

## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

BY W. H. MILLER.

### About Some Schools of the County.

Unfortunately, the Longview school has been at a low ebb for a number of years. I won't pretend to say whose fault it has been but the fact remains.

This term, after almost despairing of finding a teacher, at the last moment they fortunately secured the services of Miss Emma Weaver. Some of the "doubting Thomases" cried out "Oh, a woman cannot manage this school, we need a man with muscle and backbone, who will knock down and drag out."

Miss Weaver took charge in due time, and it was soon apparent that she knew her business. She brought order out of chaos without "knocking down and dragging out" and now has one of the most orderly schools in the county, and children and patrons swear by her.

Miss Weaver is ably assisted by Miss Marion Henry. Since this term began, 1st Monday in October, an addition has been built to the school house, 52 new patent desks have been bought paid for, and put in the school house.

Last Friday night Misses Weaver and Henry gave a most unique and enjoyable entertainment, which netted \$41. This has been invested in more desks and a library for the school.

The experience of the Longview school this year was that of the Bradley school last year, under Miss Minnie Washington. When she took charge of the Bradley school, Oct. 1st 1908, it was in bad shape. The whole south end of the school house was torn down and a partition of rough edge was tacked up to keep out the south wind; the floor bulged up in some places and was sunken in others; for seats they used long and heavy church benches.

Now, they have one of the handsomest school houses in the county, located on an elevation in a beautiful grove. This house is seated with new patent desks, a bountiful supply of coal has been bought and ready for use, and best of all, it is attended by a most enthusiastic set of pupils studying hard and working energetically to raise money to paint their school building and simply mention the above facts to encourage other teachers and neighborhoods. What has been done at Longview and Bradley, can be done in other places. These people, (patrons of above schools) are good citizens and believe in education, but they simply needed somebody to take the lead and show an interest in their children and their school, besides drawing the monthly salary. It is safe to say that three fourths of the interest in the schools in some portions of the county is due directly to the teacher. Put a teacher in charge of a school who is lazy and indifferent to everything but pay day, you are going to have indifferent and careless patrons.

These are, by no means, not the only places in the county where good work is being done, in fact nearly every corner of the county has caught the spirit of improvement along educational lines, but I cannot mention all instances this week. I must, however, call attention before closing to the Double Spring school. This was one of the first schools located under the public school system some forty years ago, but a few years since, the attendance had fallen off to about one dozen, in different pupils. Under Miss Annie Nance the attendance and interest have gradually grown, until now an assistant is required half the term; the school house comfortably seated, the grounds graded and planted in blue grass.

The library spirit is also on the boom throughout the county. The following schools have already put in libraries this term: Steels Mill, (making 2nd order)

Cross Roads No. 1, Center Ridge (2 orders) and Longview, with several others now engaged in raising money for libraries.

The Teacher's meeting at Sturges Saturday, was decidedly the most enthusiastic and enjoyable one we have had in the county in some time.

Every one who was on duty responded with a well prepared paper or talk and the discussions were animated and instructive. The Association met in the Baptist church and after adjournment the good citizens of Sturges entertained the teachers in their homes. Several teachers from Starkville attended: Misses Loda Richey, Zedie Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Crow, Professors Lamb and Ellis. The Mahen teachers, Prof. Cooper and wife, Misses Lee and Hornsby went 15 miles through the country to attend the meeting. Mrs. Reona Love, of Osborn, was present, having gone a greater distance than any other teacher. Longview and Bradley were well represented and nearly all teachers from the adjoining country were present.

Realizing the importance of regular attendance, I hereby offer the following prizes to schools having the best average for the term 1909-10.

1st Prize 1 Teacher's Chair.  
2nd Prize 1 12 Inch Globe.

No school with an enrollment of less than fifteen, and no school with a divided term will be considered in the contest. Average to be decided by the register at end of term and each teacher will be required to certify to correctness of her register.

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## W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

BY W. C. T. U. PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Union will meet with Mrs. Paul Castles Monday at three o'clock.

Every W. C. T. U. woman in Starkville, yea every citizen who believes in prohibition of the liquor traffic and enforcement of our own liquor laws will be rejoiced to read the following news item:

And home made wine is not that responsible for some of the drinking and the drunkenness in Oktibeha Co.? Certainly. For no one save the druggist has in the state of Mississippi, a right to sell wine for sacramental uses and prescription from a doctor, ay no one can give it away without violating the law.

### Another Victory.

The Home and State, Dallas, Texas, prints the following despatch from Muskogee, Okla.

"Beginning today, officers will break the seals of cars in an interstate shipment whenever they have reason to suspect liquor consigned to Oklahoma parties is contained in the cars. This agreement was reached here today by W. J. Crump prosecuting attorney of Muskogee county and C. J. Jackson, general counsel for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad in Oklahoma. "It comes as a result of a recent decision of Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States that is to the effect that the interstate commerce law does not contemplate protecting shipments of liquor into prohibition states.

"This is the biggest victory the enforcement officers have yet gained. It means that they will be able to shut off the wholesalers who hitherto have been able to bring all the liquor, especially beer, they wanted to into the state and in railroad lots.

"It was agreed to-day that whenever officers demand to search a car the railroad agents will send a man to break the seals and assist in the search."

The Home and State makes the following comment:

"The interstate commerce law has been a bulwark to the liquor interests and a Chinese puzzle to prohibitionists for many years. If this decision of Justice Brewer

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means that the states may now enforce their liquor shipment laws without hindrance from this old dodge, it will be welcome news. "Welcome news" indeed to Mississippians and to our home town where drinking and drunkenness continue largely because of the liquor that is shipped here from licensed districts. Only yesterday a letter, possibly many letters, came to this postoffice from a Memphis liquor dealer, who was moving his wares to Louisville, Ky., but who wished to retain his patrons here.

The saloon keeper driven out of both these states, Tennessee and Mississippi, by law, is still by virtue of the interstate commerce law the interpretation of it until now, allowed on, "Wet" territory to prosecute a mail order business in these states—and this is why prohibition prohibits only partially; and this is how the "blind tiger" is stocked and the "locker system" of Clubs is perpetuated.

When this interstate commerce law becomes effective in protecting dry territory and "Uncle Sam" goes out of business with the liquor traffic then will prohibition prohibit, and just as surely as God is in His heaven will this time come.

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