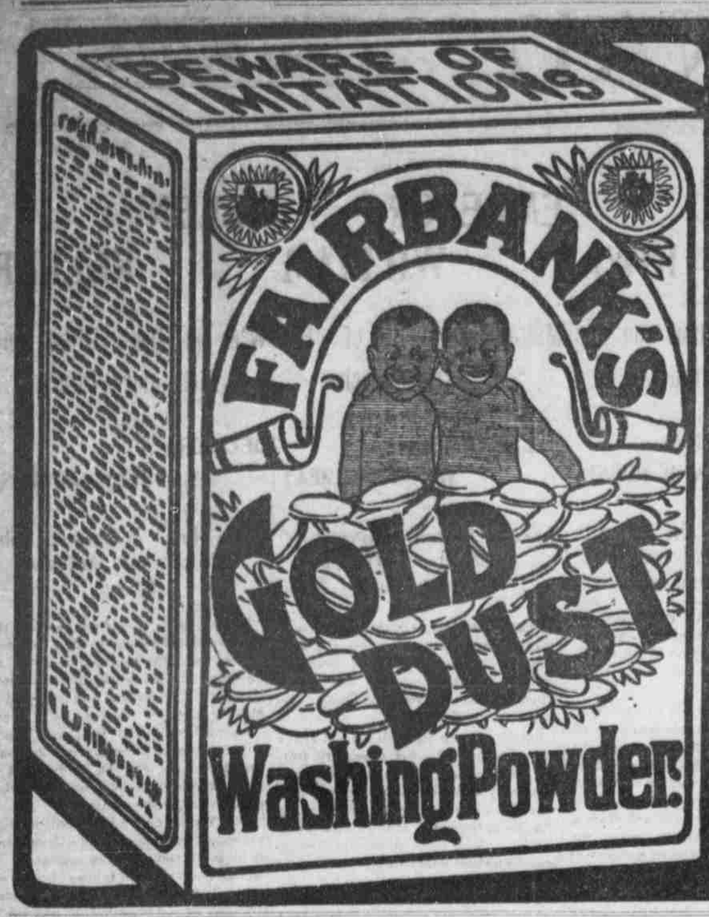

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SUBSIDIES AND POLICIES.

It is proposed in the shipping subsidies bill now before congress to pay out $180,000,000 in twenty years to foster ship building. The bill is to be so guarded that no one steamship should be able to draw more than $200,000 per annum from the subsidy fund. This would be equivalent to an income of five per cent on $2,000,000 capital. It would be equal to the government turning over to the ship owners in this case of $2,000,000 capital free for their use for twenty years. The argument is that capital needs to be encouraged to go into ship building.

It is claimed that the profits of running vessels with this subsidy will induce Americans to build ships, and thus the American shipbuilding industry will be extended. As a matter of fact—not of theory, but of cold fact—the American shipbuilders can, if they choose, already build ships more cheaply than their foreign competitors. This statement is made by one of their own customers. Mr. James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railroad, said in Chicago on Saturday that, having use for ships, he had caused inquiries to be made, and found that he could have them constructed here for $400,000 or $500,000 less for each ship than on the Clyde in Scotland, the seat of the British shipbuilding industry.

What should be the true policy of our government to encourage American ship building? Should it not be the removal of all restrictions from commerce with ports under our own sovereignty? Why should tariffs and customs intervene between our country and the American island possessions? Why should the money be drained out of Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines, any more than out of Alaska? We gave Spain free trade with the Philippines for 10 years. Her ships ply free between our ports there and the home ports of Spain? Shall not American shipping have the same privilege in its favor and against the shipping of all the rest of the world? Why should not ships be laden at our ports on the Columbia and on the Pacific coast and control this commerce without tariffs at both ends.

We have never heard a competent answer to this proposition. The Porto Rico tariff bill was opposed by Senator Simon for the reason that free trade with our own possessions is a fundamental principle of the Republican party as advocated by Blaine, Garfield and other great statesmen of the party. Those island possessions and our commerce with them would stimulate the building of thousands of ships that would control American trade with them better than any subsidized system. That is what Senator Corbett stands for in the Philippines, and of all the Republican aspirants for the Oregon senatorship he alone has declared for a sound policy for the extension of American commerce. McBride will be found voting for the Hanna ship subsidy just as he votes with the administration for the Anglo-American canal.

