

# TO CHANGE SCHOOL LAWS

## Supt. Ackerman Makes Report and Recommendations to the Legislature

### SUGGESTS LEVY OF SIX MILL TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES. LAW PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BOOKS WITH SCHOOL FUNDS.

Several days ago the Statesman contained a summary of the statistical report of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman to the Legislature covering a period of two years and yesterday the professor completed his written report, which is quite lengthy, and is now in the hands of the printer.

The report embodies several recommendations to the Legislature for changes in the school laws which he regards as necessary to suit the conditions which, he states, are rapidly undergoing changes with which it is impossible for the law to keep pace.

Mr. Ackerman calls the attention of the Legislature to the separate reports of the several county superintendents whose hearty co-operation with each other and with his department has made it possible for the work he has carried forward with such a degree of success. He states that the revised school laws, in the main, have given general satisfaction, but that they can not be expected to keep pace with the times and require frequent changes to meet the conditions, which, he adds, is due to no fault of those who enacted them. With the steady growth of the state and the schools in mind and "believing that legislative enactment often stimulates educational interest and zeal," Professor Ackerman offers the following suggestions:

"The best educational thought of the common school teachers, of today, is given to the question of how to improve the rural schools. Educational methods and practices have made great advancement during the past twenty-five years; but there is no disguising the fact that the advancement in the rural schools has not kept pace with that of the village and city schools. City schools are in the hands of the best educational talent that can be secured. This is effected by the payment of liberal salaries to teachers, by supplying the best buildings that brains and money can produce, and by holding out the inducement of attractive surroundings to the teacher.

"These conditions can be materially improved by more effective supervision; by securing better teachers; by furnishing school boards with ample funds with which to pay better salaries, and by closing one or more small schools and uniting the revenues of the districts in which they are located into one central school to which the children would be transported at the expense of the consolidated districts.

**To Increase Salaries.**  
"More effective supervision can be secured in many counties by placing the county superintendent on a salary that will justify him in devoting the whole of his time to the duties of his office. He should receive a salary somewhat larger than that of the best paying public school position in his county. This will tend to bring to the county superintendent's office the best teaching ability in the county; and surely, he who is to supervise all the schools of his county, should be no less than the peer of any teacher in the county; and such a one, as a rule, cannot be secured at a reduced salary.

"Better teachers can be secured if school boards would insist that the teachers they employ shall be especially trained for their work; and one of the most hopeful signs, for the betterment of the rural schools, is that school boards are more and more coming to realize the importance of such training and are employing only trained teachers. This is as it should be, and the time will soon be when no board will think of employing an untrained teacher; neither will a teacher presume to teach who has not been trained for her work.

"There is a scarcity of rural school teachers. This has been brought about largely by the small salaries paid for teaching in rural schools. Many of our best teachers cannot afford to teach for the compensation offered; hence, seek and find employment in more lucrative vocations. Of course, teachers should place teaching on a higher plane than a mere pecuniary one, but, after all, say what we will, we are all more or less influenced by monetary considerations. Many school boards would willingly pay more, if they had the means; but with the tax levy and other sources of school funds as they are and it being quite impossible to secure a special tax levy, school officers must, perforce, conduct the school affairs of their districts with the funds received from the five mill county tax and the interest from the irreducible school fund. In view of these conditions, I would respectfully suggest that your honorable body pass such enactments as will provide rural schools with ample funds.

"In this connection, I would recommend the following:  
(1) Amend Section 22, Oregon School Laws to read as follows: 'The county courts of the several counties of this state are, hereby, required to levy, at the same time they levy other taxes, a tax upon all the taxable property in their counties, for school purposes, of at least six mills on the dollar, which shall be collected at the same time, and in the same manner and by the same officers that other taxes are collected.'

"(2) A law providing that the State Land Board shall have the preferential right to purchase all school books and pay for the same out of the permanent school funds.  
(3) A law placing a small annual tax on corporations. The proceeds to be used for public school purposes only. The sum realized to be turned over to the State Treasurer and annually apportioned by him among the several counties of the state in proportion to

the number of persons in each between the ages of four and twenty years.

