

WANT LAWS CHANGED

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE.

MR. WELCH WILL GIVE DATA

Law Makers Will Be Asked to Correct Many Conflicting Sections of Montana's State School Law.

That Montana educators should meet annually during the holidays to discuss matters of pertinent professional interest is well in keeping with the general personnel of the Treasure state pedagogues. They are progressive and up-to-date. Their whole interest is wrapped up in their work, and no state in the sisterhood of states can show greater progress for the advantages enjoyed than Montana.

It has been said that Montana is a state of magnificent distances—and so it is. Out far on the range and in the fastness of the mountains can be seen the little red school house. It may be only figuratively speaking red, but its influence is the guiding star of the nation.

Origin of Custom.

The custom of holding annual conventions of teachers and those interested in school work originated early in the 19th century. The greatest step was made, however, more than three decades ago when the National Educational Association was born and when the movement for higher education and better schools was yet in its infancy.

No more may be said of Montana's educational interests than that they represent the greatest advancement and for the facilities enjoyed this state's educational system is equal to that of any Eastern state where the training of the young mind and the moulding of the character of the American boy and girl has long been a study.

At Missoula, this evening, Montana teachers representing every branch of the educational system will meet and discuss subjects of live interest. There are in the neighborhood of 2000 teachers in Montana.

Butte Well Represented.

This includes instructors of all sorts and all engaged in school work. It is expected that Butte will be well represented at the meeting.

One of the most important matters that will be discussed is the revision of the school laws. The state superintendent's department will submit a great deal of important data on the subject and a legislative committee will doubtless be appointed to present a new educational law for the consideration of the next session of the legislature.

At the last legislative session an attempt was made to pass laws upon several subjects which were vaguely treated in existing statutes, but the effort only resulted in the passage of several laws which have for the most part proven unsatisfactory.

The matter of school legislation, which is regarded as among the most important things the legislature will have for consideration, has been continuously before the legislature since the state was organized.

Many Laws Defective.

Many of the laws are defective, and with others the growth of the state has made them practically inoperative. These several attempts that have been made to frame a general educational law have been unsuccessful for the reason that the matter was left in the hands of the legislators.

The state educational association will, in all probability, take the matter up and appoint a committee consisting of the most prominent educators, representing the several branches of the state school system to frame such laws as will meet all the present requirements.

At the last meeting of the state board of education the matter was talked over and Superintendent Welch agreed to present a statement of the needed legislation to the state convention.

"The state convention can do a great deal towards bringing about the needed legislation," said State Superintendent Welch today. "Those engaged in school work know the needs of the schools best, and I believe if a committee, such as is proposed, is appointed it will result in the desired changes being made."

Numerous Changes Proposed.

The changes that are proposed are numerous. The law regarding the taking of the annual school census by clerks of school boards is conflicting.

The dates for taking the census and the date that the clerk is required to report are at variance. The law requires that the census must be taken the latter part of August of the children in school in September.

Of course, this is impossible, and the conflict of dates results from an attempted amendment of the law by the last legislature.

An amendment was also passed last session regarding the transfer of school money from the district to another district, where pupils were transferred. The law is unsatisfactory in many respects and a substitute will be proposed.

The institute law is unpopular. It will quite likely be repealed in its entirety, and if the recommendations of Superintendent Welch prevail, a new law will be passed organizing several summer schools to give teachers supplementary instruction during the summer months.

Credits for Teachers.

Mr. Welch proposes that these schools shall give teachers credits on their professional certificates for work done during the summer. He believes that a majority of the teachers who go East annually to similar schools would be delighted with the opportunity to remain in Montana during the summer and escape the sweltering heat of the East.

There are numerous other changes that should be made to the school laws. During the last year Mr. Welch has secured opinions from the attorney general upon the legality of several of the laws that the latter official has declared unconstitutional.

The state superintendent has also had an opportunity to study the operation of the school laws and he believes that the needed legislation should receive the attention of the educators of the state, that an adequate system of school laws may be placed on the statute books.

Compulsory Education Law.

The compulsory education law will be discussed. Superintendent Welch be-

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Ladies' Flannelette Gowns 79c The daisy flannel night gowns, in pink and light blue, trimmed with fancy braids; full cut; \$1.50 value at79c	Children's Night Gowns 39c Outing flannel night gowns, made from the English flannelette, in light colored stripes; trimmed with fancy braids; all sizes. Price39c	\$1.00 Infants' Kimonas 65c Eiderdown Kimona saronges, made from best pure wool materials; edges finished in contrasting colors; all sizes; \$1.00 value. At65c	Symons ECONOMISTS FOR THE PEOPLE	



G. T. Bramble, President Montana State Teachers' Association.

Heves that the better enforcement of the law is possible. The subject has long been a perplexing one both to educators and in some instances to parents. However, there is a remedy at home for the small boy who plays truant, but where parents of moderate means keep their children out of school to earn a small pittance, or because of indigence or lack of interest, the law is primarily intended to apply.

It has been suggested that school districts should not be allowed apportionment for children who do not attend school regularly. If the apportionment was withheld, school officials would immediately interest themselves in seeing that the law was properly enforced.

Not a few of the more prominent educators believe that the length of the school term should be made 10 months. At present but nine months school is held. It is argued that school should be held for 10 months in the cities.

The three months vacation so seriously interfere with the school work that it usually takes about a month to tame the small boy into submission and convince him that the school is for his benefit, if such a thing were possible.

Summers Are Cool.

The Montana summers are cool and it would be no hardship whatever to require children to attend 10 months instead of nine. Parents generally favor the change.

The great question when summer comes is, "What shall we do with Johnny?" If some means is not devised for his amusement he usually finds recreation and it is usually disastrous to some one, very often to Johnny.

Another matter that will be generally canvassed by school board officials is

that of a tax levy for school purposes. Under the present law each school district makes its own special levy.

It is argued by many that a general levy should be made for the entire state. The present plan contemplates the payment by each district of the funds for the maintenance of its school.

Some small districts are unable to secure enough money to run the schools for the required time.

It is argued by those who favor the plan that it would be no particular burden to the larger districts if an equitable levy was made for the entire state.

New Brewery in Helena.
(Special to Inter Mountain.)
Helena, Dec. 26.—Soon after the first of the year Helena will have a new brewery in operation at the head of Main street. The structure is complete and the machinery is arriving. It will be known as the Capitol Brewing company. The plant cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. This includes, however, the cost of the machinery that is being installed.

Supreme Court Adjourns.
(Special to Inter Mountain.)
Helena, Dec. 26.—The supreme court yesterday afternoon took a recess until after the holidays. The court will reconvene January 2. Chief Justice Brantly and Associate Justice Pigott will spend the holidays in Helena. Judge George F. Milburn will go to Miles City and Billings for a few days' visit.

Will Attend Teachers' Institute.
(Special to Inter Mountain.)
Helena, Dec. 26.—Helena will be well represented at the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association, which will be held at Missoula Thursday evening,

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Senator McLaurin was seen talking to a group of marines in Washington the other day. Perhaps telling them his troubles.

Young Corbett admitted to a New York reporter that he cannot act. In this he is not a whit behind the other pug who are ranting behind the footlights.