1924, from the number reported for 1923 is 45,718, or 3.7 per cent.

The divorces reported for 1924, with four counties lacking, show an increase of 5,771, or 3.5 per cent over the number reported for 1923. The figures are preliminary and subject to slight correction.

Oregon in 1924 had 6,967 marriages, while in 1923, it had 7,151,

a decrease of 184. Oregon's record for divorces was 2,945 for 1924, compared with 2,894 in 1923, an increase of 51. Oregon was one of 20 states showing a decrease in marriages, and one of 29 states showing an increase in divorces in the year.

RESIGNATION OF COACH EXENDINE TO BE ACCEPTED

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 9. (P)—The resignation of A. A. Exendine as football coach at Washington State College will be accepted, President E. O. Holland indicated in a statement to the Chronicle's Olympia correspondent, the paper says today.

"We want a man with a new system of play," Dr. Holland is quoted as declaring and disapproved any movement to secure the services of William H. (Dignstar) Dietz, former coach at Washington state.

Prominent Oregon Lumberman Passes

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 9.—(P)—C. A. Smith, 73, president of the Coos Bay Lumber company and one of the most prominent lumbermen in the west, died today at his home here.

Mr. Smith came to San Francisco from Marshfield, Oregon, in 1897. He was former head of the C. A. Smith Lumber company. Previous to coming to Oregon he engaged in the lumber trade in Minneapolis.

SIX YEAR OLD EGG CLEAR

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—An egg buried three and a half feet under the ground for six years, has been unearthed here and declared to be "as clear as if it had been in the ground only six days" by H. G. Smith, manager of the Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry association's station.

No one, however, volunteered to eat it.

KLAMATH COURT FAILS TO MAKE GOOD ITS WORD

Federal Road Official Says County Officials Fail to Keep Promises

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—Relations between the Klamath county court and the United Bureau of public roads and the State Highway commission were aired at a conference late yesterday.

"Not another cent of federal aid road money will be spent in Klamath county until it pays the \$26,000 it now owes the government, and I don't mean maybe," declared Charles P. Purcell, in charge of the United States bureau of public roads in this state.

"This money we had planned on spending in Klamath county in 1926 is now available for any other part of the state," continued Purcell. "But Klamath county didn't keep its promise to us to clean up rights of way it agreed to clear, and it only partly cleared the sections it agreed to clear ready for grading."

"On one of these roads the government had to spend \$20,000 to do what the Klamath county court promised to do. Another place we had to spend \$6000 to do work that had been promised. Now, before we allot another penny to that county, which is the only county in the state that has not kept its promises to the government, the Klamath county court will have to pay us what it owes, and we have got to see the real money. No more promises go."

Members of the highway commission agreed fully with Purcell. Chairman William Daby ordered Secretary Roy Klein to try to aid the government in getting the money.

The Klamath county court will be given an opportunity to appear at the January meeting of the commission and present its side of the case.

Commissioners said the attitude of Klamath county officials is holding up plans for work on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway.

Corvallis Hotel Man Elected As State President

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(P)—Al N. Pierce of Corvallis was elected president of the Oregon States Hotel Association at the 16th annual convention here today. C. Q. Van Dusen of Portland was elected first vice president; L. G. Bowns of Baker, second vice president; and R. B. Westbrook, Astoria, third vice president; Frank W. Beach and Glenn B. Hite of Portland, were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

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Kills Self When Wifey Beats Him Playing Pinochle

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—(P)—Inability to defeat his wife at pinochle caused the suicide of William Kahler of Homestead, according to reports to the coroner today.

Kahler and his wife played checkers for two hours last night. The husband lost each time. Mrs. Kahler said her husband threw the checker board to the floor, went into the bath room and locked the door. She summoned neighbors and they found the man had hanged himself.

TWO FORMS OF DEATH PUNISHMENT IN KENTUCKY

FRANKFORT.—Kentucky is unique in having two forms of death punishment, hanging and electrocution. Hanging is for crimes against women; electrocution for murder.

The 1920 legislature passed the hanging law. A Lexington hanging recently was the first one under the act which brought back the discarded gallows, which Clerk Goodman of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, said has deterred unlawful commissions pronouncedly.

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Improvement Club Will Meet Tonight

Members of the Industrial Improvement club, which is made up of property owners of Sixth street, have been notified to attend a meeting at the chamber of commerce office this evening at 7:30. The meeting has been called by S. E. Martin.

Important matters of interest to the property owners of the Sixth street vicinity will be taken up and all members of the club are urged to attend the meeting.

KEDRON CLUB

Miss Vera Houston, president of the Kedron Club, has called a meeting of the club tomorrow evening at the First Presbyterian church. This will be the regular meeting of the club.

RETURNING TOMORROW

R. C. Groesbeck and Lynn Sabin are returning home tomorrow evening from Seattle where they have been attending the National regional conference of the chamber of commerce.

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