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THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS.

We are quite certain that in stating that there is something wrong with the school book situation we shall have the approval of the parents who have had to furnish books for two or three children.

We admit that our children should have every educational opportunity and we do not begrudge them the best books, but there is a growing sentiment that the change every few years in fundamental text books is folderol. There may be need to change histories and geographies in order to bring them up to date, but nothing has been added to the multiplication tables to make a change necessary in arithmetics. Surely the rules for addition, subtraction and division have not changed. Changes in spelling have not been so radical as to make new textbooks necessary every six years. Grammatical rules must be such the same that they were 25 years ago. Why do we need new grammars at six-year intervals?

Surely Latin, algebra, rhetoric, geometry and such studies can be taught with textbooks that were good a dozen years ago.

We fail to see that rapidly changing textbooks have added anything to the knowledge of students. We have failed to observe that youngsters are any better educated today than they were when textbooks could be passed down through the family.

It may be that the price of textbooks is unreasonable. The profit of the retailer is small but we are inclined to believe that the textbook trust is having no difficulty in meeting its obligations.

We have not been won over to the idea of state printed textbooks. Government printing usually is high priced, but unless something is done to make the burden less upon the parents of large families, state printing of textbooks is likely to become a live political issue.

The governor or the legislature should order a thorough investigation of the expense of textbooks. There must be something wrong somewhere.

Hugh Hume, editor Portland Spectator, nominates for United States senator C. C. Chapman, editor Oregon Voter, Portland. C. C. Chapman, editor Oregon Voter, nominates for the same position Hugh Hume, editor The Spectator. Both have declined the nomination which is fortunate, for neither has the paramount requisite of a candidate for high position—an ability to gather in the votes. Besides, who would care to remain in Oregon with either one of these able wielders of scissors and pen wasters the piquancy of his utterances upon the unappreciative Washingtonians.

Life insurance companies haven't been impoverished paying the principal on policies taken out by young men who have been jilted by the girls they thought they couldn't live without.

A man's idea of whether clothing is high priced is guided by whether it is for himself or for some member of his family.

The 20-inch legs on men's pants make it more a mystery than ever how some luffers support themselves.

Some folks thoroughly enjoy themselves making others unhappy.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by an order of the county court of Lane county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of R. Pope, deceased, which order bears date the 10th day of September, 1925.

All persons having claims against the estate of R. Pope, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, First National Bank building, Cottage Grove, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated and first published this 14th day of September, 1925.

W. G. PALMATEER, Administrator of the estate of R. Pope, deceased. s14-012 Herbert W. Lombard, Attorney for estate

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, August 31, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that George Arrel Lowry, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, who, on August 7, 1925, made Homestead Entry, No. 013221, for W 1/2 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the United States Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 29th day of October, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Chesley L. Churchill, Earle N. Cruse, Hiram R. Rawlings, John Barker, all of Cottage Grove, Oregon. non-coal HAMILLA CANADAY, Register. s3-01(2)

Not Even One Honest Man in French Village

Just as New England has its stories of wooden nutmegs, so France has certain classics revealing the tendency of her countrymen to save pennies now and then at the expense of their fellows.

One of the best concerns a popular village priest. The villagers voted amid great enthusiasm to give him a barrel of their best wine for his birthday. Each of the wine growers was to bring a bottle and empty it on the barrel.

On the appointed day peasant after peasant marched up to the barrel, eulogized the priest, and plunging the nozzle of his green bottle through the bung hole poured its gurgling contents within.

When the last contribution had been made the chairman of the committee made an even longer speech of praise, and drew from the barrel to drink the health of the priest.

To the astonishment of everybody, the glass contained only clear water. Each farmer had assumed that the others would bring the wine.

Speed Contests That Are Not on Record

An exciting contest took place recently between a motorcyclist and an express train along the 500 miles between Sydney and Brisbane, Australia. The lone cyclist won, reaching his destination 30 minutes before the train. A kangaroo raced a train in Australia, keeping alongside the locomotive for three miles, according to Tit-Bits.

Perhaps the most grotesque railway races have been on occasions when members of the crews have had to race their own trains, after having signaled the train to proceed and then being unable to board any of the cars. One man in England gave the "right away" signal and then found the train had gathered speed so quickly that he was unable to board it.

