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COST OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

The statement has been published that the Oregon text books for the public schools were to numerous and too expensive.

When the adoption was made it was shown that these text books were a great deal cheaper—about one-third—than the books formerly used.

That statement still stands, but as the time comes for appointing a new commission it is stated that these text books cost the people too much.

The Journal throws out the statement, and challenges contradiction, that no state in the Union has better or cheaper books for the number, or for the number of years covered.

Here is a statement of the cost of text books for the first nine grades of the elementary schools in Oregon:

Gr. Subject.	No. Books.	Cost.
1—Reading	6	\$2.35
2—Language	2	.75
3—Citizenship	1	.80
4—Arithmetic	3	1.00
5—Geography	2	1.80
6—Spelling	1	.22
7—Writing	8	.48
8—History	2	1.00
9—Physiology	2	.80
Recapitulation—		
No. books required	27	
No. subjects required	9	
Total cost of books during eight years		\$9.80
Average cost per year		1.22 1/2
Optional Subjects—		
Music—2 books		\$.68
Drawing—2 books		.25

There are a great many supplementary books that teachers can buy, or that can be made optional in city schools with certain classes.

This list might be reduced, but as a matter of fact it does not affect the general situation so far as the common grades are concerned.

The common grades might get along with one geography instead of two, with one history and one language book or grammar instead of two each.

A saving and reduction might also be made in the music and drawing books, many of which are now bought and afterwards not used.

If the Governor would reappoint the present commission there is no doubt but that weak points in the present adoption would be remedied and a reduction made in the total expense to the people.

Those who make war on the present Oregon text book system certainly do so ignorant of previous conditions, or for the purpose of forcing changes that may be inferior or more expensive on the people.

FRENZIED POLITICS.

The hand that directed the prosecution in the so-called Oregon land fraud cases has at last been unmasked. It is the hand of revenge.

It is the old, old story of an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. Revenge, how sweet! even when long deferred.

It is said to be the hand of Malcolm A. Moody, ex-congressman from the second district of Oregon.

Multnomah county is no longer the seat of Republican state politics. The scene of action has been transferred to Wasco county, the big bunchgrass borough, where congressmen, governors and other high officials come from.

The land fraud cases pale into insignificance compared to the motive. Future politics are at stake, and they enter into every department of the game, national, state, district, even county.

Whether McKinley, Farley, Puter, et al., procured 12 claims in the well-exploited 7-11 matters but little, when the real deal is told.

It will take pages to tell it. The history of the case dates back in to the early days of the Eastern Oregon country. It had a small start at first, and was not like the proverbial stone that gathered no moss.

Two banks were rivals. The competition for trade from the vast inland Empire centering at The Dalles drove the money lenders into politics. Each institution was composed of men with aspirations.

One firm was headed by the Moodys and the other was backed by the Mays family. It was a case of relatives operating in the affairs of the business and political world.

Moody opposed Mays, and vice versa. They had turns at the wheels of patronage, and they both used every opportunity to feather their own nests.

Their hatred increased, and two years ago Mays accomplished the defeat of Moody for renomination to congress, securing the plum for one of his friends, J. N. Williamson. This defeat was followed by the indictment of Moody for frauds in connection with the postoffice matters. It was openly charged at the time that politics were at the bottom of the whole deal, and that Mays was under the whole mess, just to even up with his rival Moody.


The latter was acquitted, and his reputation was saved. Now we are startled with the announcement that Senator Mays has been indicted by the grand jury on a land fraud charge. The evidence is said to be strong, but it will take strong evidence to secure a conviction.

It must be unbiased testimony of people who are not interested in the land frauds, and not come from the throats of self-confessed culprits.

Moody always had more or less favors at the hands of the administration at Washington. It is more than likely that he has fostered and nurtured considerable of the determination on the part of Hitchcock and his special agents to smoke out the "rascals."

The hatred that Hitchcock bears toward Hermann and his friends has been a portion of the compound that the people of Oregon are now getting. It is doubtful whether sentence will ever be served in any of these cases. There was probably fraud committed in many instances, but it is only a shadow of the wrongs that have been inflicted upon the people of Oregon and the homeseekers throughout the West under the guise of law.

The Northern Pacific railroad company grabbed hundreds of thousands of acres of the most valuable timber lands in Oregon, and it never paid one cent for it, yet it was acquired "lawfully."



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THE CLOTHING MEN

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A steal bill was passed, allowing the railroad to relinquish "such land as it did not desire, and to take lieu land scrip, which could be located on any vacant government land in any state through which the railroad passed."

The Northern Pacific has a few miles of track from Kalama to Portland, and it sneaked into Oregon under that flimsy pretext. It laid scrip on unsurveyed lands in the heaviest timber belt in the world.

The Northern Pacific refuses to pay

taxes on the land thus acquired and squatters lost everything they had on their little mountain ranches.

The Northern Pacific relinquished thousands of acres, yes miles and miles of worthless sand hills and cactus plain in Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington, and received scrip. Was that "protecting" the rights of the people of Oregon.

Crucify the little fellow. Use the federal and state courts to "even up" old scores. Do this and other things in the name of justice.

But, with Mr. Heney's assistance, may the great corporate interests be protected, and the real fraud on the rights of the people of the state go unpunished.

Why not investigate the authors of the law allowing the railroad company these privileges?

Why not send out spies for the next ten years if it is necessary, and let the people know how they were betrayed by legislation?

Why spend thousands of dollars to ferret out alleged fraud in a dozen claims, and pass up and mildly blink at the real steal?

Will Mr. Heney dare go back to the congressional records and learn who fathered, fostered and concocted the infamous Northern Pacific steal bill?

In the mean time the hand of Malcolm A. Moody is in evidence in the present trials.

ments into mere adjuncts of political plunder.

The present police force and the fire department are all, so far as the public know, faithful and competent public servants.

A combination of bosses should not be permitted to throw them out, or a single one of them. The Republican party should stand for better things.

The Republican party officials and the ten or eleven Republican aldermen should sustain efficient public service.

Beyond all other things Republicans should not proceed to reward the henchmen of any faction that fought the Republican ticket with appointments.

The Republicans who have been elected owe this city a progressive business policy, and that means the retention of first-class public servants in every branch of the public service.

**A PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATION.**

The city administration that will take hold of our city government on January 1st, is composed of Republicans throughout.

The city council stands ten to four Republican, and at least one of the four is a life-long Republican—Alderman Skaffe.

The effort of a small faction of politicians to defeat part of the city ticket failed, although they helped elect some of the opposition aldermen.

This same faction is now said to be trying to organize the next city council, and elect some of their henchmen to the fat places.

With the help of a few Democratic spoils politicians they will try to retire men on the police force and in the fire department who will not do their bidding.

The plan involves the election of a street commissioner who will stand against street improvement, and keep on squandering public money on the favorites of the faction.

No Republican should stand for the conversion of the police and fire depart-

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