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ALL who are interested in the educational progress of the county should read the report of County Superintendent, W. M. Justice, which appears elsewhere in this issue.
 Was not the money used for educational purposes in the county well spent? What other investment would advance the interests of Polk county so well as educating the younger generation? And yet there are people who are continually grumbling and kicking about the school tax.

Knowing that the thermometer has been eighteen to twenty degrees below zero in the North and West, ought to make Polk county people thankful for the mild weather they have been enjoying this winter.

Who will win the talking match, Japan or Russia? At their present pace they will soon become competent enough to give Corbett and Fitzsimmons lessons in the art of tongue wagging.

The first snow of the season made its appearance here this morning. As THE NEWS goes to press it is four to six inches deep.

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