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CHANGING OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Portland, March 6.—And there is to be another change of school books according to reports from the state capital. Why? That is the question, why should this state see fit to change the course of study every few years. Officials may not realize the hardship it works on the people. Usually the man well clothed and well fed who draws a salary every month cannot enter very deeply in the matter that requires the depletion of a family treasury for school books, which money could be better used to provide the necessities of life.

Why not use a set of books for at least ten years? If proper care has been used in choosing the books will be ample for the children. And if there is any one thing that should occur in Oregon it is to provide free text books to children. We spend vast sums upon our university where but a very small per cent of the children are educated, we spend equally large amounts on our agricultural college

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where another small per cent is educated, yet the rank and file of the children of Oregon are denied free text books.

It is our belief that La Grande never did anything of so much value in an advertising way as when a carload of residents took that trip into southern Oregon a short time ago. Hardly a day passes that we do not run across someone who met the party in the lower country and the kindest words are spoken of La Grande and her people. Elbert Herman, one of the brightest young men in Oregon, came in from Roseburg a few days ago and stated that Roseburg was very anxious for the bunch to play a football engagement in that city. A. J. McLean of Coos county, said he had read of the trip and it made a hit with him and asked that the next time he visit his country, Jesse Bartlett of Coosville immediately demanded that his city be included in the stops on the next trip. They all admit that La Grande is the pioneer of a movement that will spread throughout the northwest and serve to bring the people closer.

Those who felt shaky about Taft carrying Oregon are beginning to get up their courage again. From every section comes the report that Roosevelt is not the choice, that the square deal is demanded and therefore it is but consistent for the men who think this way to demand Taft. And, too, this comes largely from admirers of Roosevelt. They know he is a great man, but they will not stand for his last act. La Follette's friends continue to stand pat and the little senator from Wisconsin is going to poll some strength in Oregon.

It is strange but there is quite an element of people in the metropolis who speak of present times as hard times. You hear them talk about hoping the country will soon get over this period of depression. Isn't it amusing? Especially to compare times now with those of 1893 when no wages were paid; when men grubbed stumps in the Willamette valley for 25 cents a day and boarded themselves when \$1.00 a day was the average harvest wage. Oh, yes, there are hard times—in your mind. The same men who speak of close times can frequently be seen eating a \$2.00 meal in a fashionable grill.

Real estate in Portland has apparently reached a stopping place for a while at least. To ride over the additions from which lots were sold to Eastern Oregon people at enormous prices, and to price the lots now causes one to wonder if the real estate game was not almost in the Rufus Wallingford class.

Pat Lavey, the former publicity man of La Grande, has been indicted by the federal grand jury for wrong usage of the mails. And Pat has been carrying on a big business whether he is guilty or innocent. He still maintains that talkative mood and stands among the front ranks in the promoter's art. But it is the same old story of getting the money easy. However, Pat alleges that he has been

conspired against and maybe so. Anyway, Uncle Sam is going to find out the true situation if possible.

Just now the state is signing petitions and people are getting very tired of the demand of the professional petition solicitor.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

La Grande, March 8.—(To the Editor)—Being interested in the welfare of the young people of La Grande and observant of juvenile conditions all over this state I write these few lines trusting they may awaken the consciences of those who have the sacred duty of raising children and to bring to their attention the fact that there are conditions existing in this community which can and should be prevented. The trouble is that so many people will permit these harmful influences to menace the lives of the children and console themselves with the fact that it is none of their business, until the situation becomes so serious as to demand the attention of the authorities and the home has to be broken up. It is well to care for the children after the home ties are severed but still better to be able to keep the home intact by timely intervention. The old maxim that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is a truth that needs to be constantly brought to our minds.

What are some of the causes of this juvenile delinquency? First and foremost a woeful lack of parental supervision and example in the home. Those who have the sacred responsibility of rearing children need to wake up right now and look the situation fairly and squarely in the face before it is too late and the children beyond their control. In homes and upon the streets I have been appalled to listen to disgusting and obscene language used in the presence of children. We might well ask ourselves, which are the worst delinquents; those who set such an example and know better or those who are at an impressionable age and do not know better?

Another important cause of delinquency is found in the fact that proprietors of resorts where tobacco is sold and games of chance indulged in are contributing to the delinquency of our youth and some are persistent violators of the juvenile laws of this state. The vigorous hand of the law is needed and should be invoked at every opportunity on behalf of our defenseless young. I regret to state that juvenile delinquency is as rampant among the girls as well as the boys and there are too many homes in this town furnishing young girls who have to be cared for in institutions.

It is one of the most ungrateful tasks in the scope of human uplift to interfere, officially or otherwise, with the family life; it is always resented and usually in proportion to the plain necessity for it but the parents must sooner or later realize the justice of the interference and meet it with effort to amendment. This town cannot afford to suffer through neglect of the children and those citizens who have the best interests of our young at heart should get busy and combat the evils which are injuring them and use their constant endeavors to promote a clean, healthy environment.

J. G. KILPACK.

Political Quips.

Somebody ought to relieve the monotony by starting a vice presidential boom.—Cleveland Leader.

There are many dark horses in the presidential race who hear the echo of exploding booms and don't mind the noise.—Baltimore News.

It is going to be the cheapest campaign the rich men ever knew. No candidate or party will dare take their money.—Philadelphia Record.

Wireless Whispers.

There are at present eighteen recognized systems of wireless telegraphy. By reason of a double antennae the direction from which a wireless message comes may be readily determined by the receiver.

The Mexican government announces the early establishment of a series of wireless telegraph stations along the coast of Lower California. Though primarily for use of the army and navy, these stations will also accept messages from the public for transmission.

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