

### FREE TEXT BOOKS

#### MULTNOMAH COUNTY MAN PREPARING A BILL.

Total Cost of Books Under Present System, Thru Entire School Period, is About \$2 Per Child, While Under Free Text Book System the Cost Would Be Reduced to About 64 Cents Per Head—Superintendent Robinson of Portland, Indorses the New Plan.

That another favorite measure advocated by the populists in Oregon 14 years ago, is to be indorsed and perhaps adopted by the republican legislature of Oregon, is now very probable.

Representative J. W. Beveridge, a republican member of the house from Multnomah county, is now preparing a comprehensive free text book bill, to be presented to the coming session of the legislature with fair chances of receiving good support from all sides in his efforts to pass it.

Representative Beveridge is encouraged to offer this bill to the Oregon legislature by the success of the measure in the state of Nebraska, where it has been in force for a number of years.

He has estimated the total cost of school books under the present system to be about \$2 per child, for the entire school period, from kindergarten to high school, while under the free text book system, where books would be purchased and kept on hand by the district the average cost would be but 64 cents per child for the same period. This great saving to the community in the cost of school books is alone an inducement for the passage of the bill.

County Superintendent R. F. Robinson of Multnomah county, is heartily in favor of the plan, and is working with Representative Beveridge in preparing and promoting the measure.

Aside from reducing the aggregate cost of school books in the community, Mr. Beveridge has enumerated the following advantages of the system:

- First—They increase the school attendance.
- Second—They save time in the organization of a school.
- Third—They secure complete uniformity of text books in the school.
- Fourth—They enable teachers to control better the organization and discipline of the school.
- Fifth—They enable the teacher to enforce cleanliness and neatness and to impress upon pupils respect for books and for public property.
- Sixth—They spread a richer course before the pupils in the lower grades.
- Seventh—They render more frequent changes possible.
- Eighth—They take away still further the barriers between well-to-do and poor pupils.

#### U. P. RAISES WAGES.

Telegraphers Receive Increased Pay All Along the Line.

The Cheyenne Tribune says of the increased pay for telegraph operators on that system:

The members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on the Union Pacific are happy today as the result of good news received yesterday from Omaha where the executive committee of the order has been conferring with General Superintendent W. L. Park and other general officers of the Union Pacific.

The cause of their happiness is the fact that each and every telegrapher on the road has been granted an increase in pay of from \$5 to \$30 a month. The total increase amounts to \$20,000 for the 400 telegraphers employed. E. L. Stump of Denver, is chairman of the executive committee, and F. A. Trapp, of Tipton, is the representative of the Wyoming division at the meeting. The new schedule goes into effect on October 1.

The increase of pay for the men varies according to conditions, but practically amounts to \$5 a month for each man and from \$20 to \$30 a month for the managers. The men in the Cheyenne office will receive an increase of \$5 a month, while Manager G. W. Hood will receive about \$32 a month additional.

He has been granted a flat increase of \$2 a month in salary and in addition receives 20 per cent of the revenues from the Western Union messages handled in the office of the Union Pacific wires, or approximately \$30 a month more.

The minimum pay for telegraphers on the Wyoming division west of Cheyenne has been increased from \$67 to \$70 a month and for telegraphers east of here from \$5 to \$60 a month. With 25 cents for lunch hours employees west of Cheyenne will be paid about \$70 or \$80 a month and east of Cheyenne from \$65 to \$70 a month. An increase of 7 cents an hour was also made in pay for overtime.

Taking into consideration the short hours the men are employed it is now conceded by the employees here that the schedule is the highest in the United States and to say the telegraphers are pleased is expressing their joy in mild terms.

#### MATTIE C. HOVER RAIZED.

River Boat Not Badly Damaged in Storm.

Arie Hover, captain of the steamer Mattie C. Hover, reported wrecked in the Columbia river above Wallula last week, was in Walla Walla yesterday, says the Walla Walla Statesman.

"Instead of lying at the bottom of the Columbia a hopeless wreck, the Mattie Hover is on her run again between Wallula and up river points," said Captain Hover yesterday.

"We had an accident, resulting in the death of Engineer Cole Harris, but it was not as bad as first reports sent out.

"A terrific storm was raging on the Columbia the evening of the accident

and in beating across the river above Wallula the wind struck the Mattie broadside and piled us up on a reef. Owing to the strong wind it was almost impossible to work the boat away from the rocks and Engineer Harris went out in the life boat to plant an anchor so we could work the steamer into deep water.