Senators Corbett and Simon are right in opposing tariffs and subsidies that must be paid out of the pockets of the American producer. They are right in favoring a natural extension of commerce so that our products may go unvexed to sea and products of Hawaii and Luzon may come to our consumers untaxed. The program of a tariff at each end of the commercial line and a ship subsidy tax on the whole nation ought to be so distasteful to Americans that men like McBride who are voting for these things should be retired forever from the national congress. At present the nation needs sound American policies that will build up commerce, and put a brake on the aggression of trusts and the enrichment of classes by special legislative privileges. The republican party needs much more to adopt sound policies than to promote subsidies that strengthen trusts and hamper commerce.

LESSONS OF THE SALEM CENSUS.

The ridiculous figures turned in by the census takers as the recorded population of Salem ought to teach this community some wholesome lessons. It was one of Longfellow's heroes learned that whatever was wanted well done better not be delegated to some oneelse. The maxim that if you have a case in court hire the best lawyers you can get to fight your battle and then look out for yourself, has some bearing on this case.

The census is taken by politicians to begin with, and at Salem one faction saw to it that the most competent men to do the work were turned down, and it is stated on good authority that Congressman Tongue and Senator McBride named their followers to be the enumerators. Be this true or not the city officials and Chamber of commerce should have taken more interest in the matter, in fact should have seen to it that onesus was taken that would have done justice to the interests of this community.

A volunteer census taken by Sunday school workers, who do not receive a penny for their services, enumerate over six thousand persons in ascertaining who attends church and who does not. They took only persons over three years of age, and it stands to reason that their census is not complete or scientific. They did not enter the business offices and haunts of roomers, nor saloons, nor slums, nor many other places. Still, they surpass the salaried political appointees who had all the time they wanted and are known to have omitted individuals, families and neighborhoods, some of which were afterwards reported to them by newspaper reporters and patriotic citizens.

The fact remains, that the Salem census was not looked after by any responsible competent authority. It was left to chance, and bad chance at that. If the people in this world who really are in existence were asked the question, where do you reside, were to answer the interlocutor, they would say Salem, to the number of over ten thousand "by a long shot," and that is the true test of Salem population. The short census of Salem will force a real census of Salem some time in the future. It will compel the enlargement of the city boundaries and the putting in charge of census work when a census is taken of those who have the real interests and reputation at stake, and not quite so many irresponsible and non-resident political understrappers.

The Republican party nor the government is to blame for the present botch. The system is one of political rewards. The most competent men in the Republican party locally were turned down. The matter was let go by default. So no one is to blame. But a really constructive census is yet to be had of the capital city. Another census under the present system would not do the case justice. So there you are. Salem must suffer and endure these thing until our weak and incompetent politicians are weeded out and retired, and that may be a long time. The Sunday school census proves that the government census was a farce and it should be generally and universally repudiated.

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TEXT-BOOK COMMISSION IS BEING DISCUSSED

Argument to Have Three Educators Appointed.

Meets With a Vigorous Reply From a Parent Who Pays and Suffers.

THE JOURNAL prints the following from correspondence from the Portland Oregonian, which has been widely read and commented upon:

Argument for Educators.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian has rightly sought to arouse interest in the matter of textbooks for the public schools, and has given some good counsel concerning the commission to be appointed to select the books which shall be used.

This commission may remedy some of the evils heretofore existing, but too much should not be expected of it. Act carefully as it may, it cannot at once accomplish all that needs to be done in this connection. Its duties are grave and perplexing. From scores of books which treat upon the same subject, it must select at least one book—generally a series of from three to six books—upon each subject required to be taught in the public schools.

Our commissioner must determine such questions as these, viz: Does this book present the subject in such a manner that it may be readily grasped by the mind of the average child or youth into whose hands it may be put? Are its definitions accurate, concise and comprehensive? Are its rules and directions for the application of principles and the solution of problems few in number, simple and clear in expression? Does one simple and direct solution and analysis for each class of problems appear, or are there as many differing solutions as the ingenuity of the author could discover? Is the whole subject unfolded and its various applications presented in a natural and logical sequence? These are a few of the many and similar questions that will come up for consideration.

