

the report cards have been a wonderful help to teachers, as well as a source of information to parents. It is the almost unanimous wish that the plan be continued.

We have held during the year 14 teachers examinations, occupying 28 days, and have devoted 70 days to the examination of the papers. These papers are kept on file for a year or more for reference.

We authorized two examinations for the district schools and one township examination for the eighth grade pupils, and furnished the questions for both.

We have held during the year 25 township institutes, and one annual institute. The interest manifested in the township institutes was so great and the result so good, that we have determined on holding a series during the fall term this year, where special effort will be made to illustrate the best practical use of the apparatus provided by directors.

We have had two cases of appeal this year. One from Pontiac township, which was satisfactorily adjusted. One from the trustees of town 25, range 8, involving territory lying in this and Ford counties, was heard conjointly by the superintendents of both counties. The prayer of the petitioners could not be granted because of a fatal error in the form of the petition. The petitioners were advised to secure legal advice in drawing their petition next year, that their prayer may be granted and the school privileges to which they are justly entitled, secured.

The sum of \$848.07 of fines and forfeitures was distributed with the state fund appropriation. This is the first fines and forfeitures money distributed to the schools of the county for more than 18 years. It would be but right and just to the schools if the \$641.55 of this fund used by ex-Supt. Ferris for current expenses, together with the \$659.42 used by ex-Supt. Tombarth for the same purpose be returned to the fines and forfeitures fund and distributed made next spring. I now have on hand for appropriation as shown by statement attached, \$220.65.

We have exerted ourselves to the utmost to check up all treasurer's books, but have not succeeded. We still hope to complete this work at an early date. No record of the examination of treasurer's books has ever been kept, and no record of the condition of books which have been examined, was ever made. We have made abstracts of the books which we have checked and approved, and have secured a proper book for making these entries, including the annual statement of the treasurers as to the condition of the township fund. This book will show the amount of principal fund, principal loaned on real estate, loaned on personal property, interest earned on these loans, and the balance of district funds due each district in the treasurer's hands.

We find the condition of funds in the various townships very satisfactory so far as we have been able to examine. We believe the work of some treasurers would be much simplified and the work of this office be made lighter, if some satisfactory, uniform plan of book-keeping [could be agreed on]. To this end we expect to meet with the treasurers and trustees at an early date and discuss ways and means for best accomplishing the duties of our respective offices.

This completes my report of the more important transactions of this office during the past year. The fact that we receive and answer an average of at least 400 letters per month, besides settling innumerable difficulties incident to school work, are items quite well known to you.

Very respectfully,  
HENRY A. FOSTER,  
County Superintendent of Schools.

H. A. FOSTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE INCIDENTAL FUND FROM SEPT. 1, '93, TO JULY 1, '94.

To Cash from County Treasurer	\$119 24
Total	\$119 24
Left over from last quarter	\$ 1 80
Express and telegrams	7 20
Box rent	1 00
Typewriter supplies	5 99
Rent	2 00
Stamps	108 24
Total	\$119 24
From July 1, 1894, to Sept. 1, 1894:	
Express and telegrams	\$ 2 55
Stamps	20 14
Total	\$22 69

H. A. FOSTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE INSTITUTE FUND FROM SEPT. 1, 1893, TO SEPT. 1, 1894.

To cash on hand Sept. 1, 1893	\$361 26
Receipts from Sept. 1, to July 1, as per summary	262 00
Registration fees at Institute	54 00
Receipts in July and August, as per summary	226 00
Total	\$903 26

J. E. Bangs, Institute instructor	\$ 50 00
C. E. DeBate	55 00
O. J. Condon	50 00
W. O. Krohn	75 00
W. T. Wilson	50 00
G. P. Manly	50 00
C. W. Ferris	50 00
Rachel Crothers, readings	25 00
E. P. McMurry, Institute instructor	10 00
Prof. Vaughn, music	22 00
Jno. Bruckner, janitor service at school	10 00
C. Heroules, janitor at church	30 00
Johnson & Kenice, printing	50 00
Jno. A. Saul, printing	20 50
Cash to balance Sept. 1, 1894	\$400 76
Total	\$903 26

H. A. FOSTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE FUND FROM SEPT. 1, 1893 TO SEPT. 1, 1894.

To state warrants for school tax fund	\$9,354 49
To state warrants for interest	605 68
Total	\$9,960 17

