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TO REORGANIZE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Bills in the Legislature to Carry Out Educational Recommendations.

Several bills have been introduced in the Legislature purporting to follow the recommendations of the Educational Survey Commission. What these bills aim to accomplish follows:

1—The bills increase the number of the State Board of Education from six to seven, and their terms from six to seven years. The appointment of the members still rest with the Governor All the members of this board are to be laymen. Neither the Governor nor the State Superintendent are to be on this board.

2--The State Superintendent of Schools is to be appointed by the State Board of Education for four years, and will become the executive officer of the State Board. In addition to an assistant, as at present, he is to be provided with a supervisor of high schools, a supervisor of rural schools and white supervisor of colored schools. He shall have full responsibility over all professional matters relating to the public school system of the State, including the certification of all teachers, thus abolishing the present system of certification by some 25 different bodies, and thereby raising and making uniform the standard of teaching throughout the State. But every teacher now in service is fully protected by the certificate held. Examinations for all elementary school certificates will be held as heretofore, at the county seat, under the direction of the County Superintendent. Nor do the bills require the continuous examination of teachers. The plan is related to the present practice of teachers being sent to summer schools, their expenses in part being paid by the counties, and the bills provide for the renewal of certificates on evidence of summer school attendance.

3—The County Boards are also to be appointed, as at present, by the Governor, and the number of their members, and their tenure are to remain the same. But their duties are somewhat enlarged.

4—The County Superintendent is to be appointed by the County Board for a term of four years. He is to be the executive officer of the County Board, just as the State Superintendent of Schools is to be the executive officer of the State Board, and is to be given full responsibility for all professional matters relating to the county system. He is to be provided with at least one primary supervisor and with at least one attendance officer, in order that he may exercise a more thorough control over the schools. The County Superintendents, supervisors and attendance officers are to be paid by the counties not less than certain fixed salaries, the State to pay one-half of these salaries up to a certain fixed maximum.

5—The Direct Boards of Trustees are to remain as at present constituted, with substantially the same powers, except as to the appointment of teachers. Members to hold office for three instead of one year, as at present.

6—Better provisions are made for hearing complaints against teachers, they being given a hearing in all cases by the County Board, upon due notice, with an appeal to the State Superintendent in all cases except where the vote of the County Board is unanimous for suspension or dismissal.

7—All State School Funds are to be consolidated, and after deducting fixed charges for the maintenace of the general school system of the state the remainder is to be appointed to the different counties as follows: two-thirds according to the total number of school children in the county between the ages of 6 to 14 years, and not as at present, upon the basis of population between 6 and 21; and one-third according to aggregate days of school attendance.

8—All counties which levied during the current year as much as 34 cents for every $100 assessable property for school purposes will be required to levy not less than that amount as a condition precedent to state aid. But any county whose current school levy is less than 34 cents will be required to increase its school levy only 2 cents a year until the above minimum is reached. Any levy over 40 cents for school purposes must be approved by the County Commissioners.

9—In order that children may actually receive the education which the state and counties provide, new school attendance requirements are to be imposed. Children 7 years of age and under 13 are required to be in school the entire time the schools are in session, unless excused by the County Superintendent or the principal of the school. Children 13 or 14 years of age are required to attend at least 100 days during each school year, and children 15 and 16 years of age, unless they have completed the elementary school course, are also required to be in school 100 days each school year. Thus even these provisions permit all children 13 years or over to labor at home or elsewhere 7 months out of each year.

Story of Mary's Little Lamb.

A very long time ago a little girl, named Mary E. Sawyer, lived in the village of Sterling, Massachusetts. One raw March morning she found a little lamb in the barn which had been born in the night and was almost perished with cold. Mary took it in her arms and carried it to the fireside, wrapped it up snugly and fed it. It gained strength rapidly and was soon Mary's companion and playmate. One day it followed her to the "old red school house," trotting at the heels of its mistress and tucking itself quietly away under the old-fashioned boarded-up seat. When Mary's class was called the patter of tiny hoofs followed her to the teacher's desk. Miss Polly Kimball was the teacher and at once ejected the four-footed pupil from the school. John Roulstone, a prospective Harvard student, was visiting the school and composed the rhymes which has given, and will continue to give, far more pleasure than many an ambitious and heroic epic.

