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THE BURDEN OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Under the above heading the Portland Telegram, in a recent editorial, comments on the present-day policy of crowding too much work into the lower grades of our common school course and, it must be said, that to many of us who received the commencement of an education in the common, country schools of 30 or 40 years ago, when reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, geography and a little history was the sum total of the studies required, the objection seems to be well taken. The Telegram says:

Following is a list of school books required for a pupil in the Fourth Grade, Class A, of the schools of this city: Wheeler's "Third Reader"; Eggleston's "Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans"; Smith's "Primary Arithmetic"; "Natural Introductory Geography"; "The Humboldt Geographical Note Book," part 1; Beuhler & Hotchkiss' "Modern English Lessons"; Reed's "Word Lessons"; "Empire Writer-Speller"; Prang's "Text-book of Art Education," Book III; "Water Colors," Prang No. 3 A, or Milton Bradley, No. A9; "Outlook Writing System," No. III; "New Educational First Music Reader."

"The average age of pupils in Fourth Grade, Class A, is, perhaps, 8 years. A burden of twelve studies at that age is too heavy. It means high pressure that cannot produce the best results. It does not afford the time requisite for teaching the fundamentals. It undertakes altogether too much; and puts a tax on pupil and parent to the benefit of no one but the textbook publisher and dealer. It provides for frills that are soon forgotten; or, if not forgotten, are of little or no value in after life.

"Out of this list of twelve studies, there is a total of five which represent educational subject matter of practical value to a child of 8 years. These cover the subjects of reading, writing, arithmetic and geography. Each of these studies is essential as the groundwork of what is to be accomplished in the future. Thoroughness in these is the first requisite in primary education; and to more than double the demand upon the intellect of the child of 8 years is not to secure this thoroughness; it is to ask too much and gain too little.

"Though the child of 8 years becomes proficient in each one of these twelve studies, the mental effort that has been expended upon the fancy branches is greater than the school should demand; and in a majority of instances the fancy studies are pursued at the expense of the more practical branches of learning. The child's mind is loaded with too much pedagogic lumber.

"For a number of years there has been more or less recognition of the evil results of this high-tension, public school policy. It has been assailed by some of the most eminent educators in the country; and, as a matter of course, it has its apologists among the school faddists. The latter seek the broadest surface culture; they appear to be imbued with the idea that it is the function of the school to teach every child everything at one and the same time. There seems to be a belief that it is essential to popularize the schools; to appeal to the shallow pride of parents by developing a sort of glittering precociousness in their children, rather than the sound under-

standing which, later on, gives them a firmer mental grip on affairs. In the practical administration of the schools it would appear that the faddists have had much the better of the argument. At all events, as the years pass, the number of books which the pupil must buy at the opening of each term increases; and of late years the ratio of increase has been steadily enhanced. If pupils in the Fourth Grade, Class A, or in any other grade or class, have mental energy to spare beyond what is required in mastering what should be taught as elementary in the acquirement of a sound and substantial American education, let that energy be absorbed by manual training, and by general reading outside of the school. Such was the fashion half a century ago, and, indeed, to a much later date; and the result has proved anything but discouraging and unsatisfactory."

"Buffalo Bill" is Coming.

It will be welcome news to the grown-ups and a matter for great rejoicing among the younger generation to learn that Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World has decided to visit this valley. The date selected is September 28th, at Medford, and the exhibition will be complete in every respect and identical with that given at Madison Square Garden, New York City, when the big organization began its tour last Spring.

"Buffalo Bill," as a plainsman, hunter, scout, guide, Indian fighter and public entertainer, has been in the saddle practically all his life. There are a host of horsemen gathered from every clime; there are feats of daring performed by men of all nations, exhibitions of horsemanship and equestrian skill which constitute a whirlwind of recklessness and the Rough Riders of the World vie with each other in impelling the admiration of the most stoical onlooker.

Aside from the equestrian features two spectacular pantomims, given with a cast of principals largely drawn from the original scenes in American history which are thus represented, have been prepared for representation this season. They are practically open-air melodramas, vibrating with excitement and thrilling to behold. "The Battle of Summit Springs" depicts one of the most stirring encounters the white soldiery ever had in their notable conquest of the red man; and in "The Great Train Hold-Up" will show one of a score of scenes which have marked the fast-passing "bandit era" in Western development.

Rattlesnakes Numerous in California.

