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Portland Taxpayers Show Up Its Rascality.

BRIBERY ITS STRONGEST ADVOCATE

Its Rotten Methods [and Poor Books Exposed.

The committee of one hundred of afternoon, when the committee on the school book trust made its report. The following matter of bistory pertaining to this infamous combination is given from this report, which was published in the Sunday Oregonian:

"The carious combination known a the American Book Company was it.corporated January 9, 1890, and its the report goes on to say: principal place of business is given in its certificate of organization as Jersey City, caunty of Hudson. The total business is fixed at \$1500. In form, it was a small and harmless affair.

"As a matter of fact, under this very modest organization was bidden one of the greatest monopolles ever known in this country. Its center was the publishing house of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., of Cincinnati, and thus its first legal organization included the schoolbook departments of D. Appleton & Co., A. S. Barnes & Co., Harps & Brothers and Ivison, Blake & Co., of New York. Although this combinstion had practically been in existence for over 10 years prior to its legal incorporation, the fact that the great made to finally crush competing houses and destroy all legitimate competition. This effort, as it was carried on, makes a dark chapter in the bistory of the organization, but with it this committee has not very largely concerned itself. Its inquiries were more largely directed to the relations of the American Book Company with the public.

"Other states.-In other states this company, so far as we can learn, has, in its effort to obtain a complete monopoly, resorted to the most flagrant bribery and corruption of public officials; and accounts of this have been published in the Chicago Inter Ocean of April 18, 1893, and from time to time in many other prominent papers, where full particulars are given. On February 17, 1891, one of its agents, while the school-book question was before the house of delegates of West Virginia, attempted to bribe one of the delegates, but being eaught in the act, was publicly reprimanded before the bar of the house and compelled to take back his

"In the state of Washington,-J. W. Womack and J. L. Edwards, agents of the combination, were with M. C. Sullivan and C. O. Eames, on August 1, 1800, indicted for attempting to bribe one L. H. Leach, a member of the state board of education. The bribe in this case paid to Mr. Leach being \$5,000, was equal to the entire nominal capital stock of the company, and a check for this amount was actually given to Mr. Leach. The late M. C. Sullivan, the detective, was employed by the company, and was to be also paid, and a sight draft on the company itself, signed by R. L. Edwards, its agent, appeared in the transaction. The inindictment was afterward smothered and dismissed without trial, but this committee has examined into the matclusion that this was a deliberate attempt at bribery. In California, as appeared by the published affidavits of an agent of Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., the same combination, except Appleron & Co. and Harpers, who at that time did not belong to it, furnished that time did not belong to it, furnished ter carefully, and cannot avoid the conthat time did not belong to it, furnished to its agents, to be paid to members of the flau Francisco board of education, the lump som of \$11,056.96.

but the history of this company's operations in Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, New Jersey and other stairs, give us the impression that its mirthude are they being especially invited.

corrupt, and lends this committee to the slagest irresistible conclusion that this is a well defined policy of the company itself in the selection of some of its agents and instrumentalities. When the fact is considered that britis are carefulty offered and successful bribery is always secret, and that for one attempt exposed ma y more are successful, the demoral zing and corrupting nature of this company in its dealings with public agents and officers must be universally conceded."

Then follows a review of the methods of the trust in Portland and how man; of the local "professors" are its secret. emissaries to rob the unsuspecting school patrons. In regard to its operations in our state at large, the report

"In Oregon the influence of the American Book Company and of the combination which it represents (for it must be borne in mind that this combination, at least in part, existed for many years before the incorporation already described) is very early manifest. The combination was from the very beginning represented by he attorney as a member of the house, and the law and rules and regulations for the selection of school books, when analyzed, show plainly that they were framed in the interests of the combination, and bear its earmerks, and every attempt at legislation (as, for instance, the attempt to obtain the right of local se'estion of pui lie school books), Portland held a meeting Saturday thought inimical to the interests of this company, have been promptly sup-

It shows that all the books used in he Oregon public schools except three unimportant ones are bought under ur law from the American Book company, and that at extortionate prices. In regard to the "cinch" in Portland

"In no place in the state is the hold of the company firmer or more complete than in the city of Portland, and, amount of its capital stock is \$5000, and in fact from Portland it rules the enthe amount with which it commenced thre state. A majority of our board of school directors seems subservient to its interests, and it may be reasonably suspected that the book company controlling our school organization and perverting it to its own purposes has dictated to a large extent the election of several directions. The interests of this book company and the subserviency of our school board explain as nothing else can the late slaughter of teachers in this district. R.L. Edwards, who was one of the parties indicted for bribery in Washington, is and has been for some time the agent for the company in Oregon. Proffessor Frank R gler is his close personal friend, and publishing house of Harper & Bros. although not in name interested in the was still outside held it in check, American Book company, has often Every pressure possible was brought to caused remark in teachers' meetings bear upon Harper & Bros., and, shortly by his familiarity with the company's before the incorporation referred to, it plans and prices. Professor F. G. also succumbed, and the organization Young; a perfectly satisfactory teacher. felt itself powerful enough to put itself against whom no just complaint has in legal form and to attempt the control been displayed, is displaced from the Robson's company. of the market, and every effort was high school and Professor Rigler put Brenton Thorpe has been signed by

"The selection of books for the high school, unlike the other schools, is in the board of school directors of this district, and in making a selection they naturally are comp illed to follow the lead of the principal elected by them. This secures the high school

for the company."

