

BAKER GIVES LEAD TO GOV. OLCOTT

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After all the election boards made their returns, the election board made its report to the clerk, who had completed its tabulation, the clerk sealed all the doors leading to the registration room where the ballot boxes were deposited and deputy sheriffs were placed on guard outside the room. The sheriff worked in shifts and remained on duty until this morning, when the clerk broke the seal. This precaution was taken by the clerk in case a recount is necessary.

CLERK'S DUTY
Today a crew of deputy clerks is very carefully examining every scrap of paper in the pile of debris that covered the registration room floor, to make sure that nothing of value is lost. The janitor will not be allowed in the room, said the clerk, until the deputies have examined everything that was thrown on the floor.

SNEDCOR NOMINATED
A re-check of the Journal's figures on the Democratic candidates for the legislature from Multnomah county discloses the fact that Estes Snedcor was nominated with a vote of 4899. He was placed in a field of 15 candidates, the two of the 15 who failed of nomination are G. E. Weiler and Dr. D. D. Havens.

W. J. H. CLARK NOMINATED
W. J. H. Clark apparently has been nominated to the joint senate and house of the 14th district, comprising Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties. He was nominated by a plurality of 96 votes. A complete recheck of the Multnomah county figures today and a correction in Columbia county count developed the following figures:

The vote: Banks—Multnomah, 15,794; Clackamas, 15,685; Columbia, 331.
Clark—Multnomah, 16,218; Clackamas, 12,993; Columbia, 277.
Thomas K. Campbell was leading J. T. Thiehoff by eight votes for the Republican nomination for public service commissioner on the count as compiled to date. The vote: Thiehoff, 33,914; Campbell's nomination seems assured in view of the upstate vote.

Three times in the past political history of Oregon statewide campaigns have swung forward and back with the incoming returns giving first one candidate and then the other the apparent victory, as in the case of the Hall-Olcott battle just closed.

In the memorable campaign of 1902 George E. Chamberlain nosed William J. Furnish out in the race for the governorship by a bare plurality of 276 votes.

TIED OF CONVENTION

It was the last campaign under the old convention system. Furnish had been nominated by the Republican convention held at Astoria, and the vote of the nomination and the protest of Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, a candidate for the nomination against Furnish, threw the split in the audience of the Mitchell and Simon factions, which continually fought for control. Furnish was a poor campaigner, cold and unconvincing before a large audience for in those days they still turned out in large numbers to listen to political speeches. He was no match for the dynamic personality of Chamberlain, the master campaigner of them all.

1904 CONTEST CLOSE

Again in April of 1906, when Jonathan Bourne and H. M. Calk strove for the Republican nomination for the United States senate, the state saw another close and curious count. At that time Bourne was subjected to exceptionally bitter attack, which resulted in his defeat in Multnomah county and in the centers of population to such an extent that on the face of the early returns he was to all appearances hopelessly beaten.

The returns seemed so conclusive, in fact, that Bourne conceded his defeat and Calk gave a dinner at the Arlington club in honor of his nomination. And then the scattered returns from the hills and the mountains—from all the outlying districts where the vote was so small that the political calculations had passed it by—began to filter into the total count. Bourne's far-flung written campaign propaganda had had its influence in those remote sections of the state where the last hour attacks had not reached, and the victory swung to him by something like 500 votes.

POLITICIANS IN DOUBT

Probably the closest battle of them all, however, was that staged between the late Henry L. Benson and Charles L. McNary for the Republican nomination for supreme judge in the 1914 election. Here the victory hung in the balance for several days and a final partial recount gave the nomination to Judge Benson by but three or four votes.

Politicians, probably, will never settle to their own satisfaction the present controversy over the effect of the Olcott anti-Klan proclamation and the part it has played in the result of the primary election just closed. But, whether it were wise or unwise from the point of political strategy, it certainly did one thing. It had the effect of sweeping all the Republican candidates for the governorship, but Olcott and Hall, into the discard and crystallizing the issue between these two.

KLAN BIG FACTOR

It is idle to contend that the Ku Klux Klan and its political activities were not the dominant note in the primary

campaign from the beginning. The Klan strength, and where it would go, whether to Hall, or to Patterson, or to both, was a topic of constant political discussion and speculation from the time Hall was first endorsed.

