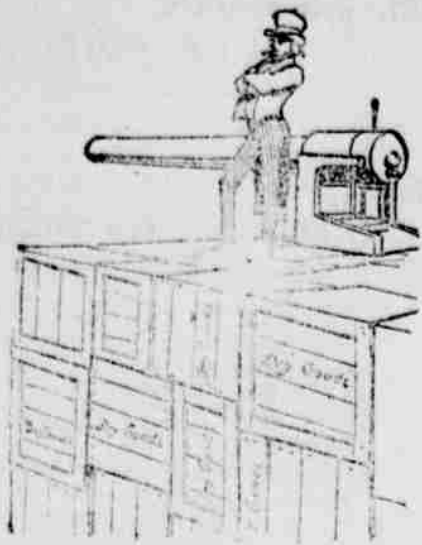


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## STATE SCHOOL BOOKS

### A STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY.

Gross Amount of the business—Prices and Other Information.

PORTLAND, May 27.—[To the editor.]—Much has been published of late regarding the American Book Company and of the cost of school books furnished by that company to the people of Oregon. Interested persons have persistently circulated misstatements. I feel that the public should be told the truth, and, therefore, beg space in your paper for the following brief statement, which may throw some light upon the much-mooted and grossly misrepresented text-book question.

The American Book Company invites the closest investigation of the school-book question, knowing that every person who investigates candidly and without prejudice will be convinced that it has dealt with the people of Oregon in a straight-forward, business way, and that it has endeavored to serve the people faithfully and to promote the best interests of their schools. We could not hope to retain the good will and business of the people in any other way. We obtained our contract four years ago against heavy competition, and the prices of our publications were as low, if not lower, than those of any other concern offering standard text books to the state.

The official records show there were about 100,000 pupils enrolled in Oregon in 1897. Our total sales of books of all kinds in Oregon for the year 1897, including all books sold to dealers, private schools, colleges, academies, pedagogical works and miscellaneous works, as well as all books for public schools, including high schools, were \$48,911.89. Of this amount \$42,604.22 was for books for the public schools. More than one-half these were purchased by the people at catalogue prices, and the balance at the dealer's contract retail price—10 per cent above list—so that the total amount paid by the people for the books could not have exceeded \$47,994.75. Therefore the total cost of the books to the people was less than 50 cents per pupil attending school, and the total amount received by us for the same was less than 43 cents per pupil. These are actual facts. They demonstrate that the cost of school books in Oregon is not excessive. They also show the utter absurdity of the statements published by some of our more ignorant detractors, that our annual business in Oregon amounts to \$500,000, and that we sell books amounting to \$100,000 a year in the city of Portland. There are but two states in the Union—Arkansas and Alabama—where the cost of school books per pupil is less than in the state of Oregon.

Enemies of the American Book Company are attempting to confuse the public mind by publishing tables of the cost of books in other states purchased under different systems, and comparing them with the retail or highest prices at which books adopted for use in the public schools of the state may be sold by the retail dealers. The net wholesale or contract price in Chicago or New York, which is uniform to all states, is taken as a basis of comparison with the maximum retail price allowed by the contract to be charged in Oregon; and, disregarding the relative merit of the books, the cost of a worthless or inferior book used in some state is compared with the price of a standard book used in this state. It is a well known law of production and sale that an article can be purchased at a less figure at first cost from the manufacturer at the place of production or manufacture than at some place removed thousands of miles and when sold at retail. The cost of the transportation must be added to the cost of manufacture, as well as the profit made by the middle man or retail dealer.

