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THE "WORD SYSTEM."

The "word system" of spelling that is now being employed in the public schools is coming in for severe condemnation from the press of the entire northwest. The Oregonian precipitated the discussion when it quoted letters from high school graduates who had submitted applications for positions. The Post-Intelligencer and Tacoma Ledger have brought out the fault, which lies in the "word system" above referred to. The Ledger characterizes it as intrinsically and wholly bad, and adds that it is the essence of stupidity. In a spelling book prepared for pupils the "word system" is exemplified by the following lines:

"Alfred Ten-i-sun was a po-et;
Hi rote a-bout a king named Ar-thur.
The naits wer ol-ver kaind, and tuk
car of de sic and ov de pur."

On the opposite page appears the English of this idiosyncrasy. The Ledger maintains that such a production, placed before the youth who is at school for the purpose of learning, is an outrage. It points out that there is no reason for filling the mind of a child with nonsense and expecting that in later years it will sift this out for itself. The Ledger's indignation runs into sarcasm when it denounces the method in the following language:

This country takes pride in its schools. They have contributed much to making the country what it is. It has no patience, nor any reason for having patience, with the introduction into the curriculum of a blithering and insane folly that declares in type that the "Naits tuk car ov de pur," and exhibits the decent and seemingly word "kind" disguised as "kaind." The pupil will make mistakes enough even when there is an intelligence trying to guide away from mistakes, rather than a plot to lead into error. If this "word system," or whatever the abomination is called, receives the treatment it deserves, it will be railed as the visible evidence of a crime. There is no more sense in it than there would be in the plan of making the pupil believe the sum of two and two to be five, and then expending effort in making the mistake apparent. Schools are supported at considerable expense, and willingly, but they are

supported in the belief that they educate. In so far as they are trying to do exactly the contrary, they should be reformed with all speed. The Har Wagner style of geography is bad enough, but a speller that does not spell is worse.

The Cigarmakers' Official Journal contains the text of an address to retail and wholesale dealers regarding the operations of the American Tobacco company, which is and has for a long time past been engaged in an effort to secure for itself monopoly of the business. The circular points out that the tobacco trust is notoriously unfair, in that it refuses to employ union labor. By employing child labor it seeks to produce its wares at so low a cost that it can successfully undersell other manufacturers, and in this manner drive them out of business or compel them to sell their plants to the trust. Its efforts to destroy the union have been persistent. The cigarmakers' union points out that the only hope of combatting the encroachment of this grasping monopoly lies in the general refusal of all fair-minded retailers and wholesalers to handle any brand of tobacco or cigars that does not bear the union label. In conclusion the circular contains this intelligent appeal to the dealers whom it seeks to enlist in its righteous cause:

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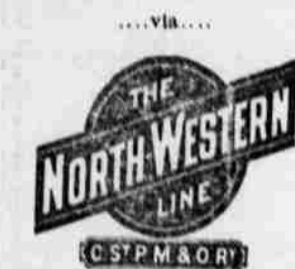
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