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## Educational Department

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### TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

#### Rules Governing Issuance Under New Law.

State Superintendent J. L. McBrien has announced rules and regulations governing the issuance of county certificates under a new law that became effective October 1, 1905. He has issued the following statement:

We submit herewith the rules and regulations governing the issuance of county certificates as adopted by a conference of county superintendents in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction, September 6 and 7, 1905.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Time and Place of Examination**—The examination shall be in each county on the third Friday and the Saturday following of each month, and shall be conducted by the county superintendent at such place as he may determine.

**Time for Completing the Examination**—Four days will be given each applicant in which to complete the examination for a third grade county certificate, five days for a second grade county certificate, and six days for a first grade county certificate; provided, that an applicant may have six months from the date of beginning in which to complete the examination, an applicant may take all of the branches in one month but there will be but two examination days in each month.

**Registration and Fee**—Before beginning the examination each applicant for certificate shall fill out the blanks furnished by the county superintendent, and shall pay regular examination fee into the hands of the county superintendent. Upon the receipt of the application blank properly filled out and the examination fee of one dollar and fifty cents, the county superintendent shall register the applicant's name and address, and shall give him a number, which number in lieu of his name shall appear on all his answer papers. The county superintendent shall number the applicants consecutively ad infinitum. Until an examination is completed, the applicant will retain the original registration number assigned him in that county by the county superintendent. In case an applicant desires to complete the examination in another county, it will be necessary for him to register anew and pay the regular examination fee in the county to which he goes.

**Preparation of Questions**—Each member of the state examining board will be assigned certain subjects in which he is to prepare questions, to be presented to each of the other members of the board for acceptance, modification or rejection. An objection by any two members will be sufficient to reject the question. After a sufficient number of questions are so prepared and accepted by the board they are copied and then read by each member of the board, who indicates any further objection he may discover, and then indorses the paper with his signature. The questions are again copied and presented to the state superintendent for his approval. They are then ready for printing and distributing to the respective county superintendents, who will conduct the examination for county certificates when so directed by the state superintendent.

**Distribution of Questions**—The printed questions sent out by the state board of examiners for use in the examination will be divided into four lots, each lot inclosed in a separate envelope, properly marked and sealed. The county superintendent shall open each lot at the beginning of the period indicated on its cover, in the presence of the applicants, and distribute the questions contained therein among the applicants as called for by them, except in orthography and mental arithmetic, as may be recommended by the state examining board. The examination in each subject is restricted to the half day indicated in the program. No papers will be returned for correction after having been handed in to the county superintendent.

**Directions to Applicants**—The following specific directions must be followed: The county superintendent will supply the applicant with writing material the paper so supplied to be single sheet examination paper or single sheet legal cap. All papers must be written in ink. Answers shall be written on one side of the paper only. A separate sheet of paper must be used for each subject. The name of the county, the date of the examination, the name of the subject, and the number of the applicant must be written at the top of each sheet of answer paper. Answers must be in clear, concise terms. The answers must be numbered to correspond with the questions. A complete solution of all problems in arithmetic and algebra be given. Credits will be deducted from illegible or carelessly written manuscripts. Applicants will not be permitted to leave the room or communicate with anyone during the examination without permission from the county superintendent; nor shall any applicant receive aid from any person or use any books, notes, memoranda, or helps of any kind during the examination. Collusion or dishonesty on the part of any applicant will invalidate his examination.

**EXAMINATION PROGRAM.**  
The program for the examination will be as follows:  
Friday Forenoon—Bookkeeping, civil government, orthography, mental arithmetic, penmanship.  
Friday Afternoon—Elements of agriculture, physiology and hygiene, blackboard drawing, English composition, theory and art of teaching.  
Saturday Afternoon—Algebra, geometry, reading, arithmetic, English grammar.  
Saturday Afternoon—Botany, physics, geography, United States history.  
Transmittal of Answer Papers and Fees—8 Immediately after the close of the examination on Saturday, the county superintendent shall transmit to the state superintendent of public instruction the answer papers of all applicants. At the same time he shall forward to the state superintendent 50 cents for each applicant as provided by law. The county superintendent shall also forward to the state superintendent the name, address and number under which each applicant took the examination in a sealed envelope separate from the papers which shall not be opened until all answer papers have been corrected.

**Grading Answer Papers**—9 when the answer papers are received by the state superintendent they will be distributed by subjects to examiners, examiner A being given all the answer paper in the subjects which he is to examine, examiner B all of the answer papers he is to examine; examiner C all of the papers he is to examine, and so on. After the papers are marked in the first instance they will be reviewed and the grades approved by at least one other member of the examining board. In other words, the grades on each applicant's answer papers must be approved by at least two members of

the state examining board. In marking the papers the examiners will give due allowance in all subjects for the opinions held by all reputable authors. When all papers of an examination have been marked, reviewed and approved, the answer papers of each applicant are then for the first time assembled or brought together. The general average and specific markings are ascertained. The envelopes as handed in rules 6 are then opened by the state superintendent and the identity of the applicant is disclosed. As the charges for specific errors are all fixed by the rules of the examining board, and as each subject is graded by one examiner and reviewed and approved by another, it will be seen that absolute impartiality, accuracy and uniformity are secured in the work. However, in case an applicant believes that a mistake has been made in his markings by the state examining board, or in transcribing the grades by the county superintendent, he may appeal his case to the state superintendent of public instruction for final hearing, provided his appeal is accompanied by a fee of one dollar to cover the expense of the re-examination of the papers, and tracing the error. No appeal will be considered later than thirty days from the time the applicant is notified of the result of the examination.

