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TEXT-BOOKS CHOSEN

Oregon Commission Selects Ninety-eight Per Cent.

LARGE SAVING TO THE PEOPLE

Ginn & Co. Get 73 Per Cent of the Contract—All the Works Save One Were Decided On by Acclamation.

Cyr's Readers, Ginn & Co. Seed & Kellogg's Grammar, Maynard, Merrill & Co. Wentworth's Arithmetic, Ginn & Co. Brooks' Mental Arithmetic, Christopher, Sauer & Co. Thomas' Primary and United States History, D. C. Heath & Co. Frye's Geography, Ginn & Co. Frye's Grammar, Maynard, Merrill & Co. Wheeler's Primer, W. H. Wheeler & Co. Newland & Row's Vertical Writing, D. C. Heath & Co.

SALEM, Or., July 9.—Ninety-eight per cent of the common school text-book business of the state was awarded by the Text-Book Commission today. Ginn & Co. got 73 per cent, Maynard, Merrill & Co., 17 per cent, Heath & Co., 6 per cent, Christopher, Sauer & Co., 3 per cent, The American Book Company, which has heretofore had the bulk of the business, has thus far been given nothing.

In making the awards the board voted as a unit, the selections having been agreed upon beforehand. Each book, therefore, received five votes, except in the selection of the grammar, when H. W. Scott voted independently of the other four. So far as appears, complete harmony prevailed, all differences of opinion having been settled at private conferences.

The books adopted are here shown by series, the prices being for a set of series. Present prices, for comparison, will be found elsewhere. Introductory prices are the same as retail in all cases. Cyr's readers, five books, Ginn & Co. exchange, \$1.25; retail, \$1.40. Seed & Kellogg's grammar, three books, Maynard, Merrill & Co.; exchange, 60 cents; retail, \$1.25. Wentworth's arithmetic, two books, Ginn & Co.; exchange, 50 cents; retail, 70 cents. Frye's geography, two books, Ginn & Co.; exchange, 90 cents; retail, \$1.50. Wheeler's primer, W. H. Wheeler & Co.; exchange, 15 cents; retail, 20 cents. Brooks' mental arithmetic, Christopher, Sauer & Co.; two now in use, retail, 20 cents. Newland & Row's vertical writing, eight books, Heath & Co.; 4 cents straight. Thomas' primary history, Heath & Co.; exchange, 30 cents; retail, 40 cents. Scott's primer for students, Heath & Co.; exchange, 30 cents; retail, 40 cents. Thomas' United States history, grammar grade, Heath & Co.; exchange, 30 cents; retail, 40 cents.

After the votes had been taken President H. W. Scott stated to the book men that the members of the board had been studying the merits of text books for about four months. He stated that a conference, compared notes and investigated prices and that the selections made were the result of that conference. Physiology, etymology, music and drawing are yet to be passed upon in the common branches, but they represent but a small percentage of the text-book business. At the high school branches also remain.

Of course all the agents who were successful are satisfied and jubilant. One of the heavy losers, when asked tonight what he thought of the board's selection, said: "The board is above reproach. They did what they thought best for the schools of Oregon. Of course I don't agree with their judgment in the matter."

Another unsuccessful man, when asked what he thought of the board's holding in the preliminary conference, said: "It was the only business-like way of doing things. They went about it like business men."

The adoption of the vertical system of writing is one of the most radical changes made by the commission. PEOPLE WILL SAVE TEN PER CENT. Not Cheapness, but Quality of Books Decide Selection.

SALEM, July 9.—A reduction of 10 per cent in the cost of school books is likely to be one result of the selection of books by the Text-Book Commission. This is the consensus of opinion expressed by a number of book men. That there will be a gain in the general character of the text books, as well as in the cost, is also certain. The saving may be more than 10 per cent.

The text books now in use, it is said, can be replaced by others of equal quality at a saving of from 10 to 15 per cent. The Commissioners are expected to improve the general character of the books used in the schools, and hence the saving will not be as great as it otherwise would be. Prices Much of an Enigma. No idea, even approximately, can be conveyed in a press report concerning the relative scale of prices named by publishers. Binding, quality of paper, size of the book, date of the publication, and general make-up, are so variant that a mere comparison of prices means nothing in itself. For example, the advanced history in use in the public schools at present costs the pupils \$1 per volume. The histories offered range all the way from 50 cents to \$1 per volume. The 50-cent book may be worth only 25 cents, by way of comparison in matter of quality of material and workmanship. Fifth readers run all the way from 25 cents to 40 cents, while the book now in use sells at 30 cents. Advanced written arithmetics are offered at from 45 to 55 cents, the one now in use selling at 60 cents. Some of the publishing houses offer several series of books upon one subject, with prices varying, according to material and workmanship. Even the publishers themselves will not say whether certain prices represent an increase or a decrease as compared with present prices. In order to determine this question one must have the books before him as he compares prices. The list of figures and branches of study show nothing in themselves.

