

TEXT BOOK BILL
DRAFT COMPLETE

Proposed Change in Law to Be Urged on Coming Legislature.

COMPETITIVE BIDS AIM

Revolutionary Changes in Selection of Books for Oregon Are Embodied in Amendment Framed by State School Superintendent.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A tentative draft of the proposed change in the law governing the State Textbook Commission has been completed under the direction of Superintendent Alderman and will be introduced at the next Legislative session. He plans a revolutionary change in the method of adopting textbooks for the schools of the state.

One of the main changes in the present law that is proposed is to adopt a certain group of books biennially instead of changing the entire series of textbooks once in six years.

The tentative draft of the bill, subject to possible change before introduction, is as follows:

Five-Year Terms Provided.

Sec. 308. 1. At the expiration of the term of the present Textbook Commission the Governor shall appoint one Commissioner to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years and one to serve five years, and thereafter, on the first Monday of January in each year, he shall appoint one Commissioner, each shall serve for a term of five years. These Commissioners shall hold office until the first Monday of January following the expiration of their term.

Appointments and Qualifications.

2. The Board of Textbook Commissioners shall be selected as follows: one shall be selected from the County Superintendents, one from among the City Superintendents, one from the faculty of the University of Oregon, the Agricultural College or the State Normal School, one from among the teachers of the state at large and one from among the legal voters of the state.

Bids Provided For.

Sec. 309. 1. The month of July, 1913, and every two years thereafter the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, issue a circular, and shall appoint a committee to all the leading school publishers in the United States. Such circular shall contain the following:

1. The name and postoffice address of each member of the Board of Textbook Commissioners.

2. The time and place of meeting of the Board of Textbook Commissioners to adopt textbooks.

3. The general form of bid to be followed by publishers in submitting textbooks for consideration.

4. The general form of contract to be entered into between the State Board of Education in behalf of the state and a publisher whose book or books may be adopted.

5. The branches of study included in the state course of study for which books will be adopted at the meeting of the Board of Textbook Commissioners, for schools of all grades.

6. The provisions of this act relating to the adoption of textbooks.

7. Such additional facts and information as may be deemed expedient.

Six Years in Term of Books.

Sec. 310. The Board of Textbook Commissioners shall meet at the State Capitol on the first Monday in July, 1913, and every two years thereafter, and continue in session not exceeding six days, in a room to be designated by the State Board of Education. Four members shall constitute a quorum. They shall immediately organize by electing a chairman from among their number, and a competent person as secretary. The name and postoffice address of each member of the Board of Textbook Commissioners shall be ascertained by the State Board of Education.

Group 1—Agriculture, physiology, arithmetic and drawing.

Group 2—Reading, geography and music.

Group 3—High school subjects, group 1—English and literature and the languages.

Group 2—Manual training, mathematics and commercial subjects.

Group 3—Domestic science, sciences, history and civics.

Full Power Given Commission.

2. After having decided what group of books to adopt, the Board of Textbook Commissioners shall proceed to adopt books as specified in the group selected. They shall readopt for a period of two years the books upon the subjects in the group which they decided to change in 1913, and shall readopt books for a period of four years upon the subjects specified in the group they will change in 1917.

3. The Board of Textbook Commissioners shall have power, upon the request of the State Board of Education, to adopt books for any subject or subjects in another group, for which no previous adoption has been made, at the time they make the adoption for a group selected for that time of meeting. Such books shall be in use until the time for changing all the books of the group in which they belong.

4. The sessions of the board shall be public, and the vote upon the selection of each textbook shall be viva voce and the vote of each member shall be recorded in the minutes of the board.

5. The adoption of textbooks for all branches of study specified in the state course of study for schools of all grades, and no others. At least three votes shall be necessary for choice of textbooks.

School Officers to Be Informed.

Sec. 311. In the month of July, 1913, and in the month of July every two years thereafter, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, issue a circular giving the full title of each book adopted by the State Board of Textbook Commissioners at their last meeting, as printed therein, the date of copyright, the exchange, the introductory and the retail price thereof, and such other facts and information as may be deemed expedient. Such circular shall be sent to each County Superintendent, free of cost, in sufficient quantities to enable him to supply a copy without charge to each school clerk in his county.

