

BOARD NAMES NEW BOOKS.

SWEEPING CHANGE WAS MADE YESTERDAY.

Largest Proportion of Business Goes to American Book Company.—Contract For Six Years.

Columbia, June 23.—The State board of education under the chairmanship of Gov. Bleasie has broken all records by a five-days' secret session and the final announcement yesterday of the most sweeping changes of text-books in the history of the State. The American Book company of New York received a far greater proportion of the business than any other concern bidding. The vote on the adoption of the various books has not been made public.

There were 36 companies bidding and 19 have received contracts. The six-year period of the contract is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. "Thompson's History of the United States" was adopted without any serious opposition on the part of the governor, although he had given out some weeks ago an interview against this book on the grounds of its not properly presenting the facts of Sherman's responsibility of the burning of Columbia. It is stated that J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, was overruled at almost every point in the voting and that he made frequent, vigorous protests against unnecessary changes and against some of the books adopted.

Following is the list of books adopted:

- American Book Company.**
- Hunt's Progressive Course in Spelling, book I., book II., and complete.
- Milne's Progressive Arithmetic, book I., book II., and book III.
- Brook's English Composition, book I.
- Maury's New Elements, Maury's Complete Geographies.
- White's Beginner's History of the United States.
- Pearson's Latin Prose Composition.
- Gleason's A Term of Ovid.
- Webster's Primary, Common School, High School and Academic Dictionaries.
- Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover.
- Supplementary Drawing, Applied Arts Drawing Books.
- B. D. Berry & Co.
- Berry's Writing System.
- Educational Publishing Company.
- Augsburg's Course in Drawing.
- Ginn & Co.
- Supplementary Readers, The Hill Readers, Fourth and Fifth.
- Montgomery's Leading Facts of English History.
- Collar and Daniell's First Year Latin.
- Supplementary Classic, Snyder's Selections from the Old Testament.
- D. C. Heath and Co.
- Woolley's Hand Book of Composition.
- Thompson's United States History.
- Wells' Algebra for Secondary Schools, part I., part II., and complete.
- Wells' New Plane and Solid Geometry.
- Houghton, Mifflin Company.
- Supplementary English Classic, to be selected.
- Supplementary reading for the sixth and seventh grades, to be selected from Riverside Literature Series.
- B. F. Johnson Publishing Company.**
- Basal, Graded Classics, Third Reader, Fourth Reader, Fifth Reader.
- Payne's Common Words Commonly Misspelled.
- Supplementary Classic, The Yemassee.
- Supplementary Reading, Hall's Half-Hours in Southern History.
- W. H. Jones.
- Spelling Blanks.
- MacMillan Company.
- Kinard and Wither's Grammar, book I., book II.
- Duggar's Agriculture for Southern Schools, Bothford's Ancient History for Beginners, Tarr's New Physical Geography.
- Newson and Co.
- Behler's Modern English Grammar.
- Rand, McNally and Co.
- Supplementary: The Story of Cotton, Robinson's Commercial Geography, Teller and Brown's Business Methods.
- Benj. H. Sanborn and Co.
- Caesar's Gallic War, L. V. Johnston and Sanford: Select Orations of Cicero, D'Ooge: Virgil's Aeneid, L. V. Fairclough and Brown.
- Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Scribner's Supplementary English Classics, to be selected. Supplementary Reading, Mims and Payne's Southern Prose and Poetry.
- Silver, Burdette and Co.
- Supplementary: Stepping Stones to Literature, First Reader, Second Reader, Third Reader, White's The Making of South Carolina.
- Parker P. Simmons.
- American History Leaflets, Record of My Reading.
- Southern Publishing Company.

Carolina, Civil Government of South Carolina and the United States.

W. H. Wheeler and Co. Primer, Basal, First Reader, Second Reader.

World Book Company.

Primer of Hygiene, Primer of Sanitation, Human Physiology.

Bids invited on a history of modern times, and on a Latin Grammar to be filed with the State superintendent of education on or before July 1.