"In throwing the anchor overboard Engineer Harris accidentally upset the boat and he was thrown into the river."

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**Reformed Spelling at Athena.**  
The Athena Press says: The East Oregonian is the first paper in eastern Oregon to introduce reform spelling. The fonetic system looks odd but it is a time saver, to say the least. The "intelligent compositor" introduced the system in the Press Tuesday, taking the word "bride." He added an extra "d," and now the dazies are bluming on his grave.

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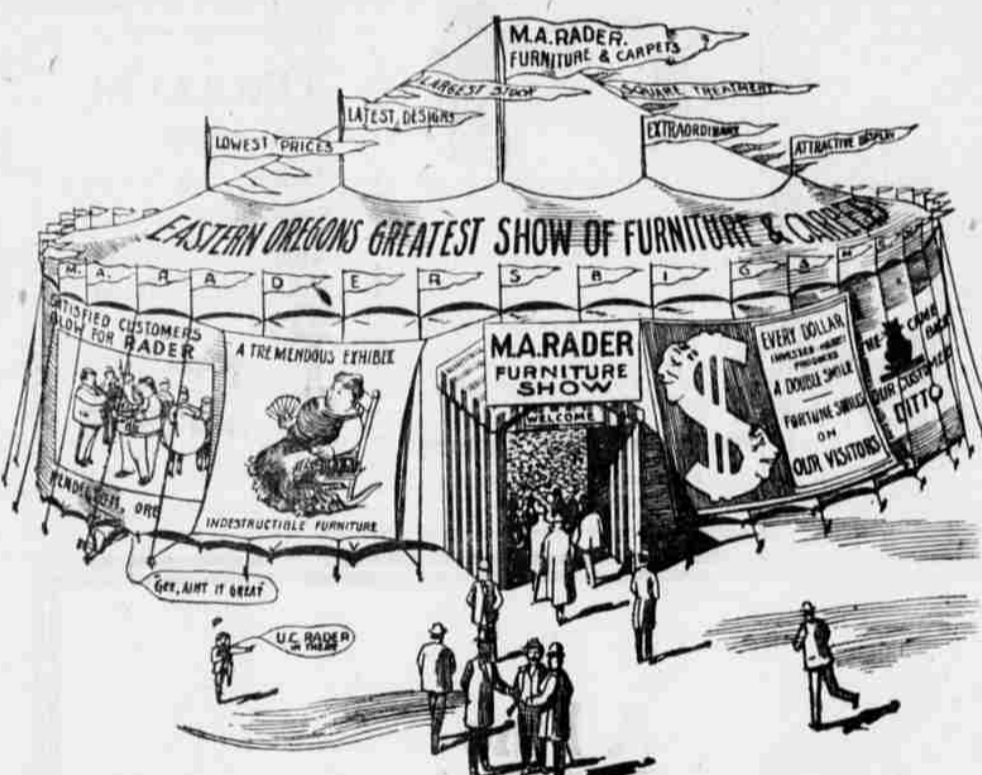
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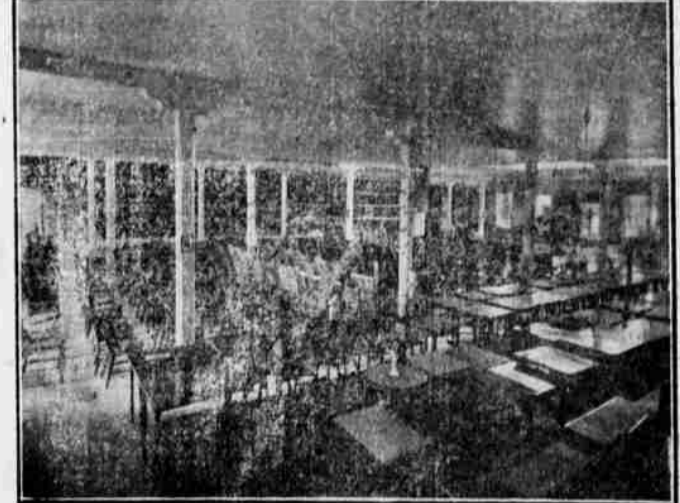
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Your Children,  
Your Friends,  
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Your Lunch  
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Up the first stair  
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