

Panama Canal Being Built, Books State

Omaha Population Given as 124,096 in Geographies of 1911-12—46 States in Union.

Omaha public school children are being instructed from geographies whose subject matter and illustrations in large measure are obsolete. The publication dates of the oldest of these books are 1911 and 1912.

All the children are not required to use these antiquated text books. At the Field school last week an inventory disclosed nearly 50 per cent of all the geographies of the dates of 1911 and 1912 being used in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. There were 44 of the 1911 books and 11 of the 1912. These 1911 geographies are published in first and second books, the former for use in fourth and fifth grades and the latter by the sixth and seventh grades. A check of all geographies used in the public schools is being made and the result will be given by The Omaha Evening Bee.

Explanation "Economy."
The explanation given by school authorities for using these "ancient" geographies is "economy." The budget for the current school fiscal year is approximately \$4,300,000, of which about 1 per cent was estimated for all text books. The cost of new geographies in any year would be a fraction of 1 per cent of the total cost of operation and maintenance of the school district of Omaha. While children are being taught fallacious statements and statistics from geographies more than a decade old, a new \$3,000,000 Technical High school is being reared.

In these ancient geographies the children have been taught—or at least permitted to read—during this school year, that Guthrie is the capital city of Oklahoma; that the Panama canal is being built and that thousands of men are at work in the canal zone; that there are 48 states in this country; that St. Petersburg is the capital of Russia, and that the present ruler of the German empire is the kaiser, known as Emperor William II, who has an army of 600,000 in time of peace. An illustration of William Hohenzollern accompanies the references to the German empire.

"Oil Lamps Used."
References to rural life and a typical farm are reminiscent of the dim past. Country roads are described as "never crowded" and difficult for horses. Oil lamps are used in farm houses and the typical farmer ordinarily sees his neighbor once in two or three days. No reference is made to thousands of miles of automobile highways, nor of federal and state highways. The use of wireless, radio, automobile and airplane finds no place in these old geographies. Statistics are as of 1910 and some indicated as of 1908.

Breweries and distilleries are still working, according to these books. Peoria is referred to as a great distillery center. California grapes are being turned into wine for domestic and foreign use. Milwaukee is still on the map on account of an amber-hued liquid which for a period of years was shipped from that city in carload lots.

Scant Reference to Omaha
Scant references are made to Omaha and Nebraska. Omaha is mentioned as "a leading city of the Missouri states and a market for cattle, sheep and horses, raised nearby in the arid region farther west." The population of Omaha is given as 124,096. Children who have been so unfortunate as to use these geographies may not know that Omaha is the greatest butter-producing city of the world; ranks fourth as a railroad center; was third last year as a livestock center; the total livestock production for the year having been 7,125,291; that Omaha is one of the large grain markets of the world and leads the cities of this country for pig lead production; also is first in automobile ownership per capita and 17th in bank clearings, although 24th in population of the cities of the United States.

A boy who recently asked his father when the Panama canal would be completed had read the following in his geography which was furnished by the board of education:

"It is here (Panama Canal zone) that our government is now engaged in digging the Panama canal, so that ships may pass along this route from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Thousands of men are at work on the canal, and when finished, it will be large enough for the largest ocean ship. The canal will be a benefit to all our sea coast towns."

Death Penalty Asked for Alleged Omaha Slayer
John Yeager, chief deputy county attorney, is asking the death penalty for Walter Lawrence, on trial in district court for the murder of Sebastian Mangantill, proprietor of a soft drink parlor.

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W. E. Weekly of Omaha and E. H. Morgan of Lincoln, president and secretary, respectively, of the Nebraska Casket Salesmen's club, are shown, left to right, standing behind the most expensive casket on exhibit at the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association convention in the Auditorium.

The casket is priced at \$15,000. It is of solid bronze, weighing 1,500 pounds, and is made in just two pieces. Its great cost is attributed to the fact that only one of 15 such caskets molded are perfect enough to be used.

Rainbow Bends Over Den as Ak-Sar-Ben Show Opens

Big Crowd Voices Approval of Entertainment Entitled "Chimes of Normandy" or "Samson's King Full" and Cheers Announcement That Membership Already Surpasses Previous Records.

Even the rainbow which bent itself over the Den Monday night at sunset had the hues of Ak-Sar-Ben. And its appearance at the moment when the show of 1923 was beginning its premier was taken as a good omen.

When E. Buckingham announced at the close of the show that the membership already has mounted to 4,476, the highest in Ak-Sar-Ben history, a cheer went up from the multitude which had just seen the first presentation of the "Chimes of Normandy."

The crowd, which filled practically all the seats in the augmented Den, expressed its approval of the entertainment which, by the way, is "Chimes of Normandy" in name only. In fact, its other name is "Samson's King Full."

Show "Different" This Year.
The show is "different" this year, men of course, the solemn orations which were administered Monday night bind the reporter to tell the mystic things that went on and not to divulge aught of the entertainment further than to mention the names of some of the principal actors.

Some of the former actors are in the cast and there are two or three new ones, including "Mac" Baldwin, former football star, who is the "theatrical director."

