

DEMAND CHANGES IN THE LAWS.

Kansas County School Superintendents Adopt Strong Resolutions Em- bodying Their Ideas.

EMPORIA, KAS., May 18.—[Special.] The annual convention of Kansas county superintendents of education concluded its work to-day. Among other subjects of interest considered was the organization of county reading circles, which was strongly advocated by State Superintendent Gaines. Some very strong resolutions were also passed regarding the present system of school taxation, as follows:

"WHEREAS, There has been great injustice worked in the majority of the school districts of the state of Kansas under the present system of taxation; and

"WHEREAS, There has been great uncertainty and hesitation upon the part of the people of the state in attempting to establish county high schools, owing to the weakness of the present law; therefore,

"We, the county superintendents of the state of Kansas, in convention assembled, hereby demand the enactment of the following proposition into law at the next session of the Kansas legislature, and we also pledge our earnest support and our entire influence for these measures:

"First—A state and county tax law by which the tax shall be distributed among the different school districts of the state upon a just and equitable basis.

"Second—That every city having a population of 6,000 or over, as shown by the last federal or state census, may establish, and every county the assessed valuation of which is \$1,500,000 or more shall establish a county high school, and wherever any county has the required population but not the required valuation, one-third of the electors of a county, as shown by the last preceding election, may petition to the board of county commissioners praying for the establishment of a county high school. In connection with this we demand a uniform system of common school graduation throughout the state and that all who complete the adopted course and receive diplomas shall be admitted to the county high school, and those completing the high school course shall be granted a second grade certificate and shall be admitted to the first year of professional work in the state normal school.