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SCHOOL TAX AND BOOKS.

The people of California have for ten years had state publication of school text books. The people of this state have got to take hold of this school book business and tell their state at perintendent what they want. They cannot leave it any longer to be deals with by a political machine that is seup to se. we pe son I ends, and through legislative enactments dictated by trusinfluences. The proposition is simply this. The state must print and furnish at actual cost the elementary text books of the rudiments of common school education.

There is now set in motion legislative machinery that is calculated to prevent the people of Oregon from getting cheaper text books. While the people of California get their common school books at an average price of 30 cents, the people of Oregon are paying, according to the price lists in our book stores an average price of 66 cents, and the set of books each Oregon child must have tget through school costs \$16,10.

An average family of five children will cost the parent \$80.50 if no changes are made. Now an edict has gone out from our department of education that will compel changes to be made in nearly all these text books and the changes now about to be ordered will be an additional expense of nearly that amount upon every family in Oregon. Let us investigate this act of our department of public instruction a little.

Benate bill No. 142 passed by the last legislature provides that the state superintendent shall assue a circular to lishers, and the above officials are to people books in any one branch receiving a year put in power in Oregon. majority of all the votes" shall be the state text books for the next six years.

The "law" goes on to provide that the publishers of the text books so chosen shall furnish a printed list to oe hung up in every school house and as he was dressing, "I think you were right when you told me last night that in this state principal depots of supply or depositories for general distribution of text books," etc. It will be readily seen that the result of putting this law into effect will be to force upon the people not only a great variety of new text books not now in use, but the establishment of depositeries in every county of the state for wholesale and retail stocks of books will necessitate Bits. buying of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth from the school book trust.

Close examination of the law shows that the votes of the persons named to choose the text books for the next six lar bladder from 1 to 2 inches in diameyears would not be final as to any text ter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole in the side of this swellbooks, but would leave the power of selection practically in the hands of the state board of education, which in the state board of education, which in the state board of education, which in the state board of education and the state the absence or illness of one of the members, would devolve this duty upon Mr. McElroy who would thus te thrown into direct contact with that unscrupulous monopoly, the American but I have a good excuse. I addressed this man civilly three times, and he never school book trust.

In conclusion of this article we wish to call attention to the fact that Mr. McElroy has waited until just before he goes out of office before putting the machinery of this law into motion. If this law is of his own devising for the benefit of the people of Oregon, mod eaty would forbid his forcing a proposition upon his successor which that gentiumen might not see fit to carry grows of disease.

Home and Abroad.

It is the duty of everyone, whether at home or traveling for pleasure or business, to equip himself with the remedy which will keep up strength and prevent illness, and cure such ills as are liable to come upon all in every day life. Hood's Earsaparilla keeps the blood pure and less liable to absorb the germs of disease. is that it would fasten upon the people of Oregon a system of achool books at per box. out. The greatest objection to the law present trust prices for six years to come

ting common school text books for half what Oregon people are paying, Oregon will be helpless to cancel a contract made under a law which no one ever saked to have enacted and executed by officials over which the people will then have no control.

Mr. McElroy's plan is evidently this: To have this law to force and the contracts all signed up before the legislaure meets so as to defeat its repeal. The people of this state should not have his thing forced upon them at this time and under these circumstances and under trust influences. It is not apparent that the people would get cheaper text books. There is little or to e impetition in text books. There s no complaint that the present text books are not good ones. 1

Oregon aboutd follow the example of California, who put it in her constituion that the state should print its textooks. The state of Oregon should fur ish its people cheaper textbooks. The tate of California prints its elementary ext books and, after seiling them to the people for less than half what we pay, had a net surplus profit on hand 1 1892 of \$100,000 In the schoolbook and. The people of this state should sever submit to this infourtous scheme of the school book trust and its agents n their midst. Every county supering ndent who votes for a change, or who votes at all to carry, this cunningly devised machinery of the trust into effect should be branded by the people as an pemy. We would like to hear from my county superintendent or public official connected with our schools any rgument for this law. A week since we brauded this text book scheme as a move of the trust and so far no one pretends to deny the accusation,

KELPING PLATFORM PLEDGES.

Congressman Wilson in his speech ccepting renomination said:

"I could recite to you the successive steps through which the house bill quietly passed into a law without the signature and approval of the president, who was elected upon the issue of tariff reform, and who anticipated, as the signal triumph and bistoric achievement of his administration, the county school superintendents and the persons composing the state board of examiners, containing a printed list of all text books published in this county with prices as furnished by the published to the published in the publis

There are those who think the safest select such books as they think best. and wisest plan for the Republican The selections are then returned to the party in Oregon will be to keep its state superintendent and "the text platform pledges on which it was this

44. Ha Didn't Shoot A man with a wife who has her own ways about doing things catches her now and then

"My dear," he said the other morning there were burglars in the house.'

"Why?" she asked nervously.
"Because all the money that was in my pockets when I went to bed is gone."
"Well," she said, with an I-told-you so air, "if you had been brave and got up and shot the wretch, you would have had your money this morning.' "Possibly, my dear, possibly," he said gingerly, "but I would have been a

She laughed softly then and gave half of it back to him.-London Tit-

The Whisiling Tree. A species of acacia, which grows very abundantly in Nubis and the Soudan, is also called the "whistling tree" by the natives. Its shoots are frequently, by the agency of the larvæ of insects, distorted in shape and swollen into a globu-

Judge-You are charged with assault-

Judge-Why, the man is deaf and Prisoner—Well, why didn't he say so?
—Schalk.

Home and Abroad.

It effectually forestalls competition in any form for the next six years and festens a contract upon the necks of the people to which they would have to submit. While other states are get-

TODAY'S MARKETS.

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Eggs-In trade, 10c.

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Hay—Best, \$10@11 per ton.

Wool—valley, \$@10c.

Millstoffs—Bran, \$15; shorts, \$16
chop feed,\$15 per ton; middlings, \$23
@28 per ton; hicken wheat, 65@
1.00 per cental.

Hops-Market is lifeless. Impossible give quotations.

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Hides—green, salted, 60 lbs. 3½c, under 60 lbs., 2@3;; sheep pelts, 10@60c.

Daffry Produce.

Butter—Oregon fancy creamery,22½@25c; fapry dairy,20@22½c; fair to good, 15@1½c; common, 12½c.

Onese—Oregon 11½@12½c per pound; Yaung American,13½@14½c;swiss imp., \$0@32c; Dom.,16@18c.
Eggs—Oregon, 10@12c per dozen.
Poultry—chickens, old \$3.50 per dozen; young,\$2@3.00; ducks,\$2@3; geese, \$4.50@\$5.00; turkeys, slow at 9@10c.
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Hogs—Choice, heavy, \$4; light and feeders,\$4; dressed, 5c per lb.

Veal—Small, choice, 4½c; large,3@4c per pound.

Wool: Oregon Eastern choice, 8@ 10c; do inferior, 5@6c; do valley, 10@

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