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THE BULLDOZING BOOK TRUST.

One of the worst foes the people of Oregon have to fight is the school book trust. At its dictation a law was passed in the last legislature which makes a change necessary in the text books now in use, a contract now pending, which if signed up by our state officials will fasten the trust text books upon our state for six years at present trust prices. The book trust on its own statement sells \$40,000 worth a year to the people of Oregon. Hence the execution of this contract means trust profits on a business amounting to at least \$240,000 without competition. State officials who are about to retire from the service of the people should hesitate to sign up such a contract, that will be binding upon the people to whom they will no longer be responsible, but who will be at the tender mercies of a bulldozing book trust.

The book trust has published a pamphlet and sent to all Oregon newspapers and public men defending itself and claiming to be identified with Oregon interests. Of course, this is false. The trust is a New Jersey monopoly to establish arbitrary prices for school books and collect large profits on a non-competitive basis. It claims to have a branch house at Portland and that "at great expense it has brought its business and capital to this state." This is probably a barefaced lie. It is doubtful if the American Book Co. is even a taxpayer in Oregon.

The circular says: "The American Book company has never at any time raised so much as a finger to influence Oregon legislation in its behalf." This is a very bold statement when in the same mail and addressed in the same hand that mails a copy of the pamphlet there comes a letter to the publishers of the JOURNAL, which is in our possession and which can be produced in evidence when needed, that concludes with the following paragraph:

"Your well known business qualities, and methods of advancing your own personal interests, as well as those of your paper, are entirely consistent with our views of business transactions, and we can assure you that you will lose nothing by your honest and straightforward work in our behalf. When in our city, please call and secure the compensation agreed upon." The letter is marked "personal" and is quite long. The JOURNAL denounces the insinuation contained in the above as a lie and challenges the American Book company of Portland to produce a word or a line to base its accusation that we have ever worked in its behalf or held any intercourse with it or its agents, directly or indirectly.

What becomes of its pretension that it has never sought to influence legislation in its behalf in Oregon, when its agents will address such a letter, containing such insinuations, and such covert intimations of attempted corruption on their part? Who doubts but that it has been successful in the past and may be again? The people of this state and the law makers of this state are not done with the text book trust. The only safety lies in supplying the long-suffering public with a cheap edition of text books at cost, printed by the state, just as California has done successfully since years.

THE WEEKLY CAPITAL JOURNAL is to be reduced in price to \$1.00 a year and made payable strictly cash in advance on and after January 1st, 1895. Its circulation is now scattered over so wide an area that it is no longer practicable to keep the accounts and make the collections. Its increased circulation enables the publishers to reduce the price to meet the demand of hard times.

The Portland Telegram accuses the Portland Sun of robbing its telegraph columns. The Sun has not hitherto been accused of purchasing anything quite so dead as that.

Governor Penney will do well to give the people a fair, just and comprehensive statement of their business in his last message to the legislature.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

It has again been thoroughly agitated in the St. Louis and Denver congresses. Bimetallism has been exploited, monometallism has been denounced. What has been gained? The silver men object to gold as a basis for currency because the supply is limited and can be controlled and bought up and its value enhanced. But they do not pretend that the same thing could not be done with silver. The supply of both metals is limited. But they favor silver for the same reason that they object to gold. The red-hot controversy should not obscure the facts:

1. There never was a time when there was so much money lying idle in the banks or to be loaned on good security at so low a rate of interest as at present.

2. The only way money is put in circulation among the masses is through wages of labor and movement of products to market off the farm.

3. Any bank will tell you that, except in case of panic, nine-tenths of all the business, including deposits, is by drafts and checks.

The only good argument in favor of free coinage of silver is that it might increase the volume of circulating medium. But the way the world at large is doing business, and selling \$600,000,000 of farm products in foreign markets on a gold basis, we can only circulate silver at par on a gold basis. Then what is gained by issuing more silver money? Why not just as well issue treasury notes redeemable in gold or silver at its bullion value.

