

# EDUCATION IN THE NEW STATE

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Oklahoma believes in schools. It believes in the Union offering educational advantages to its boys and girls. Its educational system is as advanced as any other in the states. Its educational system is a high degree of development. Money has been made and money has been expended for the benefit of the free institutions. Taxes do not go to university. Taxes do not go to the Oklahoma when the state is a liberal spender. The little money that is expended for schools, is expended for the benefit of the state. For instance, holds a meeting each July. Every tax-payer and patron of the schools, man or woman, may attend. In the past, the school tax of twenty mills on the value of the land, was the highest levied by the territorial laws. In all twelve years there has never been a school tax levied above the rate of twenty mills. The new constitution limits the school tax to seventeen mills. The school tax levied by the new constitution will be raised under the new constitution. The school revenues will be increased. The school revenues will be increased. The school revenues will be increased.

stock feeding and domestic science shall be taught in the common schools. Free kindergartens are to be required in all towns of more than 2500 population. The high schools already have extensive courses in commercial education and an Oklahoma high school graduate knows how to write short-hand, manipulate a typewriter and keep books. Modern languages are required in the courses of most high schools and the tendency everywhere is to accentuate the practical in education.

At Guthrie there is a model county high school which will be copied by other counties throughout the state. Of its 400 students, more than 200 are country boys and girls. Indeed, this school gives as much attention to the country pupils as it possibly can. Its head master, Snowden Parlette, came from Kansas by way of Harvard. He is a man with ideas and knows how to work. He has obtained light work for more than fifty country boys and girls that will enable them to attend their board while they are in school. From this high school a pupil may enter any of the western and central universities on certificate. In equipment and scope this high school will compare favorably with any eastern school in a county of its size, while in attendance there are a few eastern counties which can show so good a record in proportion. Township high schools such as are maintained in states like Indiana are, of course, a long way in the future, but Oklahoma will see to it that the boy and the girl in the country have equal educational advantages with the town bred youths.

These county high schools have all the "trimmings" that small colleges have—athletics of all kinds, school and class publications which appear monthly, "annuals," just like a real college, and all the rest, except Greek letter fraternities. There was a start toward their introduction in the country and town high schools, but democratic Oklahoma frowned on the ostentatious features of these selective organizations and they were abolished, so far as official recognition is concerned.

In Oklahoma City the public schools take the children at five years old and keep them for thirteen years, one year in the kindergarten and then through the usual twelve grades. Every building except the high school is new and of the most modern sanitary construction. The school system is the pride of every Oklahoman. It was built up during the last few years of great prosperity, and Superintendent Taylor, a Kentucky mountaineer, by the way, is looked upon as one of the greatest public benefactors in the city. It is interesting to note that his two predecessors were also from that same mountain region which is not generally credited with producing great educators, although famous for organizers. Ed Vaught, a Tennessee mountaineer, and L. N. Holcomb, a Kentucky mountaineer, organized the public school system.

In the Indian Territory the peculiar tribal governments have prevented the advancement of the school system to the point attained by the territory of Oklahoma. Until two years ago there were no free schools for white children except in the incorporated towns. Then congress gave money to increase the attendance of children of non-citizens of the five nations. The tribes have maintained good district schools and seminaries for the Indians, as well as for the negroes. Each of the five nations—Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole—has had a system of district day schools and of central boarding schools, which will be adapted under staid school to the system of district schools and county high schools.

The Indian mission schools have been a potent factor for good for more than sixty years, and they will continue under the new regime without interruption.

In the incorporated towns of the Indian country the schools have been organized along progressive lines and are as good as those of Oklahoma. Under staid school the university, normal and technical colleges and preparatory schools will be open, of course, to the whole State, to Indians as well as to whites. The territorial legislature of Oklahoma as well as the councils of the five nations long ago decreed sep-



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arate schools for negroes, and this separation is continued into the new regime by express language in the constitution.

In this connection the much discussed Oklahoma constitution by solemn ordinance decrees that the North American Indian is of equal rank among the races with the white race. The fundamental law of the new State declares that the words "colored" or "colored race," or "negro" or "negro race," shall apply to all persons of African descent. It then adds: "The term 'white race' shall include all other races." Thus Indians are taken into the fold of the "dominant" race.

