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SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

The Gazette respectfully calls the attention of the Heppner school district to the urgent necessity of raising enough money by taxes to carry on the school in a decent manner. Year before last not a cent of taxes could be collected, owing to an oversight of the framers of the new law. Last year but 73 mills were levied, which together with state money, was not sufficient to pay up the old obligations owing to teachers. The result is that this year's work is being done on "jawbone." Besides, interest on bonds must be met regularly. There is no way to "stand off" the bondholder.

There are also outstanding notes against the school district for furniture, in all amounting to about \$2,000. This comes due Jan. 1, 1895, and must be met in some manner, but how is still a mooted question. There is not a cent of available funds in the school treasury, though there are some delinquent taxes yet due the district, perhaps all of \$500. This should be paid at once for it will assist the directors very materially at present.

Heppner has today one of the finest public schools in the state, bringing to Heppner a great many outside people and considerable money. These people, in many instances, have become permanent citizens of the town and have, very perceptibly, increased the trade of our merchants. Shall we go back to primary conditions of twenty years ago, or shall we keep the school up to the present high standard of excellence, our children of the streets under good and wholesome moral and mental training? It remains for the people of the town to answer these questions at the January meeting.

Cutting down of salaries has been urged, but from what the Gazette knows of teaching our teachers here do not receive pay for half they earn. They are worthy their hire at any time and under any circumstances. Good, reputable teachers will not work for small salaries; they do not have to do this. And besides all the prating that some insist should be done would not be a drop in the bucket. Facts are, if Heppner wants to continue a school that is worth anything at all, more money must be raised. Citizens should not measure the futures of their children in dollars and cents, not if they appreciate what this false notion of economy might bring about. Wake up, and consider the necessity of keeping as near the head of the procession of progress as possible.

THOS. R. REED is putting up a strong and tall presidential pole, but whether that sort of lightning will reach as far east as Maine, remains to be seen. McKinley and Harrison, and even Robt T. Lincoln, each have aspirations towards the presidency, and if Reed should succeed in securing the nomination, it will not come unannounced. However, it looks now as though McKinley's prospects were on the wane while those of Reed are getting brighter. One thing sure, Reed will not overlook anything that will add to his popularity as speaker of the next house, a position which he filled during the early part of Harrison's

administration, and by his unflinching courage and strict impartiality, has well earned the right to again fill the place. "Czar" Reed is not heard of nowadays. In fact, the present congress had to take up Reed's rules before business could be disposed of, even though they were denounced by democracy from one end of the land to the other. Just watch Tom Reed, for he's big and smart enough to be our next president.

THE editor of the W. C. T. U. column, in yesterday's Record, thinks that the Oregonian presumed a great deal in its remarks about our young people. This is certainly the case. Our young ladies and gentlemen are above the average in behavior and intelligence. It is the duty of all parents to look after the welfare of their children, and lead them in the way they should go. Youthful spirits sometimes cause indiscretions; one bad step might mean a blasted future.

FERDINAND DE LESSEPS, the projector and builder of the Suez canal, and later on at the head of the Panama enterprise, died last Friday at Paris, France. Deceased was nearly 90 years of age. No doubt the scandal and prosecution last year, resulting from the Panama matter, hastened the end of the old count whose ingenuity and enterprise did much towards proving the feasibility of hitherto untried projects, notably ocean canals.

It is said that Budd's election will be contested down in Calif. If on the face of the returns and by the expressed will of the people, Jas. Budd is elected governor of California, he should be allowed to serve without interference. Anything favoring of the old-fashioned "nigger" methods of counting votes and managing politics will result in harm to the party using same.

AMONG the candidates, says an exchange, for railroad commissioners to be elected at the coming session of the legislature, are mentioned the names of Dr. Jay Lewis, of Union county; Col. Jeff Myers, of Seio, Linn county; and the present incumbents, J. B. Eddy, of Pendleton, I. A. Macrum, of Forest Grove, and H. B. Compson, of Klamath county. There are many sections yet to hear from.

NO ONE company furnishes all the school books in this state, but every company has a monopoly on the various books furnished by it, but this is a sort of monopoly that is exact everywhere. We are all monopolists. The question is, do the people want to change school books now? We believe they do not.

HON. C. W. FULTON is seriously ill in it for U. S. senator, all claims to the contrary notwithstanding. So far as the Gazette can see, Fulton is gaining strength, but whether from Dolph's forces or from the ranks of other candidates in the field, remains to be seen. But in any event, don't forget that Fulton is in the fight.

"NO CHANGE of text books." That is the sum and substance of the vote of Salem's Committee of One Hundred. The resolutions express the sentiments of the people—the parents and taxpayers who have the school books to buy.—Salem Statesman.

