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The work in the high school department is progressing in such a manner this year that the district will be compensated for the cost of maintaining the department. In the past the high school here has not accomplished much, but through the earnest efforts of the present principal and his assistants, a new impetus has been given the work and the standing of the Athena school is enhanced accordingly. There is an increasing tendency of the public to challenge the wisdom of maintaining high schools at public expense. While the discussion of the status and purpose of the high school will take a wide range, the question that is of greatest popular and pedagogic interest is stated as follows: "Should the public high school be looked on primarily as a school to prepare young men and women for the college and university? Or should it be viewed as an independent school with its own important ends and aims, to which preparations for higher schools must be strictly secondary?" In discussing this question it should not be forgotten that the high school and the state university are integral parts of the "common school system" of the state. The existence of the state university as a part of the state's system of public education implies the existence of a connecting link between the grammar or intermediate grades and the state university. To leave out any of the rounds in the state's educational ladder would be illogical and unwise. It is plainly obvious therefore that preparation for the state university should be at least an incidental consideration in arranging the curricula of the high schools. There is little doubt, however, that the preponderance of opinion among the more progressive educators favors the idea of making the high school "the people's college" instead of a preparatory school for the higher institutions of learning; that its chief aim should be to provide a more practical training in language and the sciences for pupils who are unable or disinclined to attend colleges or universities. It