

DAILY RECORD-UNION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1891

INSIDIOUS ASSAULTS UPON THE STATE TEXT-BOOKS--SOME FALSE SHOWINGS EXPOSED.

We pointed out recently that ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction Ira G. Hoit was actively and singularly engaged in placing obstacles in the way of the carrying on of the State school-book system. Since his failure to secure the office a second term he appears to have made it a task to cultivate doubts and fears concerning the system. In a column communication to an evening journal he protests that he is not opposed to the State publication, "but only to the extravagant manner, for two years at least, in which such publication has been conducted."

If for two years past there has been woeful extravagance in the publication of the State school-books, the Superintendent of Public Instruction should have repeatedly lifted his voice in warning. It was his duty to have so advised the State Board of Education and the public, that it might have united with him in giving that publicity to the facts that would have operated as a check upon extravagance.

Now, however, the one-time ardent friend of the system appears in print with an array of figures wholly misleading, and that would warrant the assertion that they have been purposefully made so, since they appear at a time when half a dozen bills to crush the State school-book system are upon the calendars of the two houses of the Legislature. The remarkable book-keeping with which the ex-official refreshes the public intelligence must therefore have some attention, that no one may be led by false premises to unsound conclusions. The falsity of the showing we discover upon the face of the exhibit made in the communication--doubtless a close examination of official records would disclose further grave errors.

The ex-Superintendent makes the total cost to the people of the text-books to be \$742,163 13. To reach that result he charges the expenses of the State Printing Office, \$365,000, to the school-books, though the fittings in the office are to some degree used upon other State work, and will be hereafter to greater extent. Compilation he charges at \$35,000 correctly. Then comes \$10,000 charged against the books for building a store-house, though it is used for other storage, and is a permanency. So, too, he charges the \$11,000 for enlargement of the State Printing Office against the text-books, though that enlargement operates to the benefit of all State printing work, and is also a permanency.

The Legislature some years ago bought the plates and copyright of Cooke's Entomology from the widow of that philanthropist, as much to pay a tribute to his services to horticulture and to relieve his then penniless widow (and without any relation whatever to the State school-book system) as anything else. Yet Mr. Hoit has the effrontery to charge that \$15,000 against the State text-books account, which charge is little less than an insult to common intelligence.

Having by his remarkable book-keeping reached a total of \$441,660, he next adds \$300,503 13 for the books already sold, and thus achieves a grand total of \$742,163 13. That is to say, he asks the people to put on the debit side of the account the whole amount they have paid to the State for their own text-books. It is simply idiotic to charge the business with all the State has appropriated, and then, instead of crediting it with proceeds of sales, charge them also upon the debit side. The ordinary business man subtracts his receipts from his expenditures if the expenditures are in excess of his receipts.

By his misleading figuring the ex-Superintendent wholly ignores the amount that the people would have paid to outside publishers had they not bought of themselves. Now, that sum would have been, as recently shown in these columns, \$192,000 more than the people have paid for the State text-books. Mr. Hoit can only debit the \$300,503 13 when he credits the system with \$492,503 13 that the school-books would have cost if purchased from the book houses according to the rates charged at the time the State system throttled the book syndicates and expelled the book corruptors from school boards and legislative landmarks.

The foregoing exposure of remarkable and insidious book-keeping might well suffice to dispose of the ex-Superintendent and uncover the motive of his assault. But there is another deceptive claim made that may mislead. He insists that the revolving fund shall be used to prepare plates of new books and print first editions. That is a proposition that plays directly into the hands of the book-keeping. The revolving fund must be used to reproduce the books which bring it in. If not, where is the printer to find money for the issuance of new editions needed? Really, has much chagrin added the wits of the ex-Superintendent, or is he simply trifling with the intelligence of legislators?

Once more, he charges that a bill is before the Legislature asking that \$165,000 more be given to the State school-book system. Mr. Hoit knows perfectly well that this is untrue, and that a simple clerical blunder, which all the legislators understand, makes it appear that \$165,000 is asked. The fact is, that by a previous Legislature \$165,000 was appropriated. In this Legislature that law is sought, in one section, to be amended in one respect entirely outside of appropriations. In amending a bill the whole section must be re-stated. In doing that, the author of the measure referred to forgot to strike out the old figures, and so they went to print. It was instantly discovered, however, and will be corrected.