By amount apportioned to the following townships:

Waldo	\$ 274 67
Nebraska	445 14
Long Point	257 50
Reading	628 96
Pike	209 64
Rooks Creek	276 77
Amity	315 29
Newtown	193 14
Eppards Point	203 69
Pontiac	866 07
Esmer	198 73
Sunbury	216 25
Belle Prairie	149 12
Italian Grove	794 54
Avoca	245 40
Owego	194 78
Odell	406 07
Nevada	200 29
Fayette	187 63
Forrest	450 64
Pleasant Ridge	227 80
Saunemine	311 44
Union	238 80
Dwight	603 00
Germanville	156 82
Chatsworth	462 75
Newtown	211 29
Sullivan	309 84
Broughton	280 02
Round Grove	149 81
Commission	195 38
Total	\$9,960 17

H. A. FOSTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND FROM SEPT. 1, 1893, TO SEPT. 1, 1894.

To cash on hand Sept. 1, 1893	\$ 394 04
To cash in balance of 1893	10
To fines from W. C. Scott	115 00
" " H. H. McDowell	13 60
" " M. J. Higgins	8 00
" " C. O. Louderback	3 00
" " W. S. Wayne	3 00
" " Geo. F. Eddy	28 00
" " W. E. Snyder	2 95
" " W. E. Ross	10 00
" " O. F. Peare	3 00
" " J. D. Applegate	17 00
" " W. D. Lee	3 00
" " Thomas Walsh	9 00
" " Squire Aygar	3 00
" " S. Hunt	3 00
" " J. M. Breen	3 00
To appropriation of the board of Supervisors	465 00
Total	\$1,080 59

By distribution to the townships of	
Waldo	\$ 23 71
Nebraska	38 44
Long Point	22 24
Reading	54 31
Pike	18 10
Rooks Creek	23 90
Amity	27 23
Newtown	16 68
Eppards Point	17 68
Pontiac	74 79
Esmer	16 30
Sunbury	18 67
Belle Prairie	12 88
Italian Grove	68 61
Avoca	18 82
Owego	16 82
Odell	35 07
Nevada	17 80
Fayette	16 20
Forrest	38 91
Pleasant Ridge	19 67
Saunemine	25 89
Union	20 63
Dwight	62 12
Germanville	13 54
Chatsworth	39 96
Newtown	18 25
Sullivan	27 27
Broughton	24 23
Round Grove	21 67
Commission	16 87
Cash to balance Sept. 1, 1894	220 65
Total	\$1,080 59

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS VISITED.

1893	
Odell, district 1, Sept. 8.	
Nebraska, districts 7, 8, & 9, Sept. 18.	
Nebraska, district 8, Sept. 19.	
Long Point, districts 8, 10, Sept. 19.	
Long Point, districts 8, 10, Sept. 20.	
Reading, district 8, 10, Sept. 20th.	
Reading, district 3, Sept. 21.	
Newtown, district 2, Sept. 21.	
Newtown, districts 3 & 4, Sept. 22.	
Amity, districts 4 & 8, Sept. 22.	
Esmer, district 2, 3, Sept. 25.	
Sunbury, districts 2, 5, 8, Sept. 25.	
Sunbury, district 1, Sept. 26.	
Nevada, districts 2, 3, 5, Sept. 26.	
Odell, district 4, Sept. 27.	
Dwight, districts 4, 8, Sept. 27.	
Dwight, district 1, Sept. 28.	
Round Grove, districts 1, 2, 3, Sept. 28.	
Round Grove, district 8, Sept. 29.	
Broughton, districts 1, 5, 4, Sept. 29.	
Sullivan, district 6, October 2.	
Sullivan, districts 8, 9, October 3.	
Saunemine, districts 7, 8, Oct. 3.	
Saunemine, district 5, Oct. 4.	
Pleasant Ridge, districts 3, 4, Oct. 4.	
Avoca, districts 7, 9, Oct. 5.	
Pontiac, district 7, October 9.	
Esmer, district 8, October 10.	
Pontiac, districts 1, 7, Oct. 16.	
Esmer, district 5, Oct. 18.	
Germanville, district 3, Oct. 25.	
Fayette, district 2, Oct. 26.	
Fayette, district 1, Oct. 27.	
Forrest, districts 5, 8, 9, Oct. 27.	
Indian Grove, district 2, November 16.	
Odell, district 1, Dec. 1.	
Indian Grove, district 2, Dec. 8.	