SENATOR DOLPH vigorously advocated on last Tuesday the continuation of the government's policy on the Nicaragua canal, believing that the people of the coast were a unit on that mode of procedure.

THE South Oregon Monitor, semi-weekly, is the latest. It is published at Medford. Verily, the man who starts a newspaper now has nerve, and we hope the Monitor will succeed.

EX-WAIDEN COLEBENT, who committed suicide recently at Walla Walla, proves to have been a defaulter over in Nebraska under the name of P. M. Moody.

THE Record thinks that the Mitchell trade should come to Heppner. If it can be gotten here by any reasonable effort on our part, it should not be spared.

THE people of Oregon have condemned the offenses of more red-headed criminals in the last two years, population considered, than any state in the Union.

WHY A CHANGE IN TEXTBOOKS?

From the Portland Sun. The plan is made that the change of at least a few school books is desirable; that some of those now in use are "palpably inferior"; and that after all, the change desired will cost the patrons of the schools nothing, as old books can be exchanged for new, at a rate ranging all the way from an even exchange to about one-third the retail price. One professor even goes so far as to say that if every book in the state were to be changed, nobody would lose a cent. He furnishes no proof to support this remarkable statement, except that he counts in "the superior value of new books to second-hand." This one may figure as high as his imagination or interests will reach. Educational merit of books would seem to be of little importance to the gentleman who seems so bent on a change that he has given the entire state the benefit of his wide experience in the way of suggestions and advice which probably originated in the fertile brain of the agents of one or more publishing houses who are in the state for just that purpose, that is, to find some plausible tool to further their ends.

Let us examine these propositions a little. Whether the change of any books at all is desirable or not we do not profess to be able, as some people who are not and never were school teachers assume to be, to judge. But it is certain that the leading and strongest pleas for a change comes from interested if not incompetent sources, and is contradicted by some of the best and most trustworthy educators of the state. Some, at least, of those who urge the change of a few books, just a few, expect to make this the entering wedge for the change of a great many or nearly all, and letters written to a number of persons in the state would indicate that one gentleman was very much at sea as to just what he did want, and had but little if any knowledge of the subject under discussion.

But to return to the more important matter of cost, the reasoning for the change advanced is entirely untenable. Even the professor quoted admits that the cost will be about one-third the retail price of the new books. This might amount to considerable to a poor man with a "long" family; but this exchange proposition is only a bait. The one-third price for exchange is only the worm that the sucker swallows. In the first place, the "exchange" is limited to a very short period of time, and only can be made at certain designated points in the state, two or three, say, in each county. Many of the schools will not be in session during this period of exchange, and multitudes of children will not be able to avail themselves of it, and we have in mind our experience here of five years ago, and the general dissatisfaction caused by a change of books at that time, and do we want a repetition of that now at a time when so many of our people are looking for the means to pay the daily expenses of their families for the better years of life. No, the fact is, the books will be bought in most cases at the full price, and the people do not get anything for the money here or elsewhere.

Public sentiment in this state is strongly against these proposed changes, and the people who have the trust in charge should be mindful of the people's wishes. The simple fact is that we have good schools in Oregon, and that they compare favorably with those of other states on the Pacific coast. That the books used in our schools are good, stands to reason, for good books are just as essential to the teacher as good tools are to the mechanic; therefore, any material change will not be materially beneficial to our school system, but on the other hand will be a heavy expense to the parents of our school children. Many of them are poor and cannot afford this extra expense, and none of them should be needlessly obliged to incur it.

C. W. Garrison, of Hillsboro, is here with his Edison phonograph in which he reproduces the latest songs, cornet solos, humorous specialties, etc. His instrument is one of the finest made, and if the public would care for a few minutes innocent amusement at moderate cost, they should call on Mr. Garrison at T. W. Ayers' drug store.

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TO CONSUMPTIVES. The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send, free of charge, a copy of the prescription used, which will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and lung ailments. He hopes all sufferers will avail themselves of this invaluable medicine. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brookline, N. Y. 1891-2.

PORTLAND UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION.

The second week of the fair finds it complete and in good running order. The beaters that have been put in render the building comfortable, and there is nothing to prevent visitors from thoroughly enjoying themselves. The display in the main hall is the most attractive ever arranged, and contains more new and interesting things to see and admire than has ever been gathered together in Portland. The English, Turkish, Italian, Japanese and other wares are elegant and give pleasure to all who have the opportunity to examine them. The agricultural and horticultural display is elaborate and a credit to Oregon. The huge grain palace is the central figure, flanked on either side by long tables laden with fruits and vegetables such as Oregon alone produces. On either end stands a high dome of flour, while the wall in the rear is tastefully ornamented with braids of grain.

