

The Herald and News

Handers of the Book Adoption.

(The Post-Dispatch.)

The State Board of Education has made a contract with certain publishers, including the B. F. Johnston Publishing Co., to supply the State of South Carolina with school books for six years at certain prices, cash in advance. The contract also says:

"The party of the first part further agrees that if, at any time during the period of this contract, a book herein adopted or any edition of it shall be sold, or offered, at a lower net price to any dealer or other person outside of the State of South Carolina, than the price agreed upon in this contract, then that lowest price shall become the contract price between the party of the first part herein and the party of the second part."

The Johnston Co. now offers its books to book stores and merchants inside the State, on time, at a lower price than the State has contracted to pay cash in advance. We have in our possession a circular letter sent out to merchants by the B. F. Johnston Publishing Co. which says in part:

Johnston's Series of Readers and Lee's New School and Lee's New Primary Histories have been adopted for use in South Carolina until July, 1906. In many localities the books will be supplied by the County Superintendents. The law requires these superintendents to supply the books at wholesale prices, and the State Board of Education requires the publishers to stamp or print this price on the back of each book. Some of the counties of South Carolina are large, and the people will have to travel long distances to get books from the depositories, and in order to accommodate them to secure the prompt introduction of the books in the schools, we are making responsible dealers the following proposition:

We will place on consignment the books as adopted by the State Board, shipping them with all charges paid, and allowing dealers to remit to us the wholesale price of such books as they dispose of during the month, deducting from their sales 5 per cent to cover shelf room and necessary expenses."

The State will buy hundreds of thousands of these books, but it requires its officers to handle them for nothing and invests its money in them while any one horse merchant can get them without investing a dollar, sell them at the same price the State does, and get 5 per cent commission. And the State will compel the use of these books after July 1, 1901.

Besides handling the books for nothing the county superintendents are likely to get into endless trouble by taking a lot of old books in exchange which the publishers will not accept and which will be a dead loss, if they attempt to follow the instructions of both the State Board and the publishers.

The State Superintendents of Education has sent out a circular letter to the County Superintendents in which he says:

"Inquiries have been made of me as to what books are to be accepted

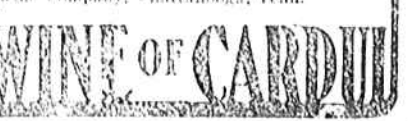


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For advice in cases requiring special directions, address: Dr. J. C. Williams, The Ladies' Friend, 100 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.



WINE OF CARDUI

by the publishers in exchange for the books just adopted. The contract is explicit: "All text books of any series or of any edition in the hands of pupils and designed to be displaced by the text books herein adopted." This applies even to those old books that were long since left off the State list. A child buying a reader can obtain it at the reduced "exchange price" if he offers in exchange for it any old reader a first for a first, a second for a second, etc. So of arithmetic, geography, etc.

The B. F. Johnston Publishing Company, whose histories and readers have been adopted for exclusive use in this State, also sends out a circular to the county superintendents in which they say:

The second hand books taken in exchange must be in such good condition that they can be used in classes elsewhere. Only the following books will be accepted from schools which are controlled by the State adoptions:

- Hausel's Higher History.
Montgomery's Beginner's History.
Holmes' Readers—First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth."

We thank our stars that we are referring from the office of our county superintendent. There is a limit beyond which even patriotism cannot go. The end of this book business is yet.

THE CHARLESTON EXPOSITION.

Endorsed by Gov. Coulter in Message Sent to Legislature.

Athens, Ga., Nov. 20.—Gov. Coulter this morning sent a message to the house and senate calling attention to the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition, which is to be held in Charleston next year.

The governor stated in the message that these expositions were assisting largely in developing the interests of the south. He said that while the State, under the constitution could make no appropriation for buildings at the exposition, the members of the general assembly could endorse the project and speak of it to their friends.

The likeness between crows and men.

