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Free Text Books

The annual agitation to force the state into the school book publishing business to supply free text-books to public school pupils is underway, stimulated by the increased cost of text-books, caused by increased cost of publication, higher prices for material and labor since the old contracts with publishers, now expired, were made.

For the state to supply the books free of cost would be a fine thing for the man with a large family, but it would simply shift the burden on the taxpayer and still further increase taxes. Moreover, the state could not publish the books as cheaply as private publishers, for few things the state does are done efficiently, and state printing has usually been a source of graft and political patronage.

Free text books are another manifestation of the bureaucratic paternalism which is undermining self-reliance and independence and making us wards of the state, as we drift towards the bread and circus stage of ancient Rome. One by one, we seek to escape our responsibilities by shoving our burdens onto the state.

Yet, even with free text books the parents would still be paying for school books, as well as for supervising bureaucracy, not directly, but indirectly, in increased cost of living imposed by those upon whom the burden of taxation falls.

Another Coolidge Victory

The Shipping Board has broken definitely with President Coolidge and virtually defied his efforts to harmonize the differences between its members and Admiral Palmer, president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The board backs-up Commissioner Haney of Portland in his refusal to resign at the president's request and sustains his position in demanding the resignation of Admiral Palmer, and for revoking his powers, in an ultimatum to Mr. Coolidge.

Here is another Coolidge victory, similar to those he won in congress, when all the vital measures he opposed, such as the bonus bill, were passed over his opposition and the measures he championed, such as the Mellon tax bill, were defeated. Here is a commission of his own appointment, defying him and refusing to follow his policy, just as a congress controlled by his own party refused to follow him.

Persistent propaganda has created a super-statesman out of the disembodied "spokesman of the White House" who cannot put anything over with the cards all stacked in his favor. How much longer the myth can be perpetuated is one of the mysteries of politics—but not long, when even appointees defy him.

Can You Beat It?

In a letter to the Corvallis Gazette-Times in which Governor Pierce defends the political propaganda of his constitution week proclamation and assails that newspaper as the mouthpiece of big business, the executive says:

My lot has been cast with the other crowd, with the tiller and the tiller. My reward is the warm hand grip of my fellow-farmer and the light that shines in the eyes of his faithful wife when they thank me for the honest efforts I am making to ease the heavy burden placed on them by our present unfair system of taxation.

Can you beat it? You can almost hear the soft splash of the tears as they fall from Weeping Walter over the sad fate of the taxpayers whose coin he spends so freely in elucidating their woes. But the sacrifice is worthwhile for the light that shines in women's eyes is matched only by the light that lies in the governor's eyes—"and lies, and lies, and lies!"

The Husband Tamer

By Violet Dare

A SECOND HONEYMOON

But smiling with pride as she looked out across the range, past the purple shadows east by the tents to the sun-drenched coasts where Keith and Carol were sitting talking obliviously apparently to all the rest of the world.

"It's been like a second honeymoon for them," she observed lightly to Gregory Hewitt, hoping there by to steer away from purely personal matters. "You came along with the offer of this trip just by time. If Keith had stayed home and yielded to the blandishments of that blonde golf caddy of his, Carol and he might have been celebrating their first anniversary now."

"The glances up and noticed that Hewitt was studying her intently, but not listening to her. His glance was one of appraisal, and what he saw evidently satisfied him. Carol flushed self-consciously and went on talking a little nervously—more to keep him from speaking 'what she felt was in his mind, than because she thought her observations important."

"When I saw how things were going with Keith and Carol, I yearned to offer her a little solitary advice," Patricia went on, sliding into the comfortable, now empty chair Hewitt offered her, "but that is the most thoughtless thing in the world. Girls like Carol think it is enough when they have just stilled out a claim to a man. They don't realize that a home and babies aren't enough to hold men. You have to erect barbed wire entanglements and walls charged with electricity, and even then you have to stand just beyond the wall ready with a gun to spike the invader."

But he was not thus easily to be lured from consideration of her and him. Other people did not matter.

"I have had a letter from Mrs. Hewitt," he announced with an air of great importance, "and—"

But before he could get on Patricia had murmured, "I hope that Mrs. Hewitt is feeling better," realizing afterward how flat and meaningless such evasions were between them.

He ignored her interruption and went on earnestly: "I have taken steps to get a divorce. Probably everything will be settled within a few months, and it will all be done quietly. I will tell you as soon as all arrangements are certain."

"I cannot tell you what all this means to me, my dear girl," he went on, a poignant note in his deep voice; "it means the coming true of all my dreams, dreams that I thought were buried or abandoned. The whole world has before me now, and with you to share it with me—"

A little cry escaped Patricia. She wasn't exactly surprised at his calm acceptance of things as a matter of course. Her coming on this trip gave him ample provocation for that. But she was shocked, somehow, at the sudden turn affairs had taken, and she felt like dizziness being carried in a strong current down to sea when it wanted to catch along the way.

suggesting a long walk out across the hills.

"Mrs. Cleve spoke just now of some important letters she had to write," Hewitt answered them. "Perhaps if you would wait while she writes them we can all walk down to the road and hail somebody to take the letters in to town for us."

But Patricia was not to be awayed thus easily. "On second thought," she answered him smilingly, "I'm in favor of a good long walk now and that will assure a long night's rest. I can write to your lawyers about that matter tomorrow. That won't be too late?"