In his estimate of resources of the school-book system, from which to complete the work, the ex-Superintendent includes, not with cunning, but in stupid belief that intelligent people will fall to see through the deceit, \$97,-

74 40 on hand in the revolving fund, and \$87,598 95 as the value of books on hand. With these items and the balance of the original appropriation, and the amount in the compilation fund, he reaches a total of \$230,482 72 as available with which to complete the books necessary to complete the series. The cost of the showing is in the inclusion of the two items referred to. The revolving fund must be used, and only, for reproduction and revision of books, the sale of which created the fund. The books on hand are really a part of the fund. The instant a cent of the revolving fund is used for other work than reproduction and revision, the integrity of the whole system is invaded.

As the RECORD-UNION has heretofore made clear, the test of the financial wisdom of the scheme of State text-books cannot be made until the last book is issued; then, all State appropriation having ceased, every dollar that comes into the revolving fund must pay the cost of issuing another dollar's worth of books, including revision, since this is a progressive age, and school-books must be kept abreast of the times.

The RECORD-UNION has no plans nor schemes to forward in this State school-book matter; it advocated the adoption of the system, and has stood, often alone, in its defense, demanding for it only a fair and full trial. That it has not yet had, and cannot have until the series is completed. All the State knew that the first cost of the system in providing printing plant and setting the machinery of the system in order would be heavy; but all the State also knew that with the system once grounded the cost would be infinitely less for a long series of years; hence it was that all who studied the propositions for the system agreed that the first cost ought to be considered as distributed over a period of years, and not charged wholly against the system at the outset.

We invite the attention of those who may have given any thought to the assaults of the book ring upon the State school-books, through the hired columns of newspapers, and paid lobbyists at the Capitol, to this important fact: Private publishers pay from ten to twelve per cent. royalty during the life of a successful text-book to the author where purchase is not made for a spot sum. Ten per cent. of the sales of California's school-books to this date we find would yield \$30,000, which is \$2,000 more than the State Board of Education has expended. Ten per cent. upon the sales for twice the time covered would yield more than twice the amount expended by the State Board.

Still again, private publishers, besides paying the 10 per cent. royalty, employ expensive editorial supervision and incur heavy costs for illustrations. But under the California system both these items--editorial service and illustrations--are included in the amount expended by the State Board, and yet it does not reach half the sum ordinarily paid in royalties alone.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC--THE Sacramento Caledonian Association will hold their Annual Gathering and Games at EAST PARK GROVE on SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1891, when every effort will be made to make this the grandest picnic ever given by the club.

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When the following City Officers are to be elected, viz: Third Trustee. City Auditor. City Assessor. City Collector.

Fire Commissioner--Full Term. Fire Commissioner--Short Term.

Whereas, the City of Sacramento, by authority of the Board of Police Commissioners of said city, a body duly established by law and invested with the power to appoint and elect members of the police force of said city, under authority of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled, "An Act to amend an Act amendatory of, and supplementary to, an Act, approved March 25, 1863, entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Sacramento," approved March 14, 1889, created and incurred an indebtedness for the equipment of a number of policemen in excess of the number authorized by the said amended Act of the Legislature of 1863; and

Whereas, the Legislature of 1891 passed an Act, which was duly approved on the 20th day of February, 1891, providing for the submission of the polls and the equipment of levying a special tax to pay any indebtedness incurred by municipal corporations during the years 1889 and 1890, hereinafter to be resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento, that the question of raising the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the indebtedness created and incurred as aforesaid, be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said city of Sacramento at the municipal election to be held in said city on the 10th day of March, 1891:

Resolved, That following the names of the candidates of the respective political parties on the tickets printed and to be voted at said municipal election, the following words shall be printed: "For the special tax to pay any indebtedness incurred by municipal corporations during the years 1889 and 1890, hereinafter to be resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento, that the question of raising the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the indebtedness created and incurred as aforesaid, be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said city of Sacramento at the municipal election to be held in said city on the 10th day of March, 1891:

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The election will be conducted according to the General Election Law, excepting the election returns must be made to the Clerk of the Board of City Trustees. The qualification of voters is that their names are on the Great Register of Sacramento County. The polls will open at sunrise and close at 5 o'clock P. M.

