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SCHOOL BOOK AGITATION.

Like all other papers in the state that amount to anything, the Gervais Star does not like the proposed change in the school books at this time. It says:

"School books are about to undergo another change in our public schools. This change is unnecessary; by no means reflects credit upon the managers of this contemptible scheme. We fear that our higher officials as well as those of a lower grade are susceptible to the 'touch' of the school book syndicate, that, snake-like, coils about the public school system of our country every few years. In rummaging through an old garret recently we found algebras, geographies, physiologies, Latin grammars and histories, to say nothing of readers, that were in good condition. All that these books contained then are just the same today, and if youths and maidens of our country learn well all that they contained they will be as good citizens as were our forefathers who had an old blue-back spelling book to learn all these branches from. We have had too much 'change' of late, and a return to the times before the change will apply equally as well to school books as to other things.

DR. WALLACE has stirred up a pretty mess down in Portland, and while it may be true that he is moved thereto by personal aggrandizement, the facts remain that he tells the truth when he says gambling is carried on in Portland with the knowledge of the police. Whether his insinuations concerning some of the officers of Multnomah county are true or not, remains to be seen. District Attorney Hume says Dr. Wallace falsifies the conversation had with him; but even so, that fact remains that Dr. Wallace easily found four gambling rooms that the police were unable, or unwilling, to discover. However, the matter will die down in a little while, and the games will continue at the old stand. As long as public sentiment is not strong enough to compel the closing of gambling houses, it can be taken as a fact that the police force and other executive officers are not.—The Dalles Chronicle.

BERGLAR-PROOF safes nowadays are like the proverbial hen with teeth. When a new warship is built with "impenetrable" armor, new guns are constructed that overcome all obstacles, and thus continue the contest—to end where, God only knows. This applies to safes and cracksmen. The finest safe of this era can be opened in less than an hour by experienced men with the proper tools, if unmolested. The time-lock that Smith, the Portland grocer, used is about the only thing that will stop bold and experienced thieves in their calling of getting something for nothing.

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ACTIVELY AT WORK.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF REV. W. J. CHAPIN, OF CHATHAM.

HIS INTERESTING STORY OF HIS PROSTRATION AND RESTORATION TO HEALTH.

(From the State Journal, Springfield, Ill.) In the pretty little village of Chatham, Sanmon county, there lived a Baptist divine whose snow white hair is the one outward sign that he has encroached upon the days beyond the allotted three score years and ten. His clear eye, keen mental faculties and magnificent physique all bear witness to a life well and nobly spent. This pioneer in God's eternal vineyard is Rev. W. J. Chapin, whose 72 years are crowded with noble deeds in the Christian ministry.

To a State Journal representative who had occasion to ask him something of his career in the ministry, Mr. Chapin talked in a peculiarly interesting strain. The subject of his fine physique was broached by his interviewer and with increasing earnestness he said that, in spite of the indications to the contrary, his life had not all been sunshine and good health. "As my present appearance testifies, I was fortunate in the possession of a very vigorous constitution. In my earlier years I scarcely knew what it meant to be sick, and I was almost a perfect stranger to any kind of medicine or tonic. As is too often the case, I overestimated my physical resources, and when it was too late learned that I had overdrawn my health account. The crisis came about eighteen years ago. At the time I was preaching the gospel from the pulpit, and I became suddenly so ill that I was compelled to stop before my sermon was finished. It was a bad case of nervous prostration, and for a time my friends and family were greatly exercised over my condition. Complete rest was imperative, and to divert my mind from my active ministerial duties, Mrs. Chapin and I planned and took a long trip. My health was sufficiently restored by this diversion to resume work, but I was not the same man. I shall never forget that awful experience. It is hard to describe my feelings so that others can have a conception of them. I felt absolutely worthless, physically and mentally. I had no control of my muscles that my fingers would involuntarily release their grip upon a pen, and my hand would turn over with absolutely no volition on my part.

"About two years ago, to intensify matters, I was seized with a severe attack of grippe. I recovered only partially from it and had frequent returns of that indescribable feeling which accompanies and follows that strange malady. I looked in vain for something to bring relief and finally I read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for pale people. Something seemed to tell me that they would do me good and I commenced using them. They gave me additional strength from the start and toned up my system from a condition of almost absolute prostration so that I was able again to resume my duties as a minister. I was so unaccustomed to taking medicine that I did not take the pills as regularly as I should have, and yet my improvement was marvelous. I am now preaching at Forest City and Leoni and in addition to the exacting character of this work itself, I ride ten or fifteen miles on the way there and back."

