

quired parrot fashion, and the *heels* instead of the *head* are educated.

It is essential to us, as a free people, that we be educated, all of every grade. It is a political necessity, Our government is founded and maintained on these principles. Our Republican institutions would sink into anarchy and confusion, if education of our people was neglected. As individual sovereigns, holding the office of every branch of government in our hands, we must be enlightened. The trial by jury demands educated men to fill such a sacred and important trust; as voter and ruler, as a free people, with a free press, demanding free speech and untrammelled conscience, we must be educated freely, liberally and thoroughly.

Such an education, the Graded School system promises to furnish, and that at a very low cost. Find me the town with a good graded school, properly organized with a good corps of teachers, and I will show you one that stands head and shoulders above its neighbor in all that makes a town prosperous. It adds more to the happiness, prosperity and increase of population, than a mine of gold would do. Men in moderate circumstances, with large families, and more especially the better class of mechanics, will generally select such a town, where their children can be educated, well knowing that if they can leave them no other inheritance, a good education will be a sufficient legacy.

In order then, that Kansas may stand out in her proper light before the world as a new and growing country, young, vigorous and progressive, let her engraft into her system of government every thing that will make her people intelligent, happy and prosperous, and by so doing she will be opening the way for the influx of intelligent men of every nation, attracted by the fame of her prosperity, and allured by the advantages to be gained from her institutions. For whatever will add to the character and influence of a country in the estimation of a sensible and enlightened people; will attract a class of citizens, both honorable, industrious and progressive. Where is the town with such a grade of schools, and see if it does not carry with it a corresponding degree of influence among its neighbors. Like one of the foci of an eclipse, it sends out rays in every direction, unending in their nature, and undying in their character. Such a community respects itself and is respected by its neighbors. Instead of