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FREE TEXT BOOK BILL

The proposed free text book law now before the legislature, sponsored by union labor, deserves serious consideration. It undoubtedly will meet with a lot of opposition from taxpayers who think it is going to bring about a large increase in taxes. However, the measure as submitted, makes it optional with the districts, which is a good feature of the bill.

The cost of starting the free text book system is the most expensive part of it. Still, we have known, personally, of districts changing over with very little expense and it can be accomplished in any district. Children who have their books for this term, know they will not be needed next term, if they pass their grades, and willingly donate their books to the district, with the understanding that they are to be furnished them free next term.

Replacements are necessary each year, but when the books are property of the district and the teachers properly instruct the children in caring for those books, or paying a penalty, they as a rule last a great deal longer. There is an economic loss in school books that are used for one term by a child, and then discarded. The writer has read estimates to prove that the cost to the district in furnishing text books is only one-fourth the cost to the parents when furnishing similar supplies. 'Tis true the most of the money paid into the district fund for the purchase of books is paid by others rather than the parents of the children affected. But at the same time business men and the community in general will benefit by this saving because of more money in circulation in the district to be spent for clothing, groceries and other necessities instead of school books.

Every town and city in the state spends a large sum each year to maintain a public library. Most users of the public library read fiction and works to amuse themselves instead of books to increase their knowledge, and if there are sufficient reasons for maintaining a public library, which is not questioned, there certainly is an argument in favor of supplying text books without cost to the children.

But three states in the nation other than Oregon have no free text book law, forty-four having either optional or compulsory laws. It is a measure that benefits the common people, and would work no real hardship on industry in the state, and it is hoped that it will receive favorable action at the hands of the legislature.

LEGISLATOR'S EXPENSES

A Portland newspaper says that it will be nothing more or less than a steal from the taxpayers of the state if the legislators pass a bill that would allow the members sufficient funds to pay their expenses at Salem. They are paid \$3 per day for forty days, and afterward, nothing. It's a serious proposition for a state like Oregon to have to employ \$3-a-day men to make its laws. Of course, it would be easy to find plenty of men who would willingly serve in this capacity without pay, but The News does not believe they would give satisfaction. Legislators should at least receive a wage equal to that of the common laborer, whether or not they are worth it.

ROAD WORK NEEDED AFTER FREEZE

Road districts in Eastern Clackamas county are going to be put to a heavy expense this spring in repairing the damage done by the freeze. The roads are in bad condition now, and little can be done to better them until winter takes its journey. In the Elwood district, it is next to impossible to travel the highways at all.

According to County Commissioner W. A. Proctor the Elwood people are in need of road work worse than any other section of the entire county. Everyone in the vicinity is hoping the county court may see fit to begin work on this road at an early date.

Interest is also centered on the proposal to start work on the Eagle Creek-Sandy road over the Forrester hill. A hearing is to be had on this project at Oregon City, March 7. It is proposed to make a few changes in the grade, and according to a member of the county board, work will start at the Eagle Creek end, with the possibility of only a small section to be completed next year to connect with the work already completed on the Sandy side.

The completion of these two projects will form a direct highway from north to south across the eastern part of the county which will speed up the development of a large district that cannot be accomplished until such a highway is constructed.

Those at all interested in dairying should make it a point to attend the meeting to be held at Sandy Grange hall Wednesday of next week. Problems of interest to all will be discussed by specialists, including feeding, and diseases. Don't forget the date.

Moonlight may inspire the writing of poetry, but it takes moonshine to supply the urge to try to sing it.

When a dog bites the town cop, that can really be called "putting teeth in the law."

After next Monday Herbert Hoover will be President and spring should be here.

THE LEGIONNAIRE

A Little Truth and a Little Hokum

Carl Douglass post of the Legion now has 53 paid-up members, just five short of the record made last year, which was the banner year for this post. Seven additional paid-up members are wanted immediately in order to set a new high record.

Earl Judd is one of the new members of the post. He is proprietor of Linn's Inn and will appreciate the patronage of any and all the members.

Just a little prod from this sector and the bill board committee jumped in and had a fine board erected and it is ready now for painting on the names of ex-service men. If you are not a member of the local Legion post or have not already sent in your name, please do so at once, as the names are to be placed in alphabetical order.

Wallace Smith is the only lawyer member of Carl Douglass post. He was up in Seattle a few days ago, and the morning after, while walking around for his health, took a stroll through a cemetery. He was attracted to an unusually fine monument and went up to give it the once over. Inscribed on the slab was: "Robert Downey, attorney at law and an honest man." "No wonder they put up a fine monument," remarked Wally, "they buried two men in one grave."

Doc Gilbert has made this column the object of considerable criticism at different times during the last three weeks. Sure, Doc, you've got the advantage over us. When we make a mistake there's a lot of noise and some swearing. When you make one there is absolute quiet, a lot of flowers and a funeral and people say nothing about it because they are buried. You can use a lot of big words and get away with it, but we have to spell 'em. And you can go and see another man's wife and charge for the visit, but if we went to see another man's wife we would be charged with a load of buckshot. You've certainly got the cards stacked in your favor.

Bob Cooke is being asked to give a little special entertainment at a meeting of the post next Monday evening, and he has kindly consented to render a little ballad entitled, "Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie." Bob, it is said, can render this ballad quite effectively and the fellows are all urged to come out and enjoy this part of the program.

