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Some days, some nights, hold fuller draughts of peace;  
Some suns are fairer, falling in the west;  
Some casual fact hath wondrous charms to please;  
Some tone on hill or sea is choicer than the rest.  
—Louis Robert Stevenson.

### BOOKS SHOULD BE FREE.

With the opening of the school term there arises the perennial question of school books and book monopolies and combinations.

There is no other form of monopoly that more vitally interests the masses than this school book monopoly. People can escape the oil trust by using the tallow dip, and are glad to endure the privation to shun the trust.

But the pride of the American citizen drives him to boldly meet the exactions of the school book trust, because the education of his family is at stake in his refusal.

Under the state school book commission and the state board of education, the school book question is very little better than when each county was a law unto itself on the subject. Not only are the prices of school books out of reason because of the trust, but the changes from one series to another are unnecessary and burdensome.

One family complains, by way of illustration, that a certain dictionary was purchased last year at considerable expense, with the understanding that it would take the pupils from the sixth grade through the high school. They thought the dictionary question, at least, was settled for good, and the text books, only, would annoy hereafter. But that hope was vain. On the opening of school they are directed to buy another "brand" of dictionary, as being more satisfactory; this, with the assurance that this last one will take them through the high school.

It will be so as long as new "brands" of supplementary and auxiliary books are conceived and printed.

The only solution is free school books. The only escape for the poor people who are thus handicapped and burdened is for the state to furnish, free, every school book, leaving people who are able to buy, the privilege of buying if they desire.

When woman's suffrage carries in Oregon some of these needed reforms will be instituted in the great state.

### AN EXAMPLE FOR OREGON.

In California's educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair is shown a specimen of the circulating state libraries which are now in use in the Golden state.

Oregon might take a needed lesson from this portion of the exhibit.

The California library consists of about 125 books, state history predominating in the collection. Next in importance in subject comes the biography of great Californians, then comes natural history of California, and nature studies for young folks, and then a general collection of useful and entertaining volumes intended to instruct and amuse people of all ages.

The state of Oregon, as yet, has nothing of this kind. If you mention a library, people say, "O, there are no literary people here to use a library." Literary people do not patronize public libraries to any extent. They choose and buy their own books. The masses use libraries, and public libraries should be so chosen as to be most profitable and entertaining to the masses.

California has shown excellent judgment in classifying her state library. She has placed history and California biography at the head of the list. This gives California first place, always, in the minds of Californians, and the result is apparent everywhere.

When California needs booming she

does not have to go out begging for funds and men, but funds and willing men are forthcoming, voluntarily, freely, cheerfully and with great enthusiasm.

As a result, when California goes out in competition with the world, as she is doing at the Lewis and Clark fair and as she has done at St. Louis, and at numerous national conventions, she leads, and leads gracefully, without effort, without friction.

It is because Californians know and love California. They are taught California lore in babyhood, they are taught California heroism and history in boyhood and young manhood, and have California methods and California enthusiasm instilled into their growing minds, while they are forming habits and coming to manhood.

The fruits of this training are that a Californian always stands up boldly and enthusiastically for his state wherever he may be.

### WHY NOT HAVE PAVEMENT?

Walla Walla does not enjoy nearly the income from investments that is enjoyed in Pendleton; property does not return as much in rents in Walla Walla as here; renters do not make the money there that renters make here; business is not so rapid nor profitable there as here. These facts are conceded by every one familiar with the two cities.

And yet Walla Walla is paving several thousand feet of main streets with a substantial and permanent pavement. Property owners and the city council there have joined hands for the improvement of the city. The pavement is adding 25 per cent to the value of properties. The methods of payment are not burdensome and the city will enjoy beautiful streets while paying for the pavement by easy stages.

Pendleton can profit by this example. What has the council done here in the past two years? This is not asked in criticism or disparagement, but as a plain business question. What has been done to make permanent streets, or toward securing city parks or other public enjoyments?

These questions will be asked by the business men in the coming city campaign. The council has insisted on an open town. It has not lent its aid to any very great degree to improving public morals. And until the rock crusher was purchased a month ago, it did nothing to improve the material condition of the city.

People would tolerate an open town idea, to a small degree, where the city council was actively engaged in improving the city. If street work and city park making were in progress many conservative people would not agitate the gambling question. But where morals are growing worse and no street or other public improvement is being done, people naturally ask, What is the council doing with the city's money?

### COST OF LIVING.

In the last bulletin issued by the bureau of labor it is shown that the living expenses of the average family during the period between 1890 and 1904 have increased from 25 to 50 per cent.

