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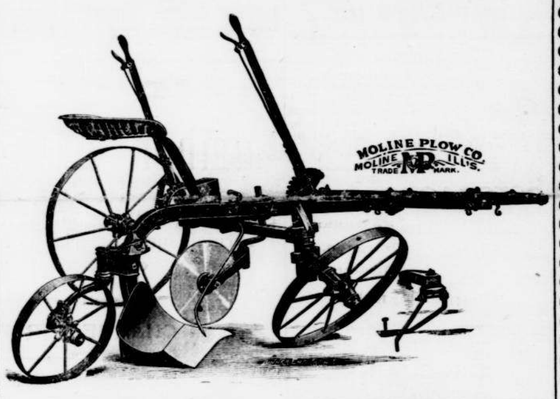

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TEXT BOOK LAW.

Synopsis of the Measure Under Which Free Text Books May be Furnished.

[Helena Independent.]

In addition to the school election law, and that which provides for the issuance of certificates to teachers, the legislature passed, two other measures of vital importance to the schools of the state. One of these was the school text book bill.

Under its provisions the governor will appoint three persons engaged in public school work in Montana, and these, with the surperintendent of public instruction, the attorney general, the president of the state university and the president of the agricultural college, will compose a text book commission. The commission will meet in Helena the first Monday in May next, and select and adopt a uniform series of text books for use in the public schools for the next six years.

Under the law the superintendent of public instruction is to advertise for bids for 30 days in two daily newspapers published in Montana for supplying the schools of the state for the ensuing six years with the following books: Spelling, reading, supplementary reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, physiology and hygiene, civil government, history of the United States, and in all other branches taught in the common and graded schools. This commission is not authorized to select high school books.

The proposals must state the price the books will be delivered at in Chicago, to merchants in Montana, or to school districts, and must state the retail price at which the books will be sold in at least one place in each county in the state.

The publishers who supply the geography will be required to rivise that portion relating to Montana at least once in three years, and the house furnishing civil government shall put in it at least 30 pages covering the government of Montana.

In case the commission should reject the first bids, they are empowered to readvertise immediately, and meet again in 30 days to consider the new proposals.

The local option feature is one in which a considerable amount of interest is taken. That provision in the bill says that upon the petition of 10 legal voters in any school district, and upon the petition of 100 legal voters in any incorporated city, town or village, filed with the board of trustees 15 days preceding a regular annual election of trustees, the question of the district providing free text books must be submitted. If it carries, and there is not sufficient money in the school fund to pay for the books, then, the county commissioners must levy a tax sufficient to pay for the books.

The bill takes effect immediately, and if the question is to be submitted to the people of Montana this year, those interested havs not many days in which to get up the petition, and have it signed.

GOLD DUST.

Public school closes April 2nd.

Mrs. A. R. Frame is expected home about April 1st.

Mrs. Denny McIntire is spending a few days with friends in Lewistown.

Mrs. Mary Biglen has been quite ill the past week with pneumonia, but her many friends are pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering.

J. L. Bright arrived at the Spotted Horse mine Saturday last and expressed himself as very well pleased with the outlook for his mining property. He at once paid all labor claims. Under the able management of Supt. Losinger, the mine is developed in fine shape and with the advent of warmer weather the mill will start up full blast.

J. B. Washburn, the Maiden postmaster and storekeeper, had a serious attack of "somnambulism" at 11:30 p. m. a few evenings since, and but for the vigilant watch of Patrolman Crowley of the Maiden police force, would have, in all probability, perished from cold. Mr. Washburn was found wandering about the streets en deshabille and conducted to a place of safety. Latest reports are to the effect that James has his portmanteau packed.

Mrs. A. R. Frame in writing from Conconelly, Okanogan county, Washington, says the financial situation in that county is most distressing. She writes that Conconelly is the county seat of Okanogan county, whose sheriff gets $50 per month and has his warrant discounted 50 per cent; that the county treasurer's wife takes in sewing to help support the family. The county is controlled by Populists. We have no serious intentions of emigrating to that county just now.

LATEST GAME LAW.

Provisions of the Measure Enacted by the "Late Lamented."

A new game law is now in full force and effect in Montana and it is one that has the approval of all devotees of the rod and gun, many of whom worked enthusiastically in favor of its enactment.

The killing of bison, buffalo, quail, Chinese pheasant, beaver and mountain sheep is absolutely prohibited.

Not more than two moose or elk may be killed in any season and the open season for these animals is from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15.

The open season for deer, antelope and Rocky mountain goat is from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1 and not more than six of either may be killed in one year.