NOTICE—The ex-service man residing less than five miles from Estacada, whom we saw out with another man's wife last Saturday night can save himself some trouble by immediately paying up his dues for 1929 to the post. Unless he does so he will be exposed in this column next week.

Ralph DeShazer of Dover was the fifty-third Legionnaire to take out his 1929 membership card. Thanks, Ralph!

The members of the post are a lot of pikers when it comes to preparing the eats. The Auxiliary has for years served refreshments at the post meetings. Why not surprise the ladies by the men serving the feed once. And just to prove that true democracy exists in the American Legion, we suggest that only the Legionnaires who held the rank of second "louie" or higher, be appointed as k. ps.

The Boy Scout committee of the post, Sylvester Lawrence, chairman, is active, and the members of the troop would have been taken to the Court of Honor at Oregon City on Monday night for their tests but for an oversight in getting their names in on time. Last year but one local scout was promoted, but it is hoped to establish a real record this year.

Cecil O. Duke and R. E. Esson, both of Sandy and members of the Carl Douglass post, send word that they will be over for the post meeting Monday night. No objections at all if you bring a few of the buddies along with you.

The post has on its membership rolls two typical Oregon farmers, Elmer Anderson of Eagle Creek and Paul Holm of Garfield. For the benefit of those who do not really know what a farmer does, we'll tell you how Elmer and Paul spend the day. They are awakened at 7:30 by an alarm clock made in New Haven,

jump out of bed and put on their overalls made in St. Louis, pull on a pair of shoes made in New York, wash their hands and face in a basin made in Japan, sit down to a table made in Grand Rapids, eat breakfast cereal made in Battle Creek, and hot cakes made from flour milled in San Francisco, pour syrup over them manufactured in New Orleans, go out and crank up the tractor made in Detroit run with gasoline refined in Texas, hitch onto a plow made in Toledo, smoke a French briar pipe of Kentucky-grown tobacco while they plow a couple of rounds. They find they need a new share, and send in an order to Sears Sawbuck and have to wait until it arrives from Kansas City, so they drive into Portland, using tires made in Dayton. They reach home at 11 p. m. and decide to retire immediately, jump into a bed made in Michigan, pull blankets over them made in Worcester, and are then kept awake the rest of the night by a cur dog, produced on the farm.

Here and There

Lost, 125 miles from home, as a result of an automobile accident, Nookie, a cat owned by Mrs. J. Rugg, of Cincinnati, returned after two months.

Samuel Rosoff, once a railway news butcher, now owns the Delaware & Northern railroad, in Delaware county, New York.

Joseph Lascolo, of Sioux City, wants a divorce, charging that his wife makes home brew when she should be getting his meals.

Burglars in the home of James Norris, of Chicago, carried away about \$1,000 worth of whiskey, but left \$800 in cash undisturbed in a dresser drawer.

Anton Szechi, of Budapest, courted 15 women and married 12 of them before being arrested as a swindler.

Mme. Laurene Cotins, of Paris, saved two men from prison by her testimony in court, but was herself sentenced to two years for perjury.

On a steamer sailing from Southampton were 62 passengers named Smith, bound for Canada and the United States.

Miss Jane Crews, of London, was given a jail sentence for whipping a kitten.

Canon Sutton, a rector at Broughton, makes clocks as a hobby, and has given 135 of them to various English churches.

Robert Sogren, of Duluth, fired a pistol as a salute to a newly-wedded couple, shooting off a guest's finger and slightly wounding the bride.

As a health precaution, all cats entering England from other countries must go into quarantine for six months.

James Barston, of London, wrote 9,000 words on a single postcard.

COURAGE TO SAY NO

To be able to say NO, when useless, foolish temptations and catch-penny devices are offered you, will save some of the money you now waste.

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Station	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival	Day	
Lv. Portland	10:00 a. m.	2:00 p. m.	6:20 p. m.	† Sunday
Lv. Clackamas	10:35 a. m.	2:35 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	† Sunday
Lv. Carver	10:50 a. m.	2:50 p. m.	7:05 p. m.	† Sunday
Lv. Barton	11:05 a. m.	3:05 p. m.	7:25 p. m.	† Sunday
Lv. Eagle Creek	11:15 a. m.	3:15 p. m.	7:35 p. m.	† Sunday
Lv. Cedar Brook	11:18 a. m.	3:18 p. m.	7:38 p. m.	† Sunday
Ar. Estacada	11:30 a. m.	3:30 p. m.	7:50 p. m.	† Sunday

Station	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival	Day		
Lv. Estacada	*6:15 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	8:15 p. m.
Lv. Eagle Cr.	6:30 a. m.	8:45 a. m.	4:45 p. m.	7:15 p. m.	8:30 p. m.
Lv. Barton	6:35 a. m.	8:55 a. m.	4:55 p. m.	7:25 p. m.	8:40 p. m.
Lv. Carver	6:50 a. m.	9:10 a. m.	5:10 p. m.	7:35 p. m.	9:05 p. m.
Lv. Clack' mas	7:00 a. m.	9:20 a. m.	5:20 p. m.	7:45 p. m.	9:10 p. m.
Ar. Portland	7:35 a. m.	9:55 a. m.	6:00 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	9:45 p. m.

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