The Olcott proclamation, without doubt, had the effect of giving Hall the solid support of that organization, part of which might, and doubtless would, have gone to Patterson had the issue not been so clearly drawn.

And there is logic in the argument that the support of the Klan in Multnomah county, not considering the other population centers where it holds its organizations, had its direct bearing on the result of the election in Multnomah, which has been Olcott's stumbling block since the count was commenced.

The centralization of the Klan strength behind Olcott was probably the main incident that threw the county into the Hall column.

PIERCE HAS CHANCE

A ready people are asking each other, "What effect the bitterness entangled with the issue will have upon the general election, and what upon the coming session of the legislature in January next."

One thing is certain and admitted on all sides: M. Pierce, the Democratic candidate for the governorship, is in better position for election than any Democratic candidate has been since the last gubernatorial battle of 1910 when the anti-assembly sentiment of the state's electorate swept Oswald West into the gubernatorial chair.

As the political mind is now set, and as it will continue to be unless time cools the fever, the issue of partisanship has been subordinated to that of creed and birth.

It is not to be expected, if that condition continues to prevail throughout the summer campaign and up to the November election, that those who stood against the Ku Klux Klan will switch to support with their ballots in the fall. The condition makes Pierce a heavy contender from any angle of the election.

QUESTIONS ASKED

And the legislature. What will the effect of the present situation be in its reflection upon the organization of senate and house, as well as upon legislation to come from the Multnomah delegation? Is there a speaker in a seeker after the speakership, is the only member of the Multnomah house delegation nominated for the speakership, or will it be a member, held the endorsement of the Klan?

And, too, what effect will the Multnomah condition have upon the ambition of Denton Burdick of Redmond, who also seeks the speakership? Is the lower house to be organized by the Klan influence, or against it? And is the legislature to be attempted, or will it be to pro-Klan or anti-Klan?

SEEK BIG OFFICES

Will Gus Moser, who has been one of the next friends of the Klan movement in Multnomah county, be the leading candidate for president of the senate?

Or will Senator Cusick of Albany, who is another Klan supporter so far as any announcement of his is concerned, be able to muster the 16 votes necessary to give the gavel to him?

Or will Roy Rittner of Umatilla, past president of the senate, who has made his opposition to the Klan clear and distinct, again preside over the house of representatives?

It is a question of the future of the senate, it must not be forgotten, now holds major political significance for a reason that, until the recent attack on the senate, has been almost entirely unimportant. The senate office carries with it, in effect, the lieutenant-governorship of the state.

In view of the resignation or ineffectuality of the governor, the president of the senate becomes governor both in fact and in name. It is responsible to the people, then, that the election of a president of the senate will be no pink tea affair when the legislature meets in January.

If the governor is to be elected as a Klan or anti-Klan candidate, it is fair to assume that the same influences will center about the election of the presiding officer of the senate.

JEFFERSON

Madras, May 22.—Complete returns from all precincts in Jefferson county give Republican national committee man, Ethian 111, Williams 144; congressman, Gwinn 60, Sinnott 216; governor, Bean 23, Hall 33, Lee 12, Olcott 133, Patterson 24, White 56; treasurer, Gwinn 120; supreme court, Burnett 143, McCourt 163, Rand 183, Shepherd 67; superintendent public instruction, Churchill 134; labor commissioner, Daniel 74, Gram 149; public service commissioner, Campbell 111, Layman 63, Thiehoff 49; judge 18th district, Myvrae 185; representative 21st district, Burdick 184, East 202, Overturf 289; Jefferson county judge, King 249; county commissioner, Ramsey 237; Democratic national committee man, King 69, Morrow 145, Gurd 50; public service recall, Yes 174, No 112; Kerrigan 143; Williams 114.

HARNEY FOR OLCOTT

Burns, May 22.—Returns from 13 precincts in Harney county give the following totals: Republican, Ethian 98, Williams 120; Gwinn 57, Sinnott 194; Bean 44, Hall 23, Lee 12, Olcott 112, Patterson 20, White 44; Hoff 139, Ryan 104; Burnett 139, McCourt 143; McCourt 143; 55; Daniel 174, Gram 132, Campbell 125, Layman 33, Thiehoff 37, Democratic, King 46, Morrow 44; Holmes 10, Pierce 68; representative 12th district, Bradbury 142, against 108; Kerrigan 123, Williams 113.

OLCOTT GETS GILLIAM

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