Sec. 312.—1. The textbooks that may be adopted under the provisions of this act, and none others, shall be used in the public schools of this state thereafter, and it shall be the duty of the school officers and teachers to comply

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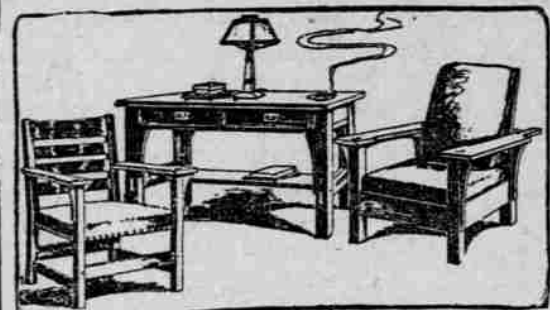
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FIFTH and STARK

Our Annual Clearance: the Most Interesting Sale We've Ever Held; Now in Its Second Week

Bear in mind that every article in the store—Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Draperies, Lace Curtains, Upholstery Fabrics, etc., with the exception of a few contract goods in the Carpet Department, is reduced. It's an annual event that many take advantage of. Orders and inquiries by mail given prompt and careful attention

The Furniture Clearance Is Unusual in Its Extensiveness and Offering of Furniture Values



- \$25 Fumed Oak Arm Chair with Spanish leather cushion seat and back, now... **\$14.50**
- \$35 large Fumed Oak Hall Seat, now... **\$18.00**
- \$32 Fumed Oak Settee with Spanish leather cushion seat, now... **\$22.00**
- \$30 Fumed Oak Arm Chair with Spanish leather seat and back, now... **\$25.00**
- \$32 Library Table in fumed oak, at... **\$26.50**
- \$60 Combination Desk and Bookcase in fumed oak, now... **\$28.50**

From the Displays of Quaint Furniture

- \$12 Combination Costumer and Umbrella Stand in fumed oak, now... **\$8.50**
- \$18 Fumed Oak Hall Clock, now... **\$9.00**
- \$20 Fumed Oak Costumer, now... **\$10.00**
- \$17 Fumed Oak Arm Chair, with cushion seat of Spanish leather, now... **\$10**
- \$17 Fumed Oak Arm Chair with Spanish leather seat, now... **\$11.50**
- \$18 Fumed Oak Costumer, now... **\$12.00**
- \$45 Fumed Oak Hall Clock, now... **\$32.00**
- \$50 large Fumed Oak Library Table, now... **\$39.75**
- \$60 Flanders Arm Chair with Spanish leather cushion seat and back, now... **\$49.00**
- \$80 small Davenport, Flanders design, upholstered in Spanish leather, now... **\$47.50**
- \$61 Flanders Library Table, now... **\$45.00**
- \$70 Bed Davenport in oak, golden waxed finish, now... **\$54.50**
- \$85 large Fumed Oak Davenport with Spanish leather cushions, now... **\$68.50**

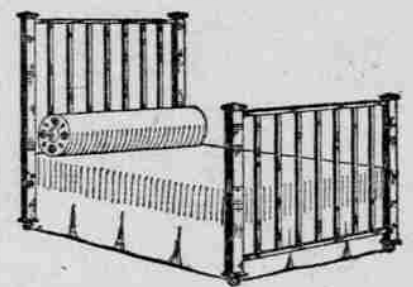


In Dining and Serving Tables

- \$58.50 Pedestal Base Dining Table of quartered golden oak, 8-ft. extension, now... **\$42.50**
- \$80 Mahogany Dining Table, pedestal base, Colonial design, 52-inch top, 10-ft. extension, now... **\$67.50**
- \$100 Mahogany Dining Table, pedestal base, Colonial design, 54-inch top, 10-ft. extension, now... **\$77.50**
- \$38 Mahogany Serving Table... **\$24.50**
- \$55 Solid Mahogany Serving Table, now... **\$33.50**
- \$75 Circassian Walnut Serving Table, now... **\$41.50**
- \$85 Solid Mahogany Serving Table, now... **\$46.50**

In Golden Oak, Mahogany and Walnut Beds

- \$28.00 full size Mahogany Bed, now... **\$16**
- \$26.50 Poster Bed in quartered golden oak, now... **\$19.50**
- \$35 Mah'y Single Bed... **\$22.50**
- \$40 full size Walnut Bed, Colonial, now... **\$27.50**
- \$65 full size Colonial Bed, mahogany, now... **\$48.50**
- \$75 Colonial Bed, full size, of quarter-sawn golden oak, now... **\$58.50**
- \$115 solid mahogany four-poster Bed, now... **\$62.50**
- \$150 solid mahogany carved four-poster Bed, full size... **\$78.50**
- \$200 solid mahogany, full-size four-poster Bed, **\$122.50**



Brass Beds

- \$11.50 full size Brass Bed now... **\$7.75**
- \$18.50 full size Brass Bed, now... **\$11.75**
- \$38.00 full size Brass Bed, now... **\$25.00**
- \$30.00 Square Tuoe Brass Bed, 3 ft. 3 in. size, now... **\$21**
- \$33 full size Brass Bed, now... **\$26.00**
- \$62.50 Brass Bed, 3 ft. 3 in. size, now... **\$32.50**
- \$80 full size Brass Bed, now... **\$42.50**