"Some of the benefits to be derived from consolidation of small schools and the transportation of pupils at public expense are as follows:  
(a) The schools being larger and more closely graded, better teachers can be secured.  
(b) Experiences in other states have proved that the per capita cost is reduced.  
(c) The larger school employs more teachers; hence, a better classification can be secured than in a small school.  
(d) The larger school produces larger classes; therefore, a greater enthusiasm is obtained than can be secured where there are but three or four in a class—the number in the average class in a small school.  
(e) Supervision is more thorough and more easily accomplished.  
(f) A better and more regular attendance can be secured.  
(g) Fardiness is reduced to a minimum.  
(h) Better buildings and more apparatus and appliances can be secured at less cost.  
(i) Longer and more regular terms of school would result.  
(j) As the pupils are conveyed to and from school, their health is uniformly better.  
(k) Older children are enabled to attend their home school much longer.  
(l) The farm surroundings of the community will be greatly improved.  
(m) In a consolidated school opportunity can be afforded for studying special branches.  
(n) The state has laws upon their statute books authorizing the consolidation of districts, and the transportation of pupils, and it is the consensus of opinion of superintendents, school officers and teachers, where consolidation and transportation have been tried, that the plan is far superior to the old plan of having a small school at every cross-roads.  
(o) In thus impeaching the work now being done in our rural schools, we are not unmindful of the fact that the rural school has been a potent factor in our American civilization; but this is an age of organization and centralization. The conditions under which they did their best work have been radically changed, and with the change must come a corresponding change in the methods of conducting these schools. The boys and girls in the rural schools are just as bright, just as intelligent and as capable of doing good, thorough work, as any pupil in the city schools. The benefits to be secured in the scheme of consolidation are that the child may still be surrounded by country conditions—the very best—the advantages of classification and organization found in the city school. The child in the country is infinitely better off than the child in the city, from the fact that he has some definite work to perform, such as only can be found on a farm; hence, we believe in the very best conditions for the making of strong men and women, both physically and mentally, are best secured by keeping them in close touch with rural surroundings, and, at the same time, furnishing them with the very best school conditions possible.

### Some More Amendments.

"Second. Amend the law so that each clerk shall enroll annually on the first Monday in March, for school purposes, all persons in his district over 4 and under 20 years of age.  
"Third. Amend the law so that a county superintendent may use a part of the institute fund for holding local teachers' meetings.  
"Fourth. Amend the law so that when a vacancy shall occur in the office of a school director or a school clerk, the vacancy shall be filled by the district boundary board until the next annual meeting, when such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the qualified voters of the district.  
"Fifth. A law making it the duty of the county superintendent to attend annually a county superintendents' convention, at such time and place as may be indicated by the state superintendent, making it the duty of the county courts to audit the traveling expenses of the county superintendents to such meetings, and the same to be paid out of the general fund of the county.  
"Sixth. Amend section 32, Oregon School Laws, so that it shall read as follows: 'Districts shall not be entitled to their proportion of the school fund, at the disposal of the county superintendent, unless they shall have reported to him by the first Monday of July of each year, and shall have had a school taught in their respective districts at least four months in each year.'  
"Seventh. Authorize the State Printer to print at least 2,000 extra copies of the Oregon School Law, to be sold at cost to any one who may wish to purchase the same. The law requires teachers to be examined in Oregon School Law.

**State Course of Study.**  
"The State Course of Study has been thoroughly revised and I am glad to say that, as a rule, it is giving excellent satisfaction. In its revision, due attention was given to the elimination of as much subject matter as possible. A one-book course in geography, for rural schools, was recommended and also that the pupil be held for the course print, only, in both books, which will reduce the amount of required work at least one-half, and will, in my opinion, still leave too much geography for all practical purposes. A two-book course in language is strongly recommended. The Course of Study has come to be considered as an important part of the school system of Oregon, and we firmly believe that it shall increasingly continue to be one of the important adjuncts of our school work.

**County Superintendents' Convention.**  
"The several county superintendents have been more than willing to carry out in the very best manner possible any suggestions offered by this department. They have been conscientious in the discharge of their duties, and have been ever alert to the advancement of the educational interests of their respective counties. However, much more could be accomplished if the state superintendent were authorized to call a convention of county superintendents annually for consultation. Each county could well afford to defray the traveling expenses of its county superintendent to such a convention.

### State Teachers' Associations.

"During the past two years, there have been held four sessions of the State Teachers' Association—two of the Eastern and two of the Western division. The programs for these sessions have been strong, both in the topics discussed and the personnel of those who discuss the subjects. These Association meetings have been the means of awakening renewed interest in educational matters in each part of the state where they have been held. The amount appropriated for the holding of Association meetings during the last two years, by the Legislative Assembly, aided us greatly in securing the best available talent, and I sincerely trust that the same amount may be appropriated for the same purpose during the ensuing two years.

