

Our Common Schools.

BY C. R. BARRON.
Our article of last week correcting the errors some persons had fallen into; threw our article on writing over to this week.
We will first note a few of the leading systems of penmanship.
The first great system, and the one that worked the greatest revolution in writing was the spencerian.
All systems introduced since save one, have been more or less imitators of the spencerian system. The chief differences being the number of principles used as the base of their different systems, and in their analysis of the letters. Their classification of the letters and the slant, shade, height, width, spacing and proportions were practically all on the same basis and along the same lines as the old spencerian system.
Perhaps it would be interesting to some of the younger persons to know that Spencer was a poor boy, and worked out his system of penmanship by writing with a stick in the sand.
The original spencerian system taught eight principles four for the small letters, and four for capital letters, into which all letters were separable by analysis. The new spencerian system teaches seven principles.
Michael's system teaches eight, same as the old spencerian.
Gaskell's system teaches five, and the Eclectic system teaches three. In the formation of letters and words however, all these latter systems follow the general form and outline of the spencerian system. In short they are simply other methods of teaching the spencerian system by using fewer basic principles, and that merely by dropping out some of the principles Spencer used.
The facts are, that by strict analysis every letter is reducible to three principles.
In teaching penmanship the first thing is position, then movement. Whole arm movement, and finger movement. Chief of these is muscular movement and least of all is finger movement.
In the formation of letters the important things are slant, height, width, space, proportion and shade. Then analysis in order, to understand the reasons why.
Nothing in school work is worth a penny to the pupil unless he learns at the same time the reason why.
We now come to the verticle system as it is also called. Judging from the name, the inventor of this system had a greater sense of humor than he had sense about writing.
It certainly is the Natural baby system, as any one knows who has ever seen a little child try to write, and noticed how the child grasped the pen with the ends of its fingers and gripped it like it would pinch the penholder into, then made a lot of verticle marks, no combination of which took the form of a letter.
Of all "Fool Fads" ever introduced our schools this verticle writing is the most infamous and outrageous. It has ruined the penmanship of thousands of children. In a number of towns in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and other Eastern states, the patrons of the school simply said, it should not be taught in their schools, and it was not. And that is what the patrons and taxpayers of every school district in the United States should have done, and should do now.
There are no words in the English language harsh enough to condemn this so called verticle writing. It has not a single redeeming feature, not even one. It is simply what Professor Greenwood called a "fool fad" of the rankest type.
The essentials of good writing are Legibility, Rapidity, and Artistic Beauty, and you cannot get a single one of these out of verticle writing. It is neither Legible, Rapid nor Artistic.
Another thing that is highly detrimental to good writing in late years is the constant use of tablets and lead pencils. This is another of the "fool fads" that never should have been allowed in the school except to a limited extent and for few purposes. The excessive use of tablets has been injurious to several other branches to study as well as ruinous to modern writings. At least half the tablet work should be cut out.

Did It Ever Occur to You, Mr. Farmer.

