

Those who work for us once are willing to do so again. We pay our teachers according to grade, which I think is a good method, as it instills into the teacher a stimulating force to try to raise higher in the scale of knowledge.

County Institute.--We generally hold two institutes each year, and would be pleased to hold them oftener if we could, but owing to lack of railroad facilities it is rather expensive on teachers to meet more than twice during the year.

The Examination Law Still O. K.--I am still pleased with the Examination Law, thanks to our State Superintendent. He has done a great deal of good to County Superintendents in having such a law to guide and govern them. It has worked other blessings towards the cause of education which are well known throughout the State.

Some Very Good Schools.--We have some good schools in the county, notably Wewahitchka, with an enrollment of 100 pupils, taught by two first grade teachers.

Our financial condition is very good. We pay every dollar we contract for, and have a balance on hand at the end of the scholastic year. This balance helps us out until taxes come in the succeeding fall and winter.

"To What Do We Owe Our Prosperity?".--Our prosperity in school matters dates back to the second year of State Superintendent Sheats' official career. We got the old system pretty well shaken off by the end of 1894, thanks to the system laid down by our brave State Superintendent, who stood by the helm of State education, although opposed by a great many. The firm stand he has taken has proven a blessing, and Calhoun county owes him a debt of gratitude, and thanks him for his bravery and individuality.

Suggestions.--We still need legislation to enable us to raise more funds to run our schools eight months. I am somewhat opposed to State Uniformity of text-books just at present.

My reason may seem selfish, which is as follows:

Calhoun county has never been so well supplied with books as at present, and to lay aside the greater part of the books now in use and buy others would almost ruin our schools. Our people are generally poor and unable to buy new series of books every few years. I merely make this statement for my own county.

I could mention other legislation, but I consider the matter in this light: A State Superintendent who has been elected by the people and indorsed after four years' work in the cause of education, who knows the condition of every county in the State, and I might say of every school in each county, can be trusted to advise the Legislature as to the educational Legislation needed.

I am satisfied he does know and will do right.

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#### CITRUS COUNTY

I have the pleasure of submitting to you this general report of the progress