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Oregon School Books. With the opening of the public schools this year a great howl went up from Portland, with sympathetic grumblings from various other localities in the state.

Indiana and Minnesota have uniform school-book laws that are eminently satisfactory. A year or so ago the legislature of Iowa investigated the subject.

Books. In Iowa. In Minn. First Reader, 25 cents, 10 cents. Second Reader, 35 cents, 20 cents. Third Reader, 45 cents, 30 cents. Fourth Reader, 55 cents, 40 cents. Geography, \$1.50 to \$2.00, 80 cents. United States History, \$1.25, 60 cents.

The Iowa prices quoted above may be considered fully as low as prevail in Oregon. It was stated that the cost of books in Minnesota for a child from the first department up to the high school was \$6.71.

Navigation on the Lower Willamette.

Something like \$25,000 is about to be expended by the government for a dam at the head of Swan Island, a short distance below Portland. This improvement is calculated to facilitate the passage of deep water craft to the metropolis.

Tidewater reaches nearly to Oregon City. But during the fall months when both the Columbia and the Willamette are lowest it is sometimes difficult for river boats, except those of the very lightest draught, to pass between Oregon City and Portland.

A way back early in the sixties business men of Oregon City contributed money to pay for the rude wing dam that still turns the waters of the Clackamas to the right of the boat channel at the rapids. A few years ago United States engineers used a few hundred pounds of powder in blowing gravel into the air to fall directly back into place again.

Presidential Elections.

The last legislature of Michigan passed a law providing for the choice of presidential electors by districts. Each congressional district will choose an elector, and in addition, the state is divided into two districts in each of which a presidential elector will be chosen corresponding to the senatorial representation of the state.

During the first quarter century of the United States the new Michigan plan of choosing presidential electors was common. New York elected by the legislature till 1823 when it held one election by districts and then changed to the present plan of popular vote of the whole state.

In the next national electoral college there will be 44 members, making 223 necessary

for a choice. It is entirely possible that the divided vote of Michigan may throw the election of president to the house of representatives; that is, assuming that two or more of the electors belong to some third party.

With the prevailing tendency to bring the higher offices nearer the people some important changes may be looked for to occur within the coming decade. The people want to elect senators as they do representatives, and they will do so before many years pass.

The Washington Editorial association recently resolved that no foreign advertising should be taken at less than twenty per cent discount from regular rates. Such resolutions have no value.

What's the matter with Judge Taylor of this circuit? After the notorious murderer, Sandy Olds, had been twice sentenced to hang a third trial before Judge Taylor resulted in his getting the very lightest penalty permitted by law, one year in the penitentiary.

There will be a Mozart performance in December in Vienna. All over Germany arrangements are being made to celebrate the memory of the musician who a hundred years ago was buried in a pauper's grave.

For four seasons North Dakota suffered severely from failure of crops. This year the state has an abundant crop of grain but large quantities of it are rotting in the field because of the scarcity of farm labor.

The hot potato administered to Governor Penoyer by Dr. Lane on his retirement from the superintendency of the state insane asylum appears to be bringing out a rash on the Oregon democracy.

ALBANY, the second city in the state, with its 7,000 population has only 431 pupils enrolled in the public schools, and it has plenty of room for more.

THE Myrtle Point West Oregonian in giving an account of the accidental discharge of a revolver says, "He had been to church and on reaching home drew his revolver from his pocket to put it away."

DID anybody notice how sedulously Hon. Binger Herman sawed wood this year? He never tolled more unreluctantly in his life.

WILL the parliamentarians of the city council please define the difference between "accept" and "adopt" as applied to the treatment of committee reports?

October. "Summer's gone and over, Fogs are falling down, And with rascal tinges Autumn's doing brown. Boughs are dally rilled By the gusty thieves, And the book of Nature getteth short of leaves."

PRESS OPINIONS.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE EXPECTATIONS. Toledo Blade: The Farmers' alliance now says it will have fifty-five members of the house of representatives and four in the senate of the congress which meets next December.

THE GUATEMALAN TROUBLE. New York Herald: The news from Guatemala illustrates the facility with which a revolution may be precipitated in that unstable republic.

From State Exchanges. Last week Frank Worthington had an encounter with a huge bear in his door yard up Foley. With the aid of a few dogs he obtained some fun, and got bruised with the aid of a gun.

The best game for money making appeared on the streets of Weston on Monday. A well dressed slick fingered man sold rolls of paper two for \$1, in some of which were greenbacks of denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$4.

The contract has been let for the new lighthouse at Heceta head, and work will probably begin in the spring. A wagon-road is now being built from the site to the nearest steamer landing, for the transportation of material.

