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## FOR SCHOOL USE

Three Oregon Books Adopted by Text-Book Commission.

TWO BY OREGON CITY WOMEN.

Fannie Hardy Eckstrom's "Bird Book" and Eva Emery Dye's "Stories of Oregon" Selected.

That local authors will figure quite conspicuously in connection with some of the text books recently adopted by the Oregon Text-Book Commission is evinced in the personality of Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstrom, who was a resident of Oregon City for over a year, Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, and William Rogers Lord, pastor of the Unitarian church of Portland.

No higher praise could possibly be accorded these writers than the fact that the commission selected their work as standard text-books purely upon their merits, not because the authors are or were residents of Oregon.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye's "Stories of Oregon" is a superbly written work and will hold the interest of the readers from start to finish. One can only form an idea of its adaptability for school use by scanning its pages. The enviable success she has achieved by the authorship of "McLaughlin and Old Oregon" is still further augmented in the adoption of her "Stories of Oregon" by the text-book commission.

A complete little ornithological work adopted by the commission for use in the sixth grade is the product of the keen intellect of William Rogers Lord, of Portland. The author has evidently used great care in making the work a model text-book for beginners, but can also be used advantageously by more advanced pupils.

Oregon has obtained further recognition at the hands of the text-book commission by the adoption of Frye's Advanced Geography, which contains an Oregon section, prepared by H. S. Lyman, superintendent of schools of Clatsop county, and Professor J. R. Wilson, principal of the Portland Academy. The historical section is the work of Professor Wilson and the other parts were written by Mr. Lyman, and both are exceptionally well done.

This matter occupies a dozen pages of the geography. Illustrations comprise a large map of the state, a view of Crater Lake, scene on the coast of Oregon, Multnomah Falls, a forest scene, Portland with Mount St. Helens in the distance, ships loading wheat at Portland, the Columbia River jetty, the State University at Eugene, Marsh Hall of Pacific University at For-

est Grove, Monmouth Normal school, salmon canning and a lot of salmon at a cannery, state capitol building and Mount Hood.

As complete a volume ever published for school use on ornithology bears the title "The Bird Book" written by Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstrom, formerly of Oregon City. No written description of her work could do it justice, and to say it is particularly adapted as a text-book would be praising its general utility in too mild terms.

In connection with the works this gifted woman has given to the world of learning, a few words concerning her career from the time she first came to Oregon City until the present would not be out of place.

Rev. and Mrs. Eckstrom arrived here in 1894 and for more than a year he occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Episcopal church. His health was not good, however, and he resigned and went to Eastport, Maine. He left shortly after to take the pastorate of Grace church in Providence, R. I., but his health con-



Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstrom.

tinued to fall and he died there two years ago. After his death Mrs. Eckstrom joined her father at Brewer, Me., and has been there ever since, engaged in ornithological work. Her first book, "The Woodpecker," was started here. There were many sunny days, when Mr. Eckstrom was not too busy, the two would go down to the banks of the Clackamas and watch the birds. It was here that Mrs. Eckstrom first took notes and formulated the plan of incorporating them in book form. Her two books were published simultaneously, and almost immediately attained a prominent place in bird world.

Mrs. Eckstrom received a severe blow a short time ago by the death of her little daughter.

**NEW TROLLEY LINE.**  
Application for a Franchise on a Road in Marion County.

W. H. Burghart has filed in the county court of Marion county a petition signed by about 70 leading business men of Salem asking that the Oregon City Southern Railway Company be granted a franchise to operate an electric railway between this city and Silverton. The county court will act on the petition until next month.

The petition asks that a franchise be granted for "a right of way to be upon the most northerly and westerly 20 feet of the county road known as the Wire road, from the limits of the City of Salem to the limits of the City of Silverton, for the purpose of constructing and operating thereon an electric railway for the transportation of freight and passengers; that said franchise be for a term of 50 years, and granting unto said Oregon City Southern Railway Company the right to construct said railway, together with all necessary sidetracks and turn-outs, and to erect poles and string wires for the purpose of transmitting power between said points; that said franchise be conditioned upon the completion of said railway within two years from the date of such franchise."

From what has been said by friends of the project, it is judged that Salem business men are of the opinion that the construction of an electric railway from Salem to Silverton would be a business benefit to the city of Salem, and a convenience as well as financial benefit to Silverton. The distance from Salem to Silverton is 15 miles. The road mentioned as the Wire road is the main county road leading out of Salem past the fair grounds and thence to Silverton across Howell Prairie.

Not many names of farmers appear on the petition, and it is understood that an expression of opinion from the farmers who use the road should be presented in connection with the petition. A petition will be circulated among the farmers interested.

It is conjectured that if this company

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Plans Being Made to Place Association on a Working Basis for the Winter.

The committee, to whom was ascribed the task of collecting a subscription of \$2500 to place the Y. M. C. A. on its feet, has nearly completed its work. Less than \$300 remains to be raised and the committee anticipates no difficulty in securing the total amount. It is a source of much gratification to the association that the manufacturing concerns have responded so liberally to the solicitations of the committee. At the head of the list stands the Willamette Pulp and Paper Company, with \$400. The Crown Paper Company, the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, the Portland Flour Mills, and the Portland General Electric Company each subscribed \$250, making a total of \$1400, leaving \$1100 to be subscribed by the citizens. It is the intention of the association to apply \$2000 to pay outstanding debts and \$500 on the building. All moneys received from membership subscriptions will go toward building improvement.

Preparations are being made to shape the work of the association for the coming winter. The officers are looking about for a general secretary. The association offers much to any self-respecting man. It furnishes a non-sectarian meeting place for the city. Mass meetings for men, addressed by the best talent obtainable, will be a feature for Sunday afternoons. Bible classes and special religious work will be conducted as best adapted to the needs and opportunities. Game and reading rooms, well supplied with games and the best magazines and periodicals, will meet a great demand in the city.

The ladies auxiliary will be a great assistance to the association and it is probable a ladies' gymnasium class will be organized. Some of the classes will be operated in connection with the Portland Y. M. C. A., the instructors coming from Portland.

The Young Men's Christian Association building, an illustration of which is shown on this page, was erected about three years ago at a cost of \$4000. The lot on which it was built cost \$1000 and \$500 was paid for apparatus. The building has five floors, but the upper one is not occupied. It could easily be converted into a school room or even a shooting gallery, as the space is 16x80. The lower floor contains the furnace, with a heating capacity of 10,000 gallons an hour. Above are the seven bath rooms and showers. On the main floor, level with the pavement is the gymnasium, parlor, reading room, committee room, kitchen, and ladies baths. The fourth floor has a club and school room and a gallery. On the bath room floor there is sufficient space for bowling alleys.

The gymnasium contains first class apparatus. The association will renovate the bath rooms and fit up entertainment and club rooms.

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