

POINTS ON SCHOOL LAW.

A teacher has no power to expel a pupil; the school board, alone, has that authority.

If a pupil be expelled, it does not prevent his return at the opening of the following term.

To be eligible to the office of school director one must be able to read and write the English language.

No school board can enter into a binding contract to employ a teacher for a longer period than one year.

Irregularities in a school election that do not deprive the voter of his vote, or do not change the result, do not vitiate the election.

The acts of a school officer, ineligible to hold the office to which he was elected, are not invalid so long as his title to the office is not contested.

If a person, ineligible, should be elected director, the next highest cannot be declared the choice. A new election must be held to fill the vacancy.

A township treasurer should not, as notary public, take acknowledgements from persons executing mortgages to secure loans of township funds.

The board of education for a township high school district is separate and apart from the high school board elected for the ordinary school district.

A district is not authorized to adopt a new site for a school house except the site be chosen by vote of the people at an election called for that purpose.

The state superintendent has no control over the county superintendents with respect to granting certificates. It is solely within the latter's power.

If a member of a school board advances money to be expended by the board, he has no legal recourse upon the district for its return. The law prescribes the methods of raising school funds.

Districts may issue bonds to the limit of five per cent of the equalized value of the property of the district in addition to a building levy of two and one-half per cent annually, until the building is completed.

A township treasurer may not appropriate to his own use the interest allowed by a bank on school deposits, but must cover it into the distributive fund.

In school board elections, the board may fix the hours of opening and closing the polls. The hours, as well as the place, should be indicated in the election notice.

Where a vacancy occurs in a board of township trustees the remaining trustee or trustees should call an election to fill such vacancy, to be held upon any Saturday.

A vote "to build" carries with it the right to levy a tax of two and one-half per cent each year until the building is completed. To issue bonds requires an election held for that purpose.

The existing school board members continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. The old board, however, is authorized to transact none but routine business.

A school board member may not enter into contracts with his own board.

He may, however, as a dealer, sell books and other supplies to the patrons and pupils of the district.

Directors may transfer the pupils of their district to the school of another district and pay tuition, as this is a practical compliance with the law requiring districts to maintain schools.

Two directors, with or without the consent of the teacher, are authorized to adopt rules admitting non-resident pupils or those over twenty-one years of age, with or without payment of tuition.

In cases of contention in union territory, an appeal may be taken to either county superintendent affected. He must then give notice to the other county superintendent of the time and place of hearing.

School boards have no power to make contracts to be carried out wholly by future boards. They cannot divest future boards of the power to appoint teachers for terms to begin after the organization of the latter.

If an applicant be of the required age and has passed the examination, there is nothing to prevent the county superintendent, if he deems best, from issuing a first grade certificate to teach, even though she has never taught.

Anecdotes of Secretary Taft.

There is no one—not even Mr. Bryan—who is more democratic than this man. The last time the writer saw him in the middle west Mr. Taft was obligingly lending his bulk to the purpose of ramming a trunk lid down. His secretary had a whole trunkful of souvenirs which had been presented to Taft on his western trip of inspection.

"I can't get the lid shut," remarked the man.

"Couldn't you, if I sat on it?" beamed the secretary of war.

"Oh, certainly, sir!" And the human ballast was applied.

Meeting Taft again after eight months in his summer home at Murray Bay, Canada, he displayed the same good natured democratic spirit.

A photographer was present to take his picture, when Mrs. Taft interposed:

"Will, you go right upstairs and take off that old golf suit—you're always wearing it," she said. "Get on something nice."

He obediently disappeared and returned in a Prince Albert and a plug hat.

"Go back and take that off," said his wife. "The idea! A July afternoon at a summer resort in the mountains in that costume!"

Back went Cupid Taft and put on this time a plain business suit which was satisfactory to all concerned.

"Women," he said in conclusion, "are not any different from the rest of the world. They know what they want and they intend to have it, * * * and nine times out of ten they are right."