Mrs. Chapin, a kindly faced elderly lady, was present during the conversation and said: "I don't think Mr. Chapin could ever have resumed his preaching after he had the attack of grippe had it not been for the Pink Pills. They did him so much good that I decided to test their efficacy on myself. I have been troubled for years with what our physician, Dr. Hewitt, calls rheumatic paralysis. Electricity gives me relief, but since taking the Pink Pills I have been stronger and the pain in my right arm and hand is less acute. We keep the pills in the house nearly all the time, and they do me a great deal of good in the way of toning up my system and strengthening me. The pills are used by a good many others in this vicinity and every one speaks well of them. Mrs. Japh Knotts, wife of supervisor Knotts, was ill for a long time and her friends had all given her case up as hopeless when she began using the pills. It was the first medicine that helped her. She had been ill for a good many years and has been greatly benefited by the Pink Pills."

These pills are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and are never sold in bulk. They may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company.

SMASH the school book ring by voting against a change, is good advice for county superintendents to follow, says an exchange. Practically, this is about correct.

Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is immensely thankful. It is such results, of which there are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottle at W. W. Ayer, Jr., drug store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.

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The next trans-Mississippi congress will be held at Omaha.

The U. S. minister to China has telegraphed that "chaos reigns in Peking," and desires protection.

FURTHER brutality in football games will be prohibited by the authorities. This is right. Slugging does not belong to any decent game.

DENNIS KEARNEY is "cropping out" again in Frisco. Dennis is a sort of a Pacific coast Coxy, but has been in retirement for some years.

MOUNT TACOMA, or Rainier, is in a state of eruption. So far it has kept busy smoking, but may yet turn loose a stream of lava before it stops.

The Oregonian suggests that Oregon ought to send a train load of wheat to the sufferers of Nebraska. It would be charitable, indeed, and advertise Oregon as nothing else can.

The early construction of the Nicaragua canal would be pleasing to the people of the United States and particularly to those of the Pacific states. With such a canal the West will be placed on equal footing with the East, or nearly so.

THERE was a political cyclone in New Jersey also this year. In 1892 she gave Cleveland 14,974 plurality and elected six democrats and two republicans to congress. This year she gave a republican plurality of 36,000 on the congressional vote and elected a solid republican delegation to congress and a republican legislature that will have a republican majority of two-thirds on joint ballot.—Oregon Statesman.

For the sake of uniformity, the teachers of Morrow county are asking that the same author's text books in grammars should be substituted for the kinds now in use. It is wrong to have one author's book in one grade, a different one in the next, and still another kind in the third. The people, however, are not inclined to any changes at all, but for the sake of better and more uniform instruction in the proper use of the English language, they no doubt would concede this one point.

NO COUNTRY can be entirely prosperous when its money appreciates so much in value that it takes more than nine out of ten ears to pay interest. One means the other and is nothing more than legal confiscation. We would have no one lose what justly belongs to them; on the other hand it is wrong to build up any system of finance which makes money and debts dearer. There is a happy medium which should be sought, and indeed it must be also the world will, in a few years, be practically owned by a few men. The solution of the silver question is the only remedy.

The republicans cannot control the next senate, unless with the aid of the populists, and as such control would do them no good whatever, having a democratic president in the way, no effort will be made to organize that body. The republicans will have 43 senators, the democrats 39 and the populists 6. If the fusionist from North Carolina votes with the republicans it will be a tie, and will require the assistance of either Jones, Stewart or Peffer to give them a clear majority. As said before, such majority can be of no possible use to the republican party, and they will make no concessions to get the populists votes. However, that party is so near the goal that when a republican president is elected in 1896, the senate will then be republican by a good working majority. The report that the republicans will have 45 members in the next senate, originated from the idea that Tennessee had a republican legislature. This is not the case though it is close. The governor-elect, however, is a good republican.

