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#### Oregon School Books

With the opening of the public schools this year a great how! went up from Portland, with sympathetic grumblings from various other localities in the state, over the change in school books. Considering the prices that prevail in the Northwest for school books it is not surprising that there should be dissatisfaction when a change necessitating new purchases is made. The discussion this year develops a pretty general sentiment in favor of having the state provide the books and either loan them to pupils or sell them at cost.

Indiana and Minnesota have uniform school-book laws that are eminently satisfactory. A year or so ago the legislature of Iowa investigated the subject and before a rommittee of that body the following instructive comparison of prices prevailing in Iowa and Minnesota was presented:

Books,	In Iowa	In Minn.
First Reader,	25 cents.	10 cents.
Second Reader Third Reader	35 cents.	20 cents
Fourth Reader	60 cents.	40 cents.
United States History	1.80 to \$2.00. \$1.25.	80 cents.

The Iowa prices quoted above may be considered fully as low as prevail in Dregon. It was stated that the cost of books in Minneto the high school was \$6.71. Oregon legislators should study the Minnesota law.

### 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. This is a good thing but while money is continually being paid out to improve navigation between Portland and the sea, why is there such persistent neglect of the river above

Tidewater reaches nearly to Oregon City. But during the fall months when both the Columbia and the Williamette are lowest it is sometimes difficult for river boats, exabove Portland. So long as Meldrum bar should be included in any plan for Improving the navigability of the Willamette between here and Portland.

dred pounds of powder in blowing gravel again. No other attempts have been made to improve the channel above Portland. The volume of business seeking this transportation route is enough to warrant the government in removing the impediments to navigation which lie in the channel. A little dredging is all that is needed. Ten thousand dollars judiciously expended would make the channel free to all the common river boats-that is, \$10,000 for the acttion below Oregon City.

### Presidential Elections.

The last legislature of Michigan passed a law providing for the choice of presidential electors by districts. Each congressional district wifl 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. Thus it is not at all likely that the Michigan electoral college will be composed of electors of one political publican state in presidential elections under the methods heretofore in vogue. Harrison had a plurality of 23,000 in 1888. The legislature is now democratic and if it were to choose an electoral college it would be of course democratic. By choosing electors by districts some of them will be democratic and some republican with a possibility of

some third party men. 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 1828 when it held one election by districts and then changed to the present plan of popular vote of the whole state, South Caro lina elected by legislature till the civil war Maryland elected by popular vote in districts till 1832, but ever since that time, with the single exception of South Carolina to 1800, the plan of choosing electors on one ticket by vote of the whole state has been in vogue in every state of the union.

In the next national electoral college there will be 444 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 party. The democratic house would of house of representatives and four in the dent. There is, moreover, a possibility that Kyle, Irby and Vanes. At the headquarsome of the other western states shall fol- ters of the order in Washington they are low Michigan in changing the mode of preparing a bill, to be introduced in both choesing presidential electors, in which houses, upon lines similar to the sub-treascase the election will almost certainly be ury hill which was repudiated by the last thrown to congress

and they will do so before many years pass. will spend their strength next winter, This will shift an important function from state legislatures and will tend to purify those malodorous bodies. The district system of choosing presidential electors will undoubtedly revive unless it shall prove to defeat rather than aid the expression of the will of the people by frequently throwing the election upon congress. To make a plurality elect instead of a majority of the lectoral vote would remedy this difficulty.

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. No self-respecting newspaper would make greater reductions to outsiders, and the other kind will not heed advice. The trouble with most country newspapers is that they hold their nothing any space they have, or all their space, regardless of the right of their readers to get what they pay for, and get it in a readable shape. Such papers look upon electrotyped foreign advertisements as savgood newspaper and in the distribution of favors he should come in for the best share. Foreign advertising is a mere incident in the business unyway.

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 penisota for a child from the first department up tentiary. Recently a Classop county fisherman stole two salmon valued at \$2, and upon conviction Judge Taylor sentenced him to the penitentiary for three years. When a few years ago Judge Stearns, of the Portland criminal court, sentenced three boys to three years apiece in the peniten-Stearns is at least consistent in the severity of hissentences. It was he who twice sentenced Olds to hang.

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 the parents of Constance Weber, afterwards exists the others cause no trouble, but they his wife, to consent to the marriage, and of course he was successful.

For four seasons North Dakota suffered Away back early in the sixtles business severely from failure of crops. This year men of Oregon City contributed money to the state has an abundant crop of grain but pay for the rude wing dam that still turns large quantities of it are rotting in the field the waters of the Clackamus to the right of because of the scarcity of farm labor to the boat channel at the rapids. A few years properly take care of it. Some of the railneedy fields, but still much grain will waste. into the air to fall directly back into place The threshers will not have their work half done even if the weather permits them to work till Christmas. It is best to live in a state where such extremes do not prevail.