Which pretty well illustrates the man I am writing about—Big Bill Taft.—*Ex.*

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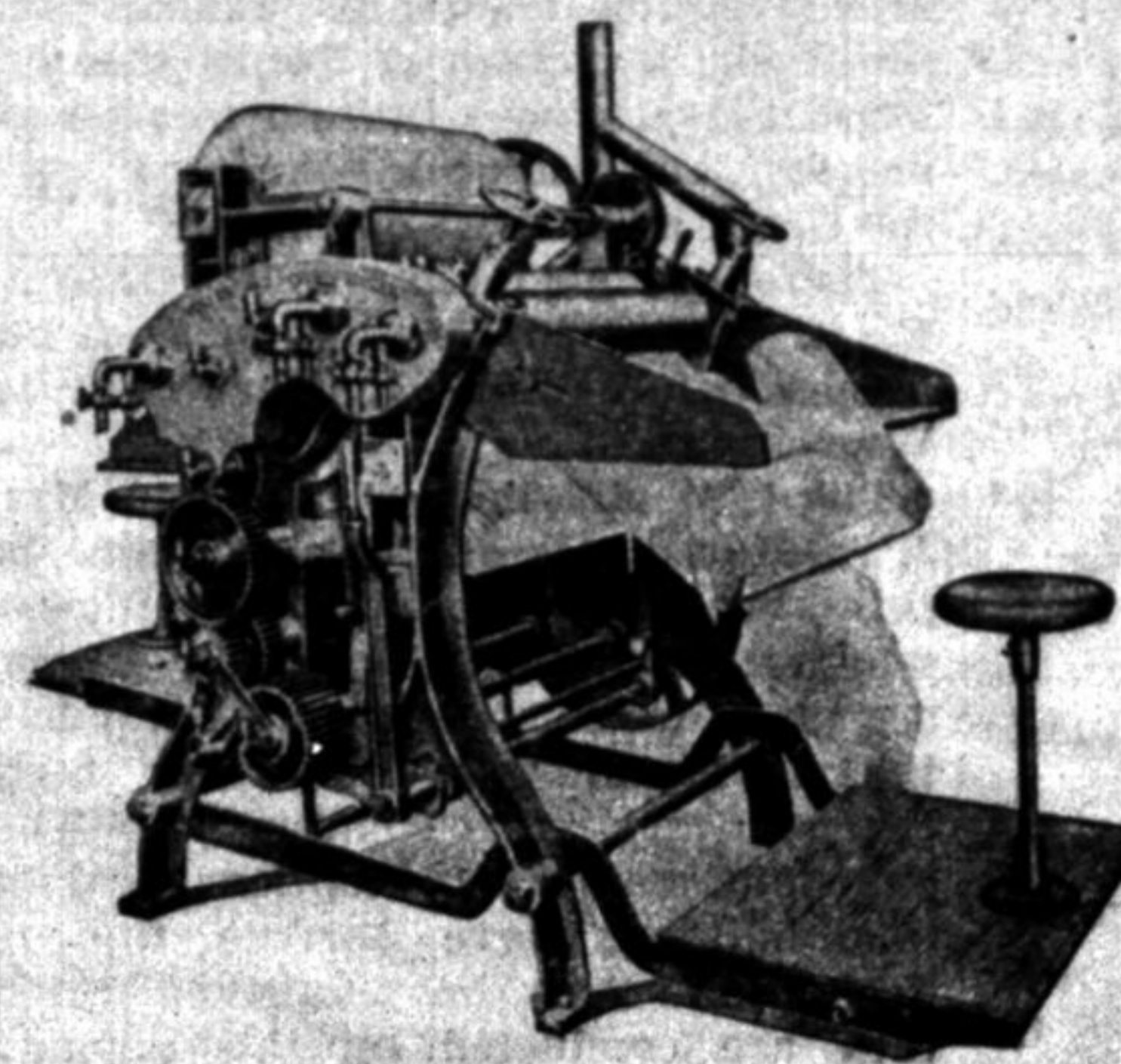
