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### OUR COMMON SCHOOLS

The Observer is glad to note that an effort is being made by our state superintendent of public schools to remodel the course of study therein, and put the teachers to work instructing the children more than at present about that which will be not only interesting but useful in life work. We want to educate our children, not as dreamers or imitators of a long dead civilization, but so that when they leave school they will have their minds stored with facts that are useful to know, and will qualify them to enter upon the everyday duties of home life with intelligence and enthusiasm. In addition to facts their mental equipment should have the habit well established of observing the things about them and the relation the one bears to all others; and how the elements earth, air, sunshine and water can best be made to contribute to man's wants and comfort; also how the forces of nature can best be directed by man, with mechanical contrivance to lessen human labor in providing the homes of the people with all the requisites of modern taste and requirement.

Our schoolmen talk much about science, but with an air of mystery that appals the child and leads it to look upon science as a great mysterious something that is exclusively kept in guarded vaults of the great universities by austere professors as were the secrets of ancient creeds held in crypts.

Let us dissolve this veil of obscurity that has been spread over science, by giving the definition given it by a practical farmer who has won fame and power. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. He says, "Science is human observation reduced and rendered available." The

child who observes the things about it is doing scientific work.

This is an agricultural county, the soil is a reservoir of wealth from which our home comforts are directly or indirectly drawn. What assistance does our common school course give a child to tap this store of riches? What does our common schools teach our children about how plants grow, and ripen or what elements they draw from earth, in doing so? Our present text books give our children no hint as to how to make a good durable country road, or how much more a pair of horses can draw, over a good country road than on a poorly graded and finished one. Our text books give our children no suggestion as to how to find out the best way to prepare the gathered crop for market.

A farmer's child leaves school to go home and work with a variety of machines, and what has it learned at school about the forces that drive these machines, or how to most economically and profitably manage them. The list of things not taught, that if taught, would prepare the children for their life work could be extended greatly.

We predict that the records of real estate transfers for 1906 will equal the combined sales of 1904 and 1905.

Many of the stores are beginning to take on a holiday appearance. There will be an unusually large holiday trade this year.

The railroad activity in the north end of the valley will result in getting into circulation, in Union county, thousands of dollars during the winter and next spring.

Nineteen hundred six promises to be a banner year of prosperity for La Grande and Union county. Already the records are beginning to show an increase in real estate transfers. During the summer months of this year everything was Lewis and Clark fair. Many in this city deferred building until next year, consequently all of the planing mills are preparing for a busy season in the spring.

### Notice of Final Settlement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned administrator of the estate of the late George Gottle, deceased, has filed a Final Account, as such Ad. Interim, with the County Court of Union county, Oregon, and that the Judge of said court has fixed December 11th, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock, in the afternoon, of said day, as the time for hearing objections, if any there be, to said report and Final Account.

Dated November 10, 1905.  
 T. E. ENA GITTLE,  
 Administrator's estate of George Gottle, deceased.  
 J. S. IVANHOE, Attorney for Estate.

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Or call at the farm for full particulars.

### Notice

Notice is hereby given you that my wife having left my home without just cause or provocation, from and after this date, I will in no way be responsible for any debts that she may contract.  
 Dated at Island City this, 6th day of November, 1905. JOSEPH ANSON.

### Fine Cards

The OBSERVER has taken a number of orders for engraved visiting cards as a result of the advertising we have been doing for the past two weeks. Those wishing extra fine work should give us a call and see our line of samples before ordering.