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State Printing of Textbooks Profitable Elsewhere

The State publication of the elementary school books is one of the most important subjects engaging the attention of Oregonians at this time. Commercial Bodies, Parent-Teacher Associations, the Granges, the Unions, Legislators and the citizenship generally are becoming more and more interested in this plan for saving money for the school patrons, simplifying the work of the teachers, giving more work for Oregon workmen.

Two states are operating plants for printing textbooks. California is the more notable as an example, as its plant has been established for years and the experience of that state has been most varied and profusely commented upon. After years of political strife and bickering, the printing plant of that state has made good, despite its detractors and critics. The savings last year to the people of that state over the retail prices charged by the book publishers for the same texts, amounted to over \$250,000. With the same ratio of saving that California has effected, Oregon would have spent \$70,000 less for textbooks last year than she did. Kansas has established its plant but recently and, on account of the state being under contract with publishers for many of their texts, only a small percentage of the books are now printed in the new plant. The savings made for the five months ending December 1, 1915, were over \$30,000. The percentage of saving is approximately the same as the present experience of California and with increased production the percentage of saving will naturally increase. From the experience of these two states Oregon, if State printing of texts is adopted, will save at least 40 per cent on the texts she is using, which will amount to \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year.

In addition to the actual saving of thousands of dollars, there must be taken into consideration the fact that all the money paid out for labor and some of the materials used in manufacture will be kept within the State of Oregon, helping to build up the State and improving industrial conditions, not alone at the capital city, but at the paper-making centers.

The table below gives the comparison of retail prices of Oregon books with the cost of producing the California set. It shows clearly the saving that can be made thru the State publication plan, should Oregon adopt it:

	Oregon	California
Primer	\$.25	\$.15
First reader	.25	.18
Second reader	.35	.18
Third reader	.45	.19
Fourth reader	.45	.19
Fifth reader	.55	.24
Arithmetic	.35	.18
Grammar	.36	.23
Grammar	.45	.26
Geography	1.00	.54
History	.60	.31
History	1.00	.41
Civics	.55	.31
Speller	.23	.14
Writing (8 lessons)	1.20	—
Writing (5 lessons)	—	.20

Careful investigation into the affairs of the larger book publishing houses reveals the fact that many do not print or bind a single book. The subject matter is edited and compiled by them and then turned over to printers for manufacture into books. This work can be done more economically here under State printing than it is done in the East. Besides this, there will be saved to the people of the State three sets of profits derived from as many transactions—the printers' the publishers' and the jobbers'.

The prevailing contracts on the adopted textbooks expire in 1919-1920. In order to give ample time for preparations necessary to change to State publication, the next Legislature to convene in 1917, should make such changes as will carry out the general policy of having the texts printed by the State. Failure to do so would necessarily throw the entire matter over for six years more or run the risk of confusing and handicapping the public school system. To purchase additional equipment and install it; to choose a set of textbooks and print them; to arrange for their distribution, are all matters involving immense detail and requiring abundance of time to perfect. Careful business methods require that this urgent demand for State printed texts be given as early consideration as possible that essentials may be worked out prudently and economically.

Free Trips to O. A. C. for Coos-Curry Corn Growers

Six round trips to the Farmers' Week conference at O. A. C. next January are the prizes offered by the county court to the man and the boy in each of the three districts within the county who have the best corn exhibits at the Coos-Curry fair in Myrtle Point next September.

The three districts are Coos Bay, Coquille Valley and Myrtle Point. The purpose is to stimulate interest in the growing of corn, a campaign for which was started last year by County Agriculturist J. L. Smith, who organized the corn shows which attracted so much attention last fall.

In addition to this the county court has also agreed to send a Coos county exhibit to the state fair at Salem next fall, following the fair at Myrtle Point. This will be the first time this has been done.

It is now understood, also, that one of the displays will be about a carload of cheese and butter sent there from the Coos-Curry Cheese Association.—Marshfield Times.

Eastern Oregon Boy Chosen

Having worked his way through College until ready to be graduated in June, Paul H. Crouter, an Eastern Oregon boy, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station at Union. Union county has been his home for many years and he has spent several vacations in station work, engaged chiefly in caring for the experimental feeding of cattle, hogs and sheep. Having majored in Animal Husbandry, this is precisely the work that he has fitted himself to do.

Progress at Gold Beach

(The Globe.)

It was a good job well done on the school grounds Friday and now they are in shape for further improvement. Early in the morning the workers commenced gathering, and soon the grounds were covered with groups of busy workers, digging flag, grubbing stumps and trees, clearing away trash and otherwise preparing the ground for the plow. By noon the trees and stumps had all been removed, and a good start made on the plowing. By the time the noon whistle blew everybody was ready to eat. The ladies had been busy for some time before preparing the lunch, and basket on basket of good things were carried into the school house, each one indicative of the feast to come. Nor were appearances deceptive. The ladies had done themselves proud in preparing that lunch and the way that hungry mob attacked it, showed a deep appreciation. After lunch work was resumed and by evening the ground had been plowed and partly harrowed. Saturday the harrowing was finished and it only needs leveling and seeding to make a start toward most attractive grounds.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

BY VIRTUE of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Coos State of Oregon, dated the 13th day of May 1916, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State wherein P. C. Hatcher as plaintiff recovered judgment against J. A. Wilson sometimes known as Jim Wilson and James A. Wilson, for the sum of One hundred twenty-seven and 64-100 Dollars, and costs and disbursements taxed at Nineteen and 50-100 Dollars, on the 28th day of April 1916.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 17th day of June 1916, at the front door of the County Court House in Coquille in said County, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit: Beginning at a point on a south boundary of subdivision "D" of lot 11, Morris Subdivision, 150 feet south, 89 degrees and 49 minutes east of the south-west corner of said subdivision "D", running thence easterly along the said south boundary line 100 feet; thence north 0 degrees 09 minutes west, 145 feet to the north boundary of said subdivision "D"; thence in a westerly direction along said north boundary 100 feet; thence south 0 degrees 09 minutes east, 145 feet, to the place of beginning, save and except a strip ten feet in width along the entire south line of said premises to be used as a public highway or street, all in Coos County, State of Oregon.

Said real property is to be sold subject to a mortgage given by James A. Wilson to L. E. Wilson (recorded in book 33, page 205. Record of Mortgages) to secure the sum of \$150.00 with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 11th day of March, 1916. Taken and levied upon as the property of the said defendant J. A. Wilson, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of plaintiff and against said defendant with interest thereon, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 20th day of April 1916, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr., Sheriff. Dated at Coquille, Oregon, May 13th, 1916.

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