

the standard of teaching. If County Superintendents had to get out questions for examinations as formerly, some would be done, some half done and some not done at all; hence would never get out of old ruts, etc.

Very respectfully,

THOS. W. RALPH,

Superintendent of Public Instruction of Putnam County.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine, Fla., January 28, 1895.

Hon. W. N. Sheats:

Dear Sir--Enclosed find blank, as requested. Your first blank sent me was on file, and somehow I got an impression that I had plenty of time to answer, and as I have been very busy and absent most of my time visiting schools, I ask your pardon for having caused you any delay.

I did not have to consider about the questions, as I can see very plainly the improvement in our teachers under the new law.

Respectfully,

R. F. SABATE,

County Superintendent.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

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

I am glad to report a marked improvement in the condition of public schools of Santa Rosa this year.

Some schools (?) have been eliminated. In many instances two schools have been combined. Where ten schools (?) formerly existed, we now have five live, healthy schools. The school depends almost entirely on the teacher.

This truth has been demonstrated three times this year in my county--wish I had time and space to tell you all.

To build up my schools I labor to make successful teachers. This year I have inaugurated a Reading Circle or County Teachers' Association, with course of study.

Every teacher is urged to read a good State, also national school journal and to attend the State Teachers' Association.

I require every teacher to comply strictly with the school law and regulations of the Board of Public Instruction.

I cancel (promptly) certificates of immoral, incompetent, or of unsuccessful teachers.

I hope to see the spirit of our new school law remain unchanged. Would be glad to see Second Grade Certificates transferable.

Let me briefly and honestly say, that I most heartily favor Uniform Examinations