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ASKS SQUARE DEAL FOR RURAL SCHOOL

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OLSEN MAKES MANY SUGGESTIONS.

Recommendation Made to Legislature that Law Be Changed to Permit Election of Boards of Education by Votes, and Selection of County Superintendents on Merit.

State Superintendent of Schools John W. Olsen, in his regular report to the legislature for the department of public instruction, will advocate a number of radical changes relative to the government of schools in the country districts. Chief of these will be a recommendation calling for the election of county school boards and the selection of the county superintendents by these boards rather than their election by popular vote. This is urged for the betterment of the service, as it is maintained that it will raise the grade of county superintendents, attract better school children and give the schools a square deal, and will take the schools out of politics. In his report Mr. Olsen says:

The country child is entitled to teaching just as inspiring, environments just as healthful and comfortable and supervision just as efficient as is the city child. At present he is not getting these. The city schools of Minnesota are noted for the scholarship, professional attainments and high character of their superintendents, who are elected strictly upon their merits, regardless of politics or the accident of residence, and who without professional certificates secured under rigid supervision of the state examining board would be inefficient.

No Chance to Advance.

We have professional city superintendents, college-bred, who as a rule have served their apprenticeships as teachers, graded school principals, secured their promotion to the superintendency of small cities and gradually advanced to the most desirable positions in the state. Young men of thorough qualifications and natural fitness may enter the field with reasonable expectations of promotion; the prospects of advancement remaining them and inciting them to their best efforts.

Superintendents of the 192 state high-school districts, including the high-school principals in the twin cities, are paid an average of \$3,337 a year, and under their expert supervision schools have flourished; meanwhile our county schools, in which the majority must receive their education, have been left to shameful underpaid supervision, that has too often lacked scholarship, experience, culture and intelligent interest. Nor is it surprising that the county superintendency fails to attract and retain our best educators. If compelled to go thru the turmoil of party contests and if the salary in prospect were so inadequate as to be beggary, it would be impossible to have such a high caliber of men made our city schools the best in the union. The plan of selecting and licensing city superintendents is a success. No one thinks of changing it. Why not adapt it to the needs of the country schools?

Proposed Changes.

Why not permit the voters of each county at the annual school meetings when party issues are not an issue to elect a county board of education? Provision could be made for a board of five members, one or two to be elected each year. The expense of such an election would be slight. The same voters that count the votes on the incoming member of the local board could make the proper returns to the county auditor. This plan has been under discussion for some time and generally commends itself to progressive educators and others interested in education thru the state. Such a board should assume the school duties now resting upon the board of county commissioners, and should also select the county superintendent in the same manner as a city board of education selects its superintendent, without regard to any consideration other than the best interests of the service. This plan presents many advantages.

Incidentally it would increase the attendance and interest in the annual school meetings. Under our constitution no educational qualification is a legal prerequisite for the county superintendent, as he is an elective officer. Election by a board would provide a method whereby the legislature could prescribe reasonable qualifications. It would build up a professional county superintendent. Unlike city superintendents, the county superintendent cannot look forward to any promotion in his specialty. His official experience does not legally lead to promotion. As already stated, a man who gives a smaller city competent supervision may expect advancement but a county superintendent of exceptional ability in a smaller county cannot expect advancement to a larger one.

Some Common Difficulties.

Speaking of conditions in the country, Mr. Olsen calls attention to the fact that many counties have no suitable talent, and in cases where there is in the county suitable material for superintendent it hesitates to enter a political campaign for an office where

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the average, including traveling expense, is only \$1,151 a year. He points out that men of strong character and high ability are needed to lead the campaign for better schools in every county and that such men are not attracted as a rule. He favors a better salary, justifying special training for the superintendents, yet believes that requirements should not be too rigid and become discouraging. Superintendents in office should be considered legally qualified.

Some Suggestions.

The recommendations which Superintendent Olsen will make in his report are summarized as follows:

- State inspection of rural and semi-graded schools that apply for special state aid.
- The adaptation of the present successful plan of selecting and licensing city superintendents for the needs of county superintendents.
- Non-resident officers to enforce compulsory attendance laws.
- The empowering of school boards to employ tried teachers for three-year periods, and such legislation as may prevent teachers from violating contracts.
- A plan whereby, under proper petition, school district accounts may be accurately audited.
- Further extensions of state high school examinations to rural districts.
- A few minor changes in the new code to correct errors and supply omissions.
- Changes in the law authorizing normal instruction in the high schools to make it more efficient.
- The careful consideration of the financial needs of state libraries, the state high school board, the department of public instruction, the university, the normal schools and other educational institutions, as set forth by their heads in the special reports herewith submitted.

ORDER FOR INSECT WAR

State Experiment Farm Issues Bulletin on How to Fight Pests.

An entomological calendar has just been issued by the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, containing many helpful suggestions for farmers and orchardists. With these suggestions, the time of their performance is also given.

It is advised to spend the early months of the year in combating scurvy growths and insect eggs deposited on fruit trees. Midsummer and early fall must of necessity be devoted to gathering fruit and vegetables, but as much time as can be spared should be employed in destroying larvae of insects.

Late fall plowing is suggested as a means of getting rid of chinch bugs and the Hessian fly. A number of recipes for sprays with which to fight hibernating insects are appended. The bulletin says that Minnesota needs laws to prevent the sale of adulterated and inferior Paris green.

BABY'S BODY FOUND

Coroner Will Inquire Into Facts of Mysterious Death of Infant.

Coroner Kistler is investigating the circumstances connected with the death of a baby whose dead body was found on the ice at the upper end of Nicollet island early today.

The body was found by school children who were playing on the ice, and the matter was at once reported to the police. Patrolman Niemeyer was sent to guard the body until the coroner arrived.

The baby was but a few days old and its identity is a mystery. An autopsy will probably be held.

Of Interest to Mothers. There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears, so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness.

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double amount Merchandise stamps in all departments

except restaurant, soda fountain, patent medicines, Eastman kodak goods, flour and sugar.

Note: Our excellent delivery service has been doubled to handle the holiday trade, but even so we find it greatly overtaxed. To avoid delays as much as possible, we request that you take your purchases with you when convenient.

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 - Fancy Ducks, at lb. **10c-11c-12½c**
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 - Old Chickens, at lb. **7c-8c**
 - Turkeys, at lb. **16c-18c-20c**

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