

newspapers have been adopted as text books in the public schools, the selection is queer, to say the least. Superintendent Greenwood of that city has written a letter to the New York Journal, saying that he has or-

dered a file of that paper to be kept In every school building in that city. He based this action on the claim that the Journal "teaches progress and patriotism" and that its illustrations speak volumes to the eager mind.

The Jersey City News, in com-

menting on this, calls attention to the character of the issue in which the Journal announced proudly that it had been made a text book for the public schools of Kansas City. One of the articles in this issue was an account of how Anna Held, an opera singer, had been "kissed to a standstill" in 150 kisses, with full page illustrations, and an interview with the "lady" telling how she felt while the kissing was in progress. Then there was a Hindoo legend with nude illustrations and an elaborate account of a barge on which the Roman time of the Caesars. This was from the pen of a well known moralist, Mr. Edgar Saltus. Of course there was a double page picture showing nude men and women dancing. After this came an article suggesting that there was a large picture of the gov ernment designs, which no doubt will have great effect in training children to discover filth in commonplace things.

THE WHEAT TRADE.

The local market is very inactive, and the same is true of interior markets. The export value of wheat has declined a great deal during the week, and holders prefer to take 1897. chances on a rise in prices after the turn of the year, rather than market at present quotations, which to mer-