

BY H. A. FOSTER.

The jurisdiction of the County Superintendent in a controversy concerning schools has lately been questioned, and I therefore quote here what the law and decisions have to say on this subject.

Article II, Section 21, says: "In all controversies arising under the school law the opinion and advise of the County Superintendent shall first be sought, whence an appeal may be taken to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction upon a written statement of facts certified by the County Superintendent."

Batemans' Decisions, Page 16, says: "When controversies arise the parties are to first seek the opinion and advise of the County Supt." He stands at the head of the common school system in his county and is the proper officer to apply to on all subjects relating to the interests of the schools and to the rights and duties of school officers."

Should matters in controversy be submitted to the State Superintendent, he will deem it his duty to decline to pass upon them till they have been referred to the County Supt. as required by law."

"If every dispute or contention among those entrusted with the administration of the system or between the officers and teachers or patrons of the schools offered an occasion for a resort to the courts for settlement, the working of the schools would not only be greatly embarrassed and obstructed, but such contentions before the courts would be attended with great costs and delay would engender such quarrels and divisions as would defeat the purpose of the school law. A lawsuit in a school district spreads among all the families, goes into the selection of teachers, makes the discipline of the school difficult and is hard to settle. Hence the provision for a cheap and speedy decision avoiding the delay and expense of a lawsuit.

"The hearings of these controversies and appeals are not to be conducted as suits are in a court of law. The school officer hearing the case has full discretion in all matters relating thereto since the statute prescribes no rules or forms to be observed. But it is essential that all parties before the Superintendent have a fair hearing that justice may be done in the decision."

"The decisions of cases appealed to the State Supt. are final unless otherwise directed by the Legislature, or reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction."

"Petitioners whose petitions have been refused by the Trustees may appeal to the County Superintendent to reverse their decision, provided they file with the Clerk of the Trustees a written notice of appeal within ten days after the action of the Board. Those opposed to a petition may appeal the question provided notice is given as above and providing they have opposed the petition before the Trustees at the regular meeting. Otherwise they can not appeal. The decision of the County Supt. in cases appealed to him from the Trustees shall be final and binding.

ELLECTIONS. The State Superintendent was recently asked whether it was legal to hold a school election in the evening. I quote his reply entire:—

If the polls are opened for voters at any time between the hours of seven (7) o'clock A. M. or one (1) o'clock P. M. and kept open to four (4) or five (5) o'clock P. M., the requirements of the law in a school district election are satisfied and the legality of the election, in this respect, is beyond question. I can not advise that the risk in opening and closing the polls at other hours than these, be incurred.

HENRY RAAB, Supt. Public Instruction.

At the close of the election the ballots must be sealed in the presence of the voters and sent at once to the Township Treasurer for filing.

EXAMINATIONS. An examination for first and second grade certificates will occur on Monday and Tuesday after institute, and will be the only examination in April, since it occurs in the regular examination week. No examination will be held in March except the regular one at Pontiac on the third Friday and Saturday, and such others as shall be called for by at least twelve candidates at any one point.

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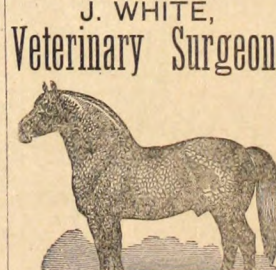
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