Leather Chairs and Rockers

- \$48 Turkish Rocker, leather upholstered, **\$25**
- \$36 solid mahogany Arm Rocker, leather seat, now... **\$26.50**
- \$60 large Easy Leather Chair, now... **\$45**

Dressers: A Few of the Clearance Prices

- \$28.50 Circassian Walnut Dresser now... **\$21.50**
- \$38 Mahogany Dresser now... **\$29.50**
- \$43.50 Large Colonial Dresser in mahogany... **\$30**
- \$48 Large Dresser in Circassian Walnut... **\$33.50**
- \$55 Princess Dresser of Circassian Walnut... **\$32.50**
- \$63 Mahogany Dresser now... **\$46.50**
- \$173 Large Carved Mahogany Dresser now... **\$115**

Many Are Taking Advantage of The Drapery and Upholstery Clearance

Lace Curtains: Prices Are Much Lower Throughout the Entire Stock. Note These:

- In Nottingham Curtains.
 - \$2.25 values, now at, pair... **\$1.00**
 - \$2.50 values, now at, pair... **\$1.35**
 - \$3.25 values, now at, pair... **\$1.60**
 - \$4.75 values, now at, pair... **\$2.50**



- In Scrim Curtains.
 - \$3.00 values, now at, pair... **\$1.50**
 - \$3.50 values, now at, pair... **\$1.75**
 - \$3.75 values, now at, pair... **4.75**
 - \$4.50 values, now at, pair... **\$2.25**
 - \$5.75 values, now at, pair... **\$2.90**
 - \$6.50 values, now at, pair... **\$3.35**

In Novelty, Irish Point and Arabian Hand-Made Laces.

- \$ 2.75 values, now, pair... **\$ 1.25**
- \$ 3.50 values, now, pair... **1.75**
- \$ 4.50 values, now, pair... **2.35**
- \$ 9.00 values, now, pair... **4.75**
- \$10.00 values, now, pair... **5.00**
- \$12.00 values, now, pair... **6.00**
- \$14.00 values, now, pair... **7.50**
- \$26.50 values, now, pair... **\$13.50**

Couch Covers Considerably Lower Than Regular Prices—Excellent selection of patterns and colorings and good range of prices.

- \$4.50 Couch Covers, now **\$2.50**
- \$5.50 Couch Covers, now **\$3.25**
- \$6.00 Couch Covers, now **\$3.15**
- \$6.75 Couch Covers, now **\$3.90**
- \$8.50 Couch Covers, now **\$4.65**
- \$9.00 Couch Covers, now **\$4.75**
- \$18.00 Couch Covers, at **\$10.75**

Clearance of Portieres—Plain and pattern effects, in desirable materials and colorings.

- \$4.50 values, now, pair... **\$2.60**
- \$5.50 values, now, pair... **\$2.85**
- \$6.00 values, now, pair... **\$2.90**
- \$7.00 values, now, pair... **\$3.50**
- \$8.25 values, now, pair... **\$4.00**
- \$8.50 values, now, pair... **\$4.35**
- \$9.00 values, now, pair... **\$4.60**

New Cretonnes and Chintzes Are Entered at Half Price.

- 35c materials, now at, yard... **18c**
- 45c materials, now at, yard... **23c**
- 50c materials, now at, yard... **25c**
- 60c materials, now at, yard... **30c**
- 70c materials, now at, yard... **35c**
- 75c materials, now at, yard... **38c**
- 85c materials, now at, yard... **43c**
- \$1.00 materials, now at, yd., **50c**

A Few Items from the Carpet Stock

Short Lengths of Carpets Priced for Quick Clearance—16-yard to 30-yard lengths of Wilton Velvet, Axminster and Body Brussels Carpet, in desirable patterns, the regular \$1.80 yard grades. Sawn, laid and lined, to close at **\$1.47 YARD** Bring in your room measurements.

Several Remnants in Wool, Terry and Ingrain Carpetings to Close at the Special **60c Yard**—In such lengths as 4, 5, 7½, 8, 10½, 12, 13½ and up to 20 yards.

Odds and Ends and Samples of all grades of Wilton, Axminster and Body Brussels Carpets, in 1-yard and 1½-yard lengths, at **50c, 75c, \$1 each.**

All Berkey & Gay and Cowan Fine Furniture Included in This Sale

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NOTE This store is one of the few in America that enjoys the distinction of a liberal representation of the displays of such celebrated lines as Berkey & Gay, Cowan and other leading makers. All such furniture is entered in our annual sale at noteworthy reductions.

