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SCHOOL LAW AND SCHOOL REPORTS. An Address Delivered Before the Oregon State Teachers' Institute, August 22, 1878. BY J. T. GREGG.

the laws already on the statute books, or abolish every school office in the State? What I have stated before you to-day are glaring, unglorified facts.

employed as teachers, and left to go on with their sad work of intellectual anarchy and spoliation. Politicians are still found who affect to think that they may be "statesmen" while ignoring or sneering at public education.

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The "Statesman" on Colonel Chapman's Speech on the Railroad Question.

MR. EDITOR:—Sir: My attention has just been drawn to the point made by the Statesman of this morning that I "had not explained how the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake road would give a competing line through to the States."

Children should not be permitted to enter the public schools until seven years of age. A compulsory education law should be enacted. Nearly all the live, wide awake County Superintendents of this State advocate that principle.

Now, Mr. President, there is no possible way by which the people may know what the schools are doing except from reports of school officers. Many of these officers seem to think it a mere form—this reporting business—a sort of punishment, and as a result avoid as much of it as they can.

My friends, there is work to be done—solid work, and much of it must be done for nothing—that is financially speaking, as regards individual school officers who must not stand back and say, I won't do this and so because I am not paid to do it.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties with which we have to contend, great improvement has been made in the educational field in Oregon during the last few years.

Thomas Spencer, while under the influence of liquor, tried to ford the Willamette river, opposite Independence on last Thursday, with his team and was drowned, he leaves a wife and twelve children.

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I will quote what the law says the State Superintendent must report: "The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report to the Legislative Assembly biennially in the same manner and at the same time that other State officers make their reports."

There is one great truth. It is this: "As in the teacher, so in the school." Vicious teaching is worse than none. To commit the mental and moral training of youth to one ignorant of the primary laws of the mental and moral nature, is an absurdity in itself, and a crime against the innocent victims.

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How the Fire Started.

How the fire started. S. J. Archibald was in town a few days ago, and he tells us that he thinks the burning of his barn last week was caused by some of the harvest hands dropping matches in the barn where the horses could tramp upon them.

Now fellow-teachers and school officers generally, contemplate these requirements. Do they not cover a broad field? Is not this information necessary? You can answer only in one way. It was a master hand that drafted that law.

It is a strange, discouraging and lamentable fact, that propositions so plain and irrefragable as the above, in demonstration of which both logic and experience are in solid array, in conformity with which all intelligent men act in other matters, and the disregard of which is entailing such lamentable consequences throughout the State and country—do not command the universal assent of thinking men.

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