on the part of the members of the board to select what appeared to them to be the best books upon each subject, reserving their individual decisions until they should be able to compare prices and confer with one another. It was in a measure confidential. No such discussion could be held before the public for no member would feel as free in expressing his opinions before the public as he would before only those who were interested in the same matter as himself. It is also readily apparent that it would be unjust to the text-book publishers for the Commissioners to express their views on the merits of the books. Such opinions, given in a preliminary discussion, would be quoted by text-book men to help themselves or injure their opponents. The closing of the doors during the confidential conference seemed to meet the approval of the text-book men—one of them voicing the general sentiment by saying: "We have confidence in the commissioners and know that we will all get fair consideration from them." The result will be most satisfactory if the commissioners are free to speak their opinions among themselves.

AGENTS A JOILY LOT.

At the Same Time They Are the Best Men in Their Business.

SALEM, July 9.—It was a jolly crowd of text-book men that gathered at the Capital this morning when the opening of bids for supplying text-books for use in the schools of this state. When the bids were opened by the members of the commission and checked off with the list of bids received last evening, the contents of the bids were not made known. The whole bundle of papers was given to Secretary Davey, who had engaged a clerk to help in the work of tabulating the bids. There was a delay of about an hour on account of waiting for some of the clerks to appear, and this was doubtless an hour of anxious suspense for the book men. The reading of the bids would disclose a difference of some of the bidders, hence each agent was anxious to learn the contents of the bid of each of his rivals. But whatever anxiety each must have felt, all displayed a levity of spirit that indicated a business of no great concern. In wit and repartee each seemed to be a graduate, and a merry exchange of jokes was indulged in.

The representatives of two leading publishing houses being absent, the cause thereof was discussed, and it was agreed that the two had become so suspicious of each other's methods that they had removed out on the lawn to watch each other.

Mr. Williams, of Maynard, Merrill & Co., came in late. Mr. Knox, of Silver, Burdett & Ginn, informed him that during his absence a collection had been taken for the benefit of the janitor, and that each agent had contributed a dollar. He was requested to hand his dollar to Mr. Barnes, of Ginn & Co., who would deliver it to the janitor. Mr. Williams said he considered the object of the collection a very worthy one and this action of the book men was commendable, but that he did not believe the depository was safe.

The book men were ranged in chairs around the reading table, and the gentlemen paid a neat compliment to the clerks, when another remarked: "Applause from the gallery," whereupon the book men turned their heads toward the circle of book agents and inquired: "From the rogues' gallery?"

There was no end of good natured raillery among the agents in speaking of the books represented and this sort of sport seemed to be agreeable all around. No one had an advantage over his rivals and it was simply a matter of give and take.

When the reading of bids began, each agent settled down to business, each agent with a pencil taking notes of the prices put upon a series of books on a subject in which he was particularly interested. The book men at times seemed not to be giving much attention to the work of tabulating, it was evident from the way they were always ready with remarks that nothing escaped their notice. The form of the bids did not always correspond with the blanks prepared, and in some cases the bids had to be shown by some special agent.

There probably was never before in this state a gathering of so able a body of agents of book publishing houses as is here. The book company has recently sent its best man to look after its interests. And well they might, for if the unanimous expression of opinion is correct, Oregon has sent five of her best men to deal with them.

When a book agent goes out to deal with an ordinary school board or with the Text-Book Commission, he usually has no need of a price that is doubly exorbitant. But this will not occur in selling text-books to the public schools of Oregon. The text-book commissioners represent the buyers. So far as business judgment goes, the buyers and sellers meet upon a level and the buyers can be neither deceived nor influenced to buy what they do not want.

Board Held Informal Secret Session. During the time occupied by the clerks in tabulating the bids the Commissioners took a recess. The working session was being held in the room where the clerks were, while the Commissioners themselves were at recess in room 2, adjoining. The Commissioners locked their doors, excluding book agents and reporters, as well as the general public, and talked over matters in an informal way. No business was transacted, nor could there be, for all business matters are required to be public. The business of the board was being transacted in the room where the clerks were reading the bids. Action on the bids could not be taken until the tabular list had been completed.

