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MUST BE VOTED UP OR DOWN.

The issue will be made squarely Monday whether any grades above the ninth grade shall be taught in the Salem public schools. That question must be voted upon at the election Monday.

A tenth grade was introduced the past year and was carried on without expense to the taxpayers. To vote that Salem schools shall not carry any grades above the ninth grade really means to cut off the tenth grade that is already established so far as it is possible to do that without an express vote of the district.

The teachers of the East school deserve credit for their enterprise in not holding graduating exercises at the end of the ninth grade, as has been the custom in the past. Salem schools have been made ludicrous by graduating boys and girls in their short clothes who could scarcely spell well.

To settle the matter the Salem board has ordered the question to be decided by a square vote on next Monday, and all voters will express themselves for low grade or for high grade public schools.

The effect of voting for low grade schools will be to put Salem into the non-progressive communities, educationally speaking. It will put Salem below fourteen other cities in this state and below towns like Silverton, Jefferson and Woodburn in our own county.

To vote for grades above the ninth grade means that Salem shall be put on a par with all the best school cities in the United States, and with the capacity for good government evinced by our people, our city will soon have the best schools in the state.

The question of who shall be elected director is secondary to the question of low grades or high grades. If our school are to have only the nine grades in the East school and only seven or eight grades in the other schools, there is no need to keep high-priced principals employed. Any good grammar-grade teacher can do the work in the ward schools and but one principal will be needed in the East school. Teaching the lower grades requires able grammar-grade teachers, as all the larger boys and girls will go to the private schools, or leave school at the eighth or ninth grade. The time has come when Salem school district must go forward or backward. Grades must be voted up or down and The Journal believes it is in the true interest of the public schools, of the institutions of higher education, and of the entire community to vote for the establishment of grades above the ninth.

A NEW DAILY PAPER.

The birth of a new daily newspaper in a new town is an event worthy of a special notice in the Oregon press.

The town of North Bend, that has grown to a city of several thousand in two years, now has the Daily Evening Post, with special Saturday edition.

The Post of North Bend is published by Dwight L. Loofburrow and Frank X. Hofer, formerly business manager and still part owner of the Marshfield Daily Mail.

The Post is Republican, and has a very bright future in the Coos bay country, to judge from its racy editorials, and sparkling local page.

WILL BE REPEALED.

That the present registration law of Oregon is a useless institution, and, as far as the smaller towns and cities and country districts of the state are concerned, in many quarters there is not a little agitation in the country press of Oregon revived by the recent election, for its abolishment, or at least for the confining of its application to Portland, and perhaps one or two others of the larger communities of the state. It was enacted as a measure to shut out illegal voting in the state. There is practically no chance of illegal voting anywhere in Oregon except in a city like Portland, or perhaps in Astoria, where there is a considerable floating population. Country people resent the exactions of registration laws as an infringement of their rights and as an uncalled for an unnecessary encumbering of the franchise. Besidesit is argued that the provision of the present law, which allows six freeholders ing the franchise. Besides it is arelector is a lame place that serves to often defeat the purpose of the law. This provision was made for the relief of actual voters who might find it impossible to register during the time prescribed for registration and seemed just, but when opportunity is taken to abuse its privileges, it thwarted all the purposes of the law, and allows anybody and everybody to vote.—Ashland Tidings.

ANDREW LEE FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

Under the Oregon school law a director is chosen each year for five years, and the candidate this year is Andrew A. Lee, a wide-awake young Salem man, who is highly qualified for the position.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are intelligent and progressive friends of the public school system, sending their children to school and taking an interest in the progress and improvement of the schools.

As a Republican Mr. Lee has a fine record in the public service, having been deputy county assessor a number of years, and has had a life-long experience as abstracter of titles.

His Honesty and integrity are unquestioned, and he is a man of the greatest sincerity of convictions, and will make a splendid addition to the board of education for his business qualifications.

The importance of his election cannot be over estimated by friends of the public schools at this time. As usual the opposition to public schools will spring a candidate at the eleventh hour, and will popopse all progress, and will be a dead weight against the school for five years.

Let every friend of public education vote for Andrew Lee on Monday.

WHO ARE THE SCHOOLS FOR, ANYWAY?

As the school election Monday decides whether this community shall stay at the rear of the procession or go to the front, educationally, this paper gives all available space to the question.

The public schools are dearer to the hearts of the people than any other institution. Who are they for, anyway, for a few wealthy property owners, or for the great mass of the poorer people?

The public schools are the only great leavening and uplifting power in American society. They are the socializing influence that underlies democratic government and free institutions.

In the public schools nine-tenths of the children get all the education they ever get, and from the Salem schools they drop out at the eighth and ninth grade, poorly equipped even in the common branches.

The public schools are for the children of the people. If there be any favored classes in our country the schools are a blessing for them, if they send their children to them.

The public schools are not to be considered from the standpoint of the wealthy taxpayer, nor from the standpoint of the educated classes. They are the colleges of the poor man, and exist primarily for him.

When you vote Monday sustain grades above the ninth, and sustain a man for director who says flatly that he favors additional grades in the interest of the common people.

A BUSINESS PROGRAM WANTED.

There is no truth in the statement of the unknown committee who want to carry the Salem school district against progress on Monday next, that it would inaugurate an era of extravagance.

That was charged and the argument in the same language was used against the Republican city ticket last December, but the result has proven that the charge was false.

The Salem school district was never in so fine a condition to take a step of progress as at present. There is no debt to pay until 1911, and a surplus of cash on hand.

There is no insurance to pay for three years, and the valuations of the district and the state and county apportionment are rapidly increasing. There is no era of extravagance proposed or possible.