How many of the people of this and adjoining town, who persist in patronizing mail-order houses stop to consider what it would mean to the farms and real estate properties, etc., if there were no large, splendidly equipped stores in the Coquille valley and vicinity.
Land values are augmented by nearness to a thriving city or town. Why is one farm worth \$100 an acre and another farm (equally good) worth one-half the price? Its nearness to the nearest trading point, that gives the increased value, all other things being equal to the farm. If Coquille (or any other town) went down as a result of the people of the community and surrounding country too largely patronizing mail-order houses situated in distant cities, so that the local merchants were compelled to reduce their stock greatly or retire to other fields for sufficient business to justify the keeping of a large, accommodating stock of goods what would the result of this enforced condition mean to real estate in and about Coquille valley and surroundings. Land has a real value and a relative value. Nearness to a thriving, booming town gives the relative value.
Present gain does not always mean future gain, many a man has learned to his sorrow. You may (we will concede it for argument) save a few pennies here and there by sending to Chicago for merchandise, implements, etc., but drops of water make the mighty ocean and this ocean of mail-order house trade may be the means of bankrupting and depopulating a small city.
Again, the local merchant is your neighborhood friend and his prosperity is linked with your own by social as well as material ties. The mail-order houses care nothing for you, but for your patronage that its coffers may be replenished. Who is it that you go to for assistance for the church, the poor and the sick; and in times that you are broke and need a little ready cash. Who is it that helps to educate your children, gives you good roads, reduces your taxes? It is the poor merchant in your locality.
Mr. Farmer, would you have the "cheek" to go to any of the merchants in your town and ask him for credit, or in fact ask him for any assistance that would help you directly or indirectly? Oftentimes they are compelled to do so—even if the mail-order house gets your patronage.
Buy all your goods from your local merchant and he can afford to reduce his prices and make his margin of profit less, but if you diminish his sales you force the local merchant to increase his margin of profit or quit the city.
Mr. Farmer, who is it that buys your products? Is it the mail-order house. No, it's the poor merchant in your locality, whom you are obliged to go to and who you call down if he does not give you the top price on your goods. As a general rule he finds you the most crabbled of customers, that he has to deal with.
I will continue this article in the next issue.
"BILL PROGRESS"
Death of Aged Pioneer.
Mrs. Christina Hoover died at the home of her son-in-law, Price Robinson at Norway, Wednesday morning, after a sickness of nine days from paralysis. The funeral is to be held from the hall at Norway this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Thos. Barklow conducting the services.
Mrs. Hoover was born in Ohio March 25, 1823, and was married in 1842 to Aaron Hoover. From Ohio they moved to Minnesota where they lived a few years and came to Coos County in 1875 settling at Norway which was their home from that time forth. During the past ten years Mrs. Hoover has had rooms at the home of her son-in-law, Price Robinson. The husband died on July 4, 1881.
Mrs. Hoover is survived by four children: Andrew Hoover of Alameda county, California; W. A. Hoover of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Asa Myers and Mrs. Price Robinson, both of Norway. There are 29 living grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of a grand-mother.
Mrs. Hoover had a wide circle of acquaintances among the early settlers and was greatly loved and respected by all. She will be missed and mourned by the entire community.—Enterprise.

Holiday books at Knowlton's List your property with the Home Realty Co.

If you want a nice suit of clothes Robinson has them.
Ground bone and cracked corn for chickens at Land & Lyons.
Land & Lyons are prepared to fill any sized order you have. Give us a call.
Miss Florence Windle was up from the farm near Beaver slough on Monday.
O. Wilson & Co. have fine line of ladies' sweaters, wrappers and undershirts.
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Strang, of Bandon, returned from a trip to the Bay Monday.
J. D. Wilson who moved in from Fairview recently is suffering from a very sore hand.
New line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens felt shoes and slippers at Robinsons.
The revival meetings at the M. E. church South, continues with good attendance Rev. C. L. McCosland is preaching excellent sermons.
Winter is coming. Prepare for it by securing one of those nice warm Furs at Robinsons.
The wagon scales which have been at the coal bunkers for some time past, are being moved to the street between Kerrs store and the Bank, a very convenient place for them. A. C. Lukers is superintending the job.
Mrs. J. H. Nosler has some very fine strawberry plants for sale. All parties wishing them should call early.
Mrs. John McCue, of Parkersburg, returned yesterday from a trip to Anacortes, Washington, where she had gone her sister, Mrs. Mary Russell, who had fallen sick at that place, who is somewhat improved. They were met at this place by Mr. and Mrs. A. McCue.
Seattle, Wn., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Creffield, widow of Franz E. Creffield, the "Holy Roller" leader slain by Geo. Mitchell, was found dead in her cell today. The cause of death has not yet been determined.
Myrtle Point Enterprise.
A baby son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Decker in Myrtle Point last Sunday, the 11th.
The Myrtle Point Mill company is now loading the four masted schooner Eric with 750,000 feet of lumber, the vessel having arrived at Marshfield Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Guerin returned Tuesday from a month's visit in California. They visited several cities, winter resorts and other points of interest.
The foundation has been laid for the new M. E. parsonage, but the rainy weather and delay in the delivery of the rustic has retarded operations beyond that stage.
Breakwater Passenger List.
Following is the list of passengers to leave on yesterday's Breakwater:
C. Conley, Fred Bonse, E. Cooley, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. Ida Morgan, Mrs. E. S. Gordon, Mrs. Gussie Taylor, Norman Dodge, F. J. Dunn, Jas. Gonger, Mr. Shield, Miss D. McCullough, W. F. Brown Jr., W. T. Hobson, J. A. Bernstein, Mrs. F. D. Browne, Col. Wm. Coach, R. Anderson, G. Mohl, E. Finckson, R. D. Jones.
She carries 250 tons of coal on 280 tons of general freight.
Kills Wife and Shoots Lawyer.
Chickasaw, I. T., Nov. 10.—Mrs. John Smalley, wife of a farmer living at the town of Tala, 30 miles from here, retained Robert Burns, of Chickasaw, to sue for a divorce. Smalley today shot Burns in the cheek, shoulder and hand, but none of the wounds were serious. He then shot and killed his wife and shot himself.
Goes to Oregon.
A. E. Guyton, for fifteen years on the staff of various Decatur newspapers, and who is well known in this city, leaves in a few days for Marshfield, Oregon, where he takes the position of editor and manager of The Coos Bay Times. Mr. Guyton is a newspaper man of ability and his many friends here regret his new departure, although at the same time pleased to learn of his advancement.—Illinois State Register.
Nels P. Nelson.
Prosper, Oregon.
Agent for
Buffalo Gasolene Engines
The best, cheapest and most convenient power on the market.

