HAMMER, MILTON P.—Teacher in the school at Searsboro. Was born in Hancock county, Indiana, January 2, 1856. His parents were farmers, and he was brought up to labor on the farm, and all the advantage of education accessible was the district school, where by close application he acquired sufficient education to teach school by the time he was nineteen years old, when he commenced teaching. He taught about one year in his native State, and thinking that there was a wider field of labor for young men in the West he removed to Missouri and there engaged in the same business for about thirteen months. He then removed to Iowa, settling in Jasper county, where he again engaged in teaching for about one year—from which place he removed to Searsboro, and engaged in teaching in the graded school of this place. As an evidence of the superiority of this young man as a teacher, it is only necessary to say that the board at this place have hired him time after time for nearly two years.