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Rooks Creek, districts 8, 9, Jan. 15.	
Waldo, district 5, Jan. 18.	
Fayette, district 2, Jan. 23.	
Indian Grove, district 2, Feb. 12.	
Pontiac, district 2, 6th grade, Feb. 13.	
Indian Grove, district 2, Feb. 19.	
Amity, districts 1, 7, Feb. 20.	
Pontiac, district 6, Feb. 23.	
Owego, district 4, March 6.	
Odell, district 1, March 8.	
Pontiac, district 6, April 17.	
Pontiac, district 4, April 17.	
Pontiac, district 7, April 26.	
Eppards Point, district 1, May 16.	
Esmer, district 5, May 17.	
Esmer, district 4, May 18.	
Sullivan, district 6, June 7.	
Sullivan, district 6, June 8.	
Broughton, district 4, June 8.	
Rooks Creek, district 1, June 11.	
Rooks Creek, district 3, June 12.	

In the course of my work of visitation I

called at the following school houses and found the schools not in session because of the world's fair, because of sickness, because the term had not begun, because term had closed:

Eppards Point, districts 6 and 7, September 1.	
Eppards Point, district 3, Sept. 5.	
Sunbury, district 2, September 25.	
Nevada, district 3, September 26.	
Avoca, district 6, October 5.	
Avoca, district 8, Oct. 6.	
Esmer, district 7, Nov. 6.	
Rooks Creek, district 3, Nov. 7.	
Esmer, district 1, Nov. 11.	
Odell, district 6, December 1.	

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Owego, districts 1 and 2, March 5.	
Owego, district 3, March 6.	
Pontiac, district 9, March 7.	
Odell, districts 4 and 6, April 9.	
Union, districts 4 and 6, April 10.	
Saunemine, districts 1 and 2, April 11.	
Owego, districts 2 and 3, April 12.	
Sunbury, districts 7 and 8, April 13.	
Rooks Creek, district 1, April 18.	
Eppards Point, districts 2 and 3, April 19.	

The following visits were made by Miss Hamilton between September 1, 1893, and September 1, 1894:

1893.	
Nebraska, districts 6 and 7, September 18.	
Nebraska, district 2 and Long Point, districts 8, 5 and 3, Sept. 19.	
Reading-Ancona school, 2 rooms, September 20.	
Reading, districts 1 and 5, and Newtown, district 6, September 21.	
Newtown, districts 8 and 5, September 22.	
Sunbury, districts 9, 4, and 3, September 25.	
Sunbury, districts 6 and 7, Nevada, districts 4 and 9, September 26.	
Dwight, districts 4 and 7, and September 27.	
Round Grove, districts 4, 5 and 6, September 28.	
Round Grove, district 9 and Broughton, districts 2 and 3, September 29.	
Sullivan, districts 6 and 8, October 3.	
Saunemine, districts 8 and 5, October 4.	
Avoca, districts 3 and 2, October 5.	
Owego, districts 4, 6, 8 and 5, October 16.	
Rooks Creek, districts 9, 8, 5 and 6, October 17.	
Esmer, districts 6, 9 and 8, October 18.	
Eppards Point, districts 2, 5, 4 and 3, October 19.	
Chatsworth, district 8 Germanville, district 1, 7 and 8, October 25.	
Fayette, Strawn schools, 2 rooms, October 27.	
Chatsworth, districts 2, 6 and 7 October 27.	

1894.

West side, Dwight, 4 rooms, March 25.

East side, Dwight, 6 rooms, March 26.

Culm, 2 rooms, June 8.

Emington, 2 rooms, June 9.

Pontiac, district 6, June 9.

Rooks Creek, district 2, June 11.

Besides the above, my assistant and myself have held 13 township day institutes, which were equivalent to more than that number of days spent in visiting in the usual manner, since it enabled us to learn much more of the manner of the teachers' work as well as the results obtained. In addition thereto we were able to help the teachers more in their work than in any other manner. Notwithstanding the fact that these days were equivalent to 13 days of visitation, and I believe a charge on the part of each of us of one dollar per day would be legitimate, we have not made it, neither have we counted them as schools visited.