Dogs in the chase are prohibited.

Not more than 20 grouse, prairie chickens, fool hens, pheasants or partridges may be killed in one day, and the open season for these birds is from Aug. 15 to Dec. 15.

The open season for ducks, geese, brants and swans is from Sept. 1 to May 1.

Singing birds shall not be killed; and the nests of birds of all kinds are protected from despoliation.

It is unlawful to trap, or otherwise catch, or restrain, for sale or domestication, any buffalo, elk, moose, or mountain sheep.

A pole, line and hook are the only legal implements for fishing, except below the Great falls of the Missouri, where a two-inch seine may be used.

The sale of trout and grayling is prohibited.

Dynamitting for fish is a penitentiary offense.

The sale of any of the birds or animals mentioned is prohibited; and so is killing for hide or head.

One-half of every fine will go to the informer.

A screen, with meshes not exceeding one inch square, shall be maintained from July 1 to Nov. 1 at the head of every ditch or flume from a stream containing trout or grayling.

Penalties for violation of the law are very severe.

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NOT THIS YEAR.

Agent Johnston Says the Burlington Will Not Extend Its Lines This Season.

W. W. Johnston, commercial agent of the Burlington road, was interviewed in Billings last week by a Gazette reporter concerning the reports that his road would build from Huntley to Great Falls this season. Mr. Johnston said:

"The newspapers," said he, "have been building the Burlington out of Billings ever since the shrill shriek of a Burlington locomotive first awoke the echoes in the Big Horn canyon and reverberated up and down the rugged steepes of the historic battlefield where fell Gen. Custer and his brave troopers. The rumor concerning the alleged extension has lately been revived by the Great Falls Leader and that paper is now engaged in telling a listening world that it has information which it says was secured from official sources—that the Burlington will immediately build to that city: that material for the construction has been laid down in Billings. As to the first part of the assertion I am in total ignorance concerning its authenticity, but as to the last, it has no foundation in fact. The Burlington has no material in Billings or anywhere else that I know of for an extension of its lines, and it is undoubtedly the intention of the company ultimately to build to Butte and several different routes have already been surveyed. I have heard talk that the road was considering the advisability of running its line to the south of the National park, tapping Jackson's Hole and reaching Butte via the Teton country. The most favorable route, however, and the one which may be adopted when the Burlington gets ready to build, is up the Musselshell from the present terminus at Huntley. I believe the objective point is Butte, but just when or by what route the extension will be built I am not prepared to say.

"Our traffic agreement with the Northern Pacific is still in force and while the existing conditions are such that it could be abrogated at any time by the latter road, it is not likely to be.

Our relations are perfectly friendly and will undoubtedly remain so. No, I don't look for the Burlington to build out of Billings this year."

ALL NATURE BLOOMED.

As the World Appeared to a Patriot on March 4th.

[Inter Ocean.]

About now the stars on old glory have an added brightness, its blue a deeper tint, its crimson bars a ruddier flame, and its white folds an arctic brilliancy.

We can sing "Yankee Doodle," "Hail Columbia," and "The Star-Spangled Banner" louder and with clearer notes and not have to blush while doing it.

The land of the free and home of the brave can again hold up its head among the nations of the earth, erect, and proud, and look them in the face without feeling ashamed of itself.

The American eagle can scream louder, spread its wings further, scan the country from Alaska to Florida, from Maine to Texas, with unflinching eye; place one claw on Hawaii and the other on Cuba and yank them both under its sheltering wings, while with ruffled neck and open beak say to Castile and Japan: "What are you going to do about it?"

The old Atlantic is pounding harder along its rocky shores, the Pacific more mildly; the gulf sends its stream warmer, while the great lakes, still bound in snow and ice, murmur, "We'll soon be with you."

Fresh smoke darkens the skies from towering chimneys, the locomotives speeding across the continent fly faster and scream louder, the tin-bucket brigades are gathering in greater numbers; the cattle on a thousand hills low joyfully, the American swine roots deeper and grunts pleasantly, while the lambs skip and play and baas with exceeding joy, while the festive hen is laying thirteen eggs to the dozen, and her lord and master scratching for worms and crowing as if he'd split his throat.

All nature, animate and inanimate, feels the new impulse; the sun shines brighter and longer; the winds blow warmer and sweeter; the stars twinkle more rapturously; the days are getting longer, the nights shorter, earthquakes and cyclones less dangerous, and comets have shorter tails. Sun spots are lessening; the large planets are all in conjunction, the smaller ones complacent, and, well, if there ever was a land satisfied and united in parting with an incumbancy and ushering in an advance agent of prosperity it is just about this time, noon, March 4, in this year of our McKinley 1897.