His absence was not discovered until the next station was reached. After several minutes the guard was seen sprinting after the train. He lost the race by 11 minutes. Another guard missed his train, but pursued it on a motorcycle which he commandeered.

Dig Up Martyrs of 1684

An ancient coffin was recently unearthed in the Towhead district of Glasgow which contained the skeletonized remains of a man. The coffin was found some 15 feet behind the well-known Martyrs' monument, which fronts Castle street, a circumstance that gave rise to the theory that the remains were those of one of the three men—James Nisbet, James Lawson and Alexander Wood—who were martyred in 1684. The excavation process has disclosed only one grave, and it is suggested that the remains may be buried near the monument erected in 1818 and renewed in 1882. The three martyrs commemorated by the monument were apparently originally laid to rest in a piece of ground now of triangular shape situated behind James Nisbet street, but no longer marked as a spot of sanctity or sepulcher.—London Mail.

Fifty-Fifty

It was pay day and the bookkeeper stood in the manager's office to claim extra pay for extra work.

"Mr. Grasp," he said, toying nervously with a piece of red tape, "during the last week I have been doing the work of the pay-roll clerk, who has been ill."

"Well," retorted Mr. Grasp, "what of it?" "Why, this being pay day, sir," said the bookkeeper, "I thought it might be right to mention it."

"Quite right," said the manager. "Let me see, your salary is \$40 and the pay-roll clerk is \$20."

"Yes, sir," replied the bookkeeper, beaming expectantly. "Then," computed the manager, "working half the week for yourself entitles you to \$20 and half the week for the pay-roll clerk entitles you to \$10. Here it is."

Scriptural Manna

According to the Scriptures, manna was the food of the Israelites for 40 years. The food was gathered every morning, every man according to his eating, and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. It is described poetically as "food from heaven" and "bread of the mighty."

No substance is known which in any degree satisfies all the requirements of the Scriptural references but one proposed is to identify manna with a lichen which grows upon the limestone in the Arabian and other deserts. The older masses become detached and are rolled about by the wind. When swept together by sudden rainstorms in the rainy season they may be collected in large heaps. It is a form of nourishment in the desert, especially when eaten with the sugary manna from the trees.

Constant Assortment

"Life is an endless battle against clutter," says a writer in Scribner's. "No sooner do we get through one job of assortment than some unobserved mounding head of something else challenges our sense of order and analysis. Most of us are, at any given moment, conscious of a pile of something somewhere in our lives that needs sorting—it may be a mass of old books, or old boots, or merely old motives. There is hardly any peace of mind so deep as that one experiences just after one has satisfactorily sorted something. Yet always invariably, insidiously, a fresh inchoate pile is mounding somewhere on our spirit's premises, demanding arrangement."

Cat Jumped to Fame

In the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, there is a stuffed cat labeled: "This cat on September 28, 1880, jumped from the top of the Washington monument and lived." The monument at that time was not completed and the cat jumped from a height of about 100 feet, alighted on all fours, lay on the ground for a few minutes and then got up and walked away. The jump was witnessed by quite a few persons who were dismayed when a dog pounced upon the cat a few seconds after it started to walk away and killed it.

Might Do

"Why has the great American novel never been written?" "They couldn't decide on the dialect."

"Why not write it in slang?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Claiming His Own

First Diner—I think we met at this restaurant last month. You overcoat seems very familiar to me. Second Diner—But I didn't have it last month. First Diner—No; but I did—

Portable Stove Was Ben Franklin's Idea

The first stoves were simply hot stones. In using his flint knife, man evidently discovered that stone heated best, and soon he was utilizing his discovery. Huge round stones have been found which appear to have been used for purposes of cooking food. Some are flat, some concave. A large pot of a later period has been found containing several smooth, round stones. It is believed that early man heated water by dropping hot stones into it. In early times the fire was built in the center of the cave and for a long time the cook occupied the center of the home. But later the fire was moved to the side of the home and in the Twelfth century chimneys to supply draughts and to lead smoke and fumes out of the house were introduced. Closed stoves of brick or porcelain tile have been in use in Holland, Russia, Germany and other northern countries of Europe since the end of the Middle Ages. Cast-iron stoves were known in Alsace as early as 1400, but they did not come into general use until considerably later. For many generations the brick and tile stoves were in use. The early American colonists did their cooking in open fireplaces. They had large swinging cranes on which to suspend pots. In 1744 Benjamin Franklin invented the portable fireplace of iron.