THE hot potation administered to Governor Pennoyer 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. The monthly report of Dr. L. L. Rowland, Dr. Lane's sucual work, not for re-surveys and salaries of cessor, is now published to show that he engineers to spend months in elaborating a found the asylum filthy and the inmates plan of work. The government survey was not properly cared for. But Dr. Rowland made once. It is hoped that the coming is not proficient in linguistic gymnastics, congress will do something to aid naviga- and Dr. Lane's verbal mustard plaster will continue to burn.

> ALBANY, the second city in the state, with its 7,000 population has only 431 pupils en rolled in the public schools, and it has plenty of room for more. Oregon City, credited with scarcely half as many inhabitants as Albany, has enrolled 432 pupils, and might have more but for the crowded condition of the schools.

THE Myrtle Point West Oregonian in giving an account of the accidental discharge faith. Michigan is considered a safely re- of a revolver says, "He had been to church and on reaching home drew his revolver from his pocket to put it away." Going to church must be dangerous business in the Coos bay country.

> Drn anybody notice how sedulously Hon Binger Herman sawed wood this year? He Probably he has never heard of that south . fruit trees. ern Oregon man named Miller.

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 failing down. And with russet tinges Autumn's doing brown.

Boughs are daily rifled By the gusty thieves, And the book of Nature Getteth short of leaves."

#### PRESS OPINIONS.

PARMERS' ALLIANCE EXPECTATIONS.

Toledo Blade: The Farmers' alliance now more of the electors belong to some third says it will have fifty-five members of the ourse elect a democratic president and the senate of the congress which meets next De republican senate a republican vice presis comber. The four senators are Peffer, congress. The Stanford land loan bill will With the prevailing tendency to bring the not be touched by the alliance, but a bill higher offices nearer the people some impor- bearing on the same subject will be introtant changes may be looked for to occur duced. The alliance will also demand a within the coming decade. The people want free silver coinage bill. These three measto elect senators as they do representatives, ures are the ones upon which the alliance own has been made and the district

THE GUATENALAN TROUBLE.

revolution may be precipitated in that unstable republic. The masses object to the orators chosen by President Barillas to celebrate the national holiday. The appearance of the speakers is the occasion for a riot which develops into a revolt, which in turn threatens to develop into a revolution. Such is republican government in that little Central American state.

#### From State Exchanges.

Last week Frank Worthington had an 450 pounds.—Bay City Tribune.

The best game for money making appeared on the streets of Weston on Monday. A well dressed slick fingered man ing just so much composition, and they will sold rolls of paper two for \$1, in some of run them by the year for a tew cents an inch. which were greenbacks of denominations The home advertiser is the main stay of a of \$1, \$2 and \$4. Of course the percentage was in favor of the man who conducted the arrangement, and this was discovered to the financial depression of quite a number of suckers, particularly one old gentleman, who, the reporter was informed, expended \$30 in a vain endeavor to beat the swindler at his own game .- Weston Leader.

lighthouse at Heceta head, and work pancy by the tenth of the month. will probably begin in the spring. A tiary for stealing three shirts apiece, it was feet high, making a total distance to the convenience regarded as needlessly severe, but Judge light proper from sea level of 210 feet. The lenses to be used will cost \$13,000, the well known thresherman who has will be a flash light, and will be shipped run a J. I. Case "Agitator" for the past direct from London, England. The ten years and has made for himself and light will be visible at sea a distance of machine a reputation of no little credit, thirty-six miles.—Bay City Tribune.

More men have been sent out the past week to work in the Myrtle Creek years ago was buried in a paupers grave. mines. One hundred and eighty men No other composer ever combined genius are now employed there and the pay roll and learning in such perfect proportions as this month will amount to over \$5000. cept those of the very lightest draught, to pass between Oregon City and Portland. did Mozart. He died at the age of thirty. Six pack horses are employed all the During the season of lowest water there is as the greatest musician the world had seen. time in carrying provisions and tools barely two feet of water on Meldrum bar The great opera, "Idomenes," confirmed his to this large force of workmen. The ten just below the Clackamas rapids. At the fame and marked an epoch in the history mile ditch dug last fall is being widened top of the rapids is another shallow spot and of music. It was composed during his at the rate of 100 rods per day. It was again at the upper end of Ross island just twenty-fourth year with the view to induce first made three feet wide at the top and two feet wide at the bottom but is now being made five feet at the top and three feet at the bottom. About three miles of ditch remains to be dug to connect this ten mile ditch with the Umpqua and this is being accomplished at the rate of a mile every eight or ten days. About 500 rods of new flumes have been constructed and are now ago United States engineers used a few hun. roads have been carrying laborers free to the ready for winter operations, which will of land have been cleared of the timber and brush ready for mining. Some big clean ups may be looked for before another fall -Eugene Register.