By electing a school director who stands for a business program who will simply, as a good business man, utilize the revenues at hand, without increasing taxes one penny, Salem school district can be put on a standard of equality with any city in the state.

EVEN AS CONSERVATIVE A MAN AS HON. T. L. DAVIDSON HAS SAID THIS WAS THE TIME TO CLEAN UP THE OLD ROOKERIES ON CENTER STREET, AND PUT IN A FINE NEW BUILDING.

By a proper business management this can be done inside the revenues of this year and next, and not run the district in debt a dollar. Do you want to elect a director who will leave the unsanitary rookeries stand another generation as his highest conception of civic duty?. Then vote against Andrew Lee.

IF ANDREW LEE IS ELECTED SCHOOL DIRECTOR HE WILL OPPOSE ANY HIGHER SCHOOL TAXES BUT HE WILL FIGHT HARD TO GET ALL THE PROGRESS POSSIBLE WITH THE MEANS AT HAND, AND HE WILL NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SCHOOLS OR THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE MAKES HIS LIVING

THE OPPOSITION TO LEE.

Andrew Lee's brave challenge to those who are opposed to grades above the ninth grade being taught in our public schools has drawn the fire of the opposition, in the form of an anonymous movement.

An anonymous correspondent of the Statesman brings out an opposition candidate, and in all the bravery of anonymity the "conservative' 'interests of the community are asked to accept an anonymous program.

While Lee has been bravely out in the open for a week with a petition of over three hundred citizens who have the courage of their convictions, not a soul has had the courage to sign his name to the call for an opposition candidate.

The candidate against Mr. Lee is not representing any issue. In one breath he is announced as a conservative and a friend of progress. Will he or his supporters say whether they are for grades above the ninth or not. Will his supporters say where they stand? That is the issue, but they will be found mum, claiming to be for both propositions.

Mr. Lee has taken his stand squarely for higher grades in the schools.

X-RADIUMS

There is no state law against publishing alumni poetry.

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One dark cloud hangs over Oregon—Bob Smith will be in the legislature.

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In seven-eighths of Greater Salem there is already absolute prohibition—i. e., local option.

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Which one of the present school board wrote the pathetic appeal for low grade schools in Saturday morning's Statesman?

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Make a clean job of the school election Monday, and let the fair Capital City hold up her head, and say she is among the live communities.

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Wouldn't it be a Jim-Dandy advertisement of this strong Republican Capital City to vote down all grades above the ninth grade in the public schools next Monday?

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For a fourth-termer Jimmy Ross didn't do so bad. He was elected sheriff of Lincoln county by nine votes. But he had a good start, having been a Salem man.

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Let the flags fly all day Monday, and let this school district declare by an overwhelming majority that there shall be an end made of opposition to the public schools.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS

Gathered From the Best Exchanges of All Churches

How often does Christ sit with us on the well-curb, wither some blazing noontide we are gone to draw water. He offers us water of life, and we know him not. We are all absorbed in some trivial question, Whether in Gerizim or on Mount Zion men ought to worship. We forget that in a moral life in Sychar there might be abundant opportunity for worship in spirit and in truth. We say with dull devoutness, When Messiah shall come. We think of him coming at some other time than now and in almost any place save here. But he answers, I that speak unto you am he.

And then we must gratefully acknowledge how often in our experience it has happened that we have toiled all night and taken nothing. We were on the point to leave the boat and perhaps sell the gear and abandon the business forever. Only something Christly in the voice which bids us be faithful once again to duty prevails. And now we are unable to draw the net for the multitude of fishes. In the gray dawn we see the figure on the shore to which our hearts cry out as cried the heart of that man whom Jesus loved, "It is the Lord." We have seen him again—in Galilee.—The Congregationalist and Christian World.

True spirituality is true rationity, and the spiritual man in the only normal and perfect man. God alone is all spirit, and He is also all reason and all wisdom and all holiness, and man approximates these infinite divine perfections as he comes under the domination of God's spirit. Man is designed to have companionship with God, and to be transformed into His likeness. This is his growth in spirituality; and it will show itself in his business, and in all his daily intercourse with society, and even in his recreations, not less than in his public and private worship. Whether he eats, or drinks, or whatever he does, he will do all to the glory of God.

"To be spiritually minded is life and peace." "God gives us not a spirit of cowardice, but a spirit of power, of love, and of sound mind."—The Examiner.

To remove the conditions which make hell in this world, and to secure those conditions which make life here heavenly—thus eventually establishing the kingdom of heaven on earth—was the primeval object of Jesus. The supremacy of the principles of the gospel in the hearts of men and women throughout the earth would set right everything pertaining to human life. In every instance of departure from that divine standard of life the consequences of transgression are felt. There is no postponement of the effects of disobedience to the righteous and eternal requirement. Neither are the effects of willing compliance therewith long deferred. The heavenly enjoyment is the constant experience of him who worketh good, as the tribulation and anguish cometh at once to him that doeth wrong and continues with him as long as the wrong-doing goes on.—The Universalist Leader.

A careful study of religious history will show nowhere evidence of religious decay. The spread of Christianity over the globe is not the most remarkable feature of progress; but that which most amazes the sympathetic observer is the downfall of bigotry and intolerance, of dogmatic assumption, of sect selfishness, and the rise of a Christ-like humanity. To those who are troubled about the changes that are occurring our only reply is, "We must grow or perish."—The Christian Register.

I believe in man as capable of complete salvation from sin (which is want of love), thereby becoming perfect in love as God is perfect.—Prof. C. P. Fognani, D. D., Union Theological Seminary in the Independent.

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