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S. H. WESTCOTT 33 YEARS AGO

Superintendent of Orion High School Announces His Candidacy for School Commissioner.

Prof. S. H. Westcott, at present in his thirty-third year as superintendent of the Orion High School and for ten years superintendent of Orionville High School, in announcing his candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Schools for Oakland county, will receive a cordial welcome not only by his many friends and admirers, but by all who desire to see an able, energetic and progressive administration of the department.

The position to which he aspires offers exceptional opportunities to a splendidly equipped man to render our many schools and teachers really good service.

The career of Prof. Westcott speaks for him far more effectively than can any words of commendation. He has served so long and with such signal success that he has come into touch with and entangled in the lives of literally thousands of students. In a wide section of Oakland and adjoining counties, his name indeed has become a household name and elsewhere many are so familiar with his sterling qualities as a man and as a teacher and his reputation as a teacher in the public schools as to render an introduction superfluous.

Thus a long and successful experience has equipped him to guide the destinies of both our grades and high-graded schools. He is the holder of a State Life Certificate and has served his constituents so well that he has continually been called to positions of wider responsibilities and heavier responsibilities. He has always been a life-long Republican.

Mr. Westcott is a man of strictest probity, in the prime of life, and at the full tide of his power and zeal as a public educator. To a degree possessed by but few, he is animated by a moving passion for education and the power to inspire a desire for it in others. It has cost him a life-work, and he knows it has the value of a life-work to every boy and girl who has benefited. If, the people, in their wisdom, place him at the head of their educational affairs, the office of School Commissioner, it is safe to say, will have a new welcome meaning to every teacher, pupil and school patron.

Prof. Westcott stands for a sane, practical, yet distinct advance in our educational matters.

He emphasizes the importance of manual, mechanical work and assistance to inexperienced teachers as a means to strengthen the weak and systematize random effort.

He believes in the efficacy of frequent teachers' and patrons' meetings to inspire aid direct.

He believes in developing the school as a social center, as a means to a better school spirit and an enlarged community life.

He holds the child life of the country to be its most precious possession. He applauds the noble work of the high minded teachers, who are developing it and would supplement their efforts by a Commissionship equally efficient.

He believes in the development of the home and school, and as one of the means to this end would encourage crop growing contests.

At no juncture of our school affairs has there been greater wisdom shown as the part of electors than in the selection of the next School Commissioner. The office can easily be made so useless that it ought to be abolished. His possibilities also are so great as to vitally affect our educational interests for years to come.

In the hands of Prof. S. H. Westcott we are assured in advance of services of a high order of merit, and that his fidelity, zeal and ability will make of the office of School Commissioner a genuine and lasting boon to the people of Oakland county.—Adv.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Sunday will be Septuagesima Sunday and that sounds as if Lent were near and so it is. Ash Wednesday this year comes on February 17 and Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent.

There are three Gesima Sundays, Septus, Sexus and Quinquus, and they mean respectively, 70, 60 and 50 days before Easter, which this year comes on April 4.

The services on Sunday will be as usual 6:30, Holy Communion; 9:45, Bible school; the morning service at 10:45, and all are always most welcome as St. James' is a church where you can be of help to your neighbor.

The telephone at the rectory is 159 F 3 and at the church 159.

IDEAL ROADWAYS

Of California and Pasadena Rose Carnival Interestingly Described by W. Scott Jones.

You will not catalogue me a "California booster" simply because I presume you are all interested in this land of sunshine and flowers, but in this country of large mountains and broad acres, with a large climate-capturing all, it seems that the residents—transient as well as permanent—catch up the vibrant tone of all creation and become adepts of all creation and become adepts of all creation.

The city of Los Angeles, the leader on the Pacific coast in population, is remarkably alive; not so much in its manufactures, but in its ample provision for the sustenance of the large number of tourists who visit it annually, and its real estate men certainly have long been hanging on air and have long since solved perfectly the problem of perpetual motion. Their universal motto is, "Do it now," and "most interesting" led you into believing that before many years have elapsed, every foot of beach site and citrus land for orange groves will pass beyond any possibility of procuring for love or money.

While Detroit ranks first in the line of the automobile industry, the great roadways of California prove the magnet for machines to such an extent that the New York alone exceeds California in the number of machines to be found in each of its counties. The automobile provisions have been made to supplement the provision of the various counties in building hundreds of miles of cement boulevards, and there is just being completed a coast boulevard from San Diego to San Diego, nearly 500 miles in length. From San Diego an automobile trip 500 miles along the great Pacific ocean's very shore. This state is really in dead earnest on the road roads question.

But a day or two ago, we had the pleasure of a ride through what is known as Griffith Park, located on the very outskirts of the city, consisting of thousands of acres of foothill area, nearly all covered with vegetation, having an opening for golf links and an aviation field. The city is giving employment to a small army of unmarried men unemployed. They dwell in tents, which is quite comfortable here, from eating four hours each day there from eating four hours each day there, thereby rendering valuable service in improving the vast park. An automobile cement boulevard 12 miles in length enables one to ascend by a forceful ascent to the top of the park's thrilling mountain, and then by a thrilling drive to descend. It is a drive of ever entrancing views of valley and hill, and one cannot but feel that even the most elaborate painting of the world artist fails far to suggest any idea of the beauty which even the landscape painter could but casually touch and must be left to the Master Painter to thrill and inspire. It is but one of the rugged mountains which it is useless to attempt to depict.

As a fit introduction to the new year in this balmy atmosphere, the crown rose carnival at Pasadena, the "Crown City" and some of the pineapples, seemed apropos; just as if the famous Beach gardens there with their all-the-year-around beauty were not a sufficient attraction to cause every visitor to be transported to Elysian bliss, with flowers, fountains and native, and the exquisite drives and romantic lovers' paths, man's ingenuity was still farther tested by many designs for the fairs, faithful fashioning of fairly land portraits, which constituted the three miles of fragrant beauty which encircled its splendor on this day before the hundred thousand enthusiastic visitors.

This was the 28th commemoration of this Baby Day of the year in this beautiful city, but just a little unlike its predecessor, for it drew more than 100,000 each year and 1915 was a triumph. This great crowd filled every available foot of space along Colorado avenue and other avenues downtown, to the very curb, while many cars were filled with automobiles, windows, doors, and several laws were packed, and on several laws grounds were erected for the accommodation of the people, and when all had passed along the "baby" street the masses retired to the Tournament Park to witness games and races and see what had already passed along the street.

As the procession came into view, it was prefaced by the columns of Royal Rosarians of Fertians, in their native white costumes. Many prizes were awarded for the finest floats as designed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, various beach cities, schools, and business organizations, and prizes were presented into service as the motive power for the majority of the designs.

Lunch stands were improvised everywhere to cater to the hiner man, beyond necessary by a crowd far, beyond the capacity of the ordinary equipment for such purposes.

It is estimated that there were between 6,000 and 7,000 non-resident auto in Pasadena, and judging from the "procession" universal, it looked

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