

### FEW CHANGES IN TEXT BOOKS FOR COMING YEAR

But few changes in the texts already used in the public schools of Oregon were made by the state textbook commission which met for its final session here yesterday and let contracts for two-thirds of the books to be used during the coming year. Prices, however, will range from 10 to 70 per cent higher for the same texts.

Records of the state superintendent show that most of the books adopted are already embodied in the state course of instruction which means that in thousands of cases pupils of the public schools will not be required to buy new texts.

Indicative of the high prices offered to the commission for new contracts was the New World spellers published by the World Book company. In 1919 the book was contracted at 39 cents while this year the publishers demanded \$2 cents. The prices secured by the commission, it is said, are no lower than publishers offered to the state department of instruction several weeks ago and before the governor ordered the special session of the textbook commission.

Whether court action will be taken to contest the act of the commission is problematical. The commission met contrary to the ruling of the state attorney-general who held that the body did not have legal authority to meet at any other than the place specified by law, the next one of which would have been in November, 1925. The commission proceeded to meet and adopt the books, however, under an opinion written for them by Watson and Wilson, Portland law firm, in which it was held that the code permitted and authorized emergency meetings of the board.

Throughout the two-day session here, Chairman Miller A. Miller was the exponent of many changes and was supported by Mrs. Marjorie Newbury. They were overruled, however, by the votes of E. Turner, A. C. Hampton and George W. Han, all school men, who opposed changes on the ground that the extra expense which would result to school patrons from the discard of old books was not justified by the slight improvements offered in the new texts.

More than forty representatives of publishing firms were present and were allotted five minutes each for argument in favor of their texts. The increase in prices was justified by them with the plea that materials and labor used in book manufacture had increased proportionately since the last adoption in 1919.

The textbooks adopted, together with comparative prices follow:

Elementary Textbooks	1919	1925
Hamilton; Essentials of Arithmetic—American Book Co.; Book 1	.22	\$.76
Book 2	.56	.84
Gordy; Stories of American History—Chas. Scribner's	.75	1.12
Potter, Jeschke & Gillette; Oral and Written English book	.56	.80
Ginn & Co.; English Book 2	.68	.84
Progressive Music Series (Silver-Burdett):		
Book 1	.36	.68
Book 2	.40	.72
Book 3	.44	.76
Book 4	.64	1.08
New World Speller—World Book Co.:		
Book 1	.36	.52
Book 2	.36	.52
Book 3	.36	.52
No dictionaries adopted.		
High School Textbooks		
Miler & Edwell; Principles of Bookkeeping (Ginn & Co.)	\$1.20	\$1.48
Ward; sentence and theme (Scott Foresman)	.86	1.16
Chapman; written and spoken English (Silver-Burdett)	1.28	1.52
Payne; American literary readings with introductory (Rand, McNally)	2.00	
Payne; American literary readings (Rand, McNally)	1.60	
Long; English literature (Ginn & Co.)	1.48	1.68
Waters; Essentials of Agriculture (Ginn & Co.)	1.40	1.60
New rational typewriter (Gregg Pub. Co.)	1.00	1.20
No adoption made in domestic science for high schools for commercial arithmetic and general science for junior high schools.		
Textbooks adopted for a period of four years together with comparative prices follow:		
Elementary Textbooks		
No adoption in drawing textbooks for pupils.		
Carpenter; Stories pictures tell, recommended for teachers. (Rand, McNally company.)		
Book 1	.35	\$.85
Book 2	.35	.80
Book 3	.40	.85
Book 4	.40	.70
Book 5	.40	.75
Book 6	.40	.80
Book 7	.45	.85
Book 8	.50	.90
Winslow; Healthy Living. (Merrill Co.)		
Book 1	.50	.70
Book 2	.54	.88
High School Textbooks		
Gregg; Shortland Man suit The Gregg Publishing Co.	1.50	1.50
Speed studies	1.00	1.20
No adoption on household administration, domestic art or manual training.		
Smith; Elementary Latin (Allyn & Bacon).	1.00	1.25
Kelsey; Caesar's Commentaries. (Allyn & Bacon)	1.50	2.00
Gunnison & Harley; Clever's orations (Silver-Burdett)	1.28	1.84
Fairclough & Brown; Virgil Aeneid (Benj.		

