

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.
By Prof. Foster.
AN APPEAL TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 2, 1892.
The time for opening schools is at hand. You are, no doubt, anxious that your teachers should do the best work possible in the schools under your charge. This can be done only if you will furnish your teachers the means with which to illustrate teaching, as well as tools with which to work. In many schools I find that these useful instruments of successful teaching are withheld from a mistaken notion of economy. In your own business you are careful to get the tools and help; do not, I beseech you, expect of your teachers that they "make bricks without straw." If judiciously expended, a small sum of money invested annually will go a great way, and insure better results than you are able to obtain without this expenditure.

The very best we can do and give is just "good enough" for the children. Good and sufficient blackboards are essential to good work. When there are none such in your school, cause them to be made by engaging a painter who understands that business, or a regular blackboard maker. Blackboards, unless they be real slate, need to be replaced once in three years. This is a job that almost any one capable of wielding a brush can do. In connection with the blackboards, chalk crayon and erasers are needed. These can be had at slight cost.

Footcap paper, ink, pens and penholders, lead pencils and slate pencils may be purchased at the expense of the district, and great saving of money not only, but also uniform and better work on the part of the children will be the consequence. These supplies can not be taken home by the pupils, but should remain at school in custody of the teacher. When needed for work they should be distributed and immediately after the work is done, they should be collected and taken care of by the teacher.

Teachers should be held responsible for the economic use of their supplies and everything furnished by the board, not only because of the money value, but also more for the sake of teaching the pupils habits of economy and thrift. To allow the children to waste things is a great moral wrong and the teacher who permits such wastefulness does not do his duty to the rising generation.

Book of reference should be in every school. Under this head I may class a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary for the use of the teacher and one or several copies, according to the number of the children, of Webster's Condensed Dictionary for the use of the advanced scholars; a Gazetteer for the study of facts in geography, and an Encyclopedia for general information. I do not quote prices, because I presume that you keep in touch with your County Superintendent who will take pride in advising you promptly where such books can be purchased to best advantage.

To further the instruction in reading, penmanship and arithmetic, reading, penmanship and arithmetic charts are indispensable. A set of charts, including a map of Illinois and of your county, a globe and a slated globe are also indispensable. All these articles will last a number of years, and when they are once supplied and proper care is taken of them, need not be replaced very often. In fact, it is not necessary to buy all of them at once; if but part of them is purchased every year the burden will fall heavily upon the district, and the hearts of teachers and pupils will be gladdened from time to time. Thus a new impulse will be given in the several branches which they serve to illustrate.

In conclusion, a word in regard to school libraries. The school is the proper agency to establish a library in country districts. The reading of good books exerts a silent educational influence upon the young. Out of 11,509 districts in Illinois, only 1,782 report libraries in 1891, leaving 9,727 totally without that potent factor in education. When we consider that these 1,782 libraries are kept in cities, towns and villages, it becomes clear that the people of the rural districts go almost entirely without the reading of good books. This is another cause, undoubtedly, why the rural population is left behind in the race. Would it not be a glorious thing if the directors would assist the people of the country in the march of progress?

I do not wish the school directors to waste the people's money, on the contrary, I desire to see a great outcome from a small expenditure. If you plow deep and good seed, a splendid harvest not altogether to be measured by dollars and cents, must be the result.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
HENRY RAAB,
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

We quote below the prices at which apparatus is to be furnished to districts in this county until Jan. 1, 1893.

Eight inch globe	\$ 4.25
Twelve inch globe	5.75
Rubber case enclosing Johnson's maps	15.00
Rubber case enclosing Johnson's maps	10.00
Single Johnson map in veneer case	3.25
Rubber case enclosing map on common roller	1.00
Map of Illinois in veneer case	2.25
" " " on common roller	2.00
Rubber case enclosing phys'cal charts	10.00
Single physiological chart in veneer case	3.25
" " " on common roller	2.00
International dictionary, plain	8.50
State blackboard, 3 feet wide and measurement, freight prepaid, guaranteed against breakage, 25 cents per square foot.	9.00
Same blackboard 3 1/2 feet wide, 24 cents per square foot.	

I should be much gratified if each board of directors in the county would follow the suggestions of the state superintendent, and I will be glad to aid in the selection of apparatus and the sending of orders.