A Greenview correspondent writes that from parts of the valley adjacent to the foothills comes reports of rattlesnakes more numerous than ever known before. Several reports killing eight or ten around their homes, and one has exterminated eighteen rattlers in his dooryard.

It is the unanimous opinion that keeping down the fires is responsible for this rapid increase in the venomous reptiles.

It is well known that rotten logs, stumps and brush heaps are the natural refuge of rattlers, and the fires that hitherto have swept over the mountains almost yearly must have burned large numbers. It is contended that insects of all kinds are becoming more numerous since the fires have been kept down, and some are wondering if ultimately we may not be letting loose a swarm of pests in our anxiety to preserve the forests.—Siakiyou News.

A Big Apple.

The following is from the distant Dakotas and is an apple story, credited to the State of Oregon, where big fruit and vegetable specimens grow:

"It was a summer apple called the Senator. There was a number of large ones, but this particular one outstripped all the others. The branch bent over so that the apple rested on the ground. It grew until it attained such a size that it toppled over one night and rolled down the hill, taking off the corner of a neighbor's barn and landing in Bear creek, where it dammed the waters so that the mill could not run. The neighbors came with their teams and chopped it in pieces and hauled it away and it kept the whole blame town in apple sauce most of the winter."

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You may pucker yer brow; that's as much as I'll tell. An', besides, don't ye see, 'tis but my point o' view. You must work out your riddle o' life fur yerself.

You must look fur your joy in another direction. An' I beg you to light in yer innocent eyes. Jisit a spark o' sweet pity to aid the inspection. Since the thing is so small an' so lowly it lies. It begins wid an "m," an' it ends wid an "e."

Oh, it's little it merits your notice, 'tis true! Still there's good in it, too, though that same may not be. A reflection of all that is sweetest in you.

Och! The bothersome riddle! I wonder now whether We could make our luck better if we should combine. Faix, I think if we'd jisit put our two heads together We could spell in wan word all your joy, dear, an' mine. It begins wid a "u," an' it ends wid an "a."

There's the sum o' my joy an' the sum o' yer own. Och! The riddle o' life's so diastressin' to guess, Nayther wan o' us, dear, could have solved it alone.

—T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard and Times.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon. June 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Clara E. Boughton, of Butte Falls, Oregon, who, on June 12, 1908, made Timber Application No. 10185, for SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 34 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. S. Bliton, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on

Monday, the 28th day of September, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Bert H. Harris, of Medford, Oregon; Labin B. Caster and Frank S. Caster, of Derby, Oregon; and Melburn A. Boughton, of Butte Falls, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.— UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Oregon, May 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, William Fletcher Parker, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, filed in this office on April 28, 1908, his sworn statement, No. 10027, for the purchase of the South-west one-quarter (SW 1/4) of Section No. 14 in Township No. 33 South, Range No. 4 West, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on

Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1909. He names as witnesses: William McGuirk, James Hart and Thomas Leonard, of Portland, Oregon; and George Pease, of Placer, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of January, 1909. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Timber Land Act, June 3, 1878.— UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Oregon, May 1, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, James M. Hart, of Placer, Oregon, filed in this office on January 25, 1908, his sworn statement, No. 9873, for the purchase of the North-west quarter of Section No. 14 in Township No. 33, South of Range No. 4 West, W. M., Ore., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on

Saturday, the 28th day of November, 1908. He names as witnesses: W. F. Parker, Thomas Leonard and W. H. McGuirk, of Portland, Oregon; and George Pease, of Placer, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of November, 1908. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon. August 27, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that William A. Aitken, of Medford, Oregon, who, on August 27, 1908, made Timber Application No. 61062 for SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 1, Township 33 South, Range 2 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Cannon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 14th day of November, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: William T. Grieve, Kate M. Grieve, Robert B. Vivcent and Ervin McCall, all of Prospect, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

STRAYED.

One bay horse with star on forehead, branded Y on left shoulder. Suitable reward if returned to undersigned at the Centennial mine, four miles north-west from Central Point, or for information leading to his recovery. D. P. BLUE, 21225 Gold Hill, Ore.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon. June 22, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lillian M. Daniels, of Medford, Oregon, who, on June 22, 1908, made Timber Application, No. 10069, for E 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 34 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. S. Bliton, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on

Thursday, the 1st day of October, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: William T. Gouder, Bert H. Harris, Thurston E. Daniels and Robert Sewing, all of Medford, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.