There has been no corresponding increase in wages. While the laborer works just as hard today for the same wages he earned 14 years ago, the prices for all the actual necessities of life have increased so greatly that he must now pay out nearly 95 per cent of his entire income to protect himself and family from exposure and starvation.

No reason can be found for this state of things except the excuse of those who control the markets for the necessities of life that they need the money.

Beans and salt beef have gone up 15 per cent, salt pork and bacon 15.5 per cent, cornmeal 38 per cent, crackers 18.9 per cent, molasses 6 per cent, eggs 79.6 per cent, herring 58.9 per cent, salt 15 per cent, pepper 65.2 per cent, and currants 26 per cent.

These are only a few of the articles which show an increase. Although the bureau of labor claims that articles classed under the general head of "Food" have increased in price only 7.2 per cent, the argument is a false one. The figures themselves are made to tell a false story.

While it is shown that flour has increased 36 per cent and eggs 79.6 per cent in price, nutmegs have decreased 55.7 per cent, and prunes 44.6 per cent. Nevertheless they are all lumped in together under the head of "Food," and an average increase of 7 per cent is obtained. This is the mean sophistry.

We could get along very nicely without nutmeg or vinegar, but eggs and flour are pretty hard to do without even at skyrocket prices.

The bulletin makes the following estimate of the increase in price of nine groups of commodities, taking the prices of 1890 as a basis of comparison:

Farm products	22.2
Food	11.1
Clothes and clothing	9.8
Fuel and lighting	9.8
Metals and implements	9.8
Lumber and building materials	22.4
Drugs	10.6
Household goods	11.7

William Matlock, of Heppner, is in this community this week buying beef cattle. He is paying \$2.75 for steers and \$2 for cows delivered at Heppner. He purchased about 150 head from the various stockraisers of this vicinity, which will be delivered on the 18th inst.—Monument Enterprise.

### ALL FORMS OF GAMBLING SUPPRESSED IN MEXICO.

Since the days of Santa Ana and perhaps long before gambling has had a firm hold in Mexico. That president used to attend cock fights and bet on them freely. Gambling in his time and to the present day has been free and legal in the City of Mexico and throughout the republic. Regular gambling rooms pay a license, as does nearly every other business, that being the Mexican method of raising local revenue.

These gambling rooms do large business, monte being the popular game. Gold and silver are used in preference to chips. Mexicans are ardent, persistent gamblers, especially where cards are concerned. They do not bet heavily at horse races, preferring to stake moderate sums in French pools. It may be for lack of opportunity that the Mexicans do not bet on horses as racing is limited to the course near the capital, where as in France, Sunday is the favorite day for the heavy stakes.

Mexicans prefer the lottery to any other form of gambling. It admits of large and small dealing. People can invest from a quarter real, 6 1/4 cents, to thousands of dollars. They can make combinations to purchase tickets or they can invest singly. The streets are full of peddlers who offer tickets in the government lottery, which in recent years has nearly driven other lotteries out of the field. Great residence is reposed in these national lotteries which in past times served to aid the government when the wolf was at the door.

It is decreed now that gambling of all kinds, the lottery included, is abolished. The government does not need its aid in any form. Under the able rule of President Diaz the revenue is abundant. The government is able to pay its way. It has come to the conclusion that the Mexican workman should put his money in a savings bank and not trust to luck in the lottery.—Seattle News.

### JETTY WILL BE A SUCCESS.

It is encouraging and gratifying, even though we were sure of the fact before, to be assured by so high an engineering authority as General Alexander Mackenzie that the present plan of deepening the Columbia bar channel will give it a depth of 40 feet, it having been already deepened about four feet by the work so far done.

General Mackenzie intimates that the full success of the project will require a north jetty, which in addition to the south jetty extension, will render a permanent 40-foot channel, at least, a certainty. The present work is deepening the channel much, and with success equal to expectation, but the construction of the north jetty will make a complete and perfect success of the whole project. This is the opinion of General Mackenzie, and has been and is the opinion of other eminent engineers and students of the problem.

When Judge M. E. George was a representative in congress he made a very careful and thorough investigation of the situation at the mouth of the Columbia, and became convinced that the project would eventually require for satisfactory solution a north jetty. This has not yet been considered immediately essential by the government engineers, but as indicated by General Mackenzie's remarks this will probably be recommended and carried out during the next few years.

We need good, stout men in congress, though.—Oregon Daily Journal.

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