She looked at him inquiringly. "Assuredly not." He accepted her verdict with good grace. "You can write to them tomorrow, and I am sure that they can handle the case for you without any trouble on your part. It can all be arranged quite easily."

Tomorrow—Difficult Marriage or Easy Divorce.

RUNAWAY BOY FOUR DHERE

Tony Lema, 14-year-old boy of Berkeley, Cal., but with muscles and arms like Jack Dempsey's, was picked up in the Lathrop union friends by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt yesterday afternoon after Sheriff Bower had received advice from Berkeley asking that the boy be found and returned to his home. The boy, with a companion, left home to see the world, not getting his father's consent. The father wants him back.

The boy at first declared he would not return home, but later told the officers he would go alone if transportation was sent. But it was decided safer to have the father come after the boy and he is expected to start from Berkeley today while the boy is being held here. His companion is still picking up unions.

POULTRY EXHIBITOR FOR 20 YEARS VISITS FAIR FOR FIRST TIME

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Keeney, Eugene; first pullet, F. A. Johnson, Tacoma; third pullet, Dr. H. C. Johnson, Gresham; first old pen, Chester A. Lyon, Lebanon. Light Barred cocks—First cock, H. A. Moody, Parkland, Wash.; second cock, Nate L. Wiley, Rex; third cock, first pullet, C. B. Wheeler, Goshen; first cockerel, second and third pullet, Charles A. Mutha Salem; first hen, Chester A. Lyon, Lebanon.

Dominique—First cock, first and second hen, Mrs. Ella Plank, Woodburn.

Jersey Black Giants—First and second cockerel, first pullet, W. H. Critzer, Mulino, Or. S. C. Rhode Island Reds—First cock, first and third hen, second pullet, H. M. Robbins, Oregon City; second cock, first cockerel, first pullet, first old pen, Christopher & Young, Newberg; second cockerel, second hen, second old pen, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Emerat, Portland; third pullet, A. L. Lindbeck, Salem; second young pen, Mrs. Olive Coffey, Salem.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—First cock, first and second cockerel, Ray E. Lee, Canby; third cock, Woolery Brothers, Salem; first and second pullets, second hen, Virginia K. Best, Turner.

Dark Barred Rocks—First and second old cock, second cockerel, first hen, second pullet, first young pen, Jacobson's Poultry Yard, Tacoma; second hen, C. B. Wheeler, Goshen; first cockerel, Glen L. Archard, Lebanon; first pullet, F. A. Johnson, Tacoma; first old pen, Chester A. Lyon, Lebanon.

Now Playing at the Heilig



LILLIAN GISH in 'ROMOLA'

NEGLIGENCE IS CHARGED BY MITCHELL

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"The point is we can't be choked off this way when everybody else is going ahead."

Discussing the Lausier aircraft report, Colonel Mitchell declared that the secretary of the navy repeatedly declined to accept any suggestions which would link the army and navy air services, even declining the proposal of the secretary of war that the appropriations for the services be considered jointly.

Rivets Is Cited
He read the testimony given by Secretary Keeks before a house committee in which he said that for aviation to get more money for aviation than the army would be unjust.

"The work of army bombing planes," he said, "has amounted to nothing this summer. The bombing group has been used to tow targets. The commander is now in Maine shooting Moose and trying to recover after such procedure."

Regarding the aircraft tests on the battleship Washington, Col. Mitchell declared that testimony was given to the house aircraft committee that the ship's bombing aircraft was ineffectual. This statement, he charged, was not in keeping with the facts, adding that these tests showed that aircraft properly used, could sink any surface vessel afloat and that the only thing necessary for final proof of his statement was for tests to be conducted which would give aircraft a fair chance.

Officers Muzzled
"There have yet," he said, "been no adequate tests to determine the effectiveness of aircraft in its clash with naval vessels." Colonel Mitchell again brought

up the charge made by him last winter that junior officers were "muzzled" to prevent them from telling the truth to congressional committees. He added that the war department had a reporter in the committee room.

"Does this interfere with your testimony?" asked Representative Vinson of Georgia.

"It doesn't bother me," Mitchell replied, "but it tends to retard a flow of testimony by junior officers."

"You realize this is a public hearing?" asked Dwight W. Morrow, board chairman.

"Yes," answered Mitchell. "I just injected this on the side."

"Do you think," inquired Judge Arthur C. Denison of Grand Rapids, Mich., "this has any effect on testimony if the army general staff has a stenographer here?"

Fliers Intimidated
"It has the effect," continued Mitchell, "that you might get a letter asking for all facts and data on your statements."

"Since General Patrick (army air chief) testified here last week, he has received a letter asking him to furnish a complete estimate of aircraft expenditures and a budget on needs."

"I thought maybe having a stenographer here might be a desire by the general staff to have buying a record of the hearing," Mr. Denison said.

"That may be but it works the other way," replied Mitchell.

"France is aspiring to control the air," he said, "in the same manner England controls the sea. Every nation is coming forward with better planes than ours."

The air service of England, France and Germany were all superior to that of the United States, he said, because "those countries realize the practical value of aircraft during the world war."

The greatest development, he said, has been in the forces of Great Britain.

By Chick Young



By George McManus



By Billy de Beck



By Bud Fisher