**Passing Grades**—10. All answer papers will be marked on the scale of 100. To secure a third grade county certificate an applicant must have an average of at least 70 per cent, with no grade below 60 per cent in any one subject; to secure a second grade county certificate an applicant must have an average of at least 75 per cent, with no grade below 65 per cent in any one subject and to secure a first grade county certificate an applicant must have an average of at least 80 per cent with no grade below 70 per cent in any one subject. However, the county superintendent has authority to require a higher minimum average and minimum grade for his county, but in no case has he authority to lower the standard fixed by the state examining board.

**Credit Certificate**—11. An average grade of 85 per cent or higher, with no grade in any subject, below 80 per cent, will entitle the holder to the words "with credit" in the certificate.  
**Honor Certificate**—12. An average, of 90 per cent or higher, with no grade in any subject below 85 per cent, will entitle the holder to the words "with honor" in the certificate.

**Removal Without Examination**—13. An applicant passing "with credit" or "with honor," doing the required amount of reading circle work, and meeting the requirements of the county superintendent in attendance at institute and county associations will be entitled to the renewal of his certificate without examination, which makes the certificate practically a permanent certificate.

**Failure, Re-examination**—14. An applicant failing in one or more subjects may retain the grades which are satisfactory and take over only those in which he failed by paying the regular examination fee as provided by law.

**Result of Examination**—15. The county superintendent shall notify each applicant of the result of the examination within ten days after receiving the report from the state examining board. Until the examination is completed and report made by the county superintendent, all correspondence by the applicant relative to the examination must be with and through the county superintendent except in case of appeal.

**Verification of Grades**—16. An applicant may receive verification of grades from the state

examining board by making the request to them in writing, stating time and place of taking the examination, and accompanying the request with twelve cents in stamps to cover postage and expense of verification.

**Date of Certificate**—17. The date of issuance on a certificate will be the date on which the examination was completed.

**Emergency Certificate**—18. Any teacher receiving an emergency certificate must complete the examination at the first subsequent regular examination.

**Disposition of Answer Papers**—19. The answer paper of all applicants will be kept on file in the office of the state superintendent for ninety days, after which they will be destroyed. The county superintendent will receive back only the grades.

**Change of County**—20. A teacher holding a certificate in one county and desiring to teach in another must receive a new certificate from the county superintendent of the county to which he may go, or secure the endorsement of the certificate already held.

**Old Certificates—Invalid—When**—21. A county certificate granted under the old law will be valid only for the term for which it was originally granted. After October 1, 1905, a county superintendent cannot legally renew any county certificate issued under the old law. Neither can he by the endorsement of a certificate extend its life beyond the time for which it was originally granted.

**The Five Essentials**—12. When a first, second or third county certificate granted under the old law expires the holder thereof, in order to secure a certificate under the new law, will be required to take an examination before the state examining board in the following five essential subjects: Reading, arithmetic, geography, grammar and history. After an applicant has taken the examination in the five essential subjects and received passing grades, the state examining board will accept the remaining "passing grades as shown by the certificate held, making them state grades for the first certificate under the new law. No grade will be accepted from a certificate not in force October 1, 1905.

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS**  
Principals of high schools and those aspiring to teach in the high school department of our town and city schools should lose no time in meeting the requirements of the new law which goes into effect September 1, 1907.

Note carefully the program for examination. It is necessary for each applicant to be present at the time and place designated for each subject. The county superintendent has no authority to make changes in the program.

Those holding certificates that will expire in 1906 should begin their preparation for the examination now. They should also begin taking the examination so as to have a certificate under the new law, which will mean much in the selection of teachers by boards of education in the early spring of 1906. They should strive also to reach the "With Credit" or "With Honor" class of teachers, for wide-awake boards of education will be after teachers with such qualifications, offerings and ready to pay them salaries commensurate with their qualifications and success.

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#### Legal Notice.

George Gutzmer, Plaintiff vs. Emma J. Gutzmer, Defendant.  
The above named defendant will take notice that George Gutzmer the plaintiff filed on the 10th day of August, 1905, in the Richardson county district court a petition against said defendant the object and prayer to obtain a divorce from said defendant on the grounds and for the reason that said defendant had been guilty of gross and extreme cruelty towards plaintiff without just cause or provocation.  
You are required to plead to said petition on or before October 9, 1905 or the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and the prayer of said petition granted.  
George Gutzmer, Plaintiff

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