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THE ISSUE OF PARK PRIVILEGES FOR THE PEOPLE.

The election Monday involves the great public question of park privileges for the masses of the people.

For the first time in the history of the Capital City the people will vote direct on the question of buying a public park.

Salem, inside of ten years, with mountain water, will grow to be a city of fifty thousand population.

Persons voting Monday must consider the needs of the coming generations and must think beyond the present.

Ten years hence when persons now children walk over Fairmount Park they will bless the wisdom of the present generation.

To place Fairmount Park under the city police power, to keep the grounds clean and orderly, means a great deal for the people.

Whether the people shall have any public park privileges outside the heart of the city will be decided Monday by your votes.

The people will have but one opinion on this matter if they take a patriotic view of the matter not limited to selfish interests.

The people will not refuse to coming generations privileges which they have enjoyed for themselves in the past.

Fairmount Heights, if not acquired for a public park, will rapidly be occupied with private dwellings and will be closed forever.

The grand grove of firs and oaks will be given over to the woodsman's axe and their beauty destroyed forever.

The natural beauty of the woods will be gone, and at best we can wander in the streets and trespass on a few waste lots.

Is it not a wiser policy to vote to take over boldly and for all future time that splendid wooded elevation that nature and a kind providence has reserved until this day?

Every man who loves this city and its future should set aside Monday to work for the adoption of Fairmount Heights as a public park.

The Park Question from a Financial Standpoint.

There are those who say they would favor acquiring a park for the city, but they are opposed to buying a park with bonds.

This city has quite a bonded debt, but every dollar of it was for the big bridge across the river, or for the city hall.

Assuming that the argument is sound that we should buy park property for cash, let us follow out that plan.

The city would then have to levy annually a tax for a park fund and as that fund increased buy park property for cash.

Let us assume that the people decided to levy ten thousand dollars a year for five years to buy park property with.

As fast as that money accumulated in the treasury there would be a premium placed on all available park sites.

They would advance as fast as the people levied taxes to buy park property with and by the time they were ready to buy they would pay two or three prices.

The Fairmount Park property is one of the greatest bargains ever offered the city.

The property the city will get for \$17,000 Monday, if the vote carries, will amount to about thirty acres in all.

In the center of that property will be a reservoir property that in itself is worth \$10,000 for any park.

One of the blocks is worth \$3,000 alone, and several of the blocks will sell for over \$2,000.

Then there is the fourteen acres that Rev. H. B. Elworthy practically donates to the city.

It seems a good bargain for the city to buy the property purely from a business standpoint.

In the case of this property there is not a dollar of margin or commission or profit for anyone.

The amount voted for the property goes direct to the owners, without the intervention of any middleman.

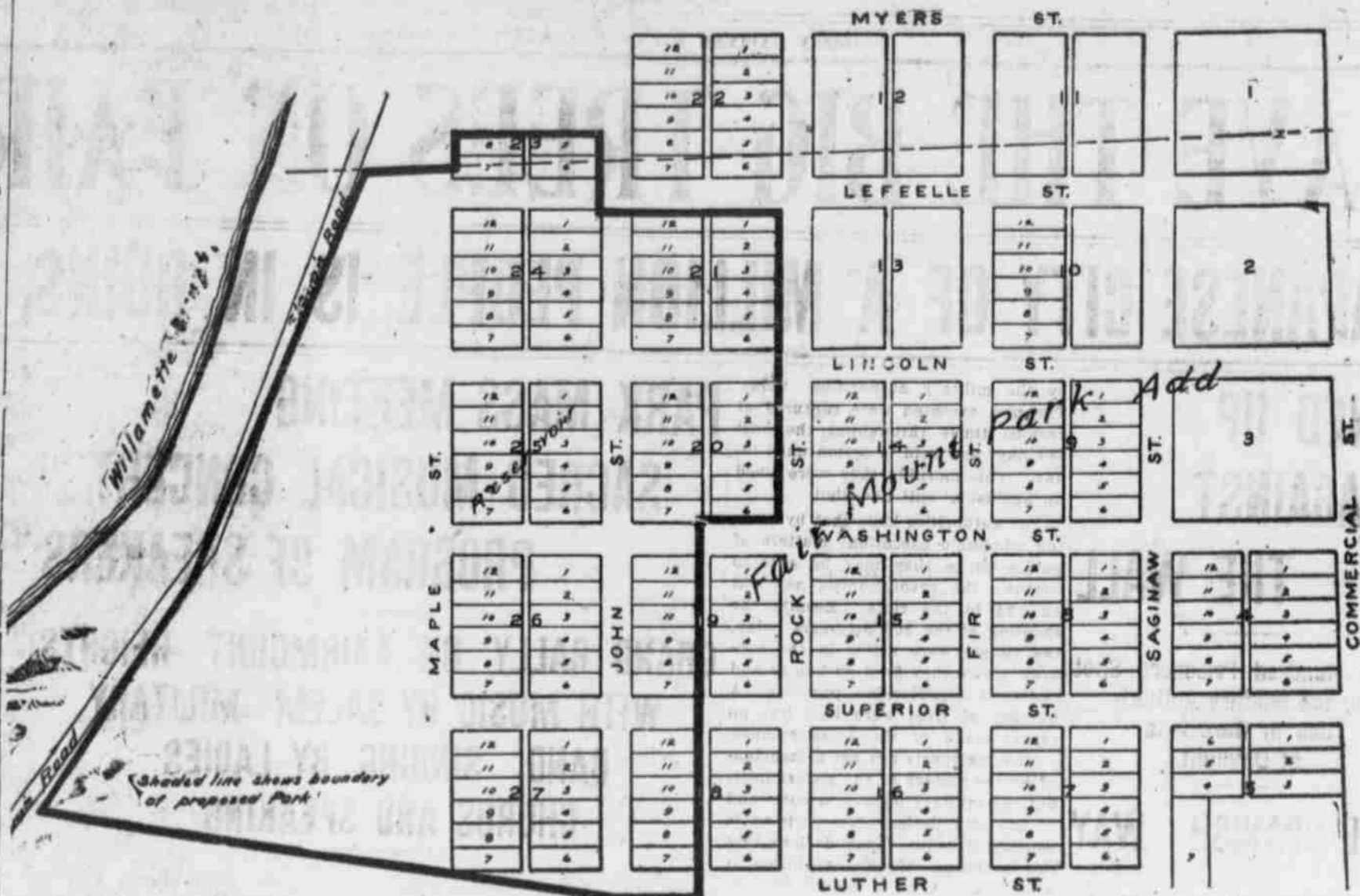
The Honor of the City of Salem Is Involved.