Free coinage theorizing that will not result in an actual increased use of silver is sheer vaporizing. We want more silver in circulation. The government should use and pay out more silver in its business transactions with the people. It should establish postal savings banks and enable the people to deposit their small savings in silver at Uncle Sam's hundred thousand postoffices. All laborers on government works should be paid weekly in silver fresh from the mint. All employees of the government should be paid each week in silver. With facilities for saving their earnings, and with popular loans made direct to the people, (instead of making them at 20 per cent. premium to a syndicate of the Rothschilds), the intrinsic value of silver, as a money metal of our country, would rapidly approximate its old-time price. We have wonderfully increased the output of silver. Now we must lead among the nations in increasing the demand for its use.

A FARMER'S SHORT COURSE. The Oregon State Agricultural college is entering upon its second year of the experiment of a farmer's short course of studies and lectures in scientific agriculture and horticulture. Tuition, lectures, use of apparatus and materials at our splendidly equipped college for farmers at Corvallis, are all offered free for a five weeks course of practical instruction under President Bloss. The lectures in special departments are by Profs. H. T. French on live stock, George Coote horticulture, F. L. Washburn on insects, F. Berchold on poultry, Margaret C. Snell hygiene and cooking, and by Prof. Horner, Covell, Bristow, Shaw, Craig, Letcher and Fernot in their several departments. The classes in this course open January 8 and close February 11. Men and women over seventeen can take this course and will be given the best efforts of an able, experienced and very obliging corps of instructors. Send to the college for a circular giving all information.

Of course, Cleveland's Postmaster General makes an elaborate argument opposing the Government Postal Telegraph. He is afraid that administration might stumble onto something that the people want.

Californians are again agitating division into two states. There are not offices enough to go around and so two state political machines must take the place of one.

The chief occupation of some papers seems to be to give the foot ball players a stab. Well, the boys are not in valid, and can probably stand it.

The Churches, Indian Territory, legislature strongly resist the bill in congress proposing statehood.

Chauncey D. Jew says the empty dinner pail did it.

Oregon dried fruit is going to eastern markets by the carload as never before.

Is government ordained of God for the benefit of the people, or of the officeholders?

From Oregon papers received we infer that Charley Fulton's senatorial friends are not sleeping.

The Columbia is to be opened at last. The boat railway has been surveyed by the government engineers.

THE JOURNAL presents its readers a full and correct copy of the President's message to congress today.

Only a dollar apiece for our seventy million people is not so bad as it might be at the hands of the Democratic party.

If Christ was in Oregon's capital today he could find many who are willing to cast the "first stone" and the last one too.

"Its editorial utterances are not on the market," is one of the best-turned compliments ever paid the JOURNAL by an exchange.

One Strong seems to be wrecking the Portland committee of One Hundred with his loose tongue just as he did the state board of charities.

One of the first results of the national Republican victory to Oregon is increased interest in the Oregon Pacific and Astoria railroad enterprises.

The national Democratic deficit is one dollar per capita, but the two years of Democratic rule has cost the people of our country now nearly a hundred dollars per capita.

From a man whose party has suffered an overwhelming defeat, and who suffered personal defeats within his party, President Cleveland has shown the good grit and calm indifference of a statesman in his message.

Estee in California and Majors in Nebraska wisely conclude not to contest the seats for the governorships of those states. They were fairly beaten by the sovereign ballots of the people and for good reasons.

If there be anything more thoroughly American in principle than anything else, it is the right of every man to worship God in his own way and on his own day and not be forced to follow in the lead of other people.—Sacramento Bee.

From 300 to 500 tons of freight are going through the Oregon City locks these days and the farmers and business men are taxed 50 cts. a ton for it. The state has farmed out that monopoly to an electric light company and the time when the state could have taken the locks has lapsed. But the state should lower the tolls charged the producer, which are now too heavy.

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