



Governor Geer Wednesday made known the personnel of the new Text Book Commission. No other official act of the state's chief executive has been given such wide-spread attention, and concerning none other has so much advice sought and un-sought, wise and otherwise, interested and uninterested been tendered. Confidence in the wisdom and integrity of Governor Geer has given the GAZETTE assurance that his selection would be a good one even if a suggestion from us were lacking. The diversity of opinion manifested by the press of the state as to whom should constitute the board tended rather to confuse than to solve so vexed a question. While we have withheld advice, we are prepared to accept the result of the governor's choice with as much satisfaction as those persons who have unselfishly given their time to harrassing Mr. Geer with valuable notions as to the composition of the board.

There is one very noticeable feature about this controversy over the ship subsidy bill. Supporters of the measure, both in print and in congress, are far better versed on the history of American shipping from the foundation of the government to the present day and the subject in general, than are those who oppose it. Those who urge its passage meet every objection with facts and figures, indisputable, which surprise and confound opponents whose only argument seems to be that ship-building will be revived in this country just because it will be revived. No measure yet suggested has been so meritorious as the bill now pending. It is the product of three years' labor of the most capable men in the entire country, it was inspired by the best sentiment and the wisest experience of those best qualified to judge its merits.

The Salem Statesman has issued a most creditable illustrated annual. It contains much valuable information concerning the resources of Oregon, with particular attention to the advantages of Marion county. Its illustrations include half tones of the state officials and public buildings as well as those of prominent citizens of the capital city.

New Text-Book Commission.

Governor Geer has made known his appointments to constitute the text-book commission. They are H. W. Scott, of Portland; P. L. Campell, of Monmouth; Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton; W. M. Ladd, of Portland, and W. M. Colvig, of Jacksonville. In announcing the appointments the governor said: "I have given a great deal of thought to this question, and have selected five men well known to the people of Oregon, whose characters are already well established, and all of whom, I believe, are college graduates. I have selected men who will give character to the commission, instead of depending on the commission to give character to the men. No man stands higher in the teaching profession than one of these; another is an ex-county school superintendent, and the others are also men of culture who are well qualified for the work before them." This board of five commissioners takes the place of the state board of education and all the county superintendents in selecting text-books for use in the public schools of the state. The law under which the appointment is made was enacted in 1899. It provided that in January, 1901, and every four years thereafter, the governor shall appoint five text-book commissioners, who shall hold their offices "until their successors are elected and qualified." In February, 1901, and every six years thereafter, the state superintendent is required to issue a circular, and send it to the leading book publishers of the United States, giving notice that a selection of text-books is about to be made, and giving pertinent information on the subject, with the name and address of each text-book commissioner. The commission shall meet at the State Capitol on the second Monday in July, 1901, and the second Monday in July every six years thereafter, and continue in session not more than 15 days, in that time selecting by majority vote on proposals submitted in writing by publishers the books to be used in the public schools of the state for a period of six years. This commission shall report its selections and the terms and prices to the state board of education (governor, secretary of state and the superintendent of schools), which shall enter into contract with the publishers, exacting books, etc., as specified in the law. Each commissioner shall receive \$100 for the meeting and 10 cents per mile traveled. The old method was for the state board and the county school superintendents to select the text-books for the public schools.

Obituary. Henry Elliott was born December 9, 1833, in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, and died December 21, 1900, in Menlo Park, Oregon. His pilgrimage on earth was 67 years and 12 days, almost three score and ten. We would not, however, measure his life by years, for it was not important with Henry Elliott how long he lived, but how he spent his life. Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Elizabeth Kindel in Monroeville, Indiana, in 1849. There were five children from this union, three of whom are now living, Mrs. E. Grimm and Mrs. W. H. Kay, of Monroe, Oregon, and Dayton Elliott, of Crook county, Oregon. Much could be said in favor of Henry Elliott, but it is not necessary, for his life has been before this people for many years. They know him. He has proven himself to be a Christian husband, father and gentleman. He was always found on the right side in his moral sense of truth and justice. His motto was, "Injure no man, but do all men good, if you can." His life was not of the flashy effervescent kind, but was of that sort which finds its best expression in a quiet, unassuming Christian life. May God multiply in this earth such lives! He did not cover a multitude of sins by some few generous acts. His disposition as a whole was kind and benevolent, and his heart had but little of the cross which so often hides and mars a true vein of gold. May his ashes rest in peace; may his soul be happy with its God, and may his life and triumphant death be an incentive and an encouragement to his wife and children, his relatives and friends. Husband, father, friend, we will miss you; but, while our hearts are sad and lonely, we will have the blessed hope that we shall meet again. X

The Week of Prayer.

The several churches and their pastors have united to observe the Week of Prayer this year. The meetings are to be held in the different churches according to the following schedule. Sunday, January 6.—Regular services. Monday, January 7.—United Evangelical church. All ministers participating in a social platform service. Tuesday, January 8.—Baptist church. Rev. G. S. O. Humbert to preach. Wednesday, January 9.—Christian church. Rev. Mark Noble to preach. Thursday, January 10.—M. E. church. Rev. L. M. Boezer to preach. Friday, January 11.—Congregational church. Rev. F. L. Moore to preach. Saturday, January 12.—M. E. Church, South. Rev. P. S. Knight to preach. It is earnestly hoped that all church-going people of Corvallis will rally and make this week of union effort profitable and a source of much strength to the churches. All are most cordially invited to every service.

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