Respectfully,  
HENRY A. FOSTER.

The following report from the committee on public property was read and on motion of Myer adopted:

State of Illinois, Livingston county, [ss. Board of Supervisors, September term, September 14, A. D. 1894.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on public property would beg leave to report that they have awarded the contract of furnishing the court house and jail with coal to Richard Evans at \$1.90 per ton for Pontiac coal and \$2.20 per ton for Streator coal, to be delivered at court house and jail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
J. W. McDOWELL,  
A. CRAEB,  
EDWARD O. REED,  
AUSTIN GIBBONS,  
C. W. ROLLINS,  
Committee.

Gibbons moved that the clerk be directed to issue county orders in payment for any material or coal purchased by the committee on public property, or work done under direction of said committee, upon the certificate of the chairman of said committee, from the present time until the meeting of the board in February next, and the county treasurer be authorized to pay such orders.

Motion carried.

Myer moved that the board adjourn until the third Monday in February, 1895.

### THE CUNNIN LITTLE THING.

When baby wakes of mornings,  
And it's wailing, people all  
For another day  
Of song and play  
He comes to our darling's call  
And till she gets her dinner  
She makes the wailing ring  
And she won't keep still till she's had her fill.  
The cunnin little thing!

When baby goes a-woolung,  
Oh, how her paddies fly!  
For that's the way the babies say  
To other folks "by-by."  
The trees bend down to kiss her,  
And the birds in rapture sing,  
As there she stands and waves her hand—  
The cunnin little thing!

When baby goes a-rookung  
In her bed of Sunday,  
At hide and seek  
On her dainty cheek  
The dreams and the dimples play.  
Then it's sleep in the tender kisses  
The guardian angels bring  
From far above to his sweetest love—  
You cunnin little thing!  
—Eugene Field in Chicago Record.

### RUB THE OTHER EYE.

Good Advice of an Engineer Regarding the Removal of Cinders.

Nine persons out of every ten with a cinder or any foreign substance in the eye will instantly begin to rub the eye with one hand while hunting for the handkerchief with the other. They may do so until the eye becomes inflamed, and the cinder, but more frequently they rub until the eye becomes inflamed, and the handkerchief around the head and go to bed. This is all wrong. The better way is not to rub the eye with the cinder in it at all, but rub the other eye vigorously as you like, according to a writer in The Medical Summary, who relates the following experience:

"A few years since I was riding on the engine of a fast express. The engineer threw open the front window, and I caught a cinder that gave me the most excruciating pain. I began to rub the eye with both hands. 'Let your eye alone and rub the other eye' (this from the engineer). I thought he was chaffing me and worked the harder. 'I know you doctors think you know it all, but if you will let that eye alone and rub the other one the cinder will be out in two minutes,' persisted the engineer.

"I began to rub the other eye. Soon I felt the cinder under near the inner canthus and made ready to take it out. 'Let it alone and keep at the well eye,' shouted the doctor pro tem. I did so for a minute longer, and looking in a small glass I gave me found the offender on my cheek. Since then I have tried it many times and have advised many others and have never known it to fail in one instance unless it was as sharp as a piece of steel or something that cut into the ball and required an operation to remove it."

### A Queer Marriage Ceremony.

A queer marriage ceremony was that in Queen Elizabeth's reign, before the deaf and dumb alphabet was invented, between Thomas Filshy and Ursula Bridget. Ursula could talk fast enough, but Thomas was a deaf mute, and as it was required that promises should be exchanged in spoken words nobody knew how to manage the thing. Finally the bishop of London helped to devise a service by signs, and Thomas proceeded thus:

Having first taken Ursula in his arms, he took her by the hand and put the nuptial ring on her finger. He then laid his right hand significantly on his heart, and afterward, putting their palms together, extended both his hands toward heaven. Having thus sued for divine blessing, he declared his purpose to live with Ursula till death should separate them by closing his eyelids with his fingers, and then he wished to make a hole in the ground and then moving his arms and body as though he were tolling a funeral bell.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Honey From Lump Sugar.