Geo. W. Jenkins, editor of the Santa Maria "Times," Cal., in speaking of the various ailments of children said: "When my children have croup there is only one patent medicine that I ever use, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It possesses some medical properties that relieve the little sufferers immediately. It is, in my opinion, the best cough medicine in the market." If this remedy is freely given as soon as the croupy cough appears it will prevent the attack. It is also an ideal remedy for whooping cough. There is no danger in giving it to children, as it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Slocum-Johnson Drug Co.

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BANK ROBBERY IN PORTLAND. Safe of the Union Savings & Loan Association Blown Open by Burglars.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—The fact was made public this morning that sometime between Thanksgiving evening and yesterday morning the Union Savings and Loan Association bank, at the corner of Sixth and Morrison, was entered by burglars and the safe blown open and robbed of twenty-five hundred dollars. There is no clue to the burglars. Nothing was disturbed about the bank but the burglar-proof safe inside the vault. This had been blown open with nitro-glycerine. The vault door had been opened by the combination lock, but the outer doors leading into the bank were found locked. The safe was demolished by the explosion. The corner on which the bank is located is a prominent one and the matter of surprise is that burglars could have worked without attracting attention. James C. Saunders, collector of customs at Port Townsend, is president of the bank.

A Great Battle is continually going on in the human system. The demon of impure blood strives to gain victory over the constitution, to ruin health, to drag victims to the grave. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the weapon with which to defend one's self, drive the desperate enemy from the field and restore bodily health for many years.

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THE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.—Collector of Internal Revenue Blackman has returned from a visit to Eastern Oregon. He gives a very cheerful account of the outlook in the sections he visited. At Arlington and Heppner the streets are filled with strings of teams loaded with wheat, the rise in price having induced farmers to sell. The increase from 18 cents per bushel to 27 1/2 and 30 cents means a good deal to the farmers, who are in much better spirits. Business is improving and merchants are doing a strictly cash trade. There is considerable inquiry for lands, and the people generally are feeling hopeful and looking for good times in the near future. Mr. Blackman is much pleased with the outlook, and the increased business activity visible in Heppner, Arlington and The Dalles.—Oregonian.

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J. N. Hunt, representing Sheldon & Co., school book publishers, was in town over Sunday, and left yesterday for home to see Supt. Balseger. This is the time when the school book men are "on the rustle." However, during Mr. Hunt's sojourn in town he was careful to talk everything but school books. If he had he would have found the people opposed to any change at this time.

A man who needs power for pumping, sawing or lathes, surely makes a mistake if he purchases an inferior make of machine because it is cheap. Why not buy the Hercules Gas Engine and make no mistake. Send for catalogue, PALMER & BRY TON FOUNDRY, Front & Alder Sts., Portland, Oregon.

C. P. Hall, the young harness-maker recently from Hillsboro, was stricken blind Thanksgiving day, and as yet cannot see out of one eye. He will return below soon. One of his partners, Frank Kinsman, will leave for home tomorrow night, while H. T. Bagley, the third man of the firm, has taken up the study of law under Hon. J. N. Brown.

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LOVELY WINTER FASHIONS. The Winter or December number of "Toilettes" (a name dear to the hearts of all ladies) has just been received; this issue closes up in glowing colors the 14th volume and the year 1894. It is a superb number, with over 172 elegant fashion illustrations, a large four page supplement in a soft-pleasing color, and an extra supplement of new sleeves, a short article of ball and evening costumes, of which this number contains a large assortment; the beginning of a dictionary of French words, with their pronunciation; besides well written articles on Paris and New York fashions. Although we understand this magazine has the largest circulation of any fashion journal in America, the low price charged for it is marvellous: 20 cents for a single copy, or \$1.50 per year. It is sold by all new dealers. Published by Toilettes Publishing Co., 125 West 23rd St., N. Y. City.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED. Mr. Jordan Holland, an old prosperous and highly esteemed farmer, stockman and poultryman, of Ala., has at last solved the hog and chicken cholera problem. He claims to have discovered a sure and possible cure for that dreaded disease which he and hundreds of others thoroughly tested in thousands of cases in the last seven years without a single failure. His daughter, Mrs. Rachel V. Thomas, a highly esteemed Christian lady of Covate, Ala., is selling the remedy, also the recipe and family rights on a guarantee to cure or refund the money. This is fair enough. She wants general and local agents and wants to sell state and county rights. Write her. Read her advertisement in this paper.

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