A circular to directors, together with necessary blanks will be sent out next week. Another price list:

Sheldon's Ward Studies	10
" First Reader	10
" Second Reader	10
" Third Reader	10
" Fourth Reader	10
" Fifth Reader	10
Soddard's Intellectual Arithmetic	35
White's first book in	20
White's Complete Arithmetic	50
Our World's Reader, No. 1	25
Barnes' Elementary Geography	25
Barnes' Complete Geography	40
Powell's How to Talk	40
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| 27. House and three lots near Hab's farm, \$1,000. | Twenty five acres of land in Pipestone county, Minn., \$1,000. |
| 28. House and two lots on Seminoe st., 13 rooms, new, will pay for itself in two years, \$3,750. | Eighty acres four and a half miles south of Dwight, a fine eighty at \$60 an acre. |
| 29. One and a half lots on Delaware st., \$500, or one lot for \$350. | A fine eight hundred acre stock farm, the finest in Central Illinois; 385 an acre. Lands in Arkansas, Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Minnesota for sale or trade. |
| 30. House and one lot on Delaware st., corner property, \$1,000. | Five thousand acres of timber and coal land in Kentucky. |
| 31. House and two lots on Waupansie street, \$2,600. | One hundred and sixty acres three and a half miles southwest of Odell, tiled, etc. at \$60 per acre. |
| 32. House and lot on Delaware st., close to business, \$2,600. | One hundred and sixty acres, fine tiled farm, with good improvements; \$50 per acre. |
| 33. Two very fine corner lots on Seminoe street, \$1,300. | 315 acres, white oak, popular and hickory, timbered land in Williamson county, Ill., 5 miles from R. R. Price \$10 per acre. Cut from 3 to 5 thousand feet per acre. |
| 34. Two very fine lots close to Franklin street, \$550. | 80 acres, cut from 5 to 8 thousand feet per acre, 7 miles from R. R. in Williamson county, Ill.; price \$15 per acre. |
| 35. Three fine lots on Renfrew Ave., \$750. | 40 acres, 1 1/2 miles west of Gardner, a fine farm. Space will not admit an out line of improvements, \$62 per acre. |
| 36. House and two and a half lots south front, fine location, \$2,100. | Five miles from Gardner and seven from Dwight, a fine quarter section at \$60 per acre. |
| 37. One lot on Delaware street \$250. | 100 acres, four miles south an two miles east of Dwight, \$55 per acre. |
| 38. House and 4 lots on Seminoe street \$1,250. | 80 acres 5 miles northwest of Dwight; a fine farm, well improved, all kinds of fruit, and tiled, \$68 per acre. |
| 39. House and lot on Delaware street, not far from new club site, \$3,000. | 150 acres, 3 miles east of Dwight, fair improvements, \$55 per acre. |
| 40. House and two lots on South street, \$2,500. | 3 miles from Redick, a fine 160 acres well improved, \$62.50. |
| 41. A fine house, five lots, fine improvements, shade, etc., \$6,000. | 2 1/2 miles west of Dwight; fine 160 acres at \$75 per acre. |
| 42. Barn and five lots in Odell, will divide, \$1,500. | 180 acres, 2 1/2 miles from Dwight, improved as follows: 1 1/2 story home twenty-eight by twenty-four and kitchen, in good shape, all kinds of fruit, good barn, buggy shed, granary, crib, flowing well and tiled complete, \$7,500. |
| 43. Good dairy business for sale. | 450 acres, 7 miles from Dwight, 4 miles from Gardner, fine land, good improvements, \$52.50 per acre. |
| 44. House and lot on Seminoe street, nice location, well improved \$2,000. | 230 acres 1 mile from Dwight, finest location for farm, now listed at \$65 per acre. |
| 45. Fine new house with three and a half lots, a bargain at \$3,600. Will sell with less ground. | 80 acres 4 1/2 miles southeast of Dwight \$57.50 per acre. |
| 46. House and lot on Chippewa street, good property, \$2,100. | 240 acres thoroughly tiled, fine large new house, five hundred dollar corn crib, big new barn and graining tool houses, fine cellar, 3 meter falling wells, fenced thoroughly and in forty acre lots, from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 miles from four different towns. The finest farm for sale by an agent in this county. \$75. |
| 47. One lot on Seminoe street, \$500. | 150 acres 4 miles north of Dwight, \$55. |
| 48. Block of 14 lots in southeast part of town, \$2,100; will divide. | 80 acres north east of Dwight 3 1/4 from Gardner, \$51. |
| 49. Two lots east of East Side school house, \$1,100. | |
| 50. House and two lots \$22. | |
| 51. One lot on Mazon Ave., \$750. | |
| 52. Eighteen fine lots, will divide in any amount. These are fine. | |
| 53. House and four lots, or any amount, will sell the house without lots. | |
| 54. H. McLane, one and a half lots on Waupansie st., \$700. | |
| 55. Business Block, stock and lease for 3 years. He is a chance. | |
| 56. House and lot on Delaware st., \$1,800. | |
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For a first grade certificate, the candidate must be qualified in all that is required for the second grade and in addition must pass an elementary examination in the philosophy, zoology and botany.
Estimated in per cent the required average for the second grade will be 80 with a minimum of 70; for the first grade 90 with a minimum of 75.
Satisfactory evidence of a knowledge of school law is required before a second grade certificate is issued, and conclusive evidence of the work on success in the work on success for this county must be shown before a second certificate of any grade will be granted. A fee of one dollar will be charged for each examination.
SEPT. FOSTER.