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CHANGING SCHOOL BOOKS.

It is notorious that there is such a thing as a school book trust in this country and that its influence has reached without any check whatever all parts of the United States. The American Book company is only less gigantic than the Standard Oil company, but its effect is to enrich its members and tax its patrons as much as they will stand. Possibly Marshfield has had occasion before now to murmur against the School Book Trust, but whether it has or not, parents have now new cause to record their murmers again. The school children have been compelled to change their books again, and parents have been unnecessarily bled to supply new books where the old ones which they bought and paid for some time ago would have done just as well. Of course the people who are responsible for the change claim that education must keep up to the standard of progress and that this renders old books obsolete and new books and new systems necessary. Conceding the statement to be true, is not necessarily an approval of the argument. Show the people first, where the new books and new system, so called, constitute an advance on what must now be thrown aside and lost.

There are several things which Marshfield people may well consider in regard to these changes. One of them is that they will come thick and quick hereafter. Another is that Marshfield school authorities are not responsible for it, as the law of the state provides for a uniform system and the state authorities have decreed the change. Still another is that it is very profitable to the school book trust and to nobody else. Then again the pretense that the exchange of old books for new on the basis of 50 cents on the dollar allowed on the old books, is a farce. In families of two or more children it is usual for the second child to take the books left over by the older brother or sister, and a large saving was made to poor and honest people. The "quick change" school book trust cures that leakage from its income by getting the state authorities, by some method, to co-operate. Thousands of dollars go out of the state for school books and even if they happen, in some instances, to be printed in the state, all of the profits from the paper mill to the print shop go to men who may be enjoying life in London or Paris.

But what are you going to do about it? The remedy? Well, there is one, but it may be the people are afraid of it. Perhaps it is better to sleep quietly in the lion's mouth, than to keep awake outside the jaws of danger. The remedy is for the state to provide, print and distribute its own school books, on the plan of integral production, from the paper mill up. The extension of the remedy is for all of the people to stand the expense of furnishing the school books to the children and relieve the parents who bear the burden of this generation and the next, too. Of course, this remedy must be an academic one for some time to come, but one of these days the majority will cease to let a school book trust graft the state or city.

THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

The city council have ordained that no building shall be constructed of other material than brick, stone or concrete within certain defined limits, and by so doing have in one evening raised Marshfield to the rank of a permanent modern city. It will also give it reasonable rates for insurance purposes, thus enabling capital to construct substantial buildings within the limits prescribed and receive protection therefor. The ordinance goes into effect at once and all who have designed structures which they have not al-

ready elevated must obtain permits from the city engineer, whose duty it is to grant them if the specifications which must be filed with him for his protection, comply with the ordinance. The violation of the ordinance may result in the city authorities proceeding to abate the defective structure by tearing it down and punishing the wrong-doer.

The ordinance is well adapted for the purpose for which it was designed, but its terms are broad enough to prevent the erection of a shed or other temporary structure, if the letter of the law shall be observed. As it is not the letter but the spirit of the law which the city government will insist upon, no doubt it will grant permits for such temporary structures as may be necessary in connection with construction work. The council should not stop with simply defining fire limits. There are many good reasons why no house should be built in the city limits without a permit. The city engineer's office ought to be in position to keep a complete record of all houses and structures which are erected. It would be no inconvenience to the builder and would enable the authorities to more easily estimate the police and sanitary requirements of their charge.

The investigation of the Standard Oil officials, all men of enormous wealth, has proven one thing if nothing else. That one thing is that Americans who are anxious to train their children along financial lines should keep them out of school and teach them to know nothing. If they have a particularly dull boy in the family, tie to him. He is likely to become a millionaire, for the investigation referred to proves that the Standard Oil officials are the greatest lot of dullards and dunces ever haled into court. They knew nothing, had learned nothing, took no hints, couldn't be coached and had lost their memories entirely. The case furnishes no reason to believe that the fortunes of Rockefeller, Rogers or any of the rest of them can be accounted for on any other ground than that of "a fool for luck."

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Washington, Sept. 25.—Admiral Dewey is opposed to the sale of the Philippines. He does not believe that his famous battle of Manila Bay brought the United States a possession which for strategic or other reason is to rise up to plague us. As chairman of the general board of the Navy, it is Admiral Dewey's duty to plan to meet the eventualities of war. The progress of Japan and the exposed position of the Philippines have caused some experts to say that, in the event of war, those islands would be a source of weakness. Admiral Dewey, viewing the question from all points of view, does not favor the withdrawal of the United States from the archipelago at this time.

He is not prepared to discuss the measures adopted for the defense of the Philippines nor will he express any opinion concerning the movement of the battleship fleet to the Pacific, but he does say: "Hold the Philippines." He is fearless of any injurious consequences following American occupation and declines to give any serious consideration to predictions that Japan is so set upon obtaining the island that, if necessary to get them, she will go to war.

In an interview today the Admiral sets out the reasons which impel him to insist upon the retention of the island. The strong point of his argument is not based upon the military or naval importance of the islands, but upon the great value, present and prospective, of the Philippines to America in the extension of our trade with the Orient.

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An Honest Hunter.
A. H. Welling, the popular North Bend tailor, returned Monday from Ten Mile, where he had been hunting and fishing. Welling is more honest than most hunters. He confesses he did not kill even one deer, but declares he actually did see where there had been a deer.

Piles For Gulvson Building.
Workmen have the site of the Gulvson two story building at the corner of Broadway and C streets cleared and the pile driver is at work on the foundation for the structure.

—Read the want ads.

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