More men have been sent out the past week to work in the Myrtle Creek mines. One hundred and eighty men are now employed there and the pay roll this month will amount to over \$5000.

Brief Washington News. Oil wells are being bored at Blain and Sumas. John J. Calhoun, one of the brightest lawyers of Port Townsend, is dead.

The Tacoma smelting and refining works shipped 4250 bars of bullion, valued at \$95,000 during September. Tacoma's wheat receipts now average 100 cars daily or about 67,000 bushels.

The fall meeting of the Puget Sound Livestock association will be held at Stanwood, October 9 and 10. Several good races have been arranged and a good time is assured, weather permitting.

The State Board of Horticulture will hold its semi-annual meeting in Tacoma, October 12. At this meeting regulations will be made to inspect all fruit trees shipped into the state and for cleansing fruit trees.

The artesian well at Farmington is down 185 feet, and the water is running over the top of the pipe two and one-half feet above the surface at the rate of 500 gallons per hour.

The Union Pacific company have made a contract with the Northern Pacific Coal Company at Roslyn, whereby they take about 600 tons per day after October 7.

ITEMS FROM BARLOW

NEWSCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED WITH FIFTY PUPILS.

Kicked by a Victorious Horse—Road Work on Oakley Hill—General News Notes.

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT.—Since putting on sale small tracts of land on Barlow Prairie there has been a great increase of population and already there are fifty children that are large enough to go to school and a demand for a district of our own has been made.

KICKED BY A HORSE.—Mr. Lewis Arnt, a teamster hauling wood for Wm. Barlow, met with an accident that nearly resulted fatally. While looking after and tending his team last Thursday morning he as usual walked in beside his horses and began to curry them.

LARGE FORCE AT WORK.—Ten teams and a force of men are at work on the Oakley hill graveling and grading, under the management of Mr. Parker, the contractor. The contract calls for ten inches of gravel and a coating of clay on top.

NEARLY COMPLETED.—Mr. W. R. Baldwin has nearly completed his cottage on Main street and it will be ready for occupancy by the tenth of the month.

FINE IMPROVEMENTS.—Messrs Koehler & Schwartz, the proprietors of The Koehler, are having a double porch sixty-two feet long built along on Railroad avenue. It adds greatly to the appearance of the house, besides being of great convenience.

A FINE MACHINE.—Mr. Ben. Wolfer, the well known thresherman who has run a J. I. Case "Agitator" for the past ten years and has made for himself and machine a reputation of no little credit, has recently sold his engine and separator to Messrs. Graves Bros. who will hereafter try to please their customers as did Mr. Wolfer.

PUTMAN'S FAILURE TO CONNECT.—Announcement was made through the columns of THE ENTERPRISE of last week that Samuel P. Putman would address the people at Zeek's hall Friday Oct. 2. Also bills were gotten out and a large crowd was here awaiting his arrival on the evening train, but to their disappointment he did not come.

TACOMA, Wash., Sep. 14, 1891. Mr. W. W. JESSIE, Esq., Barlow, Or. Dear Jessie: I want to speak at Barlow Friday Oct. 2nd, so please secure a hall. Have been very busy upon the Sound and am due in Portland on the 3rd and we expect a large delegation from the interior to attend the convention.

The above is about the contents of the letter so far as the announcement is concerned. Another letter was received from Putman on Thursday, Oct. 1st, dated Snohomish, Wash., Sept. 29 stating it was impossible for him to be here but too late to revoke the announcement.

PERSONALS. Mr. Fred Murschberger, a Molalla farmer, was in town this week.

Mrs. Geo. A. Sheppard returned from Denver last Saturday, making the trip in 57 hours from Denver to Barlow.

Messrs. Geo. and Wm. Miller, of Aurora, paid us a visit this week.

Mrs. W. R. Baldris is visiting her mother in Hillsboro.

Mr. Homer Trullinger, of Portland, was up one day this week looking after his crop of wheat.

Miss Mertie Howell, of Canemah, was visiting Mrs. W. W. Jessie a few days this week.

Mr. W. Weed, wife and daughter, of Canby, were seen on our streets one day last week.

Mr. J. A. Waite, road master of the Southern Pacific railway was in town this week and registered at The Koehler.

Geo. Sunderland, Harry Lake, Gus Sangrea, J. B. Fosis, Tom Waite, C. W. Baker, W. A. Winchester, Gus Rhodes, of Portland and W. L. Brown and R. J. Goodfellow, of Oregon City are at The Koehler.

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