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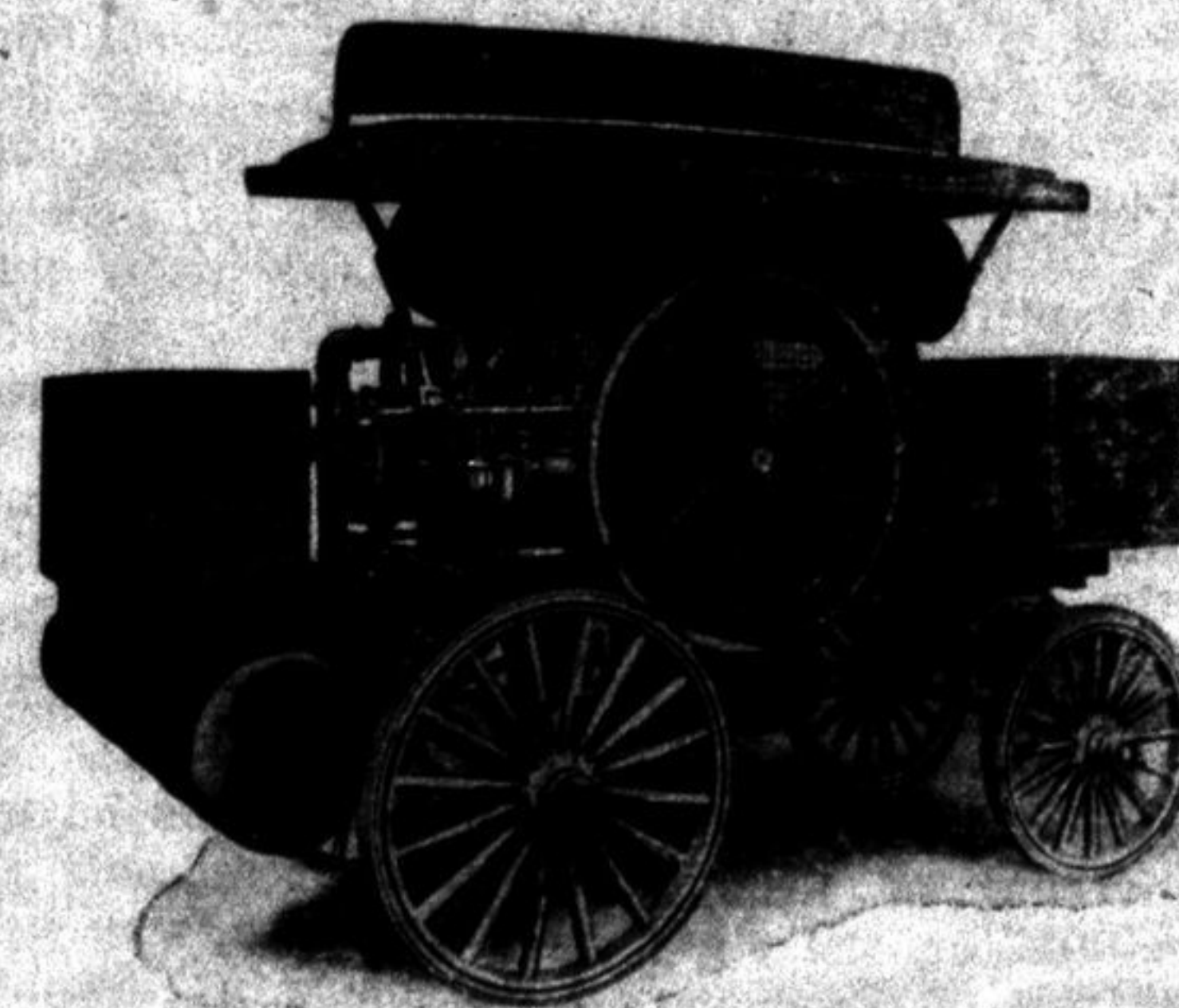
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