

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Makes a Few Demands and Suggestions Regarding Legislation.

The State Teacher's association's annual meeting in Topeka last week was very largely attended, and it has been said that it was one of the most interesting meetings the association has ever held. The sessions were held in the state house during Wednesday and Thursday, and it appeared that all matters pertaining to teaching and teacher's interests were discussed. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

President—Wm. M. Davidson, Topeka.

Vice President—Geo. W. Jones, of Mound City.

Secretary—Francis E. Katner, Troy.

Treasurer—J. W. Spindler, Winfield.

Examination committee—S. M. Cook, Chapman; H. M. Culver, Norton, and Wm. Stryker, Great Bend.

A flag was won by the Morris county teachers, who sent 27 per cent of their force to the meeting, that being the highest per cent of attendance from any county. The total enrollment for the year is 508, though a great many more than that number attended the meeting. The following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, There has been great irresolution and hesitation by the people of Kansas in their attempts to establish a county high school; and

"WHEREAS, The graduation of the district schools is utterly impossible under our present laws; and

"WHEREAS, There has been great injustice worked in a majority of the school districts of the state of Kansas under the present system of taxation; and

"WHEREAS, There is at present no educational qualification for the important office of county superintendent; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the teachers of Kansas, in convention assembled, do hereby demand the enactment of the following propositions into law at the next session of the Kansas legislature, and we also pledge our earnest support and our entire influence to these measures:

"First—That every county having a population of 6,000 or more, shall establish a county high school at such place in said county as may be determined by the popular vote, and whenever, in any county having the required population but not the required assessed valuation, one-third of the electors of the county as shown by the last preceding election, shall petition the board of county commissioners, praying for the establishment of a county high school the county commissioners shall proceed at once to establish such high school. In connection with this we demand a uniform system of common school graduation, including a uniform course of study for district schools and for county high schools prepared by the state board of education and providing that all pupils who complete the district school course and receive a diploma shall be admitted to the county high school and all who complete the county high school course shall be admitted to the university, the state normal school and the state agricultural college on the same conditions as the graduates from the city university high schools.

"Second—That in addition to the present system of taxation both a state tax and a county tax be levied. The state tax to be distributed among the several counties of the state in proportion to the number of teachers employed, and that each county distribute its county tax among the several districts of such county

in proportion to the number of teachers actually employed therein.

"Third—That we request the legislature to submit an amendment to the state constitution so that the office of county superintendent shall be filled by one who has been actively engaged in school work for at least two years prior to election to said office, and that said person shall be the holder of a first grade certificate, a state certificate or a diploma from the state normal school, or such other institution as may be recognized by the state board of education. Be it

"Resolved, That the district association be requested to give special attention to such demand as may be made of them at the Thanksgiving session of 1894, and to enforce as far as possible requests of the committee on legislation.

"Second—That we, as teachers and citizens, firmly believe that our prohibitory law has not only placed our beloved state in the van of modern civilization, but has been a blessing to every boy and girl therein; and that we not only endorse the provisions, but urge an honest enforcement of the same on the part of the executive officers of Kansas.

"Third—That we as teachers take this opportunity of placing ourselves on record as being heartily in favor of the proposed amendment to our state constitution which will insure the women of Kansas the right of equal suffrage.

"Fourth—That we commend the course of the state board of education in raising the standard of scholarship among the teachers and institute workers of the state."

A separate resolution calling for a better observation of the law under which the effects of alcohol is made a study was passed unanimously.

Kind Words.

We have been looking through and closing up the files of what we consider our most valuable exchanges. We have regularly filed during the year a dozen or more papers from the Fifth district. It is no reflection upon other exchanges to say that we place first the Topeka ADVOCATE, second the Ottawa Journal, and third, the Kansas Commoner. Among the Fifth district reform papers, we think the Clay Center Dispatch stands at the head. But we are exceedingly proud of the Kansas reform press, as a whole, which is unequalled in any state. Many of the boys, too, are publishing better papers than they can afford to print, doing their work in the face of many embarrassments, devoting every energy unselfishly to the advancement of the reform cause; and the people in every county should see that they are better sustained next year than they have been in the year just closing.—Manhattan Republic.