### Teachers' Institutes.

"County teachers' institutes have been held annually in each county and it gives me great pleasure to say that, owing to the courtesy of the county superintendents, I have been invited to attend each one held. It has been my privilege and pleasure to be in attendance at the institutes held in every county in the state, but one, and, in most cases, I have been able to visit the several counties annually in institute work. I consider the county institute one of the strongest features of our school work, and it would, indeed, be a catastrophe if your honorable body should pass any law that would seriously cripple the efficient work now being done by them.

### Issuance of State Paper.

"The State Board has endeavored to administer the law that its spirit shall be observed in the issuance of state papers. The present law, relative to state papers, is working admirably, and, hence, no change is recommended."

### RUSSIAN BOY A RANGER

#### ALLEGED AMERICAN BRED HORSE CARRIES AWAY RICH STAKES IN RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A. M. Kerby, a lawyer of Windsor, Canada, and J. Cunningham, a trainer employed by him, have sailed on the steamship Deutschland, on their way to Russia, where they will be expected to identify a trotting horse which the authorities suspect has been raced as "Russian Boy," but it is charged that he is really William C. K., an animal formerly owned by Mr. Kerby, and sold at one of the Madison Square Garden sales in 1899 to a party of foreigners, who said they intended racing him in Austria.  
William C. K. was an iron gray horse standing nearly 16 hands, and resembling in many points Russian bred trotters. He is by Pilot Medium-Cora Russell, and was bred in Michigan, and in Mr. Kerby's hands made a mark of 2:12. The Russian Government has sent for Mr. Kerby and his trainer, paying all their expenses to Russia and back for the purpose of completing or disproving the identification of Russian Boy as William C. K.  
As Russian Boy the horse has won a number of stakes of importance, including the Czar's prize of \$25,000 for Russian-bred horses.

### IN TROUBLE AGAIN

#### NOTORIOUS JOHN DOE BLOCKS STREET TRAFFIC WITH A BIG JAG.

John Doe, a wood-hauler who lives on the road between this city and Silverton, drove into town yesterday with a load of wood, but before he succeeded in disposing of his load he took on a "jag," climbed onto his wagon and started up State street.  
Although that thoroughfare is wide enough for all ordinary purposes, it was too narrow for John, and he had hard work keeping out of the way of street cars, carriages and even pedestrians upon the sidewalks, and for a few minutes it looked as if traffic would have to stop or John Doe would have to get off the street. It was the latter that happened, for Chief Gibson took him in tow, and after housing the team in Simpson's livery barn, John was escorted to jail for the remainder of the day and night.  
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### CORN CORNER FAILED

#### SO-CALLED "BLIND POOL" ON DECEMBER CORN SUFFERED SETBACK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The bulls and bears of the Chicago Board of Trade had a sharp and decisive struggle over December corn today. W. W. McCleary & Co. failed to respond to the margin calls and the so-called "blind pool," headed by them and A. Cleag, of St. Louis, suffered a severe setback. December corn receded almost 6 cents during the day and showed a break of 11 cents since early in the month. McCleary declared that he would pay dollar for dollar and he probably would be ready for business tomorrow. Cleag is said to have had 11,000,000 bushels of corn. December corn closed at 42 1/2c.

