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The members of the State Board of Education should give their side of the book adoption, and let the people know all about it.

The slush fund is being investigated again, and the general impression at Washington seems to be that Lorimer will have to walk the plank. Even Bailey can't save the old boodler.

When Secretary of Navy Meyer intimated that the Charleston Navy yard should be abolished he was talking through his hat. This is the one yard that is needed, and it will not be abolished to please the whim of Mr. Myer.

All sorts of things break loose in Georgia. Thomas E. Watson now breaks loose and wants to be sent to the United States Senate, but it is safe to say he won't be. Hoke Smith will get the job, and he will make a good Senator too.

That old steam roller the Democrats captured from the Republicans in the last election passed over Senator Root so smoothly on Monday when his amendment to the reciprocity bill was voted down that he hardly recognized the old machine.

The Atlanta Constitution says: "Rumored that Colonel Bryan is making a new platform. Why not haul out one of the old forgotten ones?" We would like the Constitution to name any platform made by Colonel Bryan that is either old or forgotten.

The Democrats have lots of good material from which to select a presidential candidate next year. Wilson, Clark, Harmon and others would fill the bill. Any of these will suit us should he be selected to carry the Democratic banner to victory in the next race.

Two married women in Atlanta had a fight in the street about a man that was walking with one of them. What puzzles the police department is the fact that the man was not the husband of either of the belligerent women. These women must have been suffragettes.

"The truth is," writes Mr. William Bayard Hale in The World's Work, "Washington has settled down to the belief that we are in for a Democratic administration." Nothing better could happen to the country than a good, long term of Democratic administration of affairs.

Champ Clark is being hampered as a presidential possibility by the fact that Missouri has endorsed Folk as her favorite for the Democratic nomination. Notwithstanding this handicap, the man that beats Champ Clark in the nominating convention will lead the Democratic hosts to victory next year.

The sellers of adopted school books in this State will agree with Mr. Swearingen that the wholesale change in the school books is a bad thing, if they take a selfish view of the matter. There is very little to be made out of school books at best, and none at all hardly during the introduction period of new books.

State Superintendent of Education Swearingen goes for the State Board of Education with gloves off because they voted him down in adopting school books. This is entirely wrong. Every man on the State Board of Education had just as much right to exercise his judgment in selecting books as Mr. Swearingen had.

In reply to the remark of the Spartanburg Journal that "the Newberry people want W. J. Bryan for president, preacher or anything else for which he is prepared, the Newberry Herald and News says "he would fill any of the positions named with credit to himself and the country. He is by far the biggest and broadest man in America today."

When it is taken into consideration that the publishers are compelled to allow half the price of a new book for an old one, we can't figure out where the people lose so much money by the adoption of new books. Manytimes the old book they exchange is so badly used up that it is hardly serviceable, while the new book they receive in exchange will be good for the next five years, if carefully handled.

We heard a distinguished South Carolina Republican say the other day that he believed Mr. Bryan could have been elected president had he modified his views to suit certain leaders of the Democratic party, but that he was too honest to hold in abeyance any of his convictions on public questions to be president. We doubt if Mr. Bryan ever had a more graceful or disinterested compliment paid him than this one. This gentleman expressed our opinion of Mr. Bryan exactly.

**About School Books.**

The State Board of Education by adopting the text books it did last week for use in our public schools seems to have stirred up the ire of State Superintendent of Education Swearingen. He makes it very plain that he opposed the books, or many of them, adopted by the board, and declares that the sweeping changes made in the list of books formerly used is without precedent in this or any other State. The action of the board, he says, amounts in effect to the confiscation of property worth many thousands of dollars and owned by thousands of families.

The above arraignment of the board is severe enough, but Mr. Swearingen does not stop there. He goes on to say, that "the new books are higher priced and everytime a pupil or patron is required to exchange an old book there must be a cash payment in addition." He also protests against the refusal of the members of the board to place themselves on record as to what books they favored and voted for in the meeting when the list of books was being selected and adopted. Mr. Swearingen is a member of the board and was present when the books were adopted.

The chief objection Mr. Swearingen has against the action of the board is that it made sweeping changes in the list of books adopted, which, he says, amounts in effect to the confiscation of property worth many thousands of dollars. The board of Education is composed of good, honest men, and in doing what they did, we have no doubt but what they thought they were acting for the best interests of the schools and the children who attend them, and the fact that their action does not meet the approval of Mr. Swearingen is not conclusive evidence that it was wrong.