The most interesting feature of the fair to those who were not able to attend the world's fair or the one held in San Francisco, is the Midway Pleasure, where are to be seen some of the most attractive illusions and specialties of the famous World Pleasure of the fair at Chicago. Edison's wonderful kienograph, the spirit bridge, the ferris wheel, the performing birds, the Arctic menagerie, the various illusions of Pharaoh's daughter, Luna, the maid of the moon, the chamber of mysteries, the big cattle and other things of interest, render the midway a place where the visitor may find amusement without end. The great cyclorama of the battle of Missionary Ridge, Grant's great battle for the relief of Chattanooga, which, and the capture of Vicksburg, broke the backbone of the Confederacy in the West, forms the center of the Midway and is something no intelligent person should fail to see.

The following special days have been arranged for, and others will be assigned later:

- Dec. 13, Astoria Railroad and Portland Chamber of Commerce. Dec. 14, Bicyclers. Dec. 15, Grand Army Reception to Gen. Howard, Oregon City. Dec. 17, Wedding Day. Dec. 18, Battery A, O. N. G. Dec. 19, Pioneers and Indian War Veterans—Willamette Valley. Dec. 21, Skating Carnival. Dec. 22, Knights of Pythias. Dec. 23, Christmas Eve. Dec. 24, Christmas. Dec. 25, Santa Claus. Dec. 26, Santa Claus. Dec. 27, Company I, First Regiment O. N. G. Dec. 31, Calistonian Games and Ball. Jan. 2, Baby Day. Jan. 4, Pojone Day. Jan. 6, German Day. Jan. 10, Company G, First Regiment O. N. G.

Special excursion tickets are sold at all railroad stations on Tuesdays and Fridays, good for three days, enabling everyone to visit the city and the fair at a largely reduced rate. On Astoria Tuesday and Grand Army day Saturday, there will be crowds of visitors, especially on Saturday, when the center of General Howard will assemble to greet him.

The success that has attended the use of Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment in the relief of pain and in curing diseases which seemed beyond the reach of medicine, has been truly remarkable. Hundreds supposed to be crippled for life with arms and legs drawn up crooked or distorted their muscles withered or contracted by disease have been cured through the use of this remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

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Should get what? Why, The Rev. I. L. Hicks' splendid Almanac for 1895. He has kindly sent to this office a copy of the same, and we speak advisedly in saying that it is a rare publication—the very finest and best of all that has emanated from the pen and brain and heart of this well-known friend of the public. The history of this man's work—now an open book to all America—and a casual glance at his Almanac for 1895, convinces us that this vitally useful and instructive book ought to find its way into every shop, store, office and home in the land. The price of the book—only 25 cents—could not to our knowledge be invested for any one thing more profitably. It contains 84 pages, printed on fine book paper, with elegant covers in colors. It is for sale by all news-dealers. This fine Almanac is given as a premium to ever yearly subscriber to the Rev. I. L. Hicks' well-known and deservedly popular paper, World and Works. This unique journal is a peerless educator of the masses, and is fast becoming a household guardian and necessity in the homes of America. Those who want to keep up with all the advanced thought of the age in science, religion and all social, commercial, intellectual and domestic subjects, should subscribe for World and Works. Subscription \$1.00 a year. You can send for both direct to World and Works Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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CHAPTER ELECTION.—At the regular convention of Heppner Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., held last evening in the Masonic hall at this place, the election of officers for the ensuing year occurred. The following being chosen: High Priest, Frank Gilliam; King, P. O. Borg; Scribe, F. C. Thompson; Captain of the Host, J. A. Patterson; Grand Master, J. W. Vaughan; Grand Master 2nd Year, J. C. McCarry; Grand Master 1st Year, J. N. Brown; Treasurer, E. G. Sloan; Sec'y, Geo. Conser; Sentinel, D. H. McCarry. The afternoon of Dec. 27th, St. John's Day, at the court of 4 o'clock, was decided upon as the time for installation of the newly-elected officers.

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Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served ninety days, or over, in the late war, are entitled, if now partially or wholly disabled (by ordinary military or naval service) by wounds, diseases, or accidents, to receive the pecuniary benefits of the Pension Laws. WIDOWS of such soldiers and sailors are entitled (if not remarried) whether soldier's death was due to military or naval service, or if not, provided the soldier or sailor was not dependent upon their own labor for support. WIVES of such soldiers and sailors are entitled (if under sixteen years) in almost all cases where there was no widow, or the last one died or remarried.

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