

equipped with a knowledge of how plants grow and how to make them grow best, how domestic animals should be treated to insure their rapid growth and healthy development and increase, and how to make good bread, how to cook potatoes, than to mystify their brains with psychological curiosities, a knowledge of which is of no practical value, and of very little value otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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### PASCO COUNTY

I am pleased to report that the progress made by the schools in Pasco is satisfactory. The country schools have classes in higher branches that were never taught prior to the last two years. The deportment of the children is better.

County Graded and High School.--Owing to the advanced classes in our country schools, the Graded and High School is a necessity.

Our County High School continues to grow in favor and usefulness. Prof. N. McCullough, Principal, assisted by Misses Alice Leitner, Mattie Jordan and M. L. Weaver, who are doing a thorough and practical work in moral as well as literary training. This school supplies our county with teachers, and some of the best in the county. The Legislature should establish a High School in every county, and give it an eight months' term.

Uniform Examination.--The uniform examination law has proven to be a good school master, developing the professional teacher into a sphere of larger usefulness and relegating the business teacher to the shades of a private life. I would suggest that the law be so amended as to give us a State Grading Committee, and thereby carry the uniform law into full force.

Sub-Districts.--We have thirty-five districts voting a special tax of three mills. This special tax has been of great help to the patrons, children and school boards. The trustees use this special tax money in lengthening the term from four to six and eight months, purchasing school books, furniture, and for building purposes. These duties seem to awaken in them a greater interest in the prosperity of the school, and they look more closely after it. Then the board is not continually called upon for small articles that are necessary for the school.

The next election it will be voted in every district in the county.

Normal.--Prof. N. McCullough conducted a private Normal last Summer and will continue to do so every Summer, or as long as the teachers are so well pleased with his methods. He has given the county a number of first-grade teachers, and we hope he will continue the good work.

Compulsory Education.--Pasco is not ready for the compulsory educational law, and will not be until the millage is increased. A four months' term is all that we can give now, and the special tax districts help the board by buying their school books, furniture and building.

Finances.--The board's indebtedness is small. School warrants are selling at a premium.