There are many negroes who are members of an Indian tribe who have no Indian blood whatever. There have been some Indian and negro marriages. Indo-Africans may share in the wealth of the Indians, but they are, and have been for years, socially without the pale, and separate schools have been maintained for them. The full blood negroes who are members of the tribe are products of the Civil war. Many of the Indians were slave owners. The Creeks had more negro slaves than there were Indians in the tribe. When the slaves were freed and made citizens, these negroes became citizens of the Creek nation. When the Indian lands were allotted they were permitted to share the lands. The federal government, however, gives them more latitude than it does the Indians, for they may sell their land at will, while the Indian is surrounded with restrictions.

Negro education is provided for in the constitution, which directs that the schools must be separate, but must be impartially maintained. The negro schools in Oklahoma are said to be excellent. They devote much attention to instruction in practical things. The common schools of Oklahoma are no better, of course, than the schools of other states. But the wonder is that they are as far advanced as they are. Every American boy and girl. After nearly a hundred years the same race of people plants another colony to the westward. In the twinkling of an eye the pioneer is as well established in his civilization as are the people whom he left in the East. That is the marvel of it all.

## CHIEF OF CREEK NATION IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 5.—A special to the State Capital from Okmugee, I. T., says that Maty Tiger, chief of the Creek nation was seriously injured while riding in the woods near his home today. His horse became frightened and broke from the trail into a dense thorn thicket, two large thorns piercing Maty Tiger's head, pressing into the left ear. Both thorns were almost five-eighths of an inch long. Surgeons have operated on Chief Maty Tiger, and it is possible he may recover. Maty Tiger recently succeeded the late Pleasant Porter, chief of the Five Nations.

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## SPOKANE TELEGRAPHERS CALL STRIKE OFF

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 5.—The executive board of the local order of Commercial Telegraphers has called off the strike against the Western Union, the Postal and the Associated Press, advising the men to go back to work and end the strike. About forty men are included in the local order. The decision of the executive board was unanimous.

## EFFORTS TO PROTECT ELK ARE REWARDED

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 5.—Henry Ferguson, deputy State fish and game warden of Bozeman, has received a letter containing a check for \$200 from the Boone-Crockett club of New York, the organization perfected by President Roosevelt, former President Cleveland and others for the protection of elk. The club offered the reward for the States of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to the person who would secure convictions where the penalty imposed amounted to \$100 fine or sixty days in jail.

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## TWO COMPLAINTS FOR DIVORCE ARE FILED

Ivie V. Holliman and William P. Umberger Are the Plaintiffs.

Since May 18 last, Brooks W. Holliman has furnished no support for his wife, Ivie V. Holliman, according to her complaint for divorce filed Tuesday.

Mrs. Holliman says she has been dependent, since that time, upon her neighbors and the charity of friends for support, although she declares her husband is abundantly able to provide for her, owning property estimated to be valued at \$10,000.

The complaint shows that they were married in this city January 18 last, and only lived together as man and wife for four months before Holliman refused to further provide for her needs. The plaintiff asks for a divorce, reasonable alimony and the restoration of her maiden name, Ivie Lawson.

At Bluefield, West Virginia, over five years ago, Crate Penley Umberger left the home and fireside of her husband, William P. Umberger, taking with her their two minor children, according to a complaint for divorce filed by Umberger Tuesday.

He declares his wife's desertion was caused through no fault of his, and against his will. He asks that the marriage ties be dissolved. The complaint says they were married at Point Pleasant in the Old Dominion state, September 4, 1891.

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## Austrian Finances.

VIENNA, Nov. 5.—The budget for 1908 was introduced in the Uterhaus today by the Minister of Finance. It showed the estimated expenditure to be \$423,772,000 and the revenue \$429,154,000. The minister expressed satisfaction at the fact that the Vienna bourse had displayed a marked degree of independence and resisting power in regard to the American crisis.

## Suicidal Man.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 5.—A special to the Record from Culbertson says that while dependent upon unknown causes, R. B. Cartwright, a Beverly stable proprietor of that city, today committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. His father and an uncle had ended their lives in a similar manner.

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# Operations Avoided

Hospitals in our great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow white beds are women and girls. Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves.

Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in those dragging sensations, pain at the left or right of side, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back; all of which are indications of an unhealthy condition.

Do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an examination and possible operation. Build up the feminine system, remove the derangements which have signified themselves by danger signals, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, has saved many women from the hospital. Read the letters here published with the full consent of the writers, and see how they escaped operations by a faithful reliance on Mrs. Pinkham's advice and consistent treatment with

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