Besid a showing up that county Superintendent Ackerman, of Portland, who, by the way, also holds the position of principal of the Harrison Street school, is too closely identified with the book trust, the report concludes: "The effect of this monopoly is discetrous to our public school system, and is largely responsible for its unsatisfactory results in this state and city. The very poorest books of a concern directly interested in selling its poorest works are put in the hands of the children at prices far above their real value. Respectable publishing houses, that sell upon the ground of merit only, unable and unwilling to compete against such unscrupulous practices, retire to more enlightened states, and our entire school system, a veritable school machine, is put into the hands of a foreign corporation for the furtherance of its own interests and the perpetuation of

its own power." If as the above report shows, bribery is commonly resorted to by this bloodsucking corporation, it is but natural to infer that some of its money has been spent here in Oregon. No one would undertake to prove this, but there are but few thinking people who do not believe it to be the case. On the face of it our school book law is is made in the interest of this trust. It is a fact of common notoriety that the trust exists to extort double price from all school patrons for its poor books. The law and loops glittering with jet spangles and the trust should both be stamped are styles of trimming much used on out of existence.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The pope's annual income is \$1,430,-

Mary E. Wilkins' stories have been translated into French.

Miss Margaret Benson has won dis tinction as the only doctor of science in botany at the University of London this

The smallest officer in point of stature in the navy is said to be Lieutenant N. T. L. Halpin of the receiving ship Wa-

Abner Dorsett, a negro living in Hickory Mountain township, N. C., has a head which measures 82 inches in cir-

Lord Brassey, king of yachtamen, was the first yachtsman to obtain s board of trade certificate of competency to manage as master.

Sir John Lubbock is the only living man who has won distinction as a mar of business, a politician, a man of science and of letters.

Mrs. Humphry Ward's son Arnold is the clever son of a clever mother. He has just won a scholarship which gives him \$300 a year during his university Goethe's "Sorrows of Werther" has

been translated into classic Japanes and has excited extraordinary interes in the literary circles of the most highly cultivated of oriental empires. Henry B. Foulke, the theosophist

high priest, claims the gift of prophecy. He predicted earthquakes and disturb ances in Greece and now prophesie seismic upheavals and war in this coun-George Meredith, the author, is a

man of medium height. He has a thin, delicate figure, a large, noble head, a short, crisp, well shaped white beard, soft, blue gray eyes and a slightly re-

Cuvier, the great naturalist, used to make for his schoolfellows the tiniest but most perfect maps of bits of colored cloth or paper pasted on a sheet and then drawn over with dots and lines to represent mountains, rivers, towns, etc.

The little daughter of Archduke Ste phen of Austria was christened Maria Immaculata Caroline Margarethe Blanca Leopoldine Beatrix Ann Josefine Rafaela Michaela Stanislausa Ignaz Hieronymous Camiro Katharina Petra Cæcilia.

STAGE GLINTS.

J. Aldrich Libbey has signed for the Pauline Hall Opera company.

Gladys Wallis, who has played juvenile and ingenue parts, will enter comic

John A. Forepaugh, the manager, is a candidate for the mayoralty nomination of Philadelphia.

Jack Webster, son of John Webste and Nellie McHenry, has adopted the stage and will be a member of Stuart

Rose Coghlan to play Gerald Arbuthnot in "A Woman of No Importance" and Algie Fairfax in "Diplomacy."

Ada Gray and her husband, Charles F. Tingay, have returned from England after a tour of that country. Miss Gray is booked to play 10 weeks in England

Edward J. Ratcliffe, who was for several seasons a member of the New York Lyceum stock company, was married recently to Alice de Lacey, daughter of Peter de Lacey.

Stuart Robson's repertory will in-clude 'Leap Year, or the Ladies' Privilege," "The Henrietta" and "She Stoops to Conquer." Later in the sea-

from Europe and will soon begin their joins starring tour in Yardly and Stephenson's comedy, "The Passport."

It is said that W. A. Brady will make an almost exact reproduction of Henry Irving's "Faust," and that Henry Irving, Jr., will play Mephistopheles and Marion Terry, sister of Ellen, Marguer-

THE FASHION PLATE.

The struggle to make panniers a success still continues.

The bourdon laces for this season are

in deep vandyke designs. New crape finished wools are imported for autumn and winter tailor gowns. There are any number of new fancy

velvets in watered, checked and miroir effects to be used for trimming or parts of the skirt and bodice Fine gold gimp that is warranted not to tarnish, plain or mixed with one

dark color, will be a fashionable trim-ming for smooth surfaced cloth gowns Jet black quill feathers covered with jet powder and black lace fan plaitings

toques and turbans for the fall. Skirts of striped or small f gured black satin made up in bell or seven gored shape will be worn all the season

with fancy waists of taffets orepon or shot sursh in autumn color melanges. Blouse waists of accordion plaited chiffon over taffets or shot surah silks are offered by the importers. They are made with full elbow sleeves and have

pretty best accessories of watered rib-Volvets, say returned importers, are sure of a tremendous success for the antunn and winter sessons for con-tumes, wraps, fancy jackets, three-quar-ter "dress" coats, redingetes, combina-tions, millinery, etc.—New York Post. TODAY'S MARKETS.

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A to Portland Quotations.
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Uneese—Oregon 8@10c per pound; Young American, 10@11c; Swiss imp., 30@32c; Dom., 14@15c.
Eggs—Oregon, 20c per dozen.

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4.50@\$5.00; turkeys.15c.
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to good steers, 2@2|c; cows, 1|c@2c;
lressed beef,3|@5c

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