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## A POPULAR VOTE ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

As is well understood, the people of Oregon choose a new state superintendent of public instruction in 1910.

The Republican party is so strong in Oregon that the nominee at the hands of the people will doubtless be elected.

But that is not certain to be the case, as the office has tremendous political powers of appointment and control over taxation.

If an unfit man or a representative of the old unprogressive monopolistic school machine were put up he might be defeated.

Naturally the school teachers are interested, and while not always voters they possess intelligence and are disposed to employ it.

On March 10th Chas. H. Jones of this city sent out a circular asking county school superintendents to name their choice for state superintendent.

Of the 34 county superintendents, 31 replied and expressed a choice, naming candidates as follows:

- L. R. Alderman, of the state university.
  - P. L. Campbell, of the state university.
  - J. A. Churchill, city superintendent of Baker City.
  - Chas. H. Jones, editor of the Oregon Teachers Monthly.
  - E. D. Ressler, president of the Monmouth state normal.
  - R. F. Robinson, county superintendent Multnomah county.
- County Superintendent Robinson, who has for some time been an active candidate for state superintendent, charges that Editor Jones is introducing politics into the peaceful waters of educational affairs in Oregon where such a thing was never known.

Mr. Robinson believes that the vocation of teachers is teaching, and not politics.

The ideas of cliques, cabals and log-rolling as has been practiced by low-down Portland politicians gives him the horrors.

Robinson says Jones is out on still-hunt, and Jones says Robinson has the lead of all the rest on the still-hunt game for the place.

Jones says Robinson has been going all over the state at state expense as superintendent of the Oregon educational exhibit at Seattle.

Jones proposes to go right ahead and has done all that is necessary to give the teachers of the whole state a chance to express themselves.

He is taking a straw vote of all the teachers in the state and will publish in his September number who the teachers would have for their candidate.

Of course, that will not settle the matter, as the real nomination can only be made at the primaries in August of the year 1910.

In the meantime it should be said that all the gentlemen named are men of high character and qualified to be superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Robinson's little bout with Mr. Jones will help advertise him and the whole proposition so that the teachers and whole body of voters will have a better understanding.

## BUILDING UP FOR SALEM A BEAUTIFUL PARK SYSTEM.

The city council is doing some good work to build on a broader scale for the beautification of the Capital City.

For some years there has been kept up a park board composed of three citizens, who with small appropriation have done good work on Willson Avenue and Marion Square.

Mr. Wm. Manning, Mr. J. M. Lawrence and Mrs. D. J. Fry have taken a deep interest in the matter and given time generously and intelligently.

The result is that the beautiful plat of native trees known as Marion Square has been preserved and improved with walks, a fountain and a bandstand.

It is a popular open-air assemblage place and a resting and breathing place for hundreds during all seasons of the year.

Willson Avenue has also been well cared for, and a fountain, flowers and shrubbery have been generously donated by private citizens.

Wm. Manning as chairman of the park board has given the avenue constant loving care and attention.

It is today the finest space of ground in the state and a great credit to the capital of the state.

There is not a nobler or more beautiful collection of trees natural to the soil than can be found on that space of ground.

But the name "Avenue" displays an impoverishment of

the English language of which our city should not be guilty.

The name should be changed to Willson Park, Willson Plaza, or simply Willson Plaza—keeping the name of the founder.

It is not an avenue, and the word plaza would be a slight tribute to the Spanish discoverers of the Pacific coast.

The park committee of the city council has other steps of progress in view and have taken a number of forward strides.

At a meeting of the park committee some time ago a contract was entered into with Mr. Chace, a Portland landscape gardener, to make a survey of Willson Plaza.

The intention is to have Mr. Chace, who was employed to plan decoration and landscaping of the Eugene depot surroundings, make a design for permanent improvement.

This design includes the state house grounds, Willson Plaza, the postoffice square, the courthouse square and the parking around all those premises.

The city will try to secure the co-operation of the county, state and federal authorities, and have a design made for the whole from the standpoint of accomplishing one grand effect.

This is our duty as a city toward the rest of the state, that the Capital City may present that beautiful and dignified appearance which inspires respect and admiration from all visitors.

Mr. Chace and the park committee have had a conference with the county judge, and he is very favorable to the proposition of including the courthouse square.

Postmaster Farrar has also been seen and will work to secure the co-operation of the treasury department.

There has been but little planting done on the postoffice square and he thinks there will be no trouble to get the federal authorities to co-operate in one grand scheme of beauty.

The courthouse is a beautiful building of the Italian renaissance style of architecture, and Judge Bushey says the people of the whole county have an affectionate regard for the building.

But it stands up like a naked man on a dry goods box, and landscape gardening to relieve the nakedness would be very effective.

Half a dozen fine palms set up on the platforms of the big staircases approaching from east and west would look fine.

The park committee of the city council has used up all the funds available from the budget for city park purposes, but will try to find other resources.

They have secured options on about thirty acres of the Fairmount Hill property and will submit the matter to a vote of the people as soon as possible to purchase that property for a park.

There seems to be an unanimous sentiment in favor of securing a park on that hill, which is as beautifully located as the Portland Heights.

Whoever has not seen a sunset from Fairmount Hill has a treat in store.

The natural forests up there should be preserved for a park by the present generation.

The very liberal offers of public spirited men like Mr. Elworthy and Mr. Brown should be accepted, and will be.

Let us consider what are the two greatest assets for the beautifying of this city.

They are what? Paving our wide streets and preserving our beautiful trees.

Only a few days ago some magnificent fir trees in the street on the hill south of the creek were slaughtered.

Firs and oaks that were a century growing to stately beauty and adorn the whole city are cut down in an hour.

Have we no interest in preserving the great natural beauty of our city and adding thereto?

Is it not the greatest real estate and financial asset we have to make Salem the most beautiful city on the Pacific coast?

Forestry is to be taught in our public schools, and the future city should have a well-located park in each section of the city.

There should be a fine park planned for East Salem and one for North Salem, as well as South Salem.

Let the good work of preserving and extending our parks be sustained by the people and make Salem the City Beautiful.

## SALEM OSTEOPATH HAS RETURNED

Dr. Bert H. White, who has enjoyed a fine practice in osteopathy, has returned from nine months spent in post-graduate work at the Los Angeles College of his school. Mrs. White went from California to visit

friends in her old home in Illinois. Dr. White will practice from his residence until he can secure a suitable office, as offices for professional men are hard to get in Salem. While at Los Angeles he attended the Iowa picnic, where two thousand former Iowans assembled and he met many of his old friends and acquaintances from the Hawkeye state.

## The Health Dept.

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