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# WOODCUTTER STILL ABSENT

## He Disappeared Several Days Ago and the People Are Guessing

### LEFT HIS WORK IN THE WOODS WITHOUT APPARENT CAUSE—OWNED NO MAN NOR HAD A KNOWN ENEMY—PLEASANT POINT NEWS.

Mystery as profound as ever still hangs about the disappearance of Wm. Morrison. No tidings nor clue as yet have appeared to help solve the strange affair. He was last seen here two weeks ago this morning. He was then on his way, dinner pail in hand, to his work. Since then he has dropped completely from sight and knowledge. Where is he? Is he yet alive? Is he a victim of foul play, of accident, or of self-destruction? Who can say? Salem has been searched, as has also the vicinity of his place of work. Inquiry has been made, but all of no avail. Opinion here is divided as to his whereabouts. Some think he got tired of his job and "jumped it," although he always said he believed the contract was a good one for him. Some believe in going to Turner while crossing Mill Creek on the railroad bridge he made a false step or was attacked by a sudden fit of dizziness and fell into the creek and was drowned, the high waters of the last two weeks might prevent the body being discovered. He had broken his ax, and had expressed his desire to get another, and it is possible that morning on arriving at his work, he concluded to go on up to Turner on the track (which was a few rods from where he worked) and get another ax, although he had got his former ax (or two I believe) in Salem. In crossing the creek on the bridge as stated, he may have fallen off, being attacked by vertigo. Everything looks as if he had no intention of "going for good." He had no money so he said the day before. He left even his tobacco, of which he was a great user. He took his gloves only, and left his pail of dinner, saw, ax and jug of water. I stated in my former report that he left his gloves. In this I was mistaken as they were missing and have not been found. What more natural than if he did not intend to be gone long, he should take his gloves and leave his tools and dinner, expecting to return soon. Also he had just paid \$25 in cash for the timber and loaned \$20 to his partner in the timber, Mr. Vandebilt. He had some twenty-five cords already split and sawed. All this he left, which is hard to explain in the theory that he just got sick of his job and "skipped out."  
Mr. Helm Harlan, of Northern California, who is visiting friends here, is an extensive breeder of fine goats, he having a flock of 2,500. Last week he went to Monmouth to look over the flock of J. B. Stump. Mr. Harlan has in the past purchased several of these stock of Mr. Stump.  
T. E. Herren has returned from Portland, where he visited relatives.  
I have about got away with a patch of Canada Thistles growing on my grass ground. Sometimes I will tell you readers how I did it.  
I notice our State Game Warden, I think it is recommended putting a bounty on Oregon's favorite black bird, the crow. Now, he or she (according to sex) is a gentleman beside that Azurine rascalus (blue rascal) the blue jay. He is the scallawag flying the air of Oregon. He is voracious in the highest degree. He will eat almost anything but a grindstone or a broad ax. These birds will pull flower bulbs out of the ground and fly off with them; pick buds from fruit trees; crack hazelnuts equal to a boy with a hammer and about as loud, suck eggs, which, anywhere and by whomsoever, is a low down trick; kill little chicks sometimes, and so on to the end of the criminal chapter. Out on the blue nubsances with a good charge of shot righty applied. I do not know what they do with the vast pile of stuff they eat, as they have no crop or maw which I verified on dissection, but they display a vast amount of skill. If these birds belong in the list of Mr. Ernest Seton-Thompson's feathered friends, it could be wished he would take them away. I hope the Salem Bird Study Club will not think hard of me for these "few scattering remarks." They will not hurt the science of ornithology.  
The Bingham place, of 144 acres, has been sold to Mr. Jones for \$1,000. Geo. Kendall, who will soon vacate, removing perhaps into the Pringle district.  
In a few days the dear people will have another Legislature on their hands. It is to be hoped that Marion county's members, and all others, will not forget those fine promises made some time about last May.  
Miss Emma Girardin has returned from the metropolis, where she "visited" in the family of Mrs. Flora Daitley, nee Hensen.  
Pleasant Point, Dec. 16.

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Done at Salem, Oregon, this 16th day of December, 1922.  
FANNIE E. HUBBARD,  
Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas H. Hubbard, deceased.

### COLORADO MAY LOSE LAND.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Post from Washington today says that not only do the revised statutes give New Mexico's northern boundary line at the 37th parallel, but that the original statute passed in 1850 defining the boundaries of the territory give the northern limits as that degree.  
While the southern boundary of Colorado is given as the 37th degree in the statute passed in 1861, there is no reference there to any change in the New Mexican law of 1850. The latter being a prior law, makes the matter one of serious consideration for Colorado. Congressman Stephens will commence an investigation into the subject at the present session of Congress. If the immense area of Colorado south of the 37th parallel goes to New Mexico, the state will lose a tract of sixty miles from north to south and nearly 400 miles wide.

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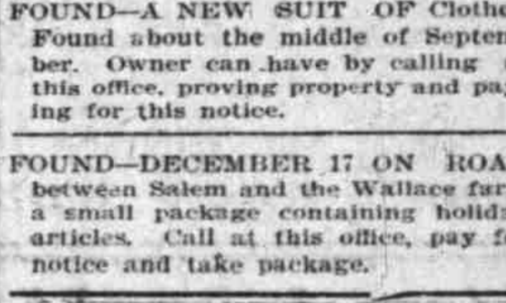
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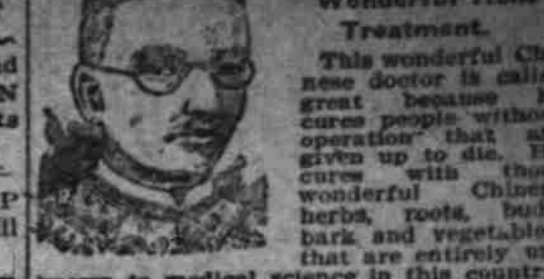
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