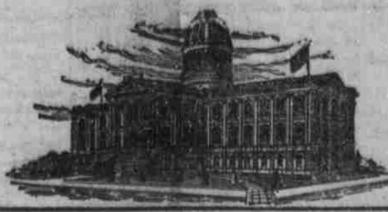


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SHAME-FACED TRUST.

Is There No Way to Stop This Iniquity.

A LEGISLATOR SUGGESTS REPEAL.

Special Session of the Legislature Required.

The wheels of the school book trust, to force a change in school text books and compel adoption of trust prices and fix those prices for six years to come, are slowly revolving.

The wheels are revolving slowly but surely. They are greased by legislation, with the "department" of public instruction behind them. The product will be certain. It will force four hundred thousand people to buy more or less new text books at high prices for the next six years, when the man who sets all this machinery in motion shall have retired to private life. What interest can he have in pushing it upon the people? But it is surely being pushed.

A LEGISLATOR from Douglas county, who is an able lawyer and a teacher of great experience writes Sept. 14:

"EDITOR JOURNAL:—I have read with much interest everything I have been able to find upon the question of change in school books, soon to be made, especially the article in your weekly issue of the 13th, wherein you suggest injunction. I am in doubt if this question could be reached by injunction. But is the matter not of sufficient importance to call for a special session of the legislature of three or four days, to repeal the obnoxious law, which will inflict upon us this wrong. After the contracts are let it will be too late."

The enforcement of this law will saddle high priced public school text books, and mostly different books from what families are already supplied with, upon this state for six years under contracts that are to be entered into with our present state board of education, if this law is carried out. If it cannot be enjoined, what can the people do? Whom can they petition?

ANOTHER LETTER.—Following is received today from a prominent taxpayer of Portland and a man who was once a public school official:

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I observe that you are very ably exposing the "school book ring" in their endeavors to have a change in the school books of the state.

I do not think the matter of a change cuts any figure with said ring. They are interested in the agitation and the vote. If the present monopolists will

put up the most money to the ring there need be no fear of a change.

I think you are very properly exposing the law that gives you might say—one man such power. But it will be used for all there is in it. Which ever way the boss leads the others will chime in.

WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE TO DO?

The above able lawyer's opinion is the people cannot enjoin the enforcement of this iniquity that will cost the people of Oregon a half million dollars in six years and keep thousands of poor people from sending their children to school because they have not the means to buy new books and are too proud to have them supplied by charity of the taxpayer.

Of course, the people have the right of petition, but whom shall they petition. It is useless to petition the state superintendent of schools because this law is of his devising and if we are not in error it was at his personal solicitation that it was passed. He is behind this scheme for a change and six-year contracts. The people cannot ask him for relief. As a matter of fact Mr. McElroy does not care whether there is a change or not. What he wants is a list of books selected and legalized under contracts for six years and depositories established in every county of the state. There are two other members of the state board of education—Secretary McBride and Governor Pennoyer. The people could petition them. A legislator that understood it rightly would repeal this trust law. But the governor has it in his power to defeat the trust scheme and keep the books we have until the state can print its text books as California does and get them at 30 cents apiece or less, while the trust collects 95 cents apiece in Oregon.

If the governor and secretary of state would refuse to carry out the McElroy plan the people might get cheaper text books within two years. Citizens should get up petitions to these state officials. THE JOURNAL will next print the law and the history of its passage through the last legislature and see if some way cannot be devised to defeat its operation.

The present text books are too expensive by one half. The price is just what it was six years ago. It has not come down as other things have. The interest of the people have been reduced more than one half. To order a change now is to cause needless hardship. The high-salaried "educator" politicians who live off the public crib know nothing of these things. They are after the plunder.

To plunder the poor in the name of education is a crime against civilization. There is no reason why Oregon should pay twice as much for text books for the next six years as California does, except to fatten the trust and the politicians. It is not a good reason. No county superintendent should vote to carry out this scheme. If the people had a chance they would stamp it out of existence.

THE STATE FAIR JOURNAL.

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The Saturday JOURNAL is crowded with special state fair matter and fair advertising.

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Headquarters for THE JOURNAL will be at the state dairy building near the Corn Palace, where the banner of THE ONE CENT DAILY will be hung to the breeze, and orders for papers and advertising can be left there.

THE DAILY JOURNAL will be served there to customers regularly every evening as soon as printed.

Advertising during fair week will be done at the regular rates—no extra charge for the special editions.

The New Crop.

New teas are just coming in, and Clark, the Court street grocer, has some extra high grades. He is offering some extra good values, in fact better than ever before known in Salem.

GOLD RESERVE GAINING

Uncle Sam's Treasury Is All Right.

