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USE THE INITIATIVE

By the close vote of 29 to 27, the lower house of the legislature defeated the free textbook bill, which would have brought relief from the schoolbook graft to the parents of the school children of Oregon.

The same old arguments which have become timeworn and threadbare through continued rehashing were advanced by opponents of the bill. Simmered down to rock-bottom, the heavy taxpayers would have contributed indirectly a larger portion of educational costs, and when the interests of the general public and the heavy taxpayers clashed, the P. vote it in the neck. That's why the bill was beaten—and as long as the legislators we send up to Salem every two years have the final word, that's where the public will usually get it.

Speaking of final words, we have an initiative power vested in the people of Oregon, which is an efficient weapon with which to attain our ends. With it we obtained practically every bit of progressive legislation enacted in the last decade and a half. Through the initiative a textbook law will eventually be enacted. It will never come through the legislature, unless an enormous pressure is brought to bear upon it by the people, and the people are not cohesive—they haven't the close-knit, fighting organization which enables the opposition to get what it wants with regularity.

Having failed in the legislature, textbook advocates will do well to prepare and initiate a bill which gives them what they desire. If it originates with its friends and is not too radical in its provisions, school patrons will step into the breach and put the measure over with a whoop. It's the only way we will obtain it.

WHERE THE OBSTRUCTION IS

The decline in the prices of agricultural products and other raw materials has effected a substantial reduction in living costs. The high cost of living of which the wage-earners now complain, is in their own wage scales. This is the situation which everybody is side-stepping, while looking hopefully from day to day for better times.

For instance, the baker cannot reduce the price of bread to correspond with the reduction in flour, because flour is only one item in his costs. His labor, delivery costs, machinery, coal, freight charges, supplies, etc., which mainly represent labor, have not come down to correspond with wheat or flour.

The building industry is marking time, although the need for construction work is greater than ever before, because the high costs are prohibitive. If building should go on under these conditions the costs would be chargeable in the form of high rentals, largely for labor to pay. Would-be builders doubt if they can obtain such rentals and building is almost at a standstill in consequence. Wage-rates in terms of money should have a degree of flexibility, giving them a relation to the selling value of products. High wage-scales which prohibit employment can only bring business stagnation and hardship.

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The pride of the British Empire lies in the title "Mistress of the Seas." English people take the greatest pride in their shipping.

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Their monthly, called the Pacific Mail, wonderfully illustrated, is a liberal education in the commerce and geography of the world. A copy of this magazine, which is sent free, should be used by men and women to educate their children on broad lines of world culture.

The world shipping and merchant marine mean little to the average citizen in the interior of the country. They should mean much if we hope to attain our proper place and prosperity as a nation at home and abroad.

The Publisher's Responsibility
Much democratizing reading is printed on the plea that "the combing war is it." A mother might as excusably give her child the glistening arsenic for which it cries. The publisher heard in opposition after the notices that of the preacher or the teacher. This, at any rate, is the view of the Publishers of The Youth's Companion. From its first issue to the present it has been a constant force for character building. And with all that it has been so wisely edited that no publication exists of more varied charm, more inexhaustible and refreshing sources of interest.

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FEB. 28 TO MARCH 5 SET FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK

Mayor Baker announced Monday that he had officially designated the week of February 28-March 5 as "clean-up week" for Portland. An official proclamation to that effect will be issued soon.

The reason for the earlier date than ever before is to provide work for the hundreds of unemployed in the city. The various departments of the city government, the Boy Scouts and other organizations will participate in the campaign.

During the present week inspectors from the fire department and the health bureau have been making an effort to visit every building in Portland, giving instructions and advice as to the best manner in which to remove fire and health hazards.

Edward C. Grenfall, fire marshal, Monday gave orders to his squad to make an effort to inspect every residence in the city. Each member of the squad carried with him the telephone number of the unemployed commission of the American Legion, which is guaranteed to supply men for the necessary work.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Supt. M. Flier. Good music and classes for all sizes. All welcome. Morning worship at 11 a. m., subject: "The Resurrection of the Dead," a theme that interests all. Special music by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Thompson. Choir practice on Friday night, as was advertised.

