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### THE BOOK TRUST.

Many of the books published by the American Book Trust Co. are next to worthless. The primary geographies in use in this state ignore Oregon and other western states almost entirely, and at the same time special pages are devoted to some of the eastern groups of states. The other geographies of the series are no better. The spelling books are full of errors, and many other books are old, antedated, and next to worthless.

The histories are not patriotic, and they give the South as much credit for patriotism as the North during the late rebellion. The attempt to make a history that would be acceptable to the fire-eaters of the South has resulted in a book that is not fit to be put into the schools of the nation, and the G. A. R. people are showing their opposition to the history in unmistakable terms.

The American Book Trust Co. has now about 90 per cent. of the text books used in this state, and is determined to secure the rest, and retain what they have got. No efforts are spared to bring about this end. Money is being used freely, and a few papers in the state are working for the Trust, as if their bread and butter depended upon it. The Trust furnishes plate matter to the newspapers that are willing to work for it, and this matter contains argument in favor of the big combination.

One of the principal arguments being used is that the people can't afford to make a change of text books at present, but this argument is no good, as the change if made would be brought about gradually—as classes are advanced, requiring books of higher grades, the new books would be introduced. And, if the change were made outright, the people would save enough money in two years to pay for the entire change. There may be a few books published by the American Book Trust Co. that are the best, and perhaps they should be retained, however the best and cheapest way is for the state to print its own books. The state printer should be paid a fair salary instead of the enormous profits now given to that office, and the printer should be set to work turning out such books as are needed. The profits of the state printer in the past four years would have fur-

nished all the books needed during that period in this state.

The Trust is making a desperate struggle to fasten its clutches on the state, and the people should remember that it will cost less now to loosen its hold than it will in the future.

### THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

It was thought for a while that there would be no fight in the next legislature for United States Senator, and that Senator Dolph would have a walk-over, but from present indications there will be a lively contest. It is pretty generally understood now that Hon. C. W. Fulton will be a candidate, and that Governor-Elect Lord and Hon. T. H. Tongue are possibilities, though the opposition to Dolph is likely to concentrate on one man. Here is what the Portland Tomahawk has to say regarding the matter:

"The members of the legislature now have a man that they can send to the United States senate that does represent the state of Oregon. Judge C. W. Fulton's statement of his views upon the silver question—the coming issue—is clear-cut, unequivocal and firm—a reflection of his positive character. He stands with four-fifths of the voters of the state while Senator Dolph, might be supported by the one-fifth; he is aggressive; he is fearless, and I believe more honest than most politicians. There is no milk and water soppery about him. He does not hedge, there is no soft soap about him, because he is not, like the public pap-sucker, a moral coward. Judge Fulton's courage is his admirable quality. What are the members of the legislature going to do about it? Are they going to return Senator Dolph who does not represent the people of the state? Perhaps, they will whimper that the silver announcement is insincere, that it is delivered for a purpose. Well, whatever may be the purpose, the statement is an assurance that Judge Fulton will vote for free silver? Of course, half of the members have been "fixed" for Senator Dolph by his energetic friends; the remainder may be cowed into submission or bought. Judge Fulton has no money while the backers of Dolph have, so that if the senatorship is to be auctioned off, the Astoria man cannot enter into the race. But if the legislators have any hon-

or left, they will defeat Senator Dolph, whether they elect Judge Fulton, Judge Lord or someone else. If they have no honor they will re-elect him."

### A BIG BUGABOO.

The Bandon Recorder is against any change in school books other than to have the state do its own publishing of books.

That paper says:

"The school book question is receiving extended notice throughout the state, and judging from comment a change of school books is not a desirable thing with the people here or abroad. It is an outrage that the citizens of Oregon must be called upon to make a change of books every six years, when the change must necessarily be wrought through much expense to the patrons of schools. About the only change that would be entertained in the minds of the people at present would be for the state to take hold of the school book question, publish books and furnish them to the people at cost of production."

Just recently a number of papers are taking up this cry, and it looks as if they had been "seen" or were misled by the circular sent out by the Trust. Now, the fact is, there will be no expense whatever in making the change, as a new company will be willing to take the old books in exchange at about full value in order to introduce new books. This custom has been almost universal in the past and as the books published by companies outside of the Trust are twenty five to fifty per cent. cheaper, it can be seen that the quicker the change is made the better it is for the people.

John Kendrick Bangs' quaint humor is to enliven the pages of the Ladies' Home Journal with a series of twelve articles depicting the club talk of four men about women's affairs. Mr. Bangs calls this club "The Paradise Club." "paradise," he says, "because no woman nor serpent ever entered into it."

The old soldiers are going to make it warm for the American Book Trust Co.

The delinquent tax list this year will be the biggest ever published.

Ripans Tabules: best liver tonic.