At the coming election the financial honor of this community is involved.

The people should not only vote for the refunding bonds Monday, but to purchase Fairmount Park.

It will take a two-thirds majority of the total vote to carry

MAP SHOWING BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED FAIRMOUNT PARK TO BE PURCHASED BY THE CITY OF SALEM.



Fairmount Park will include the grove of big trees which is used for popular picnic grounds by the churches, Sunday schools, lodges and societies. The total acreage is between thirty and forty, and with the big concrete reservoir of the water company that will be acquired by the city when mountain water is brought to the Capital City, will make one of the finest public pleasure grounds in the state.

BUY A PARK WHILE LAND IS CHEAP.

On Monday, August 2nd, this city will hold a special election to issue \$65,000 of refunding bonds to take the place of some city bonds that mature at that time. At the same time will be submitted the question whether this city shall acquire a tract of land known as Fairmount Hill, of about thirty acres, for the purpose of making that beautiful wooded height a public park.

The option of the city at present prices expires on August 3d, and that magnificent grove of noble firs will be doomed to destruction as sure as we let this opportunity pass to acquire that land for a park.

There is not another similar natural park site left as close into the city as Fairmount Park will be. The land consists of four blocks offered the city by Rev. H. B. Elworthy (48 lots) and three blocks by J. M. Brown of Silverton (26 lots) at the nominal price of about \$200 per lot, or \$17,000 for the whole tract, including fourteen acres owned by Elworthy on the hillside, which carries the park site down to the county road on the west.

Not counting the 14 acres not plotted, the lots offered the city are all of them worth from \$250 to \$300 each, and are actually selling for those prices. This property for park purposes cannot again be secured for this price at any time in the future. The reservoir site of a block and a half is completely surrounded by a tier of blocks that are now offered the city, and when the water plant becomes city property that reservoir, costing as much as the city will pay for the whole park, will be the center of the park.

Will you not help us to give Salem the first public park, a playground for the children, a picnic ground for everybody, and a spot of wonderful natural beauty that will always be an advertisement of the public spirit and enterprise of the Capital City of Oregon?

the Fairmount Park proposition.

With mountain water, paved streets and public parks this city will grow with greater rapidity than ever before.

With nine dollars of state appropriations spent here out of every ten dollars spent by the state, Salem must be on the alert.

To vote down a little public park proposition means not only a black eye to South Salem, but a blow to progress and prosperity in every part of the city.

The City of Eugene already has several hundreds of acres of public parks.

The City of Portland and Puget Sound cities have many public parks, according to the signs on their street cars.

The wards of this city that cast ballots against the public policies involved in Fairmount Park will make a mistake.

They will be advertising to the world that they are opposed to progress and no one will want to buy property in such wards.

This city should cast a sodidly unanimous vote for the Fairmount Park proposition and there should not be a single vote cast against it.

No laboring man who loves his family and wants a city where there shall be public grounds for women and children should vote against Fairmount Park.

No real estate man or property owner who has any faith in the future of the city should think of casting a ballot against acquiring Fairmount Park.

The honor and fair name of our city and its reputation for progress are involved in this question far more than appears at first sight.

We have no public park, aside from a few squares in the heart of the city that were donated.

Let us say Monday that we stand for progress and propose to make Salem a city that the whole state can be proud of.

Let Us Stand for the Salem of the Future.

In voting on the question of acquiring Fairmount Park Monday let us stand for the Salem of the future.

Let us stand up and be counted for the city of fifty thousand that we will be by 1915.

With mountain water for Salem and the state institutions this city should be to Portland what Tacoma is to Seattle. With paved streets, with widened bridges and public parks

and mountain water nothing can stoy Salem doubling in population in five years.

Have you faith in this city and its future? Show it by your vote Monday.

Don't trust your neighbor to carry the entire load of progress up the long hill of success.

The Salem of the future will be the model city of the Pacific coast.

The last committee has gone to the mountains to investigate our water supply of the future from the forest reserve.

Narrow policies and jealousy of one part of the city against the other will only hold back the grand result.

We like to point with pride to the splendid spirit of pluck and enterprise of South Salem and East Salem and North Salem.

Those sections are fighting for improved streets, for sewers, and are building hundreds of new homes and improving their property.

They are opening streets, building sidewalks, tearing down fences and becoming citified as fast as money can do it.

Let us stand for the Greater Salem, with a record of over a thousand new buildings this year and two thousand next year.

The Salem of the future must be a city the whole state can be proud of, where the visitor from other centers of civilization can come and hire a room at a hotel with a porcelain bathtub in it if he wants to pay for the luxury.



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