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MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOLS

Should Change School Unit From District to Township or

How to get more money to answer Illinois school needs without increasing the burden of the average taxpayer is the problem which the Constitutional convention at Springfield is considering. School men of the state led by J. O. Engleman, superintendent at Decatur, and Robert C. Moore, secretary of the State Teachers' association, are a unit in urging that the change of school unit from district to either township or county will answer the problem.

"This educational system whereby the district is the unit of taxation is unfair and expensive," said Mr. Moore recently. "The substitution of the county or township as the unit would spread school taxes over a larger number of persons and a

would remove the unbearable burdens which are now resting on so many districts. The present system divides townships up into school dis tricts and each district raises its own taxes to support its own schools. This means that rich districts, in which mines, improvements stand, or thru which railroads run have very low taxes, while those that are poor in sources have to levy outrageous taxes in order to get the inefficient schools that they have. Plenty of townships over the state have one district with a rate of 25.42 or 60 cents on the hundred dollars of assessed valuation while next to it will be another district with a rate of \$5 on the rame ratio, This means that the schools in the lowest taxed districts are good, while schools in the heavily burdened districts are extremely poor. This is unfair to the children of the state for it means that those who happen to be born in poor districts get a poorer start in life than those living in richer districts. If we are fighting for democracy, we cannot neglect this situation. With the township or county as the unit the difference between districts would be done away with. All the property and all the taxpayers would be spread back over the unit so that all schools would share alike. This is not only better democracy but fairer taxation and has won the support of the vast majority of taxpayers to whom i t eeahsb

ers to whom it has been proposed. W. F. Huston, superintendent of Henry county's schools says, "By all means the old school district organization should be abandoned and either the township or county unit adopted." F. E. Crawford, superintendent of Fayette county, T. E. Allen, superintendent of Washington county, Rollins L. Scott, superintendent Greene county, R. L. Spires, superintendent at Lockport, Miss Laviniz O'Neil superintendent of Brown couney, C. B. Bowman, superintendent of DePage county and W. R. Curtis, superintendent at Hewanee, are leaders in the fight for the new system.

MR. RUSSELL RE-HIRED ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Gets Another Six-Year Term by An Almost Unonimous Vote of the County Board

The board of supervisors last week by a practically unanimous vote reelected Charles Russell as county superintendent of highways for a sixyear term. Of the twenty-two votes
cast, Mr. Russell received twenty, the
other two going to M. J. Douthitt,
city engineer of Waukegan. Mr. Russell and Mr. Douthitt were the only
two who passed the state examination held at Elgin a few days ago.

Under the new state law the office of county superintendent of highways is placed upon a competitive basis. Before a county superintendent can be re-hired it is necessary for him to take a state examination which is open to as many applicants as decide to take it. The county board then is free to make its own selection.

Mr. Russell has made a very efficient officer and for that reason the county board members said they see no reason for making a change.

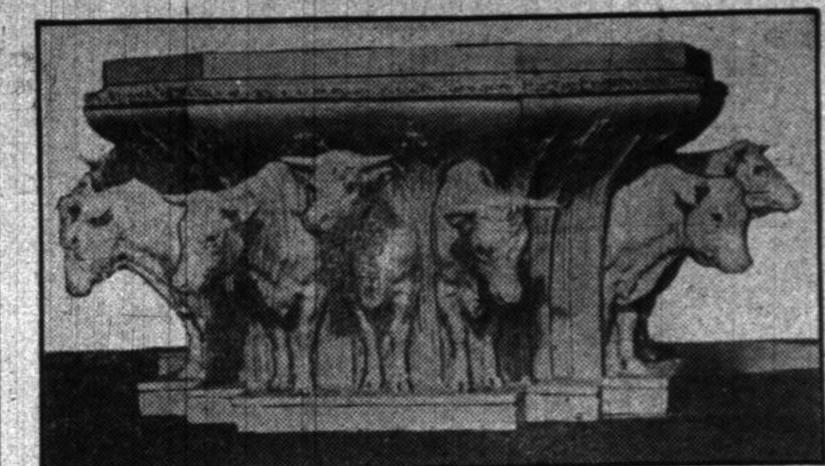
WAUCONDA HOSTELRY TO BE DEMOLISHED

The old Oakland hotel at Wauconda, scene of many lively dances 20 and 30 years ago, which were attended by the youth of the entire country-side, has been purchased by a Wauconda real estate dealer, and will be torn down and the lumber utilized in building lake shore cottages.

While the government is trying to increase the supply of raw materials the government bureaus keep the waste baskets of the nation chockfull with their superflouous publicity matter.

It is denied that Congress hasn't done anything at this session, as the garden seeds are going out as usual.

Beautiful Sculpture In Hawaiian Temple



Baptismal Font on Back of Twelve Brazen Oxen, in Hawaiian Temple,

ONE of the prettiest and most useful decorative pieces of art in the great "Mormon" temple dedicated at Laie, in the Hawaiian Islands, is the baptismal font on the backs of twelve brazen oxen, in accordance with the font in Solomon's temple.

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Every "Mormon" temple has a font, much on the order of this one, but with the development of art and sculptors it is safe to say that this is the finest and that those to follow in other temples may be even more

These fonts are used largely for

mons" hold that we have always existed and that death is merely a transition into another state of usefulness, but that as the Bible claims that all who would be saved must be baptized, a relative or friend may act as proxy for a deceased person and be baptized in his name. If the deceased accepts the action, he may go ahead along lines of progression; if not, the party who performed



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