

**Department Replies**

(Continued from page 1.)  
graph 26, on page 23 of the course of study states, referring to the examination rules: "any infringement of this rule will be cause for dismissal."

You mention in your letter "the somewhat strained relations existing in the town of Waimea in regard to them" (referring to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown), so in connection with this phase of the affair, I shall say only that the Department did not have a good reason to believe its action would be in accord with the wishes of a majority of the leaders of the community most concerned with the conduct of the Waimea School.

The Department's reasons for not appointing Mr. and Mrs. Brown to Waimea are, I think, very plain. Furthermore, their disregard for instructions make it impossible to keep them in the service in any place and still maintain discipline. If these teachers are allowed to break the rules with impunity, all teachers should have the same privilege and the result would be chaos.

To this may be added the fact—which, I think, will be admitted by anyone who knows Mr. and Mrs. Brown—that the former is so completely under the dominance of the latter that, no matter whether she were his assistant or not, she would be in control of him and his administration of the school in which he was placed. This condition has caused much trouble in the past and the Browns have been warned of the consequences which might result therefrom. In this respect, I beg to refer you to a letter sent by me to Mr. Brown on December 21, 1914, as follows:

"At a meeting of the Oahu Commissioners and myself, held in Honolulu, December 29th, the matter of the Misses Jackson and Cummings, who are now in Honolulu, was discussed. These ladies applied for transfers from the Waimea school and as such could not be granted they resigned, stating that they would not go back to Waimea.

"The kernel of their complaints was that Mrs. Brown is entirely too prominent in the administration of the school; that she 'bosses' the principal and the other assistants; that her orders are enforced even when they are contrary to those of the principal; that quarrels and contradictions are carried on in front of the pupils, etc.

"In view of the fact that complaints of this very nature have come to the Department from various sources, some of these independent of the school, it was decided that the Superintendent should write to Mr. Brown informing him of the fact. In reaching this decision the case was borne in mind of a couple of teachers, now on Kauai, where the Commissioners demoted the husband-principal and placed his wife in his position as principal, thereupon establishing a precedent which may, or may not, be followed if similar cases occur in the future.

From the above you may notice that the Department acted only after having had its patience thoroughly tried and with the conviction that it would be unwise to appoint Mr. and Mrs. Brown either at Waimea or anywhere else, and that its action is in absolute accord with the School Rules and the Rules and Regulations.

Yours very respectfully,  
HENRY W. KINNEY,  
Superintendent Public Instruction.

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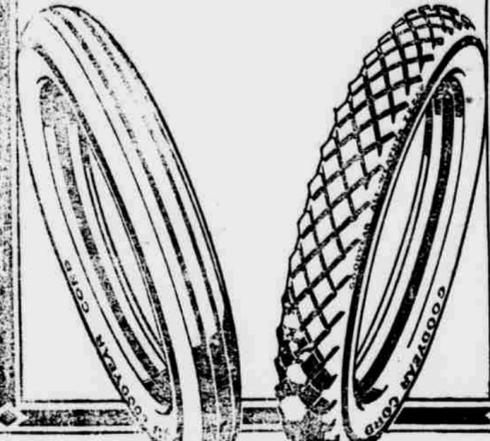
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