

LOWELL DECLINES

Will Not Serve on Text-Book Commission.

REASONS FOR NON-ACCEPTANCE

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PENDLETON, Jan. 3.—Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of this place, who was yesterday appointed one of the members of Oregon's text-book commission by Governor Beasly, declines to accept the appointment. Speaking of the matter today, he said:

"I regret personally that the Governor has placed me upon the commission, because while it would be a pleasure, as well as an honor to be associated in any capacity with the other gentlemen appointed, the views I hold upon the matter and heretofore expressed, the recommendations on file at Salem, preclude my acceptance. I have to confess that originally the idea of a commission composed of business men and educators, with a mature consideration has led me to believe that the interests of the schools require that at least a majority of the board shall be educators. It would be an anomaly to have the selection of selection of medical books, or farmers the selection of theological treatises, and it seems to me a grave error to assume that men other than teachers can wisely select school books. It is not a question of price alone, or of the quality of the mechanical work upon the books, but rather the character and quality of the matter contained in them and its adaptability to modern school methods which must be of primary importance, and this will require technical knowledge of books and authors.

"It has been five years since I was a teacher, and I do not feel that I could do justice to the educational interests of the state without greater preparation than I have the time to give. I should very considerably wish to see the schools supplied with the best books obtainable. Next to the church, the public school is the most important institution in the state. Whichever will improve it I am in favor of, and whatever will result in its detriment I am opposed to. I am in favor of the commission and admire the manner in which the press announces my appointment, but it seems to me short in technical education, and I shall decline, asking the Governor to appoint in my place President Beattie, of the Weston Normal School, or some other man of recognized standing as a teacher."

PROFESSOR CAMPBELL ACCEPTS.

Will Serve on Oregon Text-Book Commission—He Was Surprised.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 3.—The announcement of the appointment of Professor P. L. Campbell, president of the Monmouth Normal School, to the Oregon Text-Book Commission, came as a surprise to him today. While he appreciates the honor of the appointment, he also realizes the great responsibility imposed on the commission in the discharge of its duties. Speaking of the matter, Professor Campbell said: "I appreciate very greatly the honor conferred upon me by the appointment, and will try faithfully to serve the interests of the schools of the state."

MONEY IN OREGON TREASURY.

Nearly \$1,000,000, Instead of \$1,700,000—Balances for Past 16 Years.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 3.—The report in today's Oregonian of the transactions of the common school fund for the last fiscal year of 1900 was made to show a balance in the treasury of about \$1,700,000, which is not in accordance with the facts in the case. The balance in the treasury January 1, 1900, was \$1,700,000, and the amount in the treasury is divided among the various funds as follows:

General fund	\$12,322.32
Common school fund, principal	\$2,281.01
Common school fund, interest	\$2,770.75
Agricultural Col. fund, prin.	16,120.70
Agricultural Col. fund, int.	1,471.01
University fund, prin.	1,471.01
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Thurston monument fund, int.	28.28
Swamp land fund	3,012.61
Tide land fund	20.25
Salmon industry fund	1,747.00
Military tax fund	1,747.00
University tax fund	443.00
Fund	322.70
State Board of Examiners' fund	7,981.21
Hatchery fund, District No. 1	612.50
Hatchery fund, District No. 2	1,748.40
Hatchery fund, District No. 3	1,748.40
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SMUGGLING SUSPECTED.

Four Chinamen Arrested for Illegal Residence—All But One Released.

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Sailor Taken to Hospital.

William Doty, a seaman on the British ship "Leda," was taken to the hospital here, suffering with rheumatism. He has been ill for some time, and as he showed no signs of improvement, it was considered best to remove him to sea. He remains at his own request.

Newman Bridge Nearly Completed.

The new bridge across the Upper Necanicum is nearly completed, and will be ready for travel in about two days.

WASHINGTON OYSTER INDUSTRY.

Information Regarding It by State Land Commission.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 3.—The sixth biennial report of the commission on the oyster lands contains valuable information regarding the oyster industry of the state. Practically all the lands suitable for oyster culture have been disposed of by the state, with the exception of those areas embraced in the reserves of natural oyster beds. There are pending in the commission's department 125 applications to purchase oyster lands, embracing an aggregate area of 574.87 acres.

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LEGISLATION AS WILL REMEDY THIS GLARING INJUSTICE TO SALAM.

The Council elected all the subordinate judicial officials, except Fire Chief J. N. Duncan and Night Officer E. B. Smith. These officials have given excellent service but declined re-election unless their salaries should be raised. The city revenue would not permit the raise, the Council elected the vacancies by electing Thomas Eckhart Fire Chief, and James Lewis Night Officer.

TO PRISON FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Sentence of Highway Robber—Other Court News at Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—In the Superior Court today, Judge Miller sentenced Patrick White, who pleaded guilty yesterday to highway robbery, to a term of eight years in the Penitentiary. Ira Edgill, who, with Fritz Wolf, pleaded guilty two weeks ago to burglary, was given a six months sentence in the Penitentiary. Edgill is only 17 years of age, and came here a short time ago from Port Townsend, where he has relatives. The jury returned