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WHY NOT HAVE FREE TEXT BOOKS?

In all of the Oregon reforms that have been written and tried there is one which seems to have been either purposely neglected or else the reformers have not the welfare of the school children at heart sufficiently to take up their cause.

We have reference to the text books in schools. If there is anything in this world that should be free to children it is text books. Many other states, who do not mount the household cry of reform as does our own state, have adopted the free books years ago.

As most people know the school books of this country are a trustable article and the publishers of these fight vehemently when a movement is on to either reduce price or draw attention to the school book situation.

Instead of the prison reform which is now in the spotlight of Oregon instead of so much initiative and referendum, instead of so much recall and single tax, would it not come nearer home to arrange for the free books for children.

We ask the parent who this year was called upon for a heavy expenditure of money at the beginning of school if we are not right in this stand.

THE COMMONSENSE JIM HILL.

Ah, but it is refreshing in this day of demagoguery, this day when pin-headed politicians sway the populace on questions of which the pinheads themselves know and care little, to hear a real man come forth with a few sensible remarks. Jim Hill, to our mind, is the most substantial man in public life today and he does not have the political publicity but on the other hand he is a public man because he has large commercial interests.

The trusts will vanish as soon as they are compelled to show that every dollar of their capital stock has been paid for in cash or property and labor at a fair valuation. Oblige every corporation to do this, under penalty of an assessment on stockholders to make good any deficiency in capital or surplus, or else a scaling down of capitalization to actual values, and the trusts would not long bother anybody.

Examine the political nostrums now most talked of as saviors of society, humane in intent though many of them be, and it will be found that they all involve the continued expenditure of large sums of money to be collected by taxation. The men who pay these taxes are the holders of property. The men who vote these expenditures are the taxpayers plus that considerably more numerous body of electors who either pay no taxes or a share so inconsiderable that its increase or decrease is not felt.

Hence a constantly increasing disposition in the nation and the states to change the distribution of wealth by legislation; taking it by enormous appropriations from those who have accumulated it and scattering it among those who did not. The end of such a system may be delayed, but it is not doubtful. Capital is exhausted and is not renewed. The motive vanishes. The public is educated to refuse work to the cow that can keep everybody supplied with all the milk he may want indefinitely.

Society and Clubs

Mrs. Frederick J. Holmes, Mrs. Edgar E. Bragg and Mrs. Claude Hegar Scranton were hostesses Thursday afternoon at Five Hundred in which the chief social function of the week was represented. Miss Ruth Russell, Miss Zoe Bragg, Miss Nellie Grimmet and Mrs. George S. Birnie assisted the hostesses and Miss Evans presided at the piano during refreshments.

Those present were: Mrs. J. H. Aikine, Mrs. Wm. Allison, Mrs. A. V. Andrews, Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. Wm. Ash, Mrs. H. M. Bay, Mrs. Jessie Bartlett, Mrs. Frank Bridges, Mrs. Andrew Buckley, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Fred M. Rock, Mrs. Geo. S. Birnie, Mrs. Geo. T. Cochran, Mrs. C. E. Cochran, Mrs. A. B. Cherry, Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. Luther F. Dunn, Mrs. M. B. Donohue, Mrs. C. S. Dunn, Mrs. Will French, Mrs. C. H. Finn, Mrs. J. C. Gulling, Mrs. De Lile Greene, Mrs. H. C. Grady, Mrs. James Garrity, Island City, Miss Ivy Head, Island City, Mrs. M. K. Hall, Mrs. W. R. Jones, Mrs. Ellis Kirtley, Mrs. Horace Kenney, Oakland, Mrs. J. W. Loughlin, Mrs. R. W. Logan, Mrs. C. M. Lockwood, Mrs. P. A. McDonald, Mrs. N. Mollitor, Mrs. F. L. Meyers, Mrs. Margaret Newlin, Mrs. Robert Newlin, Mrs. Adolph Newlin, Mrs. Chester Newlin, Miss Stella Oliver, Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. Robert Patison, Mrs. Vincent Palmer, Mrs. Geo. Palmer, Mrs. E. Polack, Mrs. L. Remillard, Mrs. P. S. Robinson, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. F. M. Swaney, Mrs. J. D. Stout, Mrs. Louise Stoddard, Mrs. J. D. Slater, Mrs. Herman Stearlst, Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Mrs. Frank Toney, Mrs. John Tolsen, Mrs. Mac Wood, Mrs. E. E. Wilhelm, Mrs. S. A. Gardener, Mrs. C. W. Nibley, Mrs. Eugene A. Holmes, Wallawa, Miss McMillan, Miss Angst Miss Koch, Miss Evans.

Of course the wedding was pretty. That is what all are expected to be and are usually so described. Weddings ought to be more than pretty; they should be beautiful. Such it was on the occasion of the marriage of William Jacob Woodward and Miss Ellen Bacon, both of County Cumberland, north England. Mr. Woodward is a machinist in the railroad shops in La Grande, Oregon, and Miss Bacon is a nurse who came all the long way to meet her betrothed.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mrs. Para Thornton on Cedar Street, Wednesday, October 11, 1911. Rev. J. D. Gillilan, D. D., being the officiating minister. After the wedding service was over the party repaired to the spacious, well and tastefully prepared dining room in which was served a dainty as well as substantial collation, presided over Mesdames Thornton and Leighton, assisted by Miss Harrison.

The chaste ring ceremony was ritualistic and sedate. Mrs. C. A. Robson presided at the organ playing the wedding march, while the officiating minister preceded the blushing couple to the spot where they stood while the weighty words were spoken and the promises elicited that united the young foreigners "till death do them part" in the strange land in which they are to make their home. The bride was delicately gowned in cream colored silk and bridal veil and carried flowers.

Besides the persons above named there were present Mrs. Hannah Rogers, Mrs. Mary Worth and daughter Anita, Mrs. Dr. Gillilan, Miss Minnie Robson, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Sprague.

The first meeting of the Lyle Tuesday Musicals last Tuesday afternoon opened with the installation of officers, who are:

President—Miss M. Anthony. Vice President—Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.

Secretary—Mrs. Frank Toney. Treasurer—Mrs. E. Polack. Chorus Director—Mrs. O. E. Silverthorne.

A short but excellent program followed, consisting of the following numbers:

Piano Solo—"To a Wild Rose"..... McDowell Mrs. W. W. Berry.

Violin Solo—"Berceuse"..... Aeruna Miss Bertha Young.

Reading—"After While"..... Rilley Mrs. F. R. Bridges.

Vocal Solo—"Spring Song"..... O. Veill Mrs. McGuire, with violin obbligato by Miss Young.

At the close of the program Prof. Frank J. Maguire gave a musical talk of great value with illustrative piano numbers brilliantly executed, all of which was highly appreciated by those present.

A delightful social hour which members and several guests enjoyed was another feature of the afternoon.

The club is entering upon a most encouraging year. An interesting line of study designated by the National Federation of Marmons Musical class has been accepted and much profit and pleasure is anticipated from this year's work.

Next Monday will see in this city a lady who has won national prominence in lodge circles, Mrs. W. A. Murdock of Chicago, founder of the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. (Continued on Page 5.)

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken generally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1910, creating improvement district No. 17 and designating Jefferson avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 23rd day of September, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Jefferson avenue in such improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement walk, combination curb and gutter, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Jefferson avenue, from the east curb line of Elm street, to the west line lot 8, block 112, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, block 112; Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$591.60. That the council will, on the 18th day of October, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, October 4th, 1911.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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