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STATE TEXT BOOK PUBLICATION.

Several Oregon papers are just now vigorously advocating the publication of school text books by the state. One of them, the Scio Press, even goes so far as to claim that this can be done "for one-third of the money the people are now paying the American Book Company."

Opponents to the scheme claimed that it would cost at least \$250,000 to inaugurate the system, and that after the books were published they would work a great injury to the schools, because of their inferior quality.

Table with columns: NAME OF BOOK, ESTIMATED COST, PRESENT COST.

It is boldly charged that the selling prices cited above fall far below the actual cost of manufacture, which statement is proved by citing the regular biennial deficiency in the state printing department. This shows that the expenditures for that office during the five years immediately preceding state publications were \$407,617.28, while during the five years following, the same department cost \$1,063,897.67.

Have the people of Oregon no candidates for senator? It looks, now, pretty much as though there would be the choice by acclamation. If there are, it is a pity that the people should not have a chance to elect one of their own.

GRESHAM A BLUNDERER.

The administration at Washington is being blamed, and justly too, in every part of the country, for its blundering and disgraceful course in relation to the conflict now being carried on in Asia. Our failure to struggle up to Japan in the beginning of the present war, that is turning out so gloriously for the Mikado's empire, will cost us much. Clever diplomacy would have anticipated the event, and put us on friendly terms with a nation that gives promise of soon being mistress in the far east.

This secretary of ours, it is claimed, was so stupidly ignorant that he allowed a Chinaman to outwit him, and dictate a message to the American minister at Tokio, instructing him to use his influence in the name of this government to induce the Japanese to desist from their purpose to occupy Korea.

CALIFORNIA tried the experiment of publishing her own school books, and now regrets the foolish venture, because, during the first five years the plant was in operation, it cost the people of that state \$674,799.49, and besides this vast sum, her school patrons paid \$105,200.17 more for the inferior state series than it would, had they gone into the open market and purchased the same number of corresponding books offered by private publishing firms.

Sarah Grand's new novel, entitled "Singularly DeLuded," was written, according to the Portland Express, in memory of the people who were deluded in reading "The Heavenly Twins."

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Salem has five state institutions in which every taxpayer should feel a deep interest—three schools, an asylum and a penitentiary. These take care of those who are maimed either physically, intellectually or morally.

The Best Plaster.

Dampen a piece of Bannal with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind it on over the seat of pain. It is better than any plaster. When the limbs are sore such an application on the chest and another on the back, besides the stimulant blades, will prevent pneumonia. These remedies are good for rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc.

Teachers' Column.

Edited by R. F. HOLM.

All communications intended for this department should be handed to the editor on Monday morning.

Geography.

There is, perhaps, no subject taught in our public schools, today, that has been favored with less improvement in the art of its teaching, than that of geography. Arithmetic has received much attention, and the method of teaching it has been much improved, by the introduction of object teaching; the once dry subject of grammar, has been made a delight to both teacher and pupil, by the introduction of language work; but geography, in most of our schools, is the same dragging, uninteresting, unpractical study that it was in "ye olden time."

It may safely be assumed that a great deal of valuable time has been wasted in teaching the arbitrary boundaries of states and countries, and in the memorizing of the names of the capitals and principal cities, overlooking the fact, that these are simply works of art that man has established for his own convenience, and disregarding the great natural advantages that have guided man's judgment, in selecting some particular spot upon which to build a city, or in adopting some of nature's lines as the boundary of his country.

The average child who has completed the study of geography, has the earth pictured in his mind as the ordinary map would show it: Kansas, a bright pink; Colorado, orange colored; Utah, of a greenish complexion, etc.

Among the wonders of the World's Columbian Fair the grandest was the exhibit of American products. The Exhibition was, in this respect, an object lesson of the grandeur and glory of the Republic. Among the exhibits from the United States no article of its class stood so high as Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

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image of his Maker, and endowed with wonderful faculties. Here, dispirited and enervated by the torrid heat, while nature with open hand is offering to him all the luxuries which his uneducated desires may suggest.

The things suggested above, are only a few of the things which one, who has finished the study of geography, should see in a glance at any continent. He should see the advantages that every country presents as the home of man, and he should see that mountain slopes are the features of the earth from which spring the life of everything that is conducive to man's habitation, and the history of our race.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE CASE.

On last Monday the supreme court handed down a decision in the case of the Philomath College vs. U. E. Wyatt, in favor of the college, and affirming the decision made by Judge Pipes in the circuit court for this county in 1892.

Mr. W. M. Terry, who has been in the drug business in Elkton, Ky., for the past twenty years, says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other cough medicine I ever sold."

O. C. McLagan returned last Saturday from a several days fishing trip at Elk City. During the afternoon of his return he started up the street with a large string of speckled beauties, which he distributed along the way to friends whose names are legion.

Life or Death.

It is of vital importance that it should be understood by persons whose kidneys are inactive, that this condition of things is finally inductive of a state of the organs where life hangs in the balance.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

A Few Simple Things You Mayn't Have Been Told.

The salvation army is to establish a post here. The captain says Corvallis churches must beat the saloons by one. But the burden of supporting so many church organizations during the coming hard times winter, may drive the entire town to hard drinking.

Conversation anent a recent show, developed the fact that Corvallis has many believers in mesmerism and kindred "isms." It seems the professor, to exhibit his powers, called Gilbert Eugene Alphon on the stage, entranced him with a few "passes" of his mesmeric hands, and made him believe he was a siren dwelling in the sea and enticing men to death with alluring songs.

Mr. W. A. Gellatly is making the dirt fly on the Jew's place. The summer fallow will soon be seeded. Uncle Hi Wood raised his new barn last Friday near the site of the one recently burned down.

Mr. John Rodgers, owner of the King's Valley mills, died last Friday morning. He was a pioneer. An enterprising citizen, a good neighbor and an honest man. He will be sadly missed. When and where he was buried, I have not learned. He was sick but a few days.

A CURIOUS FIND.

J. Y. Harris, of Blodgett, writes that as W. A. Gellatly and Billy Minton were coming through the Gellatly slashing on the 7th of this month—passing where a tree of considerable dimensions had once stood—Billy Minton picked up a skull.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity.

BLODGETT VALLEY.

Doc Kiger boasts the finest hogs and the biggest pigs in the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Doc Blodgett are spending a few days with relatives in Lincoln county. Wiley Norton and sons (whose names are "legion") are over improving his Lewisville farm.

At last the old soldier, Impson, has been notified that his pension has been allowed, rating \$12 per month and back pay from March '91, amounting to something over \$500.

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A literary society was organized at Blodgett valley school house last Saturday evening. S. M. Wood was elected president, Doc Kiger vice-president, Miss Lydia Davis secretary, Mrs. Lucy Kiger treasurer, and Amos Wood sergeant-at-arms.

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