A GENERAL TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

Cong. Wilson Believes Allison Will Be President.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The net cash in the treasury at close of business last night was \$167,162,441, of which \$56,908,524 represented gold reserve. The gold reserve has been steadily climbing upward for the past month. On August 8th it reached its lowest point in the record of the department, \$52,189,500. Since that date it has increased almost \$5,000,000 and the increase has largely allayed the fears of treasury officials. During the past week it increased over \$1,100,000. This increase is accounted for by the surrender of gold voluntarily by the banks and its exchange for small notes. During the past week \$210,000 have been so exchanged. The balance of the increase is due to the purchase of bullion at Denver and Charlotte, N. C. The large increase in the output of gold in Colorado and Montana piles up the gold reserve as it finds its way directly to the assay office of the government. It is estimated the net loss to the treasury for the first half of the fiscal year, will be about \$17,000,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Bradstreet's today says: All the features of improvement in the general trade reported a week ago are related and from a number of more important centers still further gains are reported. Commercial travelers from Baltimore are making their second trip to the south and regard the business prospect as exceptionally bright. At various northwestern centers, the colder weather has stimulated sales of dry goods, clothing and shoes. Woolen dress goods are not sold so actively as in previous weeks. Jobbers are not carrying supplies beyond what the public are likely to take before January 1st. Encouragement is gotten from the improved demand for money at Savannah, Augusta and New Orleans, due to increased receipts of cotton and the demands for advances on the crop.

Bank clearings for the six business days ending with September 13th aggregated \$853,000,000, 7 per cent more than in the week before, and nearly 8 per cent more than in the second week of September 1893, though 23 per cent smaller than in the corresponding week of 1892. From this it will be observed that the fortnight's clearings records corroborates Bradstreet's previously published reports of the improvement in the state of trade during that period. The gross earnings of railroads for August, covering a return of 182 roads having a mileage of 100,000 miles of main-line, were \$43,461,000 against \$42,080,289 in August 1893, a gain of nine-tenths of one per cent. This compares with a decrease of 12 per cent in July, from July 1893 and is the first increase shown in any month this year over a like month last year. Pacific lines report a gain of 2.3 per cent and Northwestern roads an increase 1.2 per cent over August 1893. There were 227 business failures reported throughout the United States this week against 208 last week and 309 in the same week a year ago.

WILSON IN LONDON.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Congressman Wilson, of West Virginia, who has just arrived was seen by a representative of the Associated Press. Wilson, referring to the recent election in the state of Maine said he did not consider the Republican victory as a pronounced criticism of the tariff legislation of congress. According to Wilson some of the Democrats of Maine are angered at certain tariff reductions and especially at the reduction of duty on lumber.

"But," he added, "Maine's situation prevents that state from being an index of the political currents of the United States."

Wilson decidedly stated that President Cleveland had no thoughts of again being a candidate for the presidency. Messrs. Reed and McKinley were, in his opinion, candidates for the Republican nomination, but he thought the Republican party would probably

select a tariff conservative like Allison. The United States, he said, would never revert to "McKinleyism," to a blind, greedy, selfish protection. The tariff will be attacked and when congress meets, its errors, which are in details only, will be corrected.

CUSTOMS FALLING OFF.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—Receipts from customs the first 14 days of this month amounted to \$9,227,000 in round numbers, against \$6,730,000 for last half of August, while the receipts from internal revenue were but \$2,292,000, compared with \$20,634,000 for the latter half of August. The loss is due to the enormous sums paid on whisky withdrawn for consumption just before the new tariff act took effect.

THE CHARGE TRUMPED UP.

Judge Hayes and Toll Thompson Are Vindicated.

PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—The preliminary examination of Gordon E. Hayes, Judge of Clackamas county, and Toll Thompson, special agent of the State Insurance company, charged with extortion, which has occupied the attention of Judge Geisler for two days, yesterday resulted in the complete vindication of both defendants. The judge said it was his first impulse to discharge Judge Hayes at the close of the case, on account of the character of the evidence of the state, and in view of the prominent position he held, but in consideration of the importance of the matter he determined to take the matter under advisement. The story told by Mrs. Melcher was extremely improbable, and the explanations given by Judge Hayes were not only straightforward, but there was no question of the truth of all he said, and he would be discharged. Applause followed the announcement, but the throng was promptly called to order by Judge Geisler, who remarked that his courtroom was no theatre.

Continuing, Justice Geisler said that so far as Mr. Toll Thompson was concerned in the case, there was the same serious doubt concerning the testimony against him. It was true that there were conflicting statements regarding what occurred at the house, but Mr. Thompson's explanations were such as to leave the impress of truth; and the statement of the other side was such as to be seriously doubted; therefore, he would enter an order for his discharge also.