Our assailants have asserted that Idaho purchases our school publications cheaper than does the state of Oregon. This is not true in fact. In Oregon the people buy the school books from the retail dealers in their several localities. In Idaho the state purchases the books in bulk in Chicago at the net wholesale contract price, and pays the freight from Chicago to Idaho and the additional expenses of handling and distributing the books to the various school districts as they may be required. If the amounts paid by Idaho for freights and other expenses in distributing the books be added to the prices paid for the books in Chicago, it will be found that the books actually cost the people of Idaho more than they do the people of Oregon. The total cost of school books in Oregon last year, as shown above, was less than 50 cents per pupil. Idaho last year paid for its school books in Chicago more than \$16,000, not counting freight or expenses of distribution. Their school enrollment was about 20,000 pupils. Therefore, their school books cost them at Chicago more than 75 cents per pupil. Freights and expenses of distribution make the total cost still higher. The maximum discount from the trade list of publishers received by Idaho (the books being delivered in Chicago) is 20 per cent. In Oregon the discount to the retail dealers (we delivering the books in Oregon) is 10 per cent from the list. The cost of freights and distribution, in fact, exceeds the difference between these discounts, and we would make a larger profit on our Oregon business if the state bought the books from us at our wholesale prices in the east, and shipped and distributed them at its own expense, as Idaho does, than we make in Oregon under the present system. In Idaho the state purchases the books in Chicago at the net wholesale price, 20 per cent from the list, and the books are paid for out of a special fund and reimbursed by each school district out of the general school fund. The districts furnish the books to the pupils free. The cost of freights and distribution is paid by the school districts from their school apportionment. The system is so complicated that it is impossible to ascertain exactly the total cost of the books delivered to the pupils. Since the new text-book law went into effect in Idaho, in 1893, the consumption of books has increased nearly 100 per cent. There is much greater waste of books under a free text-book system than where the books are purchased and owned by the pupils, as in Oregon. It is a case, in Idaho, of getting something for nothing, and there is always extravagance where someone else, generally the taxpayer, pays the bill.

It has been stated that the contract retail prices of school books in Oregon (that is, the maximum prices which can be charged by the retail dealers) are 10 per cent above the catalogue or list prices. This is true of most of the books. It is also true that the bid of every other publisher for standard text-books at the adoption four years ago provided for the

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## The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

SATURDAY - JUNE 4, 1898

### WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Tonight at the Vogt. Hear Hon. Geo. Williams. Forecast for today, fair. A first class milk cow for sale. Apply at this office.

Go to the Columbia Candy Factory for your ice cream sodas. Don't forget that Kellar keeps the best ice cream soda in the city. Ice cream soda, ice cream and strawberries at the Columbia Candy Factory.

The Jacobson Book & Music Co., have some beautiful flower baskets. Call and see them. H. M. Ryan, teacher of Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo. Headquarters at Jacobsen's.

A new lot of oranges and lemons direct from growers, at the Dalles Commission Co. Leave orders for ice with the Stadelman Commission Co. Office cold storage building. Phone 49.

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Today being the 31st is the regular collection day. Untie your purse strings and get ready for the collection. Furnished rooms to rent, also suite of rooms suitable for housekeeping. Apply to 19 and 20, Chapman Block.

A Sunday school was organized at Erskineville, Sherman county, Sunday, with Mrs. L. M. Rust, superintendent. Quite a number of children will be confirmed at St. Peter's church in this city by Archbishop Gross on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

There will be services in the Congregational church tomorrow, conducted by Rev. H. L. Hopkins, pastor of the Pendleton Congregational church. George Mauns, the engineer on the switch engine in this city, left on Thursday morning's boat for an outing in the Cascades in the vicinity of the Locks.

Last evening a wagonette load of the members of the Taine class left the city at 7:30 for the home of Miss Melissa Hill, on Dry Hollow, where they were delightfully entertained. Everyone should endeavor to hear Judge Williams at the Vogt tonight. He is one of the most able talkers in the state and will tell the truth concerning the political parties of Oregon.

The sixth annual reunion of the Oregon pioneers of Umatilla county is being held at Milton. Judge S. A. Lowell delivered the address of welcome on Wednesday. A short address was delivered by S. A. Miller, mayor of Milton.

Articles of incorporation of the Moro Water Company, were unanimously adopted at the meeting of the fire company and citizens of Moro, Monday evening. W. H. Moore, William Holder, L. W. Hunting, J. M. Perry and J. B. Hoeford, are the incorporators. Capital stock, \$7,000.

Thursday evening at a special meeting of Azalea Rebekah Lodge, No. 99, I.

O. O. F., its members were happily surprised when their brothers of Columbia Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F., presented them with a set of officers regalia and banners. This lodge is growing steadily, and its meetings are always well attended.

Last evening at the regular meeting of Court The Dalles, No. 12, F. of A., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. R., Dio Wilder; S. C. R., M. A. Cushing; Rec. Secy., Chas. Burgett; S. W., L. F. Pickens; J. W., Wm. Hoering; Sr. B., Lee Cover; Jr. B., David King.

Fishermen in this vicinity report that the run of fish yesterday was the best of the season. June is the month in which they depend for their rich harvest, and it is encouraging to see that they will not be disappointed. The fish are at present large and in fine shape, so that the Columbia river salmon can be put in competition with those of any place in the United States or Alaska.