Earliest Clocks Not Provided With Dials

The first clock of which there is any authentic record was invented by Richard de Wallingford, abbot of St. Albans, in 1328. It was known to be going in the time of Henry VIII.

Some early clocks had no dials, so people had to wait until the hour was struck to learn the time. When dials were first introduced they only had one hand and only marked the hour. Later the hours were divided into quarters and "jacks," or mechanical figures, struck the bell's.

One of the earliest pocket watches known belonged to Oliver Cromwell, says a writer in the Horological Journal. This was made in 1625 by John Mindall, and was about the size and shape of an watch egg.

At that period watches became very fashionable and were often carried in the hand. There were no watch-glasses, and a shutter arrangement was used.

When Greeley Proved He Was No Minister

Most people know Girard college. If they know it at all, for its stringent rule that no clergyman shall ever enter its gate. Whenever the institution is open a guard stands at that entrance, and his one question is, "Are you a preacher?" Long ago Horace Greeley, with his usual white tie and angelic smile, stood at that gate.

"You can't come in here!" exclaimed the guard. "Why not?" queried Greeley humbly. "Because you are a clergyman."

"The h—I am!" blurted out Greeley. "Excuse me, sir," stammered the guard, "come right in."

It was not prejudice against clergymen that caused Stephen Girard to make that law, but rather his desire that the boys should not be confused by denominational controversy, and that "on their entrance into active life they may adopt such religious tenets as their matured reason may enable them to prefer."—Carl Holiday in American Mutual Magazine.

T. R.'s Three Speeches

Sir William Reach Thomas, English war correspondent, in his book, "A Traveler in News," tells the following anecdote about Colonel Roosevelt, whom he met in the United States.

"Whether or not he possessed a great brain may be debated, but I never met a man who had so much control over his mental processes. A friend told me that he had heard him address a crowd in the open air on a windy day. Only those toward whom he turned could catch what he said; so he spoke three speeches—one to those on the left, one to the center, one to the right. The three speeches were different and were given in alternate sentences but he managed the triple feat without confusion, without pausing for a word or thought."

Old Army Punishment

The expression "running the gantlet" meaning to suffer ill treatment from many hands, is derived from a form of military punishment once in vogue, in which the culprit, stripped to the waist, was obliged to run repeatedly between two lines of soldiers facing inward, each one of whom struck at him with a short stick or switch. The custom is said to have originated in the "Thirty Years' War," (1618-1648) and to have been adopted by the European armies as a mode of punishment. The word "gantlet" does not derive from the iron glove, but from the Swedish word gatlopp, meaning "a running down a lane."—Exchange.

Variation in Story

Leon Blois, to whose memory a monument has been erected in France, was a deep student of ingratitude. One day a lady asked him if the children of this era were usually ingrate. "Yes, madame. Allow me to tell you a story. There was a young villager who wanted to leave the parental roof, and who pestered his father into dividing up the family live stock and giving him his share." "I know that story," interrupted the lady. "It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. Subsequently he returned, repentant, to his father's home!" "No, madame," said Blois. "In my story it is the pigs that return."

First Egyptian King

According to Greek authors, as well as according to the Egyptian list of kings, the first king who ruled over the Nile valley was Menes, called Meua in Egyptian. His family came from Teu, a spot in middle Egypt, which formed a certain religious center of the kingdom down to a late period. Menes was the founder of the so-called first dynasty of Egypt (4400-4133 B. C.) Tradition represents him as the builder of the great city of Memphis.

Right to "Hook" Apple

When a youth was tried in a Reading (Pa.) court on a charge of stealing apples, the judge directed the jury to find a verdict of "not guilty." He held that unpicked apples belong to the land and do not become personal property until picked.

Playing Safe

Clara—Can you run very fast? Hugh—I was the dash man in college. Clara—Well, I'll let you kiss me if you catch me!

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