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EDITOR HERALD: I have wondered that some of the teachers and others interested in public schools were not induced or provoked to follow my friend Barrow's recent articles on "Our Common Schools."

Our Common Schools,

As many of his views which he expresses in such positive terms might class him with the old fogies and as I am no spring chicken, we naturally hold some ideas in com-

I do not hesitate to say that the course in the public schools of New England in my day and generation was better than what is adopted in Oregon. Not that the pupils learned more, but they learned fewer things better. While it was considered well to know when the cackle of to be well grounded in the essential branches for a foundation to scholarship, what my friend calls "the real bone and sinew of the common spelling, penmanship, mathamatics grammar, rhetoric and language hands and soon the whole class was books, especially the reading books drill in vocal music. were greatly superior to those used in this state, and my friend does not not use the sight word method in give them a lick amiss; but in some reading and also teach the alphabet may not be entirely sound. My erudite friend is a good reader, and he tells us what it takes to make a sight of the fact that the public school course is provided for com- not. mon mortals under ordinary conditions and not for freaks and won-

ders under special advantages. Only a limited time can be given to any one branch, and in reading the Payson and Scribner's. teachir should drill the pupil how to read, and the old discolored is nothing left for Spencer or any through in the shortest time, and published, then to take supplementary work of If the waves had obliterated all John Sumervill,"....." 31 00 Chris Ferris, the same character. The old read- Spencer's works the world would Simpson Lumber Co., Lum-

ing Book was used for beginners, classed under the same principle. Gus Johnson " " "...... 14 00 J A Lamb & Co, hardware.. com incom p r e pre incompre h e n my opinion. hen incomprehen s i si incomprehensi b i l bil incomprehensibil i i incomprehensibili t y ty incomprehentioneer, a faker of pinch-beck jew-

natural and practical thing.

acrobatic stunt in elecution.

reading books, only words of common use would be learned. I have style which became a fad in the ER Peterson ... "... R D 2 15 00 Geo Rackleff never known the practice to prevail school. I have seen writing by P Peterson towage R D 2... 6 00 J W Bell, nough to be called a fad.

I recently read .- in the preface of the Hyawatha Primer perhaps, -I don't remember where or how sight word reading was discovered but I recall that in my school days cal after the introduction of the fad. S E Osborne labor self & after the old Webster Spelling book was discovered, but I recall that in style of the books in use but I Thomas Coates Supver R D reading who did not learn their that is every way desirable. One horse 6 years old, weight in a natural tone which the pupil press an opinion in the matter of Thomas Coates, Supvar R D

fied, and pupils learned to call long words by sight as readily as short ones or single letters. I have no doubt a child can learn the words Wable Bug by sight sooner than

I well remember my first primer illustrated with a boy and girl on a Coquille Riv Steamboat Co, sea-saw.

"I go up, up, up, You go down, down, down. You go up, up, up, I go down, down, down.

I presume the author had the sight word method in view or he would not have bad so many ups and downs."

Sight word reading is not a new fad and I believe teachers of gumption will not allow it to discontinue, Coquille Transfer Co., fuel

From my early schooldays down to since I have been a director at geese saved Rome and when the Coquille I have seen teachers allow Dutch took Holland, it was better the pupil to miscall, mispronounce spell words aloud, hesitate and go James Watson, freight. postback in a monotonous voice without expression without prompting and the other pupils were allowed branches." consequently reading, to correct errors which consisted in miscalling a word, up went all the work continued during the whole in the attitude of a flock of kangaroos common school course reading was rampant and pawing the air in a not polished off at the sixth grade most frantic way, and these later with a very ordinary work on civil teachers were not educated in the government, nor grammar when the backwoods but in what is claimed pupil had barely learned the parts to be the best school in Oregon, of speach, and many of the text and further had received a good

I do not see why a teacher canof his views it is possible that he the sounds of the letters, and vocal spelling on the same day at the same recitation.

I do not know the whole history good reader. He should not lose of our present systems of penmanship, and evidently my friend does

> The first printed writing books & Danton's and now published as EPS Abernethy, lumber R

books were complied with that ob- one to hash up, and neither of John Bastendorff bal. due seem to be prepared not for the for the same principles were taught Gus Johnson labor R D 13 33 00 C S Zumwali, purpose of drilling but to get long before any writing books were Aug Beck 33 00 John Belloni,

books were compiled by emin- bave been the gainer Here is a ent instructors. And all the text sample: The upward stroke, a book were made by teachers of heavier line naturally, of the capi- Alex Evans labor R D 13... 22 00 per Alva...... 13 00 reputation in their respective bran- tal S and the downward stroke, a Glenn Roselle, labor on ferry ches, nor the publisher of text shaded line, naturally two distinct slip....... 6 00 Peter Jacobson, books keeps a hired man, Jack of characters, are both called the right Aug Beck labor R D 13..... 8 00 A Flarders, curve and the same principle and C V Smith labor R D 13...... 18 00 Frank Snow, labor team " I remember when Websters Spell- there are several other characters Herman Beck " " 16 00 R S Tyrrell,

and after learning the alphabet in I have little objection to the cop- John Summerville, labor R regular order then came a b ab e b ies and style of the spencerian ser- D 13...... 14 00 eo, i b ib, o b ob, u b ub, and b a ies. They and the Payson, Danton W H Smith Supver R D 7 76 85 Ed Johnson, lumber for rd ba, be be, bi bi bo bo, bu bu, and Scribner's are nearly the same, WT Brady...."....R D 17 21 23 16, per Ray Flanders..... and so on through all the changes, except that the latter used two Wm Culbertson labor R D 17 4 00 J W Catching, supervisor spell "words of lerned length and publishers of both have issued ver- J D Bright "R D 17 15 00 W C Harris, lumber rd 10.. 7 49 thundering sound" like in in c o m tical series, and they are models in J H Harbison "R D" 8 00 Chas Heller, superver rd 30 13 30

> I am informed that the school R D 17...... 14 00 for rd 30...... book trust provides against inform- W M Weekly labor with team ed that the school book trust pro-

The first Payson copies were of S Peterson, " R D 2 ... 4 50 Harrison Hampton, I do not see any thing to condemn round or oval style. Many of my Simpson Lumber Co. lumber one to them started the Vertical Algie Hansen, labor R D 2 28 00 Dan Reid, some of our recent teachers and Pere Peterson labor R D 2... 13 00 B B Sanders

> they probably learnek with Spen- Geo W Cox labor self and cerian copies and changed to verti- team R D 19...... 16 00 Wm Keller,

ster spelling book was discarded, writing have shown individuality W Lundquist, labor self and pupils to spell stammer, repeat or My line of work has been such R Beyerle " "

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some others of about the same style. J P Degarren, drills and

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