To make it take a quantity of lump sugar, remembering that your vessel (a preserving kettle is best) must be large, as the sirup boils up at one stage of the process and is apt to run over and catch fire. Pour on the sugar a little water, enough to make it a sirup when hot. Boil and skim till clear, when drop in for two quarts as much powdered alum as you can pile on a dime. The alum is to prevent the sugar from granulating. Be ready to lift the kettle off the fire quickly, as the alum causes the sirup to froth up very high. Boil until it becomes of the consistency and the color of strained honey, when add a teaspoonful of Jamaica ginger, stir thoroughly and set to cool.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### Married Schoolteachers.

Married women can still be appointed to positions in the Milwaukee public schools. At the meeting of the executive committee of the school board Aug. 3 the movement was defeated which attempted to discourage matrimony on the part of the teachers of the Milwaukee public schools, in that it proposed the retirement from the force of teachers of all married women who had husbands upon whom they could depend for support and the nonemployment in the future of married women as teachers.

### Central Asia Tales.

The English tale of "Cinderella" is found in the Siberian tale of "Papallaga," in the German tale of "Aschenputtel," and in the fable of La Fontaine about the milkmaid and her pail. The legend of "Beauty and the Beast" is also found in the myths of the Hindoo, Greek and Norseman. All of these tales had a common origin in central Asia.—New York Sun.

To tell our own secrets is generally folly, but that folly is without guilt. To communicate these with which we are intrusted is always treachery, and treachery for the most part combined with folly.—Johnson.

Nashville is the first city in the world for hard wood lumber and the largest milling city in the south.

### THE TERRIER AND THE LIONS.

Use Did Not Count as Regarded Ownership of the Cage.

Kindness is powerful with animals, but I have often been led to think that where kindness fails impudence conquers. In Lincoln park, Chicago, I saw three lions in succession and stroke their ears as if they were kittens. They growled when she pretended to leave, and when she returned they fought among themselves for the first chance of being petted again. But this lady had nursed these lions, and they seemed to know her as a child knows its mother.

There was a little Scotch terrier in the cage with the same lions. He did nothing but bark and snarl and snap at them. One good swish of any one of the three tails would have wiped him out of existence. But he just ordered the big animals around as if he were the lion and they the rat catchers. They obeyed, although with the long deep growling as if of muffled thunder.

He was not a pretty dog, nor was his voice calculated to make him many friends. He was in no danger of being worried by encres. I don't know that he had any moral qualities worth bragging about. But he was Scotch. He had the reputation of being a terror as well as a terrier, and he had a broken leg. Perhaps as an invalid he appealed to the sympathies of his big companions. This, however, would not account for the obedient airs of superiority.

He took the first of the food. He got the first and the last shake hands from the lady. His barefaced impudence was more powerful than all the kindness and attention of the gentle nurse. And he gave nothing for his living except his bark. For the struggle of life he had no equipment but impudence, and yet he kept three lions in what must have been literally a condition of galling servitude. There is room somewhere here for a moral. But *Esop* is dead. And when he lived he tackled morals only to fables, where indeed they seem to belong.—Donahoe's Magazine.

### THE TELEPHONE DECADE.

How He Gradually Comes to Believe That He Owns Your Instrument.

"If there is a variety of deadbeats," said an eminent citizen the other morning, "which annoys me more than all others, it is the man who moves into your building because you have a telephone. At first he drops into your office and tells you his wife bade him order a steak before noon and that he had forgotten whether it was porterhouse or sirloin. He says that a family across the street from his house has a phone, and that with your permission he'll just ring 'em up and have 'em send for Mrs. X. Well, that doesn't bother you much because you are thinking of the family across the street, but in a week or two Mrs. X begins to call you up with the request that you step across the hall and bring her husband to the phone. Then the husband begins to drop in to telephone his commercial acquaintances until two-thirds of his entire business is done over your wire. There is only one more step. One of his agents is up, say, at Mount Morris, and that with your permission he'll just ring 'em up and have 'em send for Mrs. X. Well, that doesn't bother you much because you are thinking of the family across the street, but in a week or two Mrs. X begins to call you up with the request that you step across the hall and bring her husband to the phone. Then the husband begins to drop in to telephone his commercial acquaintances until two-thirds of his entire business is done over your wire. There is only one more step. One of his agents is up, say, at Mount Morris, and that with your permission he'll just ring 'em up and have 'em send for Mrs. X. Well, that doesn't bother you much because you are thinking of the family across the street, but in a week or two Mrs. X begins to call you up with the request that you step across the hall and bring her husband to the phone. 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