

each pupil to pay in advance for the use of the same, unless exempted therefrom; to exercise a general supervision over the schools, visiting them at least once each term; to have the care and custody of all school houses, school furniture and apparatus, and school house sites; purchase fuel and provide for all incidental expenses, keep school houses and enclosures in repair, have shade trees planted, advise concerning the discipline and management and course of instruction pursued, require examination of the pupils in any or all branches of study, and to use their influence and exertions to increase the usefulness and elevate the standard of the schools, and convince the people of the inestimable value of sound education.

28. They shall cause instruction to be given in each school district for at least six months in each year, and if the State and county appropriations fail to prolong the school session, then to allow the use of the school house and furniture for subscription schools under their direction.

29. Every district commissioner shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters pertaining to public schools, but without charge or fee, and under the direction of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to take and report to him the testimony in any case of appeal.

30. They shall examine any charge affecting the moral character of any teacher within their district, first giving the teacher reasonable notice of the charge, and an opportunity to defend himself therefrom; and if the charge be sustained, shall annul the teacher's certificates, by whomsoever granted, and declare him unfit to teach; and if the teacher hold a certificate of the State Superintendent, or a diploma of the State Normal School, shall notify the superintendent forthwith of such annulment; *provided, always*, that the teachers shall have the right of appeal to the board of school commissioners.

31. It shall be the duty of each district commissioner to collect from each teacher, and report in tabular form the condition of the schools in his district, at each quarterly meeting of the