The following statement as to the contract was made by Superintendent Swearingen:

"The text-book contract adopted by the State board of education was originally drawn by H. F. Rice, J. L. Glenn and J. E. Swearingen, the committee appointed for this purpose. The original draft of this contract was submitted to the full board at a special meeting held in the governor's office April 7. At this meeting several amendments were adopted, and one of these amendments declared that any and all books containing 25 per cent. of their original leaves with or without back should be received in exchange by county superintendents of education and all managers of text-book depositories.

"This amendment appeared somewhat harsh to the committee when the tentative contract was under final consideration for publication. The State superintendent of education was authorized and directed to confer with Mr. Glenn, and a meeting was held in Chester for this purpose. At this conference it was decided that 60 per cent should be substituted for 25 per cent, provided the author of the amendment would agree to the substitution. His consent was secured over long distance telephone, and the tentative contract together with the official form for bids and a full notice to all writers and publishers of text-books interested in the approaching text-book adoption was printed and sent both to the members of the board and to all others concerned.

"The text-book contract committee held a final meeting in the office of the governor on May 27. At this meeting of the official contract, was drawn, and the secretary authorized to print same. Mr. Rice did not attend this meeting, because of an illness, which kept him in the hospital.

"Under this official contract 36 bids from publishing houses were submitted to the board on or before June 15. Each bidder also deposited with the State treasurer a certified check or a bond guaranteeing his ability to execute any contract that might be awarded him by the board. On June 17 an additional delayed bid was received from Iowa, and this, too, was admitted for consideration by the State board of education. The total of bids before the members was thus raised to 37.

"On June 17 the board met in the office of the governor, and the bids were opened and read. It was found that almost two-thirds of the bidders had submitted conditional proposals regarding the exchange of text-books. The most serious objection raised by the bidders was on the clause concerning the 60 per cent of old books to be received when offered in part payment for new ones.

"The State superintendent of education had insisted on promotional exchange throughout the entire deliberation. Promotional exchange means that any book in the hands of a pupil, patron or citizen of South Carolina shall have an exchange value when offered for any new book on the same subject to be adopted by the board. This promotional exchange is a new feature in text-book contracts throughout the United States, but it means the saving of almost 50 per cent. of the original cost of every book purchased by the children of South Carolina during the last five years.

"The secretary also insisted that the period of exchange should extend to December 15, 1912, thus covering a part of two scholastic years and affording every child a full opportunity to secure at the lowest prices whatever books might be adopted by the board. These features of promotional exchange and a 15-month period of exchange were accepted, and the contract as finally agreed upon in section 6 will allow also for the full exchange of any and all old books."

COBB TURNS ACTOR.

Champion Batsman to Star in Revision of "The College Widow."

Detroit, Mich., June 21.—Tyrus Cobb, center fielder of the Detroit Americans declared yesterday that he was seriously considering an offer to go on the stage next winter in a revision of "The College Widow." Several prominent theatrical men and outfielder Jimmy Callahan, of the Chicago Americans, are said to be interested in the venture.

Instead of the "widow" being the heroine, the play will be revised, it is said to be the champion batsman in the baseball game and a baseball history of a football game will be in the plot.

BRYAN DISCUSSES POLITICS.

PREFACES SCHEDULED ADDRESS TO NEWBERRY PEOPLE.

Nebraska Declares that "While Republican Party Has Been in Office, Democratic Party Has Been in Power for Last Fifteen Years."—Refers to Democratic Measures Appropriated and Passed by Republicans.

Newberry, June 21.—Prefacing his magnificent lecture on "The Prince of Peace" with a thirty-minute address on the national issues of the day, William Jennings Bryan told a Newberry Chautauqua audience, which put standing room in the Opera House at a premium this morning, that "while the Republican party has been in office, the Democratic party has been in power for the last fifteen years. While the Republicans have drawn the salaries, the Democrats have moulded opinion and led the way, and I glory in a party that has been willing to go down to defeat rather than surrender its principles, and I rejoice in the vindication that has brought to that party the gratification of seeing the righteous causes for which it stands, force themselves upon a reluctant majority and make them accept them as the will of the people."

This was Col. Bryan's first visit to Newberry, and he was enthusiastically received. He was in the city but four hours, leaving at 1 o'clock for Chester. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been under the strain of from two to three lectures a day since he has been in South Carolina, he was in fine form this morning and was as vigorous in his political address and took as much genuine pleasure in meeting the people as during his three campaigns for the Presidency.

