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**THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

What should be taught in our public schools forms a matter of great interest to every citizen, and a question, too, that is receiving a great deal of discussion at present.

It is acknowledged by all who have thoroughly investigated the matter, that the present curriculum of study lacks the elements that it should possess to give the practical training for business occupations. Or at least that the system could be so amended as to achieve greater results in that direction than are now realized.

The Forum contains another article upon this subject, in which the writer goes directly to the point. He says in one place that the school ought also to give the average pupil a little arithmetic and a little geography. As for geography, it might almost be said the less the better. It is convenient and necessary to know something about one's own country; also to know that the earth is round, and to have some general idea of countries abroad. As for geographical details, it is sheer waste of time to learn them. If one-quarter of the time that is spent in learning minutiae about inaccessible regions and outlandish towns were employed judiciously, the child would have just as practical a knowledge of the world, and would have three-quarters of his time left to put to more profitable uses. The criticism to be passed on arithmetic is, that while it disciplines the pupil's mind, it is usually taught in such a way that it has to be all learned over again before it is available for practical uses. A boy will know now to "do sums" in his book, but that is no indication that he could take the first step or make the first figure toward solving the same problem in a store or an office. The instruction he has received has lacking the coupling-pin that binds the school-room and practical life into one train.

Undoubtedly there is truth and grounds for these remarks and they should be acted upon. On the point of industrial education, the same article says: "The ground, however, on which industrial education is more generally advocated is its economic advantages and the practical preparation it affords for the actual occupations of adult life. This is discussed so much at present, and is so intelligently apprehended, that a lengthened statement of it here would be out of place. It will suffice to say that there is work enough in the world for the men who know how to do it. The men who are always wanting a job, are the men who could not do it if they had it. School days are the time for boys and girls to be acquiring the elements of industrial knowledge. We must steadily remember how the large majority of them will, half a dozen years hence, be situated. These matters must be judged from their circumstances, not ours. Life cannot be with them primarily a matter of culture, but a matter of bread, and a matter of having sense and skill to earn it; and the school-room is the place to acquire the alphabet of that skill. Of 2,100 inmates of a certain prison, ninety-five per cent. had learned no trade. Industrial ignorance is the mother of idleness, the grandmother of destitution, and the great-grandmother of socialism and nihilistic discontent. So far as the battle of life is concerned, to train children's ideas without training their fingers is like putting a regiment through musket-drill: it is healthy discipline and affords pleasant dress-parade, but will avail little before the enemy unless with all their other acquisitions, they have learned to shoot."

It is something of a curiosity to examine some of the old platform planks and observe the change of base, entirely without grounds under any plea of change of circumstances, that have grown into the present formulation of party behests. For instance, a California paper digs up this plank in the democratic platform of that state in 1856, relative to the tariff question: "Resolved, That the present tariff on wool, prepared by a republican commission, appointed by a republican president, is an unjust discrimination against a great industry; and we denounce the same and demand a restoration

of the tariff of 1867." Now, instead of returning to the 1867 tariff, which was considerably higher than the present tariff, the democratic position is to place wool on the free list, and Congressman Biggs, of California, who was positively pledged against any reduction of the tariff on wool, says he will vote to place it on the free list if his party leaders say so.

There is one method of reducing the surplus in the treasury that would not only be highly successful and meritorious, but would also give satisfaction to every patriotic citizen of the country, no matter what his previous condition of party affiliation might have been, and that is a more thorough and systematic reduction of the public debt, by buying in and cancelling the government bonds, irrespective of their present holdings or influence upon individuals, banks or corporations.

The Alta says that the telegraph brings the news that the sarcophagus containing the body of Alexander the Great has been discovered at Saïda, a Syrian town on the Mediterranean sea. Before many weeks no dime museum in the United States will be complete without the only original mummy of the Great Alexander as one of its leading attractions.

By reference to the report of the meeting of the republican county central committee published this morning it will be seen that the republicans have gone quietly about the work of the coming campaign. Judging from the names already spoken of for the various county offices, it is certain an old-time, upright ticket of sober, solid men will be placed in the field.

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**School Meeting.**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE regular annual school election in school district No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the central school house in said school district on Monday, the 12th day of March, 1888, for the purpose of electing one director to serve three years, and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 7 o'clock P. M. and continue until 9 P. M. of said day. By order of the board of directors. Dated February 27, 1888.

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**NOTICES.**

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Linn county,  
 Mrs. L. Gough, plaintiff, vs. C. J. Gough, defendant.

To C. J. Gough, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above plaintiff in the above entitled case, now on file with the clerk of said court, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court which said court begins on the 12th day of March, 1888, at the court house in Albany, Linn county, Oregon. And if you fail to so answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which is that the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that plaintiff have the care and custody of the minor child, Clement G. Gough, mentioned in the complaint, and her costs and disbursements in this suit, and such other relief as is next to equity.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. R. P. Boise, judge of said court, made at chambers in the city of Salem on the 25th day of January, 1888. W. R. BLYVEL, Attorney for Plaintiff

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