There are text-books and text-books, and there are comparatively few of unmarred exlellence. By far the greater number of text-books designed for public school use present a mass of matter that should be excluded from them. Frequently several definitions of one thing are given, various rules for the same operation are set forth, and these are often followed by various explanations, exceptions observations and remarks, until the child is thoroughly bemazed and utterly discouraged. This often involves the teacher, for there are many engaged in teaching who are not enough skilled and perfect in knowledge of the subject to avoid the errors and supply the deficiencies of the text book. It boots not that these books are the product of experienced teachers, for they are usually prepared to set forth "a new method of instruction," and incidentally to parade the exhaustive knowledge of the author Sometimes a whole series may be found, which are "careful compilations of the best authorities," prepared for or by some ambitious publishing house.

From long connection with public schools, as teacher and otherwise, I am satisfied that the multiplicity and imperfections of the text-books placed in the hands of school children are immeasurably harmful. Just here the commission will be quite powerless to apply any adequate remedy. It is probable also, that just here is where interested and thoughtful parents have turned their eyes.

After deciding upon the scholastic merits of a book, it must be considered as a piece of mechanism. The material used, the typographical work and the binding must be considered. Then the business questions of introduction, exchange and future supply must be determined.

The work before it suggests the composition of the commission. I goes without saying that its members should be men of integrity, of liberal education and practical experience. It certainly is not necessary that they should be connected with the schools in any capacity; rather, for obvious reasons, they should not be. If the writer were making suggestions, it would be for three experienced educators, one successful business man and one skilled book binder. That the Governor will make a wise selection I have no doubt. Let us, however, not expect impossibilities of the commission.

J. K. PHILLIPS.

Argumnet for Business.

SALEM, Dec. 14.—To The Editor.)—J. K. Philips brings out some of the difficulties a textbook commission will have to deal with in making selections from the large variety of schoolbooks that will be placed before them. The inference from his argument is that only persons specially trained by long experience as educators are properly qualified to pass on textbooks for our children. The people generally can enter a demurrer to this statement, founded upon expensive facts, and have it sustained in any unprejudiced court. The present textbooks were selected entirely by the educational experts, so-called, and a blind man could hardly have done worse, considering the large number of really first-class publications that were offered and are still, much improved, for selection by the commission that will sit for that purpose next July.

Take the arithmetics in use in Oregon these many years. They are of such bad type, and the fractions are printed so badly, as to almost cause blindness to the children who pore over them. They seem constructed, as to contents, on the plan of puzzling the child into an education by a most diabolical and confusing set of problems, enough so to shatter the intellects of many adults. Many of the answers are incorrectly given, or stated in different terms from the problems, so that a child never knows whether it has to follow the rules of the book or invent a new one. It must solve both the problem and the answer. Uncertainty compels it to look first in the back part of the book and see what the answer is, and then work the example accordingly.

Needless to take space to point out further defects in other textbooks now in use in Oregon. Bad printing, errors in history and geography, improper matter to place before children in readers, all these defects are familiar to the discriminating and progressive teacher. Maxwell's language books, notorious for their repetitions and varying definitions, have been discarded to the waste basket in other states, but retained in Oregon, weakening and sapping the very foundations of public school work in its most important feature—that of teaching English.

By whom were such textbooks selected and kept selected for the people of this state for nearly two generations? By the educators, or rather by the professional educator in politics, by our County Superintendents and state superintendents. The system of adoption now superseded by the Daly Textbook Commission bill was carried on by the vote of the 31 County Superintendents, the state Superintendent, and a state board of nine examiners appointed by him, or 40 persons, ostensibly selected because of their prominence as educators. Educators have given Oregon all that the people revolted against. When the Daly bill was drawn up it contained a clause that was intended to disqualify the whole Oregon educational machine from ever having anything to do in future with selection of textbooks; but it was found that it would reflect unjustly on members of a very worthy profession who deplored the misrepresentation forced upon them by a gang whose operations in our educational affairs smacked strongly of cheap commercialism.

Mr. Philips complains of the multiplicity and imperfections of our textbooks. Yet he thinks the Daly commission should be composed of at least three educators—experienced educators one business man and a bookbinder. There are so many first-class textbooks published by so many large publishing houses that any changes will be an improvement on what we have. Any good business man with a little educational acumen cannot fail to discover among them both quality and cheapness, if that is desirable, and the people do want a material reduction in price. Governor Geer will do well to adhere to his declaration and put a majority of good business men on the textbook commission.

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