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THE TRIBUNE, New York.

Text Book Uniformity.

RESULT WHERE BOOKS HAVE TO STAND ON THEIR OWN MERIT.

At a Convention of School Directors, of Centre County, held a Bellefonte, December 26, 1878, pursuant to the call of H. Meyer, Esq., County Superintendent, for the purpose of considering the propriety of taking measures to secure a uniformity of the text-books used in the schools of said county, the following action was taken, over fifty directors being present and nearly all the district in the county being represented:

COPY OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of C. P. Stonerod, of Snow Shoe township, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS: Great expense and waste are frequently incurred by the present and constantly changing variety of text-books used in the common schools of Centre county, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the representative directors here in session, that a system of text-books, suitable, complete and uniform, be adopted in accordance with the laws of the State, throughout the county.

Upon motion of J. C. P. Jones, the following plan was adopted with but one dissenting vote, to carry into effect the following preamble and resolutions:

First. The various publishing houses to send samples of their books to each school board in the county for examination and to submit therewith the lowest exchange, introductory and wholesale prices, and the length of time they will guarantee to furnish them at said price.

Second. No agent of any publishing house to be permitted to do any work in the county, to be either general or local agent, beyond sending his books and terms as above stated. Any house or agent violating this understanding, their books to be counted out of the contest.

Third. The several school boards of the county, after examination of the various books which may have been submitted, to hold a meeting at which each director shall make out a list of the books which he prefers to have adopted in the county, and send it to Henry Meyer, Esq., County Superintendent, at Rebersburg, Pa., prior to the first day of June, 1879, who shall make up the several statements so sent, and the books upon the various branches having the highest number of votes or preference shall be the series recommended for county uniformity.

The County Superintendent, after having made the above canvass as above, to send the result of the same to each of the papers in the county for publication.

W. C. HEINLE, Chairman.

J. C. P. JONES, Secretary.

The following is the result of the votes of the Directors of Centre county, Pa., on the uniformity of Text-books in said county, with the number of votes cast for each book, under the foregoing plan and resolutions:

READERS.	No. vote. for each
New Graded.....	74
Independent.....	20
Appleton's.....	17
New American.....	12
SPELLERS.	
Swinton's.....	83
New American.....	6
Independent.....	23
Appleton's.....	1
Patterson's.....	1
Sander's Union.....	1
Raub's.....	1
GEOGRAPHIES.	
Swinton's.....	100
Colton's.....	14
Mitchell's.....	10
Independent.....	1
Monteith's.....	5
HISTORIES.	
Swinton's.....	63
Redpath's.....	5
Barnes' Brief.....	7
Butler's.....	1
Quackenbos'.....	1
Watson's.....	1
WRITTEN ARITHMETIC.	
Robinson's Shorter Course.....	57
Greenleaf's.....	14
Brook's.....	1
Gilne's.....	22
Boff's.....	12
Nrook's Union.....	1
Mew American.....	1
MENTAL ARITHMETIC.	
Milne's.....	1
Greenleaf's.....	1
ALGEBRA.	
Robinson's.....	1
Greenleaf's.....	1
COPY BOOKS.	
Spencerian.....	69
Appleton's.....	30
Ellsworth's.....	10
GRAMMARS.	
Kerl's.....	72
Swinton's.....	17
Clark's Brief.....	15
Bullion's.....	1
Harvey's.....	20
Quackenbos'.....	3
Fewsmith's.....	1
LANGUAGE LESSONS.	
Kerl's.....	5
Clark's.....	1
Harvey's.....	5
Morton's.....	5
BOOK-KEEPING.	
Bryant & Stratton's.....	44
Folsom's.....	6
Smith's.....	1
CIVIL GOVERNMENT.	
Townsend's.....	1