

Candidate Ackerman  
In His Own Defense.

Portland Man Admits Voting  
for American Book Co.  
Books.

And He Voted for Almost None  
Other.

Says They Were Already in Use and  
Times Were Very Hard.

Prof. Ackerman, of Portland, has made a defense. We print it below: County Superintendent Lyman has made a brave fight against the school book trust and brought his opponent down under cover.

Ackerman is an ideal man for state superintendent of schools for the publishing syndicates. He is a textbook man. He is not a man of ideas. He was roasted at a Salem state teacher's association for opposing teaching of morals in the schools.

MR. ACKERMAN'S DEFENSE  
is printed below, paragraph by paragraph and comment or correction in brackets.

PORTLAND, May 18.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of May 5, there appeared a communication signed by H. S. Lyman, Populist candidate for superintendent of public instruction. After enumerating various improvements in the administration of the office which he proposes to initiate, if elected, Mr. Lyman takes up the school-book question. He states his position to be one of opposition to the present contract and proceeds to say that the domination which procured this contract "now asks the voters of Oregon for an endorsement at the ballot-box, which will give extension for another period of six years, to continue until 1907."

[Mr. Lyman is not the "Populist candidate." He is the "Peoples-Democratic Silver-Republican" candidate.]

Since I am Mr. Lyman's only formidable opponent, this I endeavor to refer to me. Any doubt about the matter will be removed by reading a circular signed by Mr. Lyman, in which it is openly stated that I am the American Book Company's candidate for the office of superintendent of public instruction.

[Confession is good for the soul. Mr. Ackerman. One side was the American Book Co. and Mr. Lyman was against it. You were for it.]

The books on the opposing lists did not differ greatly in price and quality, but the American Book Company had this great and, as events proved, insuperable advantage. Its books were already in use in the schools, and were offered for readoption at greatly reduced prices; times were very hard, and public sentiment was bitterly opposed to any action which would cause the expense incident to a sweeping change of school books.

"Times were very hard" they were no harder for you than for Lyman. Yet Lyman bravely stood out. To ascertain the wishes of my constituents, I addressed a circular letter to the school officers of Multnomah county, inquiring what books, if any, ought in their opinion to be changed. Almost without exception the answers showed that no change whatever was desired. In consideration of the financial burden under which our people were laboring, and in deference to their expressed wish, I voted to continue in use most of the books already in the schools, though there were several titles readopted which I should have seen glad, but for the matter of expense, to see changed.

[That does not require you now in these days of greater prosperity to wear the collar of the American Book Co.]

VOTED FOR GOOD BOOKS.  
The books voted for by Mr. Lyman to be used in primary and grammar schools were as follows:  
Westworth's Elementary Arithmetic, Ginn & Co.  
Westworth's Grammar School Arithmetic, Ginn & Co.  
Montgomery's Beginners' U. S. History, Ginn & Co.  
Montgomery's Leading Facts in American History, Ginn & Co.  
Blaisdell's Child Book of Health, Hinn & Co.  
Blaisdell's How to Keep Well, Ginn & Co.  
Frye's Elementary Geography, Ginn & Co.  
Potter's Elementary Geography, Potter & Co.  
Potter's Advanced Geography, Potter & Co.  
Normal Readers, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Werner Co.  
Reed's Word Book, Maynard, Merrill & Co.  
Reed & Kellogg's Grammars, Maynard, Merrill, & Co.  
Graphic Copy Books, 9 Nos. Lovell & Co.  
Thompson's Drawing Books, 8 Nos., D. C. Heath & Co.  
Griffin's Civics for Young America, Lovell & Co.  
Brooks' Mental Arithmetic, Sower, Potts & Co.  
Webster's Common School Dictionary, American Book Co.  
[Mr. Lyman's books cost \$13.23.]

BOOKS ADOPTED.  
The books voted for by Prof. Ackerman used in primary and grammar schools were as follows:  
Fish's Arithmetic, No. 1, Am. Book Co.  
Fish's Arithmetic, No. 2, Am. Book Co.  
Makers of Our Country, Potter & Co.  
Thomas' History of the United States, D. C. Heath & Co.  
Smith's Primer of Physiology, Am. Book Co.  
Smith's Elem. Physiology, Am. Book Co.  
Montieth's Elementary Geography, Am. Book Co.  
Montieth's Comprehensive Geography, Am. Book Co.  
Barnes' Readers, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Am. Book Co.  
Watson's Speller, Am. Book Co.  
Maxwell's Grammar, two books, Am. Book Co.  
Spencerian Copy Books, Nos. 1 to 7, Am. Book Co.  
Thompson's Drawing Books, D. C. Heath & Co.  
Peterson's Civil Gov't, Am. Book Co.  
Brooks' Mental Arithmetic, Sower, Potts & Co.  
Webster's Common School Dictionary, Am. Book Co.  
[Mr. Ackerman's books cost \$13.06 and some of them are inferior books as he admits.]

MR. ACKERMAN'S COMMENT.  
It thus appears that so far as prices are concerned, there was no great difference between my vote and that cast by Mr. Lyman. And it is evident that all the unfavorable comparisons of current prices in Oregon with those current in other states under contracts made recently are as much of a criticism upon Mr. Lyman as upon myself. The truth is that neither of us could vote upon any prices except such as were offered in 1894, by the companies competing for the business of Oregon. That recent legislation or the course of trade has made it possible for other states to make better bargains since then, is no reflection upon either of us.

[The book-trust law is a fixed thing while one set of officials selects the books, another set of officials is compelled by law to execute a contract, while the trust fixes the price. Was there ever a more iniquitous piece of text-book jobbery fastened on the people of a free commonwealth?]

Oregon School Laws.  
How the Textbook Law Was  
Rushed Through.

Present Lamentable Condition of Oregon  
Public School Finances.

Is Oregon in the rut pretty badly in public school matters?  
The first step in this direction will be to elect a clean intelligent public school man for state superintendent of schools.

THE TRUST BOOK LAW.  
The present textbook law was passed in the legislature of 1893. It was introduced by Senator Blackman of Eastern Oregon, passed in the senate and came to the house where after discussion it was defeated, only 25 voting for it.

TONGUE'S EXPLANATION.  
Their Case of Confession and Avoidance by the Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Adjournment of the house to Monday postpones until next week any possible consideration of the Hawaiian resolution. After passing the labor arbitration bill, as amended by the senate, and a brief political tilt precipitated by personal political explanation from Tongue, Republican, of Oregon, the house adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday.

CHANGE THE SYSTEM.  
The financial system under which the public schools are conducted in Oregon, needs some radical changes in the interest of the people.

ONE AND ALL.—Go to Branson & Co's for their groceries. Join the army and get a superior quality of goods than those to which you have been accustomed.

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10 lbs Corn Meal .25  
Try our Ho Cream Oats for mush.  
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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The following is the platform adopted by the republican party of Oregon in the convention assembled at Astoria, Oregon, April 14, 1898:

First.—We demand the free and untrammelled exercise of the right of suffrage, and the carrying out of every citizen's solemn pledge each and every candidate for office.

Second.—We demand that the government be conducted in a manner that will secure the highest good for the greatest number of people.

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