Sanborn; new Latin grammar (Allyn & Bacon)	1.00	1.40
Wells & Hart; new high school algebra (D. C. Heath & Co.)	1.20	
Wells & Hart; modern first year algebra (D. C. Heath & Co.)	1.16	
Wells & Hart; modern second course in algebra (D. C. Heath & Co.)	1.20	
Durell & Arnold; plane and solid geometry (Charles E. Merrill & Co.)	1.40	
Durell & Arnold; new plane geometry (Charles E. Merrill & Co.)	1.22	
Durell & Arnold; new solid geometry (Chas. E. Merrill & Co.)	1.17	
Bergen & Caldwell; practical botany (Ginn & Co.)	1.52	1.72
Textbooks adopted for four years		
High School Textbooks		
McPherson & Henderson; First Course in Chemistry (Ginn & Co.)	1.40	1.60
Millikan & Gale; first Course in Physics (Ginn & Co.)	1.40	
Millikan, Gale and Pyle; Practical Physics (Ginn & Co.)	1.64	
Corn & Huntington; Advanced Physiology and Hygiene (Silver-Burdett)	1.28	1.56
Robinson; Commercial Geography (Rand McNally & Co.)	1.25	2.00

## Council Fails to Reach Decision On Special Election

Although the council spent more than two hours in discussion at a special meeting last night, it still was unable to reach a decision on the special city election to be held in October. A motion last night to restrict the ballot to the questions of the appropriation of money for street repair, new fire equipment, and new bridges was permitted to die without action before adjournment.

From the discussion last night it was indicated that unless preliminary plans for the introduction of municipal ownership of the city water system become more clearly defined this subject will not come up for the ratification of voters at the special election. Firm opposition was given to a proposal to submit the question to the people in October, chiefly on the grounds that there was nothing definite to submit to them.

The sentiment of the council general was sounded in a speech by Alderman Nancy in which he declared, "We are up against a stone wall. We must have the money for new fire equipment, we must repair our streets, and we must have new bridges, but it seems that we will have a mighty hard fight to get the money. I think that the only thing we can do is to put the whole thing up to the people and let them decide. If they don't give us the appropriations then they will have the responsibility for what happens and not we."

Under the belief that if all three measures were submitted at one election defeat of all of them might follow, discussion during the first

part of the session was an attempt to compromise on one or two. As committee chairmen presented the needs of their departments, however, it became increasingly apparent that all three would have to have a hearing before the people and the meeting adjourned with a fairly general idea among council members that these, and possibly a fourth involving the water question, would go on the ticket.

"Personally I am satisfied that if we load down the ballot we will lose all along the line," Mayor Geary declared in his opening statement. "I am still convinced that the most important thing before the city now is the water question."

Should the three measures alone go on the ballot they will probably provide for a one and one-half mill tax levy for street repair, a second mill and a half levy for the construction of bridges, and an appropriation of either \$17,000 or \$20,000 for the purchase of additional fire equipment.

### ACCOMPLISH CAPTURE BY CLEVER RUSE

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some old clothes hastily gotten together at police headquarters.

Murray donned the clothes carried by the officer and with Carson and the policeman began planning the holdup of some roadhouse nearby.

Pilling and Carson again left the room, telling Murray they would go out and engage a taxi-

cab. They returned to the police station. Mayor George Barner, in his own car and posing as the taxi driver, took Pilling and Carson to the hotel.

Hotel Surrounded. In the meantime Chief of Police Compton, Policeman Robert Stratton and Deputy Sheriffs Herford and Hawkins took up their station about the hotel.

Carson and Pilling again went to Murray's room and told him all was ready for the holdup.

As the three came down the hotel steps, Patrolman Pilling suddenly grabbed Murray about the body, pinning him until the other officers closed in.

"The jig's up! I'm Murray," said the prisoner with a smile. He was put into Mayor Barner's car and rushed to the police station closely guarded.

At 3 o'clock Murray was placed on the train and started for Salem under guard of the mayor, chief of police and the other officers who made the capture.

The story of the capture, as told by Carson follows: "I had been arrested in Portland and was charged with vagrancy in police court. They gave me 60 days but suspended sentence in order that I might get out of town and stay out. I went across the Columbia to Vancouver, Wash. There I met Tom Murray. I was in the railroad yards where Murray was about to board the 6:45 p. m. fast freight for Centralia. Murray told me who he was and asked me to help him get away. We planned to go to Tacoma and stage a stickup. While we were on the way here Murray told me that after he, Wilcox and Kelly arrived in Portland shortly before 10 o'clock Monday night they immediately drove in an automobile to The Dalles and crossed over to White Salmon, where they have been hiding since in the woods and brush.

"At about 3 o'clock yesterday (Friday) afternoon Murray and Wilcox had a fight. There was an old baggage car near the station there and Wilcox wanted to get into it and get some clothes."

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