More New Dress goods to arrive at J. W. Leneve's in a few days.
Gold Seal Rubber Boots worth twice as much as any other make at Drane's.
Col. Blumeroth, the Bandon real estate man, was up to the county seat Monday.
Nice new line Ladies' corsets; also Misses corset waists, just received at J. W. Leneve.
C. S. Andrews who has been a patient at the City Hospital, was able to return home the 18th.
Have you examined that fine Panama dress goods at O Wilson & Co's.
Diamond W. flour, and a full line of Diamond W. Canned goods and groceries at J. W. Leneve's.
BORN.—On Cuningham creek, Nov. 18, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Hynes, a son. Dr. Wetmore was in attendance.
Robinson has just received another shipment of Men's suits, nice neat patterns. Call an examine.
The finest line yet of fall and winter coats, waists and skirts for ladies and girls to arrive at Robinson's at once.
Next Sabbath is the worlds temperance Sabbath. All are invited to attend the services at the M. E. Church South.
BE IT REMEMBERED, that at a regular term of the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, held at the Court House in Coquille City in said county and state, commencing Nov. 5th, 1906, at which were present Hon. John F. Hall, County Judge, W. W. Gage, sheriff and Jas. Watson, county clerk, when, among others, the following proceedings were had to-wit:
IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS.
In the matter of the Estate and Guardianship of Maud A. Harry, Edna Berl Harry, Joseph Lane Harry, Nettie May Harry, and Hubert Leland Harry.
It appearing to the Court from the petition of G. W. Harry, the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of the persons and estates of the above entitled minors: Maud A. Harry, Edna Berl Harry, Joseph Lane Harry, Nettie May Harry and Hubert Leland Harry, minors, praying for an order of sale of certain real estate belonging to said minors, described as follows to-wit:
E¹/₂ of S. E. 1/4 of S. 28, Tp. 28, S. of E. 12, W. of the W. M. in Coos county, Oregon, containing 80 acres;
And Lots 3, 4, 5, & 6, in Block 8, in North Addition to the town of Coquille City, in Coos county, Oregon, and alleging that it would be beneficial to the said wards that such real estate be sold.
It is hereby ordered that the next of kin of said wards, and all persons interested in said estate, appear before this court at the court room thereof, in the court house, in the town of Coquille City, in Coos county, Oregon, on Thursday the 6th day of December, 1906, then and there to show cause why an order should not be granted for the sale of said real estate.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published at least three consecutive weeks before the final hearing of said petition in the Coquille Herald, a newspaper printed at Coquille City, in Coos county, Oregon.
JOHN F. HALL,
County Judge of Coos County, Oregon.
County of Coos, Oregon.
I, James Watson, County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the county court for Coos county, Oregon, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original record of my office; that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such order.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said county court this 8th day of November, 1906.
JAMES WATSON,
Clerk.
(Seal.)
SUMMONS.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS.
J. T. McCormac, Plaintiff,
Jennette Strong, Euphemia Diggins, George Hunter, Alex Hunter, James Hunter, Janet H. Cox, Matthe J. Bowron, Israel Lando and D. L. Rood, the last three persons as executors of the last will and testament of William Hunter, deceased; Mrs. James P. Hunter, James P. Hunter, Lizzie Bowron, Hugh O. Pente cost, Martha Cavemagh (formerly Martha Archer), Ellen Archer and Elizabeth Cox, Defendants;
To Jennette Strong, Euphemia Diggins, George Hunter, Alex Hunter, James Hunter, Janet H. Cox, Matthe J. Bowron, Israel Lando and D. L. Rood, that date being the last day of the time prescribed in the order of publication, judgment will be taken against you for want thereof for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows:
That plaintiff's title to the N E 1/4 of S. 2, Tp. 26, S. of R. 13 W. of Willamette Meridian in Coos county, Oregon, be quieted as against defendants, and each of them, and that defendants be forever enjoined and restrained from setting up any claim of right, title or interest in or to the said land, or any part thereof, and for his costs and disbursements in this suit.
Service of this summons is made by publication in pursuance of an order made by John F. Hall as County Judge for Coos county, Oregon, dated the 23th day of October, 1906.
Dated this 20th day of October, 1906, J. S. COKE and A. J. SHERWOOD, Attorneys for plaintiff.

