

ladies who are teaching and expect to become teachers, that some of our best teachers are female teachers.

God bless the kind mothers; they are always ready to send their children to school. If fathers had the interest in the educating of their children that mothers have, we would not need a compulsory educational law, but as it is, we do need such a law.

The Old Debt Partly Paid.--During the past two scholastic years we have paid about one-half of the old debt.

Standard of Teachers Raised.--The standard of teachers has been raised by complying with the State Uniform Examination law, and the attendance at the Summer Training Schools.

Rules, Regulations and Course of Study.--We have Rules, Regulations and Course of Study for the guidance of teachers. We are trying W. M. Welch & Co.'s "Classification Set" in the Westville High School, and if it proves to be the record we think it is we will place it in the rural schools.

Needed Amendments to Laws.--The School Boards should have sole suthority to levy the school tax, and Section 8, Article 12, of the Constitution should be amended by striking our the words, "nor more than five mills."

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JACKSON COUNTY

In reply to the request for a brief report of the condition of school work in Jackson county, the following is respectfully submitted:

The schools, with but few exceptions are moving along nicely with a fair average attendance and reasonable progress. Since your last bi-ennial report we have had erected in our county, by the patrons, some very creditable school houses, and, on the whole, I would say the school interest is on the upward tendency.

Too Many Schools Established.--The retiring Board has, in my judgment, allowed too many schools created considering the amount of school funds received, but I hope and believe our new Board will be more careful on this line.

School Board Should Levy School Tax.--I certainly think that the power given to the Board of County Commissioners to say what amount of tax should be levied for school purposes, should, at the next Legislature, be changed and placed in the hands of the School Board, for it is presumable that they are better acquainted with the needs of the schools than any other body.

Make County Superintendent Member of Board.--I also favor a law making the County Superintendent a member of the School Board, and also having one member from the county at large, which would make five members instead of three.

Grading Committee for Each Judicial Circuit.--I also favor having one Grading Committee to do the work for several counties, say each Judicial District. My reason for this is that there can scarcely be had a committee in any county, who are not familiar with the hand-writing of some of the applicants, and