### Brief Washington News

Oil wells are being bored at Blain and

John J. Calhoun, one of the brightest lawyers of Port Townsend, is dead.

Carp are being ruthlessly slaughtered in a lake near Cheney with dynamite.

Horsethieves are again at work in the vicinity of Spokane. Five animals were taken during the past week.

The Tacoma smelting and refining works shipped 4250 bars of bullion, valued at \$65,000 during September.

Tacoma's wheat receipts now average 100 cars daily or about 67,000 bushels; Seattle, thirty-five cars daily or about 24,000 bushels.

The fall meeting of the Puget Sound Livestock association will be held at Stanwood, October 9 and 10. Several in 57 hours from Denver to Barlow, good races have been arranged and a good time is assured, weather permit-

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 never toiled more unremittingly in his life. shipped into the state and for cleansing

> The artesian well at Farmington is down 185 feet, and the water is running over the top of the pipe two and onehalf feet above the surface at the rate of Canby, were seen on our streets one day 500 gallons per hour. The flow in- last week. creases as the hole goes down.

The Union Pacific company have made a contract with the Northern Pacific Coal Company at Roslyn, wherby they take about 600 tons per day Sangrea, J. R. Fosis, Join Waite, C. W. after October 7. This arrangement will Baker, W. A. Winchester, Gus Rhodes, give employment to upwards of 1000 men of Portland and W. L. Brown and R. J. a liberal share of patronage of Portland and W. L. Brown and R. J. Goodfellow, of Oregon City are at The highest market price paid for Butter, Eggs and Fowls. September 11, 1890.

NEWSCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED WITH FIFTY PUPILS.

Kicked by a Vicious Horse-Road Work on Cakley Hill -General News Notes.

New Senson Distracer,-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 organized. The most difficult part has been that the west part of the prairie was New York Herald: Thenews from Guate- in the Canby and the south in Aurora mala illustrates the facility with which a district and in order to get a district of our own we were obliged to get enough signers from the two respective districts to let us out and thus establish one of onrown. This now has been accomplished and we soon expect to get the number from the school superintendent. KICKED BY A HOESE, -Mr. Lowis 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 encounter with a huge bear in his door be as usual walked in beside his horses yard up Foley. With the aid of a few and began to curry them, when suddenly dogs he obtained some fus, and got the horse kicked, striking him in the hip bruin's hide with the aid of a gun. The and throwing him violently against the space too cheap. They will sell for next to bear weighed in the neighborhood of back partition. Mr Arnt, on trying to rescue himself from the tight place, was kicked again on the arm below the elbow breaking it. He was at once taken to the hotel and Dr. Martin Geisy called. It was found that no other bones were broken, but Mr. Ant was badly bruised.

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. This, when finished, will make one of the best roads in the county.

NEARLY COMPLETED .- Mr. W. R. Bald win has nearly completed his cottage on The contract has been let for the new Main street and it will be ready for occu-

FINE IMPROVEMENTS. - Messrs Kochles wagon-road is now being built from the & Senwartz, the proprietors of The site to the nearest steamer landing, for Koehler, are having a double porch sixtythe transportation of material The two feet long built along on Railroad base of the tower will be 160 feet above avenue. It adds greatly to the appearthe sea level and the tower will be fifty ance of the house, besides being of great A FINE MACHINE, -Mr. Ben. Wolfer,

has recently sold his engine and separator to Messra. 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 bilis were gotton out and a large crowd was here awaiting his arrival on the evening train, but to their disappointment he did not come. explanation we publish the following letter which was our authority for making the announcement: 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 ready for winter operations, which will 3rd and we expect a large delegation commence in about a month. Ten acres from the interior to attend the convention. We will all come down together From there I must push on to San Francisco, and will not return to the north west coast for some length of time. Make the announcement and get as large a crowd as possible.
Signed, Samuel P. Putman.

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 Snehomish, Wash., Sept. 29 stating it was impossible for him to be here but too late to revoke the announcement.

WILL MOVE IN .- D. J. Parmenteer, who recently purchased a 40 acre tract of land of Barlow & Co. has nearly completed his two and one-half story house and will move in within a week. Mr. Parmenteer is an enterprising man and we are very glad to welcome him.

PERSONALS

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

Mrs. Geo. A. Sheppard returned from Denver last Saturday, making the trip Messrs. Geo. and Wm. Miller, of

Aurora, paid us a visit this week. Mrs. W. R. Baldrie 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

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.

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