Other principals are Frank Latenser, grand moff; L. J. Shaw, assistant athletic director; J. J. Poucher, minister of state; Maynard Swartz, King Neb; Richard Low, King Ras; Charles Suber, King Ka; Charles R. Tyler and Albert Dean, queens; Charles Docherty, Police Comish; Shean; Kenneth Reed, Captain of Police Gallagher; K. A. Wittgen, Lieutenant Murphy; E. A. Wenzel, Sergeant Callahan; H. R. Smith, Patrolman Clancy; Herbert Connell, Dr. Hookem; Henry Dunn, Dr. Cutem; Oscar Lieben is director and H. G. Reinholz, stage manager.

The following comprise the pony ballet: A. D. Anderson, H. L. Berkshire, C. W. Detrick, L. E. Fitch, E. D. Herriman, Ralph Kastner, Arlo McLarnan, Billie McKeague, L. T. Peterson, R. F. Prazick, John Ward, George Walker, E. H. Kerrigan and Glenn Childs.

Saxophone Octet Biggest Hit.
The biggest hit of the evening was Dr. H. A. Wazgenzer and his perennially beloved saxophone octet. "Doc" has introduced a novelty in his act which includes the appearance of his eight artists in a drill to the delicious music of the "March of the Wooden Soldiers." "Doc" and his saxophonists received a great ovation as they came into view from a giant talking machine.

Compared with the results obtained during the past four years, by Great Britain, the achievements of the United States suffered considerably.

Four years ago Great Britain was in a sorry state, politically, industrially and financially. Today she has regained her financial supremacy, has funded her war debt, and is arranging for a big reduction in taxation.

The thing that has made this possible is team work, just as the lack of it is responsible for much of our confusion, complaint and lack of decision. It is devoutly to be hoped that this, the greatest nation of all, may soon come to a recognition of the necessity for team work.

First National Bank of Omaha

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Stung once, think twice before you take another chance of a mistake.

A Sorry-Looking Little Bear.

Such a treat as Mother Bear and Brother and Sister were having! My, my, my, such a treat! Mother Bear had torn wide open the storehouse of the bees. She would scoop out great pieces of comb, dripping with honey, and toss them to Brother and Sister. The air was no longer filled with bees, fighting mad. When Mother Bear had finally torn up their storehouse they had known that it was useless to fight longer and had at once begun loading themselves with honey to take away to start a new storehouse with.

Brother and Sister, who had obeyed Mother Bear and remained right where she had told them to, hadn't been stung once. But Little Bear was a sorry sight. Yes, indeed, Little Bear was a sorry-looking little bear. One eye was so swollen that she couldn't see out of it at all. Her lips were swollen. One side of her face was swollen. She had been stung on her body in many places where the

bees had worked down into her fur. She had been stung on her paws. Instead of rushing to join her brother and sister, Little Bear hung back. In the first place, she was ashamed. In the second place, she was still afraid. She was afraid that



"Yum! yum!" said Brother as he crammed a big piece of comb dripping with honey into his mouth.

There might still be some of those bees around. She was afraid of Mother Bear. So Little Bear hung back. "Yum, yum!" said Brother as he crammed a big piece of comb dripping with honey into his mouth. "Oh-oo!" said Sister, as she greed-

ily reached for an even bigger piece. Mother Bear looked over at sorry-looking Little Bear. There was a twinkle in Mother Bear's eyes. She knew how very, very miserable Little Bear felt. She herself had been stung much worse than Little Bear. But her skin was tougher than Little Bear's skin. Moreover, she had been stung many times before and she knew that the pain would not last long. She pulled out a piece of comb and tossed it so that it fell at the feet of Little Bear. Then Little Bear knew that she no longer had anything to fear from Mother Bear because of her disobedience.

Little Bear thought that she was too miserable to eat anything. She had thought that she no longer had any desire for that food which had smelled so delicious and made her mouth water. But she tasted that honey at her feet. My, such sweet news! She hadn't supposed that there could be anything in the Great World as sweet as that. She took another taste. Then she forgot all about her troubles. Yes, sir, sorry-looking Little Bear forgot all about her troubles. She gobbled up that piece of comb as greedily as the two other little bears were gobbling up what they had. She licked up the honey that had run out on the ground. Then she took a few steps nearer. Mother Bear tossed her some more. Little

ly reached for it eagerly. It was a wonderful feast that Mother Bear and the triplets had. They remained right there until they couldn't find another drop of honey to be licked up. By that time the stomachs of the little bears were so full that they were almost like little balloons.

As Mother Bear led them away to lie down for a nap Little Bear kept close to Mother Bear's heels. She was still a sorry-looking little bear. She still ached and smarted, but she no longer whined. Little Bear stopped at the Laughing Brook and rubbed her face in mud on the edge of it. She told Little Bear to do the same thing. It took out some of the ache from her swollen face. But when they moved on again Little Bear was an even sorer-looking bear than she had been before.

The next story, "Mother Bear's Patience Is Tried."

Abolition of 12-Hour Day in Steel Industry Seen

By Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, June 5.—Declaring that "the rate of progress toward abolition of the 12-hour day in the steel industry indicates that its complete disappearance is only a matter of time," B. F. Jones, Jr., chairman of

the board of directors of the Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation, the largest unmerged steel concern, said that for 25 years every effort had been put forth by his corporation to abolish the two-shift day, and that since 1910 a reduction of 50 per cent has been accomplished in the number of its manufacturing employes working 12 hours a day.

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