

TITLE II.—MODES OF SECURING COMPETENT TEACHERS.

CHAPTER I.

Examination of Teachers.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each board of county school commissioners to appoint a county examiner, whose duty it shall be to examine candidates for the profession of teaching in the presence of at least three members of the board of school commissioners, and to give to such persons as are found qualified under the sanction of the said board, a certificate setting forth the branches such persons are competent to teach, but no certificate shall be granted without satisfactory evidence of the moral character of the applicant.

2. The certificates issued by each county examiner shall be numbered and registered in a book kept by the board of county school commissioners, and be delivered to their successors in office, and shall be denominated first or second grade as the case may be, and the principal of the state normal school shall keep a book in the same manner as the county examiners. Certificates of the first grade shall embrace orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, English grammar, book-keeping, algebra and natural philosophy, and the second grade shall embrace orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history and English grammar.

3. No certificate of qualification as a teacher shall be issued to any male under nineteen years of age, or to a female under seventeen years of age.

4. No certificate shall continue in force longer than three years.

5. The county examiner shall hold regular examinations of teachers at each quarterly meeting of the board, and at such other times as the board of county school commissioners may direct.

6. It shall be the duty of each county examiner at least twice in each school year to visit the schools in his county, in counties having fifty schools or less, and