The only way the people could have been saved from some loss in the change of books would have been for the board to have readopted the old list of books without change of any kind. Mr. Swearingen would hardly have favored this plan. There were some books on the old list, no doubt, that he thought ought to be changed. Possibly, each of the other members of the board was like Mr. Swearingen. Some of the books on the old list did not meet their approval, and exercising their judgment, they had a right to do, they voted for a change in the list of books.

Mr. Swearingen was honest in his desire to change the books he did not like, and the other members of the board were equally as honest in desiring to change the books they did not like. Their judgment in the matter was just as good as Mr. Swearingen's was. Then why should the members of the board be criticized for exercising their judgment any more than Mr. Swearingen for exercising his judgment? If the member of the board did wrong in making changes, Mr. Swearingen did wrong in favoring any changes at all. They are all in the same boat.

Mr. Swearingen's attack is unfortunate. It will do no good, and possibly do a great deal of harm. He does not question the honesty of the members of the board in adopting the books they did. His chief grievance seems to be that they did not agree with him. This may be a fault, but it is not serious enough to cause the members of the State Board of Education to be held up and publicly reproved by him. The law gives them the right to do exactly what they did, but it does not give the State Superintendent of Education the right to publicly scold them for not agreeing with him.

Mr. Swearingen showed bad taste in criticizing publicly officials whose only fault, if such it may be, is an error of judgment. Mr. Swearingen does not charge them with any greater fault. He knows that the members on the State Board were actuated in their action by the best and highest motives, and no doubt, he has by this time realized that his criticism is unjust and unfair to the gentlemen composing the board. If everything Mr. Swearingen says is true, the board is not censurable by him, for the simple reason that they thought their action was for the best interests of the schools, and no man is censurable when he uses his best judgment in the discharge of a public duty.

**A Weighty Sentence.**

"If their current issues several periodicals, including The World's Work and The Saturday Evening Post contain articles well calculated to arouse the Insurgents to rally around Robert M. La Follette and insist upon upon his nomination by the Republican party next year," says The State.

"With the administration certain of practically solid support from Southern Republicans and with Eastern Republicans as unanimously opposed to a President of La Follette's ideas, there now appears no chance of the nomination of such a man next year, but the Wisconsin senator is not averse to playing the political game against heavy odds, and while he has weakened himself before the country at large by his attitude against reciprocity with Canada, as President Taft has gained friends through his bold advocacy of it, it seems fairly certain La Follette will oppose Taft for the Republican nomination.

"La Follette will not be nominated; he may make a rather small showing of strength, but one exceedingly important fact must be remembered: As La Follette now leads the little band of Senators who constitute the balance of power in that body, so his followers will hold the balance in an election for President."

"With that fact in mind," continues The State, "let us consider the significance of the closing lines of William Bayard Hale's article on La Follette in The World's Work for July: A visitor had long to wait for his turn. "I come to shake the hand of the next President," he said. "Thank you very much," said

the Senator in his best manner and with his extra-expansion smile. "Thank, you very much for your good wishes for me. But as I wish you well too I must advise you that if you want to strike the right man, you had better shake hands with a few dozen other gentlemen."

"Is it worth while to go to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, Senator," quizzed the visitor. "Well," replied the Senator, "it's a very hot day, and that is a long trip. But don't forget to go to Trenton, New Jersey."

"The leader of the Republican Insurgents tell a visitor that if he would be sure to shake hands with the next President he must be sure to shake hands with Woodrow Wilson. A sentence of such significance to Democrats has not been spoken since Grover Cleveland's first campaign. It means, if it means anything, that if the Democrats nominate a clean, strong, progressive man whose sincerity for government in behalf of the multitude can not be questioned, the Insurgent Republicans will not permit Mr. Taft to triumph at the polls."

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Notice of Discharge. On the 31st day of July, 1911, I will file my final account as Guardian of John H. Owen, with the Judge of Probate for Orangeburg county, and will thereupon ask for my final discharge. Sam E. Owen, June 27, 1911. Guardian.

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**Rock Hill, S C.**

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**Atlantic City, N. J.**

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