The lamb met an early death by being gored by an angry cow in the home barnyard. Mary married Columbus Tyler and died at a ripe old age. The ambitious young author has gone the way of all flesh. The old school house is gone, but children are still fond of the interesting story and poem of "Mary and her little lamb."

Dynamite.

Dynamite if carefully made and kept will not explode except by shock or a blow; hence a cap or detonator is affixed to a charge just before firing to set it off. Set fire in open air dynamite burns fiercely with a smoky flame, but does not explode unless several sticks are closely piled together or packed in a box. The most common cause of premature explosion of dynamite is separation of its nitroglycerin, slight friction or shock causing this to explode and, in turn, explode the dynamite. Separation of nitroglycerin usually occurs when frozen dynamite is being thawed out; hence so many cases of explosion by careless or ignorant persons who use a perfectly good stove in a course of instruction in how to handle dynamite. The force of a dynamite explosion is usually greatest downward. Thus a stick of dynamite exploded on a rock without being covered will shatter the rock, but will produce little effect in other directions. Like all explosives, dynamite must be inclosed to produce its maximum effects. Dynamite is sometimes prepared in granular form for producing certain explosive effects, but its action is too rapid and intense for use in rifles or cannon.—American Druggist.

Great Place For Hunting.

The fauna of Uganda is probably unequaled in variety and importance in any other country in the world. On the lakes are found a great number of water birds, storks, cranes, herons, flamingoes, geese, ducks and divers. But the finest are perhaps the huge eagles, which prey on the fish, of which there is a great variety. Hippopotamuses and crocodiles haunt all the waters in the country. On land elephants are found in Buganda, Bunyoro, Buddu, Toro, Busoga, Elgon and the Nile districts; buffaloes are found near the swamps; wild boars, hyenas, leopards and wildcats infest the woods, where smaller creatures, such as squirrels, gray parrots, monkeys and guinea fowl, are found. In the wide and more open country to the north there are rhinoceroses, zebras, ostriches and many varieties of antelope, and throughout the country vultures and kites abound.

A Giant Sun.

Canopus, the giant of the stellar system, is, according to a recent calculation of W. F. A. Ellison, 49,000 times as bright as the sun. It is 134 times as large as the sun in diameter, 18,000 times in surface and 2,420,000 times in volume. Its distance from us, according to the same estimate, is 489 light years. Suppose, says Mr. Ellison, that instead of being at this enormous distance it were placed in the center of the solar system in lieu of the sun. It would then occupy eighty-five hundredths of the space lying within the orbit of Venus and, as seen from the earth, would subtend an angle of about seventy degrees of arc. Thus, when its lower limb was on our horizon, its upper would be within twenty degrees of the zenith. Needless to say no life could exist on earth with such a neighbor. — Scientific American.

The Fame of Lens.

Lens leaped into fame in the seventeenth century. During the Thirty Years' war between France and Spain Louis II. of Bourbon, known as the Great Conde, achieved one of his most notable victories when, on Aug. 20, 1648, he defeated the Archduke Leopold. On that occasion the celebrated Spanish infantry was completely beaten. Conde was at that time commander in chief of the French forces, and Turenne was his subordinate. The battle began with a panic in Conde's own regiment, but was retrieved by his own coolness and bravery. In after years he fought for the Spanish against his own country, where, however, he ended his days in peace, enjoying the society of Moliere and other great Frenchmen of letters. —London Tatler.

Perplexing Plurals.

Little Elsie had just reached the grade in school where the study of grammar is a part of the day's work. Among other things she was greatly interested in the singular and plural form of words. She knitted her little brow and looked puzzled when she asked her mother:

"Is the plural of bird burden?"

"Why, dear, how could you think that?" the mother answered.

"Well," explained the child, "father said Willie Blank was a bird, and I heard you say that he and his brothers and sisters were such a burden to their mother."—Exchange.

Toil's Victim.

Interested Friend—Is Willie doing well at college this year? Fond Mother—Oh, very! I know he must be studying dreadfully hard because only the other day the president told him he must either change his ways or go somewhere else for his health.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

It Was Both.

"What do you think of old Uncle Peter devising all his money for the erection of a mausoleum over his remains?" said the first needy relative.

"Awful!" replied the second. "It's just a willful waste."

"Huh! I call it a wasteful will."

Kindred Spirits.

"You and Grump seem to get along pretty well."

"Yes. You see, he never borrows anything but trouble, and that's all I ever had to lend."—Boston Transcript.

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