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## THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NOT RESPONSIBLE

Lately we have heard some comment upon the appendage to the county school superintendents office, the rural school supervisor, in connection with the expenses of the county, and have taken the trouble to make slight inquiry as to the subject.

Some have thought that the county superintendent was in a measure responsible for this extra burden upon the tax-payers, but such is not the case. This law is the result of a legislative enactment and obligates the county court in each county to appoint at least one such officer, while large counties may have more than one.

In the case of Polk county she is entitled to two, according to the provisions of the act, but the county court has thought best to appoint only one, and have placed the salary at \$1000 and the incumbent pays his own expenses, whereas the law provides for a salary of \$1200 a year and traveling expenses to the person filling this office. We conclude Polk county is being favored in this respect by those in authority as the expense in this office has been kept down to a minimum cost.

It is possible that this office could be dispensed with, and the superintendent do the business of the county in the old way, but the school question is not only a live one but a growing one, and there are few persons who would desire to return to the old conditions of thirty years ago when superintendents received three or four hundred dollars a year, school districts had to rustle to secure three or four months school in the year, and hardly ever received a call from the school superintendent. We put in some 25 months teaching in Oregon, and during our labors in the capacity of teacher we, remember one visit from the superintendent, but possibly had two calls during our labors in Oregon schools.

Our school system has grown, and the advantages which our youth enjoy have multiplied until we are in the front rank in educational lines as a state and Polk County leads the advance in the school procession.

But it costs money; of course it does; everything we get comes by sacrifice of time and toil, and as a result of thought and care, that is, everything except poverty and other undesirable conditions, but we are lined up in the onward march and while we desire economy, we believe there are few if any who would be willing to take a step backward, or to fall behind the procession.

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## WHAT WILL COME OF IT?

All that Congressional investigation of the Lawrence labor trouble makes good copy, and when the record is made up it will comprise one great, big, human-interest document. But what will come of it? The common sense of the country may easily suggest what should come of it. Consider the manufacturing stock that is selling at 900 above par, and none to be had even at that price. Consider the average wage a little better than \$1 a day, and the constant lowering of the standard of living that has obtained in the textile towns of New England. Consider the pap that has been fed to the textile proprietors through the tariff quill. Consider the hypocrisy by which that pap has been begged for as a boon to the working people. Consider all these things and the fact that Schedule K needs fixing, and one of the things that ought to happen as a result of this Lawrence trouble is clearly in mind. —Telegram.

### Candidate Announcement

To the Republican Voters of Polk County, Oregon:

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Superintendent of schools of Polk County, Oregon, and solicit your support at the nominating primary, April 19th, 1912.

JAMES E. DUNTON.

Paid Advertisement. 4-19

### RAISIN DAY COMING

San Francisco, Mar. 18. — "California Raisin Day," inaugurated three years ago, will be celebrated again this year on the thirtieth day of April. Raisin Day has now become an annual affair and there is hardly a part of the United States where raisins are not eaten on this occasion.

It was inaugurated three years ago by the raisin growers of California and the Southern Pacific Company and everybody in the country, on the thirtieth day of April, became afflicted with "Raisinetis."

Throughout the entire country the railroads prepare special menu for their dining cars, all of which contain some dish which has for one of the ingredients, raisins. The committee in charge of the affair this year are planning for the issuance of 40,000 posters and window cards, 100,000 post cards and approximately 2,000,000 stickers.

These will be distributed throughout the country and it is also planned to have raisins exhibits in the largest cities in the country, prizes to be awarded in each city for the best exhibit. The Southern Pacific Company has arranged for the distribution of many of the posters and other advertising matter and are requesting all of the railroads in the United States to again co-operate by placing special raisin dishes on their menu of April 30.

"Eat Raisin Bread," one of the slogans of Raisin Day two years ago and will be adopted again this year. The most prominent chefs in San Francisco competed in a raisin bread contest two years ago, the cook in the United States Naval Training School winning the prize for the best loaf of raisin bread. In this city and throughout California and other western states, it has been the custom of the merchants to present special packages of raisins to their customers on this day. The newspapers also prepare special features for this occasion.

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