Wednesday evening H. S. Wilson, of The Dalles, and J. W. Morton, of Hood River, held a political meeting at the upper Mill creek school house. The meeting was a good one, as the house was crowded and everyone seemed to be well impressed with the candidate for circuit judge and joint representative for Wasco and Sherman counties, as well as with the nominees on the entire Republican ticket.

The finance committee has been soliciting funds for the celebration of the fourth of July, have met with marked success; and there can be no doubt that the celebration will be in proportion to the success this committee meets with. This celebration, we hope, will not be for The Dalles alone, but we also trust the neighboring communities will take part in the observance of the nation's birthday.

Cal. Chambers, a farmer residing on Slide creek, a few miles from Long Creek, says that a few nights ago some one with murderous intent came to his ranch at a late hour and called for him. Receiving no answer he fired a bullet through the window. No harm was done, though the window was demolished. Though Mr. Chambers says he recognized his midnight visitor's voice, he refuses to disclose his identity. Mr. Chambers is at a loss to account for the action, as he has had no trouble with anyone.

Yesterday afternoon the new ferry made her trial trip, running quite a distance up the river against the strong current, then turned and run down stream and back to the landing. Everything about the new craft worked to perfection, and the ferry company deserves to be congratulated on the splendid new boat. The steam launch which has been used for towing the ferry back and forth across the river, will be taken to the Locks today, and as soon as the water recedes so that they can get through, will go to Portland. Our Dalles, young people will miss the genial captain and the little craft, as they will not have an opportunity to enjoy any more of those delightful moonlight excursions.

STRAVED From the range near Hood River. Mare with grey mane and tail, branded R on left hip, and weighs about 900 lbs. Anyone giving information leading to recovery will be suitably rewarded. RALPH S. SMELLY, Hood River, Or. June 4-2 wks

### CORONERS INQUEST.

#### The Cause of the Death of Indian Sam Inquired Into.

Yesterday Coroner Butts held an inquest over the remains of Indian Sam. The following is the verdict rendered: "THE DALLES, Or., June 3, 1898.

We, the jury called and sworn to inquire into the cause of the death of an Indian whose body now lies before us, after hearing the evidence of the different witnesses called and sworn find as follows:

"That the name of said deceased was Sam, his place of residence being Rock Creek, Wn., and being a member of the Rock Creek tribe of Indians; that he came to his death on June 24, 1898, by being run over in Dalles City by switch engine No. 12, belonging to the O. R. & N. Co., which was at the time in charge of Engineer C. A. Brown and H. Willerton; we further find from all the evidence that the accident which resulted in his death was due to unavoidable causes and no blame attaches to anyone therefor.

Yesterday Sam's friends sunk a grave a short distance from the other side of 3-Mile, where his remains will be placed until such a time as the river goes down so that they can be interred on Memorial island, near the foot of the Tenino rapids.

### PERSONAL MENTION

J. L. Story went to Portland yesterday on business.

D. B. Gaunt, of Centerville, is at the Umatilla House.

C. L. Gilbert returned last evening from a trip to Hood River.

Mrs. Smith French returned on the 6:20 train last evening from Portland.

Sheriff Driver returned on the Regulator last evening from a trip down the river.

Albert Stephens, of Mehama, is visiting his brother, Chas. Stephens, in The Dalles.

Mr. Kraemer, who is a prominent sheepman of Rutledge, Sherman county, is in the city.

Wm. Lauder, who has been visiting in this city, left for his home at Bakeoven yesterday.

Ex-Governor and M. A. Moody were passengers on Portland on yesterday morning's train.

This morning Raymond Logan left for Goldendale, where he goes for a short visit with friends.

Miss Frankie Van Vactor of Goldendale, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Johnston, in this city.

E. Jacobson left last evening for points in the interior, where he goes in the interest of the Jacobson Book and Music Company.

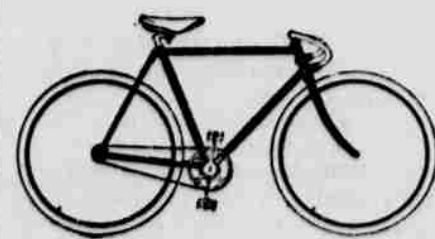
James Kelly, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Kingsley, in this county, is in the city for a short business trip.

Ex-United States District Attorney Dan Murphy was in the city yesterday on business and calling on his many friends.

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