

of our county and their condition, but have never desired my name in print; but as you want the information I will give it in as few lines as possible.

1. The school affairs in our county are tolerable good and are improving. The new law as to uniform examinations as a general thing is giving general satisfaction, and the general results so far are highly appreciated by all and no person is better pleased with it than I am. As a general thing I have been the examining party, and the patrons would make up a school for a good neighbor and come with him and hear me examine him, and would say we are satisfied with him and want him. He is competent to teach our children and he is a poor man, and if we have anything to give, he had as well have it as any person, and if I fail to give him the school a bad report goes out.
2. You ask what effort I am making for the betterment of our county in school matters.

Answer--I am doing all I can by precept and example, I am encouraging all for a higher standard of education, teachers especially. I favor the new examination law, because it does away with favoritism by patrons and those who teach for a little money instead of making cotton. It gives much better qualified teachers and does away with public annoyance.

The future happiness, peace and prosperity of our people rests entirely upon the education of the rising generation. I am going among them all the time trying to get them to make every sacrifice possible to so raise their children and teach them by precept and example, and educate them so that the next generation may be an improvement on the past. Also to build better houses and equip them with everything needful. Now we have a High School and our people are moving there rapidly and we are going to take, or receive the benefit. I don't think we will have any more need of boarding out at DeFuniak. All that have attended it, say ours is fully as good.

But, my brother, the last election I fear has crippled us. We have been drawing from the State near \$1,200 or \$1,500 a year, and now I am afraid we will not get more than \$700 or \$800, and we will not be able to have more than a three months school term.

I feel proud to look back to the time when I was first appointed, in '75 or '76, and see what we are now. A few years since a few shanties with split pole seats and dirt floors, and teachers that could spell and read, but hardly write their names.

Yours truly,
W. CURRY,
County Superintendent.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Aucilla, Fla., Dec. 8, 1894.

Hon. W. N. Sheats, State Superintendent Public Instruction:

Dear Sir: Complying with your request to report condition of school affairs of this county, I beg leave to state that the school work is progressing