Did you ever think of the crow as being like a human being in many respects? Probably not, yet the great Henry Ward Beecher, noted many points in common between the human and feathered people. He said once: "Aside from this special question of profit and loss, we have a warm side toward the crow, he is so much like one of ourselves. He is lazy, and that is human; he is cunning, and that is human; he thinks his own color the best, and loves to hear his own voice, which are eminent traits of humanity. He will never work when he can get another to work for him—a genuine human trait. He eats whatever he can get his claws upon, and is less mischievous when filled with food than when hungry. In this respect he is also like man. Take off their wings and put him in breeches, and crows would make fair average men. Give men wings, and reduce their smartness a little, and many of them would be almost good enough to be crows." Ad- vocate.

Ants, I saw, served his country during the late war at the expense of his health. The story concerning his restoration to health is given below in his own words.

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What's the Use?

BY SARAH VIRGINIA THORNTON.

"What's the use of going to Sabbath School, any longer, Will? I am about tired of it and think we are old enough to quit it altogether."

"Robert Deput, you surprise me. I can scarcely believe you could utter such remarks."

"Well, what's the use? We all know the commandments by heart, and can read our Bible just as well at home as there. I confess I am completely tired of this constant restraint. If I am absent for a single Sabbath, it is, 'Robert I missed you from the class,' or, 'Robert, were you ill last Sabbath?' I'm too old to be tied to anyone's apron string, and I won't hear it."

"How old are you?"

Robert blushed. "Fifteen, yesterday, and I've been a Sabbath School scholar all my life."

"I am glad to hear you say that, but am sorry you do not realize how important it is to remain there. There is an old saying, so true that it will stand forever, 'Satan finds mischief still for idle hands to do.' Just as sure as you break away from the influence of the Sabbath School, just that sure will you wander from the straight and narrow path into some folly and sin."

"Hold there, Will, you are taking too much upon yourself in making such an assertion."

"I am older than you, Robert, and know whereof I speak. Of the great criminals in our land today how few of them have ever been trained in early life in Sabbath Schools. Of the hundreds and thousands of drunkards, comparatively few of them have known the influence of Christian training. Of five hundred convicts recently examined in our prisons, but three of them had ever been Sabbath School scholars. My dear friend, do not despise this training, for preventive influence these schools are doing more for the social and civil order of our country than all the statute books and dungeons of our land."

"You talk as if you thought I would become a common criminal unless I stayed in the Sabbath School. I don't propose to do any harm by keeping away."

"Yet if you do nothing worse than withdraw your influence from the right and take a stand for the world, who can measure the harm which even such action can do. The Sabbath was hallowed from the beginning for holy purposes, and if we desecrate its hours, God's blessing cannot rest upon us. Ah, Robert, you may speak lightly now of this restraining influence, but of all the institutions in the land there is none more helpful to the youthful mind."

"You don't propose to keep me in Sabbath School all my life, do you, Will?"

"Why not? Since it opens before us such vast fields of usefulness and promises such rich rewards. Indeed, I never expect to

outlive my love for the work and hope to grow old in the service, if God spares my life so long."

Robert's face blushed and he laughed in his easy, good-natured way.

"After all," he said, "I suppose my time cannot be better employed than in studying the Bible and I will follow your example, if you will promise me not to lecture any more on the subject."

Will laughed, too, but there was a ring of joy in the tones.

"Lecturing does not fit easily on me," he answered, "I was never an adept along that line; but, Robert, I warrant in the year to come, when you look back upon the past, you will not regret the decision you have reached today. There are many studies beneficial to the mind, but the study of God's word exceeds them all."—Christian Intelligencer.

Whenever you see a girl at a party that none of the men are talking to, you can generally bet she knows how to bask good bread.

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Table listing various publications and their prices, including North American Review, Harper's Magazine, etc.

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Table showing train schedules for Florida Central & Peninsular, including routes to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Condensed Schedule in Effect June 10th, 1900. Table listing stations and train times for various routes.

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE BETWEEN CHARLESTON AND GREENVILLE. Table listing train schedules for this route.

Charleston and Western Carolina Rwy Co. Augusta and Asheville Short Line. Schedule in Effect May 27th, 1900.

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