JOHN BARRETT IS HUSTLING. He May Go to China as Minister, if He Can Find a Place for Congress. WASHINGTON, July 9.—John Barrett is in Washington again looking up the possibilities for his appointment as Minister to China. He has received assurances from the President that he has a great deal of hope. The only difficulty in the Ministerial Congress will not resign. To remove Congress would mean a great deal of trouble to the President and especially Senator Allison, of Iowa, who is one of the most influential men in the Senate. Barrett is now hustling to find some other position that will give him as good a chance as that which he may secure in the Chinese mission. Barrett is confident that he could do a great deal of good in China if he were appointed to that place.

AS THEY WANT IT

McLean-Kilbourne Element Will Control Convention.

STRONGLY IN THE MAJORITY

No Concessions Made to the Johnson People—The Latter Threaten to Carry the Fight Into the Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., July 9.—The McLean-Kilbourne element, at the district meetings this afternoon, secured control of all the committees and will accordingly have everything their own way at the state administration, and want all the Democrats in Ohio to get together for the purpose of securing control of the Legislature, as well as for the election of the state ticket and of a United States Senator.

WINNER OF THE TEXT-BOOK RACE.



EDWIN GINN, FOUNDER OF THE HOUSE OF GINN & CO.

Edwin Ginn, founder of the house of Ginn & Co., Boston, whose books were given 73 per cent of the award by the Oregon State Text-Book Commission at Salem yesterday, was born at Orland, Hancock County, Me., February 14, 1828. His parents were James and Sarah Ginn, and his grandfather Abraham Ginn. His great-grandfather, James Ginn, of Bucksport, was the son of James Ginn, an Englishman, who settled in Virginia. Born and bred in the rugged hill country of New England, Edwin Ginn early learned the lesson of industry and self-reliance. At the age of 9 years he took charge of his father's household in Winterville, N. H., in 1837, leaving his school at a fishing camp, and in the following year shipped to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland on a fishing vessel. After a preparatory education, during which he taught school in Winterville, he farmed or went to the Grand Banks Summers; he entered Tufts at the age of 20, and graduated in 1852. During his college life he taught school in Winterville and worked on a farm Summers, and when he left college he had the advantage of at least 10 years' business experience, so he was able to commence far in advance of the ordinary graduate. He owes his beginning largely to Mr. Atwater, of Crosby, Alnsworth & Co., and to William Henshaw, a representative of D. Appleton & Co., who kindly loaned him his first \$50 to purchase school books. For about three years he continued in this line of work, until the house of Crosby, Alnsworth & Co. offered him the publishing rights and plates of Craig's "English of Shakespeare." He undertook the publication, and was followed by Allen's "Latin Grammar" and other books by the same authors, and Goodwin's "Greek Grammar." The last work gave Mr. Ginn entrance into nearly all the best schools of the country. Other books that helped to establish the fortune of the new house were Hudson's "Shakespeare," Luther W. Mason's "National Music Course," Wentworth's mathematical series, and his "English of Shakespeare." His publications now include all ancient and modern language text-books, works on practical and general science and literature, mathematics and music. An important branch of his publishing is a series of books called "Classics for Children," consisting largely of complete works by great masters, several volumes of which Mr. Ginn edited himself. He has been twice married; first in 1860, to Clara, daughter of Jesse Glover, of Lawrence, Mass., who died in 1885, leaving three children; second, in 1885, to Frances, daughter of Charles Greth, of Philadelphia, by whom he has one daughter and one son.

DEFICIT IS LARGE

Shortage in the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias.

OVER QUARTER OF A MILLION

Past Officers Are Charged With Misappropriation of the Funds of the Organization—Criminal Proceedings.

CHICAGO, July 9.—The endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias has a deficit of \$250,000. This announcement was made by Supreme Chancellor Ogden H. Fethers today to the supreme lodge of the order, which has been assembled in this city for the purpose of looking into the affairs of the rank. Mr. Fethers' announcement was based on the official report of the Insurance Commissioners of Illinois, Connecticut and Kansas, who made an exhaustive examination of the financial condition of the order, and copies of these reports were placed in the hands of the representatives. Before the rank can legally continue doing business as an insurance institution this deficit must be made good, and the question of how this is to be done and the Creator one who is responsible for the organization are to be safeguarded in the future occupied the attention of the supreme lodge officers and representatives all day today and far into the night.

That there has been misappropriation of the funds of the organization by past officers of the endowment rank during the period in which some of the funds of the organization were misappropriated appeared and others it has been invested in poor securities, but the motion was laid on the table when it was reported to the meeting that exact details of the misappropriation of funds or of having made investments which he had not previously assured himself were safe and amply secured.

WEST INDIAN STORM.