The Gulf and Interstate Railroad.

We understand that certain persons have attempted to solicit subscriptions from the people for the furtherance of the plan to construct a people's railroad to the gulf. Any persons attempting anything of this kind are doing so without authority and we desire to caution people against imposition in connection with this project. Our plans are yet incomplete and nothing can be done until after our next meeting on the 9th inst., at which time good legal talent will be employed and a plan will be sought to be perfected that will conform to all legal requirements, and answer all reasonable objections.

FRED J. CLOSE, President.

ALONZO WARDALL, Secretary.

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BOARD OF CHARITIES.

The Governor Notifies Mrs. Lease of Her Removal—She "Writes Back."

The wrangle between the members of the state board of charities growing out of the appointment and attempted removal of officials and other employees in the institutions, has developed a contest the result of which will determine how quickly a member of the board can be removed from office by the governor. On December 28 Governor Lewelling addressed the following notice to Mrs. Mary E. Lease, president of the board:

DEAR MADAME:—Having learned that you are in the city, I address you here instead of Wichita.

I regret to say that many circumstances in connection with the work of the state board of charities lead me to believe that the interests of the board and the administration of the various institutions of the state demand your retirement from the board.

I have therefore reluctantly and with great hesitation decided to fill your place immediately. This will, therefore, be notice to you that you are today removed from the state board of charities.

Very respectfully,
L. D. LEWELLING, Governor.

This, of course, created quite a sensation, as the public was not expecting anything of the kind, and many were the interviews from "prominent Populists" which found their way into print. Mrs. Lease furnished her share of the interviews, the burden of her talk being the denunciation of the administration. On the next day she gave out the following for publication.

To the Hon. L. D. Lewelling, Governor of Kansas:

DEAR GOVERNOR:—Disclaiming any intention of questioning your authority, the wisdom of your acts, or the integrity of your purpose, I beg leave to remind you that you have, as chief executive of this state, tried and sentenced me without according to me that which the laws of our land accord to the vilest criminal—"the right of defense." Were I an employe of yours your right to perpetrate this act of injustice might depend on your inclination. As it is, I recognize that I am an employe of the state, accountable as such to the people of this state for my official record, and for them as well as for myself I demand a statement and investigation of the charges against me, that I may have an opportunity to concede the manifest justice of your decree or defend myself from the imputation of hiring politicians. Most faithfully yours,

MRS. LEASE.

President Board of Trustees of State Charitable Institutions.

In pursuance of the above Mrs. Lease has employed attorneys and made preparations to defend her case in court.

Most of the contention grew out of the trouble at the Olathe deaf-mute institution, during which Superintendent Carter was dismissed. This was about two weeks ago. Carter, who was the choice of Mrs. Lease when he was appointed, did not want to quit the institution, and fortunately for him, another dissension arose in the board over the appointment of a successor. Mrs. Lease demanded the appointment of J. R. Kennedy, of Fredonia, as a member of the board, to succeed Mr. Kelley, and until that was promised her she would not agree to the appointment of A. A. Stewart whom Householder and Wait wanted as Carter's successor. She then declared that Carter should be retained until some one should bring charges and prove him to be unfit for the position. The day before she was given the notice of removal, Carter claimed to have received notice from her re-instating him as superintendent. It appeared to the governor that the charitable institutions were suffering from the continuous discord, and for that

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reason he made the change in the board.

On Saturday the governor appointed John Freeborn of McPherson, to be Mrs. Lease's successor. Mr. Freeborn is a farmer, and at present sheriff of his county, but his term expires in a few days. He is an excellent man for the place.

The governor has expressed his intention of appointing a woman to succeed one of the republican members of the board, but who his choice will be he has not stated.

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