"The reason it is so easy now, he said, to get me to turn aside from politics and discuss other questions is that there are so many Republicans now who are making the speeches that we Democrats used to make, that we don't have to spend so much time on politics as we used to and it is a very gratifying thing; in fact, I have been enjoying myself the last few years more than I ever did before in politics, and I have had a reasonably good time all my life, but it has been more than a good time the last few years. Ever since Mr. Roosevelt began to show familiarity with the planks of our platform, I have been feeling good."

Mr. Bryan said it was the fight over the tariff question that has made the division that is now so apparent in the Republican party, "A division so great that we had about half the Republicans voting with us a year ago on reciprocity, nearly half. We had twenty-four voting with us on the farmers' free list and I think this morning's paper said that twenty-four, and that is more surprising still, voted with us on the wool bill."

Mr. Bryan said the Republicans fooled the people last election with a little word "revision," but the people have found that the word "revise" does not mean downward—it may be up or down or sideways or any way, but they will never use the word "revise" again in a platform. It served its day, it is obsolete, it cannot fool any more."

He referred to the movement for election of Senators by the people, begun by the Democrats and fought by the Republicans and yet when it passed the House the other day, only fifteen Republicans voted against it and when it passed the Senate, it had a majority of nearly three to one. He said there were Senators and some in the House who did not believe in letting the people have what they want, "but they have not the courage to oppose the people when the people express themselves with the emphasis that they have on this subject."

He cited the income tax measure as a Democratic measure, which has been taken up by the Republicans, and he said he had lived to see a Republican President take a plank out of the Democratic platform, and he had lived to see the man who defeated him take a plank he himself wrote out of his platform and put it through. This, he said, had now become an accepted doctrine, and yet it aroused bitter opposition only a few years ago.

Three years ago, he said, the parties were divided on campaign contributions, the Democrats favoring publication before election and the Republicans, including Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, not until after election, and the bill afterwards passed embodied the Republican idea, "but our party has insisted that it should be before and the second measure in the Democratic programme when the Democratic Congress convened in extraordinary session was publication before election. I know of no such revolution in history as there has been on this subject, for when that bill came to a vote in the House not one Republican voted against it."

and which the Republicans then opposed, through their President in office and their candidate for President."

He said: "What they used to call 'Bryanism' in derision and now what they call 'Bryanism' and do not make so much fun of," does not represent what he did, but the work of about six millions and a half of people in this country, "and all of us," he said, "have reason to rejoice. There is glory enough in the achievements of our party today to divide and enough for all. While the progress which had been made," said Mr. Bryan, "takes away from the Democratic party any claim that it may have had to a monopoly of good ideas, still it is so much more important that the people should have reform than it is that those reforms should come from any party, that I think even as Democrats we can rejoice that things that were partisan because advocated by our party alone, have now become the accepted policies of the country."

MAY HAVE STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.

Half Million Dollar Loss Entailed by Adoption of Many New Text Books.

Columbia, June 23.—Some startling developments may follow the adoption of school text-books by the State board of education last night.

The changes made will be effective for five years. They mean changes amounting to nearly eighty per cent of books used so that much buying of new books is laid upon the patrons of public schools. The adoption of the new text-books changes the tax levy on the people of nearly half a million dollars. State Superintendent Swearingen says that if Winthrop should be wiped out by fire* it would not entail such loss as the new text-book contracts. It is noticeable that the American Book Company, better known as the school book trust got the lions share of the business. In the opinion of those opposed to the adoption the only redeeming feature is the liberal exchange allowance made. On a number of contracts roll calls were necessary, but the board voted in most cases Viva voce, refusing flatly to use blanks Swearingen had prepared, showing how earnest member voted. Gov. Bleasie says he consented to the adoption of Thompson's History only on the understanding that the author would amend the book so as to indicate that Sherman burned Columbia. He says he was not interested in any house or firm. He says he has no criticism to make of the board's action in any respect.

Milton Thompson, the 11-year-old lad who came here on the trucks of a Seaboard train, is still held by the police awaiting advices from Cheraw. Telegrams from Cheraw indicate that he misled the police by saying that his father was dead. His father is employed at the Godfrey Lumber Works in Cheraw.

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