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Public Instruction McElroy, acting as the State Board of Education of Oregon:

Sirs:—Your petitioners, patrons of the public schools, taxpayers and citizens of Oregon, respectfully petition you to take no action to bring about—adoption of new series of public school text books under the law passed by the last legislature, nor to enter into any contract at present publishers prices adopting the text books now in use, or those that might be authorized by your board at present prices, such prices to be fixed and maintained by the publishers for the next six years, as specified in that law.

In view of the fact that by state publication the people of California are obtaining public school text books at an average price of about thirty cents apiece for the entire series needed in the compagn schools, or about one-baif what we pay in Oregon, we demand state publication at the earliest day possible.

NAMES.

[Cut out the above form of petition, sign and address it to one of the state board of education, or mail it to THE JOURNAL and it will be published and forwarded to the board with others. Men and women should sign this petition in protest against perpetuating the present system of high-priced text books for six years to come.)

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Western Australia Stories Which Read Like Fairy Tales.

The stories of wonderful gold discovries in western Australia were confirmed by an official dispatch Thursday. The details of the principal find near Coolgardie had already reached London. A party of six were returning from an unsuccessful prospecting tour on May 8. When in camp one night, they separated to test and examine the neighborhood. A man named Mills came to

borhood. A man named Mills came to one of the many large "blows" which are characteristic of the country. He was astonished on rubbing his hand across a protruding piece of stone to see gold standing out prominently. He knocked a large piece off a bowlder, and at his feet lay a magnificent specimen literally studded with coarse gold, while before him, dazzling his eyes, was a magnificent reef of almost pure gold, a fortune in itself. Mills, taking several pieces from the reef, placed them in his bosom, and carefully covering the reef with earth found his mates. On the next morning 25 acres were pegged off, and the adjoining blocks at each end were also taken up. One man went to town and bought a dolly, the largest he could procure. In one day they dollied 1,000 ounces, and in a short time had nearly \$100,000 worth of ore. On June 23 they packed it in a cart and landed the treasure at the Union bank. The manager weighed the gold, and it turned the scales at 4,280 onness.

od the scales at 4,280 ounces.

A few days after the discovery became public. One lump has been taken from the reef containing more gold than ore. It weighed 240 pounts and is worth \$20,000. Of course there is immense excitement in the region, and many other discoveries are reported, but there is unlikely to be anything left for late comers.—London Letter.

New York Petics Methods.

It came opt at the police board meeting in New York last month that whenever any big strike or riot has been going on out of town Superintendent Byrnes has obtained permission from the Western Union Telegraph company to tap its underground wire at Broadway and Houston street and receive prompt news direct from distant points. Little of importance during the recent Chicago strike came into the Western Union office that he did not know about almost as soon as it reached the news-Union office that he did not know about almost as soon as it reached the newspaper offices. The superintendent admitted that this arrangement had been of immense service to him, and that had the cleiks extended to within reasonable limits of New York city his arrangements were all perfected. The Western Union people have consented to make this arrangement merceanest.

Waiting For a City Friend With Three Jara

The last passenger to leave the 4:80 train on the Michigan Central railroad after it drew to a standstill one summer after to drew to a standard one summer afternoon was a little old woman in black. A wisp of gray hair straggled from under an old fashioned poke bonnet, and a pair of kindly blue eyes looked out from behind her steel rimmed. looked out from behind her steel rimmed speciacies. In one hand she carried a huge, shiny valise, the key of which was tied to the handle with a strip of calico cloth. When she was part way up the platform, she stopped, with a troubled look, and watched the baggagemen toil by with their loaded trucks. Presently she dropped the valise and opened a big black fan which was fastened to her waist by a velvet ribbon. After she her waist by a velvet ribbon. After she had waited some time one of the depot ashers came along and asked if he could be of any service to her.

"Why, thank you, I think not," she answered. "I am waiting for Dick Robinson."

The depot usher hurried on and paid no more attention to the little old womno more attention to the little old woman. When he came back a half hour
later, she was still standing where he
had left her, gently faming herself
with the black fan. "Has your friend
come yet?" asked the usher.

"No," she answered. "His watch
must have been slow."

"Did he expect you by this train?"

"Well, you see, it's this way: Last
summer Dick and his wife came over to
Briesshurg to visit the Coopers. While

Briggsborg to visit the Coopers. While they were there they came over often to my place to get a drink of buttermilk. Well, we got friendly, and Sarah told me a lot of things about Chicago, and me a lot of things about Chicago, and that she couldn't by no manner of means get buttermilk in the city. Before Dick went back he came around and says: 'Mrs. Beggs, just take a run up to Chicago next summer and visit us. Let us know when you're coming, and I'll meet you at the depot.' And so I'm here, and I've got three jars of fresh buttermilk for them in that bag."

The depot usher helped the little old woman to a seat in the waiting room, and then he searched the directory for Richard Robinson. His charge couldn't help him much, because she didn't know Disk's occupation.

"All I know," she explained, "is

Dick's occupation.

"All I know," she explained, "is that he's a genuine gentleman, and if he had get my letter he'd 'a' been here."

The naker made a list of two or three addresses and put the woman in charge of a trusty calman, with instructions to find Dick. Two hours later the driver came back with the report that his fare was delivering her butternelik.—Chicago Record.

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