The Willing Workers class will give a carnival Friday evening in the church. There will be booths with many interesting things to sell. At the close of the carnival there will be a band concert given by a band of young ladies. All invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson spent Sunday in Salem with their daughter, who is a teacher in the high school of the capital city.

Mrs. Catherine Jane Thompson, mother of W. S. Thompson of 82nd street, died at the Glenn Haven Rest Home on the 16th and was buried from the Kenworthy parlors on Friday, the 18th. Rev. H. Austin of Baptist headquarters officiated. Mrs. Thompson formerly lived at Harrington, Wash. Interment took place in Mt. Scott cemetery.

The Whitney boys' chorus is rehearsing at the Baptist church every Tuesday night and is making fine progress. Any parents who want their sons to learn to sing are invited to send them along.

MAJOR JOHN J. MURRAY BURIED LAST WEEK

Funeral services for Major John J. Murray, native of England, distinguished actor of Shakespearean roles, Spanish War veteran and business man, who died early last week at his residence, 3126 62nd street, were held on Thursday of last week from Kenworthy's chapel at 10 a. m. The deceased was born in London in 1852, spending nine years of his early life in Australia and coming to New York soon after the close of the Civil war. For ten years he was on the New York stage, associated with George Sammis, Alexander Salvini, Robert Graham, Henry E. Dixie, J. Wilkes Booth and J. K. Emmet.

Major Murray's father was the original manufacturer of oleomargarine and for some time the deceased was associated with him in Chicago perfecting his product. During the Spanish-American war he served with the Black Hussars of Chicago and at the close of the war was commissioned major of cavalry.

The Murray family has resided in Portland since 1913. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Clarence E. Murray of Aurora, Ill., and John J. Murray of Portland; his daughter, Gladness N. Murray, of Portland; also two brothers and two sisters.

RUNAWAY HORSES ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE

As a reminder of the "hoss and wagon" days of yore, a team of horses, attached to a vegetable wagon belonging to Lin Poy, Lents Chinese farmer, ran away Monday afternoon and created considerable excitement in the north end of Portland. The team and wagon was parked at Sixth and Davis streets. Breaking away, they ran west on Davis to Tenth street, where they crashed into a truck belonging to the Denby Transfer Co. The wagon and truck suffered considerable damage.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department.

In the matter of the Estate of Carolina Johnson, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Carolina Johnson, deceased, by Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, Department of Probate, and has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me or to my attorneys, Gebhardt, Scudder & Hendrickson, 610 Spalding Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers, duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published, February 4, 1921.

Date of last publication, March 4, 1921.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah.

Elizabeth P. Fefles, Plaintiff,
vs.
Andrew Fefles, Defendant.

To Andrew Fefles, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed by the plaintiff above named in the above entitled suit against you within six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before Friday, the 11th day of March, 1921. If you fail to answer the complaint herein within said time, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: for a decree and judgment against you forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony between you and the plaintiff herein, and that plaintiff's maiden name of Elizabeth P. Wilson be restored to her, and for her costs and disbursements and for \$150.00 for her attorney's fees in this suit, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. P. Kavanaugh, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, made this 26th day of January, 1921.

Date of the first publication is Friday, January 28th, 1921, and date of last publication is March 11, 1921.

W. S. UREN,
Attorney for Plaintiff, Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 19234
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah; Probate Department.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, A. D. Kenworthy, has been appointed administrator of the estate of E. Lavino, deceased, by the Honorable George Fawcett, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department, and that he has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, duly verified as by law required, at the office of Howard P. Arnest, 1210 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication, February 11, 1921.

Date of last publication, March 4, 1921.

A. D. KENWORTHY,
Administrator of the estate of E. Lavino, Deceased.
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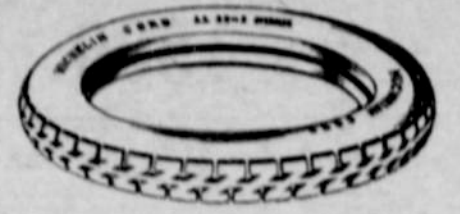
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