Particulars of the Hurricane Are Hard to Get.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, July 9.—The Havtian cable.—Owing to the non-arrival of the regular French mail steamer here today from Jacmel, Les Cayes and Santo Domingo, exact details of the havoc wrought by the storm, which for four days past has swept Hayti and Santo Domingo, are still lacking. Fears are entertained for the safety of the French steamer. Telegraphic communication through the country has not yet been re-established and travel over the roadways is almost impossible. The entire loss of the banana and corn crops is reported from the southern part of Hayti. The destruction at Byterre included the loss of a wharf.

High Tide at Galveston.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 9.—A much-needed rain fell here tonight. The wind rose to a moderate gale and the tide was higher than since the September storm. No damage was done. Many people came in from the beach and spent the night in the city. The streets for a couple of blocks from the beach were inundated. Papers are telegraphing here for storm reports. There is no ground for sensational reports. The tide at midnight is not as high as at 9 P. M. The streets have been running as usual.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Domestic. The McLean-Kilbourne element will control the Columbus convention. Page 1. There is a shortage of \$250,000 in the endowment rank, Knights of Pythias. Page 1. The National Education Convention opened at Detroit. Page 2. The Christian Endeavor Convention will end today. Page 2. Treasurer Hollander, of Porto Rico, has resigned. Page 2. Foreign. Inanverman is still leader of the English Liberals. Page 2. Prince Christian, of Denmark, is coming to the United States. Page 3. Western Europe was visited by a hot wave. Page 3. Sport. Rabbit won the wrestling match from Fitzsimmons. Page 3. The third yacht race of the Newport series will occur today. Page 3. National and American League scores. Page 2. Pacific Coast. Oregon Text-Book Commission awards 93 per cent of contracts for school books. Page 1. A. B. Eschman, of Vancouver, Wash., has been appointed receiver of First National Bank of that place. Page 4. Japanese are undisputed masters of the fishing situation on Fraser River. Page 4. Third Regiment, O. N. G., begins homeward march to Portland. Page 4. California lumbermen lashed a Chinaman. Page 5. Dr. J. M. Bashford, president Wesleyan University, addressed large Chautauque audience. Page 4. Commercial. Continued favorable weather causes further weakness in wheat. Page 11. Increase of 15 cent in package of soap. Page 11. Strong support caused decided recuperation in New York stock market. Page 11. Marine. Portland's customs receipts last year were over \$200,000. Page 5. Schooner Jessie arrives from the halibut banks. Page 5. Steamship Guernsey disabled in mid-ocean. Page 5. Portland postyards are busy. Page 5. Portland and Vicinity. City authorities will make test case of furling sidewalk repairs. Page 8. Petition of Rev. Mr. Nutley for adoption of orphan May Young denied. Page 12. Death of T. S. Finnegan, an East Side manufacturer. Page 8. Mrs. A. B. Hammond has an experience with a gentlemanly burglar. Page 12. Increased demand for Oregon cherries. Page 8. Drunken man defies locomotive, and is killed. Page 7.

HOT WEATHER IN KANSAS.

The Second of the Summer Is Burning Up the Crops.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 8.—The hot weather in Kansas continues, with no immediate indications of relief. Corn is fast withering up. Oats will be a failure and hay is scarce for years. In Western Kansas the conditions are better than in the eastern part, this being directly opposite to the usual state of affairs. Some of the Central Kansas farmers are shipping their stock to Western Kansas, so as to take advantage of the superior hay crop. It is estimated that Kansas will suffer crop losses from the protracted heat up to the extent of \$1,000,000. This figure will be even larger if the heat continues a few days longer, as then there will be absolutely no help for the corn. Some of today's temperatures were as follows: Topeka.....101; Port Scott.....108; Salina.....102; Sedan.....100; Abilene.....107; Hays City.....103; Osgo City.....103; Manhattan.....105; Lawrence.....100.

Prospects of immediate rain have been dispelled and a second hot wave is upon Kansas. At Kansas City, Mo., this was the hottest day since the weather bureau was established, the official thermometer recording 103 degrees. But for the low humidity there would be many prostrations, but only one was reported today. At Donovon, Kan., a farmer died in the harvest field today.

Hot Day at Omaha.

OMAHA, July 9.—Records for 10 years were broken today when the thermometer at the Government station registered 102 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Dakota City was the hottest point in the state, 100 in the shade being recorded.

Additional Surrenders in Luzon. MANILA, July 9.—There have been a number of additional surrenders to Colonel Wint. In all 69 officers and 475 men, with 288 rifles and 67 revolvers, have surrendered to him. Of the Ninth Cavalry, Quartermaster Duhose and Russell have surrendered, and Hunter and Vinton were brought in by Bellarmino.