Japanese Naval Activity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—A dispatch was received by the state department today, from Minister Dunn, announcing that the Japanese government had blockaded with submarine torpedoes the entrance to the gulf of Fuku and the harbor of Nagasaki. The United States minister was notified that all vessels would be prohibited from entering or leaving without the conduct of a pilot vessel having on board an officer of the imperial navy. It is the most serious step of war up to date, in its effect upon foreign commercial interests.

Public Teachers Well Disposed of.

WACO, Texas, Sept. 15.—At Gatesville the terminus of the cotton belt railroad, today a fatal street duel took place between J. L. Goodman, editor of the Peoples Voice, and B. J. Armstrong, editor of the Star, both weekly newspapers. The duel grew out of a personal controversy in their papers over the Ed. Cash lynching a few months ago. Goodman was shot through the heart and Armstrong through the bowels, both dying. J. G. Beeman, a bystander, was fatally wounded in the neck by a stray shot.

Exata's Fate Monday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—The fate of Gen. Antonio Exata and his three remaining fellow refugees will be decided Monday. Final argument in behalf of the prisoners was concluded this afternoon and the law and the facts submitted to the U. S. District Judge Morrow, who announced that he would take their case under consideration until Monday.

Mexicans Jubilant.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15.—Three days festivities, in honor of the birthday of President Diaz, and the declaration of Mexican independence, are in progress throughout the Republic.

Grand opening of new fall millinery at "The Paris," next door to Bush's bank. Tuesday, September 18th.

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NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE. LEXINGTON, Sept. 15.—Both Owens and Breckenridge closed here last night. Breckenridge speaking at the court house and Owens at the opera house. Both men are confident of the nomination.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 15.—The Methodist conference in session here this week. Bishop Duane made remarks strongly against Breckenridge. Doctor Dilzer opened with a prayer which needed no interpretation. It was a philippic against the congressman.

PRIMARIES ARE QUIET.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 15.—The primary election is proceeding quietly. Breckenridge men are not taking advantage of the pledging to voters according to the rule adopted by the district committee last Saturday, because of Judge Cantrall's injunction restraining them for so doing. It is thought this will prevent trouble.

ESTIMATED RESULTS.

LE GRANDE, Ky., Sept. 15.—The Ashland district was boiling hot last night. The canvass finds Breckenridge, his friends claim, in the lead, winning from 1000 to 2000 votes over Owens, who is in the lead for second place. This prediction is based on the following. In Queen and Henry counties Breckenridge will have a majority of fully 2000 over Owens; Oldham will be a standoff; Franklin will give a majority of not over 50 for the one who will carry it gives it to Owens; Owens will carry Scott by 1800 votes; Bourbon will give Breckenridge 125 majority; Woodford will be a tie or pretty nearly so, and this will leave to Fayette the duty of choosing the candidate, and Breckenridge's majority will be from 1500 to 1800. This estimate is made on a conservative basis and without doubt gives Owens the benefit. Settle will not pull over 3000 in the district. Henry and Owen will give him a good vote and Oldham will honor him with at least one-third of her 900, and he will be given quite a compliment of votes in Fayette.

OWENS GAINING.

PARIS, Ky., Sept. 15.—At noon today Owens is getting a majority in Bourbon county, conceded to be a Breckenridge stronghold. Speculations from other points indicate that Owens is running ahead more than was expected.

A PITCHED BATTLE.

VERSAILLES, Ky., Sept. 15.—At Faywood neighborhood, five miles east of this city, this morning there was a pitched battle between eighteen or twenty Breckenridge and Owens men. G. W. Gillespie, a Breckenridge man, was stabbed twice just above the heart in the back. It was impossible to find out who did the cutting. The wounded man says he is coming to Versailles to vote for Bill Breckenridge if it kills him.

A Japanese Victory.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch to the Times from Hong Kong today says the enlistment of Europeans for Chinese service has been stopped. A dispatch from Seoul, Corea, dated September 10, says the Japanese forces, moving from Gensan completely routed the Chinese at Sing Ohun. Both sides are reported to have lost heavily.

Asiatic Fever.

TACOMA, Sept. 15.—Captain W. F. Bridgeman, of the United States Man of War Baltimore, died here today of Asiatic fever, contracted recently in China.

Hot Stuff for Breakfast.

Pettyjohn's Breakfast Gems Breakfast Delight for mush. Aunt Jennifer's Patent flour and other high grade specialties for griddle cakes, at Clarke, 100 Court street.

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CORRECTION.—THE JOURNAL is asked to say that the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. is not disbanded as stated heretofore, but are holding regular meetings, and are ready for a fire wherever there is one.