

## TOO MANY BOOKS

CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE  
MAKES A COMPLAINT.

Says That So Many Supplementary Books Are Costly and Burdensome and That the Larger Number Confuses Students—Education Is Hindered, Rather Than Aided by Too Many Supplementary Studies.

Sacramento, Sept. 21.—The California state text-book committee, of which Governor Pardee is chairman, has issued an important bulletin on the excessive use in the public schools of books supplementary of the approved texts furnished by the state. The system of buying great numbers of supplementary books out of the school funds of the several districts grew up at a time when the state text-books were admittedly inferior.

That condition no longer exists, but the activity of agents for publishing houses is so persistent that the practice of buying supplementary books with public money still continues with the result that several hundred thousand dollars have been invested in these purchases and education is hindered rather than advanced by the confusing multiplicity of texts. The committee reaches these conclusions:

"A school course is enriched and strengthened by a few good supplementary books. It is hampered and proportionately weakened by many such books.

"A less number of supplementary books in the schools of this state would mean better work in the class rooms.

"The new text-books of the state series are so complete in themselves as to need but few additional books to supplement them.

"Books authorized for supplemental use should be selected with as much care as is exercised in determining the regular text. They should be few and of high standard.

"The use of supplementary books should be a subordinate use, not a substitute use; they should aid, not supersede."

### FAR-REACHING RESULT OF WAR.

Unfavorably Affects the Labor Market in California.

Fresno, Cal., Sept. 21.—The war between Russia and Japan has had an unforeseen effect upon the raisin industry of California and the owner of vineyards in this part of the state have great difficulty to overcome the complications arising from the lack of Japanese pickers. Japanese are almost exclusively used for picking and sorting the grapes used in making raisins.

In former years there was always an abundance of Japanese for that work, but when the war broke out so many of the men returned to Japan to serve in the army against the Russians, that Japanese help of every kind became extremely scarce on the coast. Now that the picking season is on, the growers experience great difficulty in securing the required help for bringing in the harvest. The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads have been appealed to, to allow reductions in the fare of laborers on the coast who are willing to come here to work in the vineyards. The result, so far, has not been satisfactory.

### PIG IRON BECOMING SCARCE.

Caused by Extraordinary Demand for Steel Rails.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 21.—An order for pig iron sent out by one of the large finishing mills in this city was returned the other day with the remark that owing to the great demand for rails and structural work the mill which had formerly turned out pig metal and steel billets, is now making rails.

An investigation shows that many of the big mills at Clairton and Duquesne, which formerly made billets, are now turning out rails. The managers of the local finishing works are becoming alarmed over the scarcity of pig iron and rough steel and fear that it will seriously interfere with their ability to turn out their orders. It is stated on good authority that not enough pig iron and steel billets will be turned out each week for some time to come to supply the demand.

An investigation has been ordered, and in a few days the local mills will probably decide upon some plan to remedy the trouble. The demand for rails and structural iron is unprecedented and the mills are working night and day.


### STARTING BIG UNDERTAKING.

Los Angeles Will Furnish Unlimited Water at Cost.


Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 21.—The city having voted in favor of issuing bonds to the amount of \$21,000,000 for the purpose of bringing the Owens river to this city in a conduit 240 miles long, the municipality will begin the enormous task without delay. It is not expected that the placing of the bonds will meet with any difficulties and it is stated that many inquiries from eastern and San Francisco banks in regard to the proposed bond issue have been received. The preliminary surveys will be made as soon as the arrangements can be made.


Owens valley is in Inyo county due north of this city and catches the drainage from 120 miles of the high Sierras, including Mount Whitney. The supply is estimated at 30,000 miner's inches, and while the estimated cost of the pipeline is about \$23,000,000, the value of the water at Los Angeles is general estimated at \$2000 an inch. The city will furnish the water at about cost.

September 13 a trusted messenger of the Crocker-Woodworth bank, in San Francisco, lost 50 checks of an aggregate value of \$56,000. Since then the bank has spent hundreds of dollars in telegraphing to stop payment on the paper.



**Girl**





**Toilers**

**Gain Strength for Work**

In office and factory, shop, store or kitchen girls are at work all over this land, and, alas! far beyond their strength. Young women who work are especially liable to female ills. Too often the girl is the bread winner of the family and she must toil unremittingly, no matter if her back does ache, her limbs and abdomen throb with dull pain and dragging sensations, and dizzy spells make her utterly unfit for work. These are the sure signs of female irregularities which kill beauty and youth.

**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**

builds health and strength for all women who work and are weary. It creates the vitality that makes work easy. From the thousands of grateful letters written by working girls to Mrs. Pinkham we quote the following:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to tell you the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier have done for me. Before I took them I was very nervous, had dull headaches, pains in back, and monthlies were irregular. I had been to several doctors and they did me no good.

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WE WILL BE PREPARED, NO MATTER HOW LARGE THE CROWDS, TO HANDLE THE MASSES. AN EXTRA ADDITIONAL FORCE OF EFFICIENT AND SUFFICIENT HELP WILL BE THERE TO WAIT UPON YOU.

WHEN WE SAY TO YOU THAT WE WILL SELL AS WE ADVERTISE. WE DO IT, FOR OUR REPUTATION IS AT STAKE, AND OUR IMMENSE CAPITAL WILL NOT PERMIT US TO DO OTHERWISE.

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J. A. Owenhouse

Purchased for cash at an immense reduction the entire line of stringed instruments--mandolins, violins, guitars and banjos of the Brock & McComas Company at less than half the original cost, and repeated the great success by making Jesse Failing a cash offer for his entire stock of talking machines and records, which was accepted. These facts mean that if you want a \$15 guitar it [will cost you \$7.50 during this sale. If you want a talking machine, this sale enables you to purchase a \$30 talking machine for \$15, [and we will throw in a record.

Come In

If its only a harmonica you want, we are selling the 25c kind for 10c.

THIS SALE WONT LAST FOREVER

J. A. Owenhouse

Distributor for Victor Talking Machines and Supplies in Eastern Oregon

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Have Made the Following Sales in Real Estate Within the Last Few Days:

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House and lot situated on Pine street, formerly owned by A. L. Gubser, sold to Jennie Swan. Consideration, \$650.00.

Three hundred and twenty acres of land three miles south of Echo, belonging to James A. Haley, sold to George Roberts. Consideration, \$1500.00.

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The above are but a Few Samples. Don't forget the number

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