

NO TEXT-BOOK LAW

Improvement Introduced in the Interval.

SCHOOL BOOKS ON THEIR MERITS

Various Questions to Enter into the Matter of a New Selection for the State of Oregon—No Sweeping Change.

Since the duty law for a separate text-book commission went into effect in May, 1900, there have been no legal restrictions or regulations respecting the school books used in Oregon.

In this situation of affairs the American Book Company, which had the contract to supply the geographies, put upon the market a new and superior book, and it was found that the money is a question.

There are in the State of Oregon 125,181 children of school age, according to the census of last year, and of these about 50,000 were enrolled in the public schools.

Among the books that have lost in popularity are the vertical writing books, and an attempt will be made to keep them out of the new list to be adopted.

As to the field within which the text-book commission may exercise its jurisdiction, the law provides that "when organized as provided in this act, the State Board of Text-Book Commissioners shall adopt text-books for use in all the public schools of this state for the year 1901."

Judge Lowell's declaration of the appointment tendered him by the Governor and his recommendation of President Beattie of the University of Oregon as Commissioner in his place, is regretted by many.

BRINGS LITTLE NEWS

PRESIDENT MOHLER'S RETURN FROM EASTERN TRIP.

Appointments of Union Pacific and Oregon Short-Line Not Ready to Be Given Out.

President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., reached home yesterday morning, his private car being attached to the regular train from Spokane. He left the Northern Pacific at Pasco and cut across to Wallula, thus saving several hours.

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As to the precedents cited against automatic extension, I beg to say that a precedent in the year 1894 there was a "precedent" in the United States House of Representatives that a member, though not a member of the committee, should be present for the purpose of making a quorum until he had voted or had indicated his intention to vote at the session.

John E. Bean, county inspector of Umatilla county, has advised a firm and individuals, that he has received a copy of inspection, informs the Pendleton East Oregonian that sheep interests are in excellent shape.

These owners 2000 or more sheep are given by Mr. Bean as follows: A. Cole, of Vinson, 270; J. H. Doherty, of Vinson, 200; Edward Pat, of Pilot Rock, 200; Gulliford Bros., of Vinson, 200; Hemphill & Son, of Pilot Rock, 200; Isaac Knothe, of Vinson, 200; M. McCracken, of Pilot Rock, 200; Pedro Bro., of Echo, 200; A. Perard, of Pendleton, 200; and Ross Bros., of Vinson, 200.

FARES CUT TO THREE CENTS.

Northern Pacific Makes Reductions in Idaho and Montana.

Taking effect February 1 next, the Northern Pacific will reduce its local passenger rates in the States of Idaho and Montana from 4 cents to 3 cents per mile.

Union Pacific in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—The Union Pacific road announces that it will spend \$1,000,000 in Kansas in making improvements to its road.

FIRST IN EVERYTHING.

Portland Boy at West Point Who Led His Class.

E. Neale Johnston, who achieved the unusual distinction in the semestral examinations at West Point of winning first place in all the subjects of his class—engineering, ordnance, gunnery, law and history—represents the Second Congressional district of Oregon at the academy, and holds from Portland.

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Advertisement for Thompson's Eye Water, featuring a large illustration of a woman's face and text describing the benefits of the eye drops.