

FLETCHER

Yes, maam. I'll be getting right on it.

MRS. FLETCHER

And don't forget that you gentlemen have promised us a four-room building in the next few years.

FLETCHER

How long will you be conducting classes? We're going to need those pupils in the fields.

MRS. FLETCHER

Like I promised you. November to March. But by the time I'm done with educating them, they'll be too tired to do any work.

FLETCHER

(to Prentis) She's just joking. I hope.

ESTHER

Sounded serious to me.

FLETCHER

Which paper you say you're from?

PRENTIS

The Atchison Weekly Champion.

FLETCHER

Never heard of it.

MRS. FLETCHER

Well, I have. That's why I'll be doing the teaching.

FLETCHER

Now, if you'll excuse me. I need to get back to my general store. (exits) Good day Esther.