Dr. Wetmore reports the Tupper family convalescing.
The People's Market always keeps fresh vegetables.
Gum Boots, Rubbers, Macintoshes and rain coats at J. W. Leneve's.
For shoes that have some snap and style to them, call at Robinson's.
Lots of different styles of shoes in any size to choose from at Robinson's.
Mrs. Jerry Huntley, of Curry county, passed through from a trip to California.
Hay, grain and groceries—anything you want for man or beast can be found at Land & Lyons.
M. H. Hersey has a fine line of silverware and cut glass ordered for the Holiday trade. Phone 104.
Thirty-five acres of bottom land and fifteen acres of bench land for sale at a bargain. Will sell in one piece or out in two. Terms to suit purchaser, Roberts & Carter, Myrtle Point.
The services at both of the Methodist church and the Methodist church, South, last Sunday evening were well attended. At the South church the Presiding Elder, Rev. McCosland, preached the sermon. Much interest was manifested. The meetings will continue all the week. At the Methodist church the services were opened by a spirited song service led by the Pastor, Rev. Geo. Ellis. Everyone seemed to take part and enjoyed the singing. As a prelude to the service Mr. Ellis kept his promise to discuss the local option law. He made it quite clear that the local option law is clearly conducive to good morals and the best interests of the community. The sermon was short and the congregation gave close attention.
Thanksgiving Dinner.
The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church will serve a dinner Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29th at M. D. Kesterson's Restaurant in the building first door East of Skeels' grocery store.
Dinner 25c, and 15c for children under 12 years of age.
In the evening lunch will be served for everybody for 15c.
Everyone is interested to come and have a good time and enjoy a genuine good dinner of roast turkey, cranberries, etc.
TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, October 29, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Robert Van Horn, of 1621 6th Ave., West Seattle, county of King, State of Washington, filed in this office on May 19, 1906, his sworn statement No. 7358 for the purchase of the South-east quarter (SE 1/4) of Section No. 24, in Township No. 27, South of Range No. 10 West, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1907.
He names as witnesses: B. Roy Anderson, of Seattle, Wash., Albert Rehnstrom, of Ballard, Wash., E. L. Giles, of Roseburg, Oreg., B. O. Mefiee, of West Seattle, Wash.,
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of February, 1907.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY,
Register.

A beautiful piano on sale at Barber's Jewelry store.
A fine lot of Christmas goods at O. Wilson & Co's.
Furs make a nice Christmas present for the ladies. Don't forget J. W. Leneve has them.
MARRIED.—At Bandon, Oregon, November 17, 1906, Lytle J. Radley and Florence E. Garfield.
J. W. Leneve is agent for the Diamond W. flour. Every sack guaranteed or money back without any questions.
W. A. Rozell, of Bridge, accompanied by his piano, came down yesterday. Mrs. W. will visit on the lower river while Mr. Rozell will do some work at Johnson's mill.

"LARKS"
GIVEN BY THE
Coquille Fire Department Band
Friday Night, Nov. 23, 1906.

Cast of Characters.
KITTY CHESTER "Grew up among the news boys,"..... Mary Gage.
HELEN MORGAN "Persecuted by the Dude,"..... May Wickham.
SALLY JOHNSON, "Descended from the Nobility,"..... Mamie Mansell.
MR. MORGAN, "Kansas Hurricane," Al Hite.
AH SING, "Champion Chinese Liar," Sam Nosler.
HARRY BARTON, "A Reformed Convict," Geo. O. Leach.
AUGUSTUS BELLFLOWER, "Too Utterly Too, Too," P. J. Peralta.
Synopsis.
AOT I
Morgan's Home. Kitty and Sally. Augustus loses his hat. Sing in trouble. Morgan sees thing and Signs the Pledge.
ACT II
Kitchen in Morgan's House. Sally and Kitty make it interesting for Sing. Helen astonishes Bellflower. April Fool.
ACT III
Sing is very busy. Barton is downhearted, but finds a friend in Kitty. Morgan is April Fooled. Good Gracious Am I Twins. April Fool Wash Your Face and go to School. Curtain.

Good Music Between Acts.

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MRS. M. C. BOYRIE, Proprietress.

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