Commissioners have decided what

with the provisions of this act concerning the manner in which they shall willfully violate any of said provisions, he shall be deemed to have violated the terms of his contract with the district.

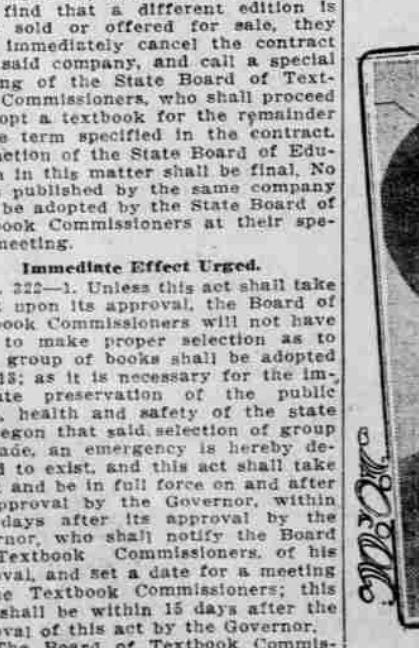
DOUGLAS RESIDENT DIES

Martin Van Buren Leach Succumbs at Age of 76 Years.

GARDNER, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—

Martin Van Buren Leach, who died at his home near this city, December 21, 1912, was 76 years old and had lived near here since 1874. Mr. Leach was born in Ohio, November 8, 1843. He crossed the plains from Dallas County, Iowa, to Portland, Or., in 1862. He married Rebecca Janett Nottage November 7, 1862. He lived in Umatilla, Marion and Linn counties until 1871, when he moved to Scottsburg, later settling on Smith River near here. Mr. Leach is survived by ten children, 45 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The surviving children are: Mrs. Minerva Buss, of Mapleton; Mrs. Ellen Holden, of Empire; Mrs. Ida Noel, of Coquille; Mrs. Arilla Abbott and Mrs. Etta Noel, of Gardiner; Mrs. Josephine Winters, of Buhl, Idaho, and John, Francis, Alden and Laurence Leach, of Gardiner.

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Mrs. A. L. Fitzgerald

NEW ROAD RUSHED

Rail Line in Coos County to Be Finished in July.

BAD WEATHER IS DEFIED

With 300 Now at Work, Crew of 1000 Will Soon Hurry Construction Through Rich Valley Surrounding Myrtle Point.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—

Building a railroad into one of the isolated parts of Coos County under highly unfavorable weather conditions, hauling machinery and supplies over miles of rough, muddy roads and working in driving rains are the difficulties encountered in the construction of the new logging railroad for the Smith-Powers Logging Company. The road is to extend for 10 miles from Myrtle Point along the south fork of the Coquille River to a point near Rural.

Myrtle Point Benefits.

The contractors make their headquarters at Myrtle Point, and that city has greatly benefited by the road construction, as the payroll now of the men employed is in the neighborhood of \$100 a day. The least wages paid for common labor is \$2.25 a day. Myrtle Point is deriving most of the benefit of the wage money, with the result that the place has taken on a new feeling of prosperity.

Rich Valley Traversed.

The engineers who have charge of the supervision of the construction of the road for the Smith-Powers Company are permanently located in a camp seven miles out of Myrtle Point. Engineer E. A. Haines is at the head of the engineering department, with his headquarters at Myrtle Point, and Harry Butler is resident engineer in charge of the permanent field camp. The engineering corps is located in a camp, where they have most of the comforts of a home or hotel.

Construction of the new logging railroad

is to be finished by next July, consequently a day's rest necessitating the carrying on of the work in the rainy season. Willett & Burr, California builders, have the contract for constructing the road. Most of the work now being done is under sub-contract. About 200 men are now employed along the line of the roads at different points, clearing, blasting and making ready the more difficult points. As soon as the weather permits, about 1000 men will be put on the job and the work hurried through.

when completed will run passenger and freight service as well as logging trains.

Town to Be Established.

The Smith-Powers Company has purchased the Wagner ranch, one of the finest in the valley, and here will establish a town, which will be the distributing point. Stopping places will also be made about every six miles along the route. The logging company has also bought large tracts in the vicinity and will have one of the largest stock ranches in Southern Oregon. It being the plan of the Smith company to raise their own meat and supplies for their logging camps and boarding-houses.

The valley of the river makes it possible to build a road of an easy grade,

less than 1 per cent, over 25 miles and at the same time reach a rough country.

To be comfortable get Edelesen's coal.

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Our noon luncheon, served in the main dining-room from 12 to 2 every weekday, will prove especially tempting days this cold Winter days. Try it tomorrow—you'll like it.

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is served in the Grill from 3 to 5:30, affording needed rest and refreshment to many a fair shopper. Refined, courteous service.

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