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Our School Book Law

The opening of school always means quite an expenditure to parents. Not the least among the expenses is that of books. Much complaint is often heard of the cost of our school books. There is good cause for objection. Books do cost too much. Our school book law is very defective. The whole thing should be revised or abolished at the next regular session of our legislature. The present contract expires in June, 1913. There is no hope of relief before that date. Why the text-book commission let the contract for books at the prices they did would be interesting to say the least. A law that permits five men to let contracts for supplying all the school books used in the entire state and, at the same time fails to safe guard the persons who have the bills to pay is dangerous. The present law provides that the governor appoint five text-book commissioners. No qualifications for performing their duties are required. They are more likely to be politicians than educators. These men choose the books and decide what the selling price shall be. It means thousands of dollars to the book company that gets the contract for one or more of the books. Every nickel it can add to the price of the book means an enormous profit to the publisher. It is small wonder that Oregon is paying from 15 to 150 per cent more for her school books than do some of her sister states. For example, last winter one company which has a contract to furnish a certain book to Oregon schools at \$1.00 each, offered the same book to another state for 75 cents and it was refused even at that price as not being as good a text for actual school use as another which was adopted. In the latter state books are selected by a large board of eminent school men actually engaged in school work and none of whom get their positions through political pull. The state also has fixed a maximum

cost for the entire series above which the board cannot let a contract. Thus the public is safe guarded against excessive prices. Oregon's law seems to have been made for the benefit of the book companies and text-book commissioners. Let us the next time have one that shall deal justly with the tax payer.

President Taft said that the wool schedule of the tariff was indefensible. He vetoed the remedy. Hence his action is indefensible. He is to try on his western trip to defend this veto. He will have a tough job. And when some voter steps into a store and is charged 85 cents for a baby's woolen shirt which is not much larger than a postage stamp, Mr. Taft will have a very difficult task in convincing the purchaser that only an expert can judge if the price is too high.

President Taft has struck a popular chord with one of his vetoes at least. He has vetoed the plot of the impure foods manufacturers to oust Dr. Wiley. Had all his vetoes been as well received by the public Mr. Taft would not have needed to make his extended jaunt across the country.

Local News

La Vogue at Wesely & Cains. You are invited to subscribe for the News.

District 76 school shoes for boys, misses and children at Wesely & Cains. S. Philippi is building an addition to his residence in the west part of town.

The News and Weekly Oregonian one year for \$1.95. Good until Oct. 31.

Just Arrived at Wesely & Cains, a large line of children, ladies and misses sweater coats.

G. M. Flock has moved from Gates to Mill City where he has employment.

Another shipment of La Vogue coats for ladies and misses arrived at Wesely & Cains.

Norman Long is treating the street in front of his property with a coat of gravel.

Wesely & Cain have a full line of men's mackinaw, corduroy and duck coats.

Shall be too busy to talk much for the next few weeks but our prices will talk for us. Chas. Wesely.

Mrs. John B. Kelley died the first of the week at the age of 73. She was one of the early settlers and well known here.

The long winter evenings will soon be here. Get a good supply of reading by taking advantage of the News Clubbing bargains.

I am compelled to reduce my stock until I get into my new building. Now is the time to get your buggies and farm implements. Come in at once. When you get our prices you will buy. Chas. Wesely.

The Farmers Meat Market handles a choice line of fresh and cured meats at lowest prices. Highest prices paid farmers for their beef, mutton, pork, and hides. Roy McDonald, Prop.

Miss Birdelle Brenner left Thursday for Corvallis where she will enter O. A. C. She has been given 30 addition credits more than required for entrance for the high school work done in the local school.

The first dance of the season will be given Saturday night, September 23 at the Wesely-Cain hall. A good place to have a good time, you are always welcome whether you dance or not. Good order always maintained. Dances will be held every two weeks from now on till the close of the season.

Millinery Opening

A swell line of Ladies and Childrens hats on display Saturday, September 23, at Mrs. E. Cyrus Millinery store at Wesely & Cains.

Dairy Farm For Rent

I have a 245 acre dairy farm located 4 miles southeast of Scio for rent at \$250 cash. Have 13 cows, hay, and many other things which I will sell to party renting the farm if desired. For further information call on or address, M. P. Long, Crabtree.

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Santiam Farm Topics

Mr. Cameron of Albany, who holds some timber claims up on Roaring river, was looking after the same the first of the week.

Mr. Raymond and wife of near Scio, called on us Wednesday for a few hours visit.

