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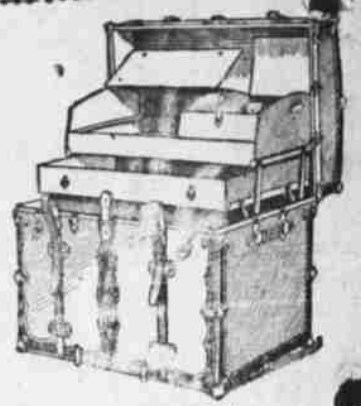
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### OUR SCHOOL BOOKS

Senator M. A. Miller of Linn county who for years has been active in educational legislation, in a recent interview on of the proposed bill to be presented to the consideration of free text books said

"I believe we have in this country the greatest educational system in the world" said Senator Miller. "Our system of the public schools, offering a good education to all free and requiring all of the advantages offered is unsurpassed.

"Any proposed change in the system is a question of great importance and should be handled only after careful investigation. It is a fact that 96 per cent of the people in the United States secure all the education they ever get, or rather all the schooling in the public schools. That percentage of the population do not attend the higher institutions of learning. In view of these figures, any proposed change causes people to think and investigate, and action should be taken only after a careful study of the question.

The proposed change, that of furnishing text-books in the public schools of Oregon at the expense of the taxpayers, has received considerable attention and there is much to be said for and against the question. It might result in a saving in the total amount of money spent for school books in the state and distribute the expense among the people who foot the bills of the state government.

### OREGON BOOKS HIGH PRICED

"In this connection I want to say that the people of Oregon are paying more for their school books than any other state in the Union. I have investigated this subject and have figures to support my statements. For years I have devoted considerable time to the educational questions in Oregon, and have been an advocate of using the pruning knife on the schedule of studies in the public schools. There are too many studies taught and too little attention given to each branch of work. The books cost too much, and because of the great number of branches taught, often become a burdensome expense.

### COMPARATIVE PRICES

"As a result of my investigation I have the cost of books in a number of states, and a comparison of the expense there with the prices charged in Oregon is interesting. In Texas, a First Reader costs 18 cents, in Oregon, 25 cents, an increase of 40 per cent; Second Reader, 24 cents in Oregon, 30 cents, an increase of 25 per cent; Third Reader, 30 cents in

Oregon, 40 cents, an increase of 33 1/2 per cent; Speller, 16 cents, in Oregon, 22 cents, an increase of 47 per cent; First Geography, 42 cents, in Oregon, 60 cents, an increase of 43 per cent.

"North Carolina, offers even a more glaring example. There the First Reader costs 15 cents, in Oregon 15 cents, an increase of 92 1/2 per cent; Second Reader 18 cents, in Oregon, 30 cents, an increase of 66 2/3 per cent; Geography, 40 cents, in Oregon, 60 cents, an increase of 50 per cent; First History, 40 cents, in Oregon 60 cents, an increase of 50 per cent "In Missouri the First Reader and Primer combined sells for 12 cents, in Oregon the First Reader sells for 25 cents, an increase of 108 per cent; Second Reader 17 cents, in Oregon 30 cents, an increase of 77 per cent; Geography 42 cents, in Oregon 60 cents, an increase of 43 per cent; History, 51 cents, in Oregon 60 cents, an increase of 17 1/2 per cent.

"The comparison with Indiana is striking. There the First Reader costs 10 cents, in Oregon 25 cents, and increase of 150 per cent; Second Reader, 15 cents, in Oregon 30 cents, an increase of 100 per cent; Speller, 10 cents, in Oregon, 22 cents, an increase of 120 per cent; Geography, 30 cents, in Oregon 60 cents, an increase of 100 per cent.

"In North Dakota First Readers cost 16 cents, in Oregon 25 cents, an increase of 56 per cent; Second Readers 28 cents, in Oregon 30 cents, an increase of 7 per cent; Histories, 80 cents, in Oregon \$1 an increase of 25 per cent; Mental Arithmetic, 25 cents, in Oregon 30 cents, an increase of 25 per cent.

"Kansas is another good illustration of the excessive charges for text-books in Oregon. There the Fourth Reader costs 35 cents, in Oregon 40 cents, an increase of 33 1/3 per cent; Speller 10 cents, in Oregon 22 cents, an increase of 120 per cent; Geography, 30 cents, in Oregon 60 cents, an increase of 100 per cent.

A bill is to be introduced in the next legislature providing for the penitentiary to manufacture grain bags. This is by no means an experiment. The State of Washington on our north manufactured bags for several years. California has also. It can easily be ascertained whether or not it is profitable.

### MODERN THRESHING

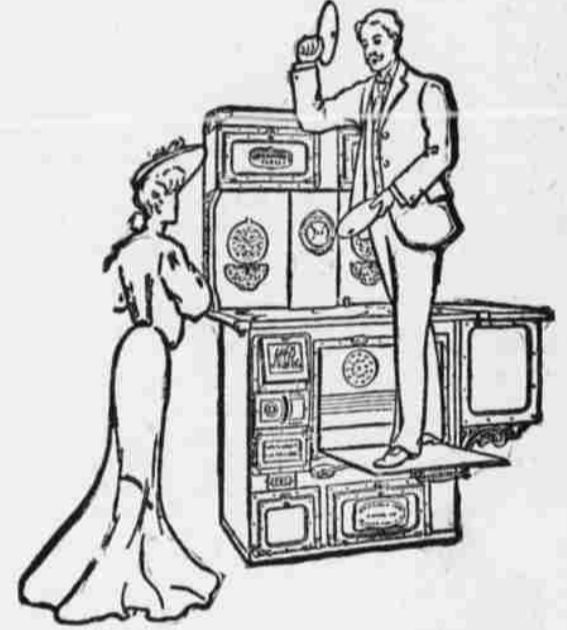
Thirty years ago threshing time was one of the most strenuous occasions that came to the farmer's annual experience and was something that was dreaded as much by the women of the house as by the farmer himself, as it required two or three days to thresh the average crop, with fifteen and twenty men and as many teams to be housed and fed.

The stacks of fired chicken and apple pie that disappeared during those troublesome days was something wonderful to behold. This is now all changed.

The threshing crew come down the road with their whole outfit (on train) pull in alongside of the stacks and in ten minutes are at work and no one is surprised if they are threshing ten bushels a minute. The sheaves being fed automatically the threshed grain runs directly into the farmer's wagons, the straw being stacked automatically, taking away most of the laborous and dirty part of the work of the old times. For the average farmer one days cleans up the whole job, and the thresher moves on to the next setting.—Implement Age.

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