The following are the Precincts, Polling-places, Inspectors, Judges and Clerks of said election: First Supervisor District. Precinct 1--North of K and west of Fourth street. Polls at No. 306 J street--Inspectors, W. H. Sherman and H. P. Dillman; Judges, J. J. Bauer and J. C. Kelly; Clerks, Howard Kimbrough and Geo. Barker.

Precinct 2--Between K and O, and Third and Fifth streets. Polls, Fourth, between K and L streets--Inspectors, W. D. Stalker and Henry W. Freund; Judges, E. J. Fize and W. H. Dever; Clerks, G. K. Kreutzberger and P. Glas.

Precinct 3--Between K and N and Fifth and Seventh streets. Polls at 605 L street--Inspectors, Henry Fisher and H. B. Nielsen; Judges, Clarence Nelson and J. Townsend; Clerks, Wm. Hanlon and Chas. Hood.

Precinct 4--North of K, between Seventh and Ninth streets. Polls at 914 L street--Inspectors, D. Gillis and Thos. Fox; Judges, L. Elkus and Fred Neary; Clerks, B. Leonard and R. Barnett.

Precinct 5--North of K, between Ninth and Twelfth streets. Polls at 1099 J street--Inspectors, Harry Bay and M. J. Burke; Judges, J. W. Boyd and H. L. Nichols; Clerks, Curtis Lutz and J. A. Martin.

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Precinct 2--Between K and O, and Third and Fifth streets. Polls, Fourth, between K and L streets--Inspectors, W. D. Stalker and Henry W. Freund; Judges, E. J. Fize and W. H. Dever; Clerks, G. K. Kreutzberger and P. Glas.

Precinct 3--Between K and N and Fifth and Seventh streets. Polls at 605 L street--Inspectors, Henry Fisher and H. B. Nielsen; Judges, Clarence Nelson and J. Townsend; Clerks, Wm. Hanlon and Chas. Hood.

Precinct 4--Between K and Y, Eighth and Tenth streets. Polls, Sixth and Seventh streets--Inspectors, Hugo Hornlein and James McNassar; Judges, Wm. Boyne and L. Zoller; Clerks, J. A. Boyne and Fred Neary; Clerks, Daniel Flynn; Clerks, Sparrow Sharp and W. S. Shields.

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Precinct 2--Between G and K and Seventh and Tenth streets. Polls, northeast corner of K and east of Twenty-first street, and Agricultural Park. Polls, Eighteenth and J streets--Inspectors, J. M. Wood and J. L. Martz; Judges, S. H. Giddings and J. Ward; Clerks, W. H. Luther and John Claus; Clerks, O. P. Dodge and M. H. Sheehan.

Precinct 3--Between G and Y, Tenth and Twelfth streets. Polls, Fifteenth and N streets, New Park--Inspectors, Ed. F. Smith and T. W. Humphrey; Judges, N. J. Toll and T. W. O'Neil; Clerks, John Minford and J. P. Dalton; Clerks, Dan Cox and Anthony Green.

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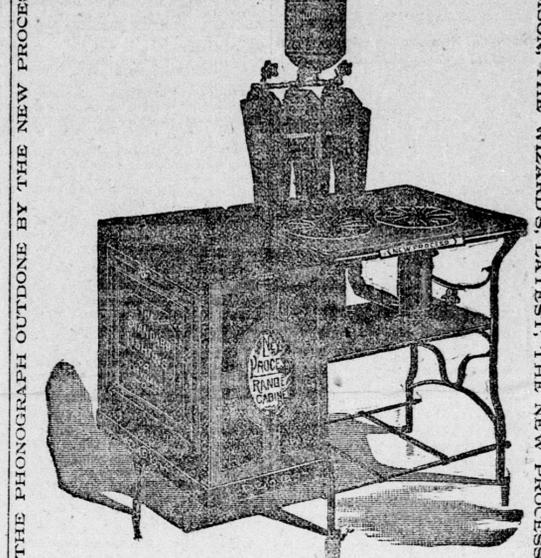
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