Frank Williams, wife and son of Plain View, visited C. Gaines and wife Saturday. They were formerly residents of Providence.

Clifford Griffin of Racoon Hollow, sold four ton of oat hay to Joe Benosky for \$10 per ton. So there is still a chance to sell hay.

Lester Bilyeu of Jordan valley is contemplating moving on the old Lee Bilyeu farm this week near his parents, Geo. Bilyeu.

Louis Conser is visiting around in this section, looking for a cook as he is getting tired batching. Some gal would do well to wink at him when he passes by and is looking the other way.

James Stanton and wife of Portland, are visiting S. W. Gaines and relatives this week.

Newton Crabtree went to Buena Vista Tuesday after his two daughters, who were at the hop yards.

S. W. Gaines and wife and James Stanton and wife were in Scio Monday on business and viewing the city.

PIE EATER.

Thomas Topics

Dick Kelly unloaded a car of Lumber which will be used in building a new house and barn on his farm.

S. F. Zysset was an Albany visitor Monday.

Frank Shores has been looking at property near Albany with the intention of buying a small tract.

E. C. Reiley took some grain to Albany last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Wm. Gilkey and sons have returned from the hop yards.

H. Struckmeir spent last week at the state fair.

Miss Alma Struckmeir has been carrying mail the past week.

Dick Miller and family visited relatives in Jefferson last week.

Arthur Kelly was on the sick list the first of the week.

The Holt Brothers have been running their saw mill with a full force.

ROSALEE.

Shelburn Items

Geo. French of Silverton, is staying with his grandparents and attending the Scio public school.

Mr. Spangenberg made a business trip to Portland last week.

Theron Tussell spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Herbert Blatchford of Plain View, is staying here and attending the Scio High school.

Asa Hiron and family spent last Thursday at the State Fair.

Gertrude McLain was away last week, visiting. She was at the state fair while gone and reports a good time.

A. J. McLain went to Plain-view Tuesday. He expects to return in a few days.

WOOD BEE

SCHOOL OPENED SEPTEMBER 18

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THE HIGH SCHOOL

On September 18 Scio opened with a complete High School, embracing a four years course and which will be open and free to all Linn County pupils, who have completed the eighth grade work in the public schools. The year will be divided into two terms of four and one-half months each.

SITUATIONS

Scio is located in the foot hills, eighteen miles east of Albany, is extraordinarily healthy and absolutely free from all epidemic diseases. The water is exceptionally good. Has two churches with regular services and the standard of morality is equal to that of any ordinary country town.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING

In 1895 a handsome and commodious seven room building was erected, which contains modern furniture, etc., is centrally located and has roomy play grounds. Steam heat has been installed this year.

LABORATORY

A well equipped laboratory has been purchased and will be in use this year. The science work will include a thorough laboratory course in connection with the regular recitation courses offered heretofore.

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

As proper exercise is necessary for good health of students, basket ball, indoor baseball and other harmless sports are encouraged.

EXPENSE

There are no tuition charges whatever to the students. Board and lodging can be obtained at a moderate price. Tuition is low and the other expenses of maintaining the family are less than in almost any other of like size towns. Students from outside the city will be assisted in securing lodgings if they will call on the principal. A list of available rooms, boarding places, etc., will be prepared for the use of parents and students desiring such information. In some cases students who care to do so may arrange to pay for room or board by working a short time mornings and evenings.

THE TEACHERS

Prof. I. L. Gooding, the principal employed, has had 14 years in high school work, is a graduate of the Indiana State Normal school and has been remarkably successful. Miss Harriet M. Pugsley is the assistant principal and is a graduate of the Washington University.

NOTES

Thirty-two credits are required for graduation. A regular year's work gives eight credits or four credits each term. Students will work by credits instead of by years. In this way no student is required to take a second time some subject in which he passed because of a failure in some other subject. The student thus loses no time but may work through the course as rapidly as he is able to do the work. It is very important that all students should enter school at the opening of the term and be regular in attendance in order to receive full credit for the work.

Persons desiring further information should call on or address L. L. Gooding, Principal.

COURSE OF STUDY

The Course of Study embraces four years' work as follows:

FIRST YEAR

English, Orthography, Bookkeeping, Algebra, Ancient History and Botany.

SECOND YEAR

English, Physical Geography, Orthography, Algebra and Modern History.

THIRD YEAR

English, Geometry, Latin and Physics.

FOURTH YEAR

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