The four years are over and we'll bid "good-by to Grover; the country's not mashed on you, your methods, or your style, the land's by millions poorer and we all believe that you are the only one among us that has added to his pile. You've been death to ducks and labor and to Spain a splendid neighbor; Queen Lil and General Weyler will miss you much, I 'spose, but the country's feeling better, and we never more will let her get caught with such a mixture of gall and adipose." M. P.

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Commissioner's Proceedings.

Regular session of the board of county commissioners, March term, 1897.

Board met at 2 p. m. Present, H. O. Wareham, chairman, A. W. Bower and C. M. Goodell, commissioners, W. S. Perkins, clerk.

A tax rebate of $5.73 was allowed Chas. McLaughlin on the following property: land, $60; ditch, $100; house, $150; total, $310.

Bills allowed:

Jacob Holzemer, meals, pauper	$ 1 50
O F David, med attendance	40 00
W F Hanson, salary co phys	25 00
Nelson Jeno, road tax rebate	3 00
" poll " "	2 00
Jas Auberry, road wk	8 00
N A Lewis, rebate	3 00
Frank Daniels, rebate	3 00
W I Cameron, sup'r pay	4 00
Cox & Skaggs, lumber	23 00
G H Kelly, sup'r pay	12 00
S H Powell, sup'r pay	16 00
A B Powell, road wk	14 00

The claim of Chas. W. Meyer for abatement of road tax was rejected.

Board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, March 2, 1897.

Board met at 9 a. m. All present.

Bills allowed:

B Gray, road wk	$ 2 00
Erickson Bros., rebate	9 00
same	2 00
Julius Petersen, "	1 85
Chester Campbell, dmgs fence	50 00
W F Hanson, pay co phys	37 50
same supp to hospital	4 00
T E Crowley, milk for poor	8 80
Hobensack & Sloan, supplies	6 60
" " " "	14 50
" " " "	3 00
Wm Medigar, care co poor	592 25
" trans. pauper	37 05

Adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Wednesday March 3rd, 1897. Board met at 9 a. m. All present.

Bills Allowed:

L. P. Stigen road work	$ 4 00
G. W. Cook telephone bills paid	30 32
G. M. Stafford Rep. chairs	9 00
Mrs. F. J. Lutz rebate	2 00
Edmund Wright box rent etc	2 50
G W Cook box rent etc	5 50
F F MacGowan appraisers clerk	64 00
Clark Rathburn rebate	1 21
F W Mettler milage	10 20
D A Meagher appraiser	64 00
D L Shafer " "	65 40
E C Abbott " "	67 00
G H Kelly wood	18 25
G H Kelly "	6 75
N W Stamp Works, rubber stamp	2 15
Jacob Hoover rebate on cattle	28 16
N T Smith del. ballots	3 00
Handel Bros. elec. expenses	3 44
Wm Bevers bailiff	13 32
W A Davis for lost warrant	5 00
Omaha P'tg. Co. supplies	44 26
W W Watson lamp shade	2 00
Donald Fowler ext. work	21 00
Bertrand & Hopkins supplies	6 00
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Adjourned to tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Thursday, March 4th, 1897. Board met at 9 o'clock a. m. All present.

During the forenoon the board visited and inspected the county hospital and ordered the immediate discharge of five of the inmates thereof.

Bills allowed:

Gilkerson & Kearney coal	$ 78 90
M J Riley board of pauper claimed $40.00 allowed	20 00
Jno. W. Foster carpenter work	3 50
Mrs Julius Steihler room for election	3 00
T H Monahan cor's. inquest	14 10
Jno Braden supr. pay	48 00
Thos. Shaw rebate	11 10
Ed Roberts care pauper	26 80
E F Hersey care pauper	26 25
Mont. Hard. Co. supplies	4 65
Mont. Hard. Co. supplies	13 00
Irving Shippee road work	8 00
Wm Skelton rebate	3 00
A J Stough lumber	7 03
M F Trask lumber etc	15 43
Wm. Medigar supr. pay	34 60
J H Gilpatrick road work	2 97
L W Clifford supr. pay	6 00
Noah Razor rebate	3 00
Chas. Overrocker	3 00
Harry Scott road supplies	22 56
Chas. Lehman road work	55 00
T J Nichols road work	16 00
D W Slayton road work	2 00
Lehman & Co. lumber	31 87
J M Bauman supr. pay	11 00
J W Powell exp. of inquest $13 00 allowed	2 00

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