is their belief that it should supply the "finishing touches" to a common school education, and that preparation for a university should be only a secondary consideration. To the mind of the layman there does not seem to be any reason why the high school should not serve both these purposes. There is nothing incompatible between the idea of a "people's college" and the shaping of a curriculum in such a way as to prepare pupils for a university. The preparatory course should be separate and distinct from the course that is designed to finish a boy's education and prepare him to grapple immediately with the problems of life. Such a combination of purpose would seem to constitute the ideal twentieth century high school.

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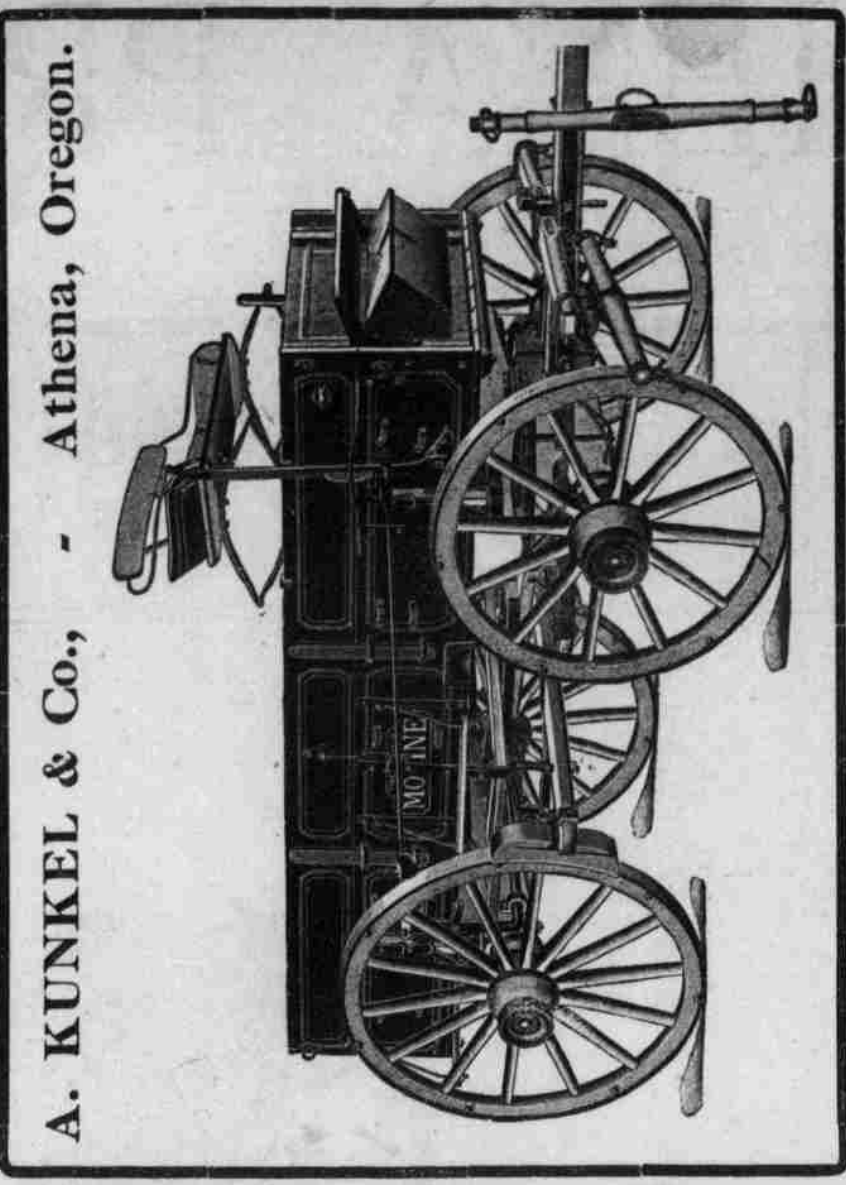
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Governor Chamberlain's last effort in behalf of the Warner Valley settlers in their contest with the Warner Valley Stock company, has failed of success. When the governor left for Washington he left instructions that when the United States patent conveying the title to the swamp lands to the state arrived it should not be filed or recorded. The state has already conveyed its title to the stock company and all that was lacking was the filing of the patent conveying title to the state. Ordinarily a patent or a deed is delivered by the grantor to the grantee. In this case, however, the attorney for the Warner Valley Stock Co. evidently expected delay if the patent reached the governor's hands and he secured the document direct from the general land office. The governor had requested the secretary of the interior not to issue a patent to the state until he, as governor, applied for it. This request was refused and the patent issued and delivered as stated. If the Warner Valley settlers have any further recourse it must be in the courts.

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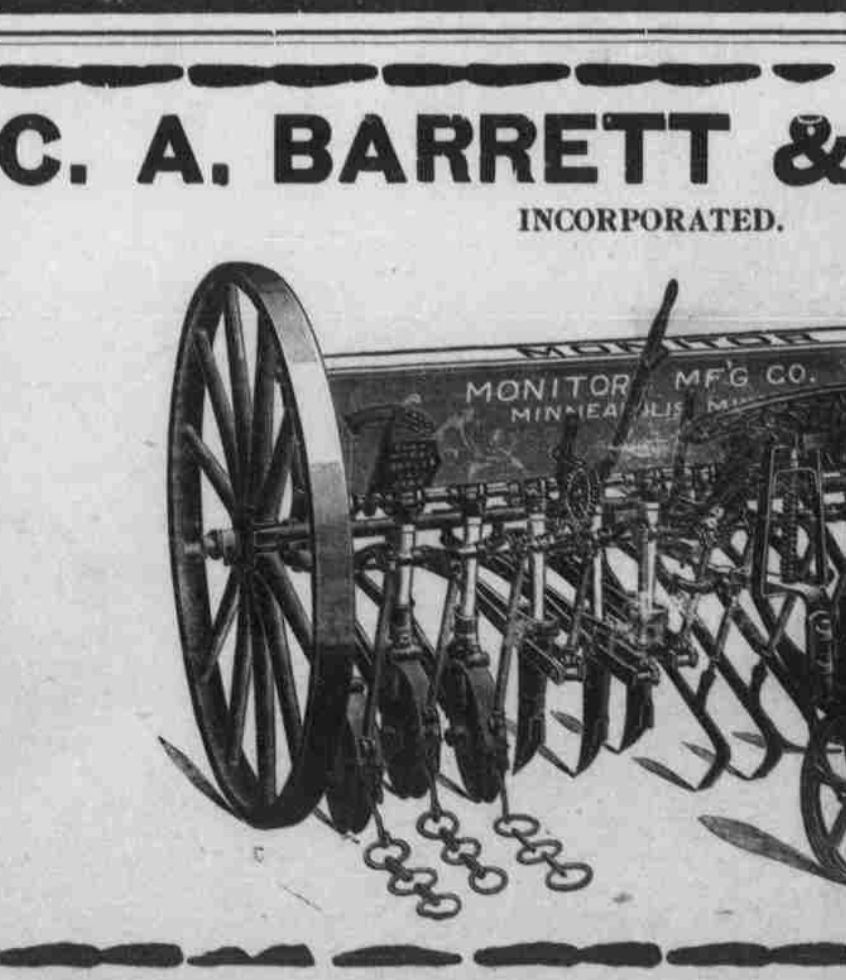
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