

SATURDAY GRID SCORES UPSET ALL FORECASTS

Surprises were the rule rather than the exception in the football world last Saturday afternoon and fandon has not yet completely recovered from some of the shocks it suffered. Yale's defeat by the Iowa eleven was the first news to upset the old dope bucket and was followed in rapid succession by reports of the Washington-Idaho game, in which the Vandals held the mighty Sun Dodgers to a lone safety for two points, and the upset administered by Coach Frank's Pacific University aggregation in blocking the supposedly powerful Oregon Aggie offensive. The Aggies nosed out a 3-0 victory. Oregon's defeat by the Multnomah Club eleven was not wholly unexpected, but the size of the score, 20 to 0, was startling to the lemon-yellow followers. The purported strength of the Washington State College eleven was also disputed with the results of its Saturday clash with Gonzaga. The Cougars had difficulty in edging out with the long end of a 19 to 7 score. In the south Southern California defeated Arizona 15 to 0, Stanford won from Santa Clara 7 to 0, and California recorded the only walkaway in trimming St. Mary's 41 to 0.

ROOSTERS BARRED FROM MAIL BUT CHICKS TAKEN

Washington, Oct. 16.—The old barnyard rooster can not travel by United States mail, but day-old chicks, according to a post-office department announcement today, still may be shipped from place to place, provided their journey may be completed within 72 hours. Moreover, these chicks may be insured against loss, but not against death. Harmless live animals, rated as innocuous, and not requiring food or water in transit, may go by mail along with baby terrapins, soft shelled crabs, blood worms and chameleons. Under new regulations live alligators up to 20 inches in length are the only live alligators Uncle Sam will handle.

TRANSMIT POWER FROM NIAGARA TO NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 16.—Transmission of power from Niagara Falls to New York is a possibility of the future, in the opinion of Dr. W. E. F. Alexanderson, chief engineer of the Radio Corporation. This prediction followed the success of 16 hour test of electron tubes in place of large alternators in transmitting wireless messages across the Atlantic ocean.

KLUXERS LOSE GRIP

Lower house of the legislature without marked complaint from her constituents, had the women's vote solidly behind her, would have received the Purity League vote without aid of the Klan, and the result of the balloting showed her to be the favorite in those precincts where the Klan was a negligible factor.

Open Fights Lost.

In the only two instances where endorsed candidates had nothing but the O. K. of the Ku Klux to recommend them, the outcome of the election was a direct repudiation of the nightshirt party, although the strength shown in one of these contests by the yellow ticket candidate was disturbing. Despite the fact that the Klan threw the strength of its machine directly behind Rev. Joseph Jeffrey, for the republican nomination for state representative, against E. N. Hurd, incumbent, and James Mott, and instructed its members to "single shoot" for Jeffrey, the minister was decisively defeated.

Due perhaps to the concentration of the Klan forces on a program to completely control city offices, S. A. Wold, with nothing to recommend his candidacy save the endorsement of the Klan, came within 21 votes of defeating E. G. Gearhart for the office of city police judge. Wold was practically unknown, while Gearhart has served for years in the capacity of police judge and had never before been opposed for election. He had displeased the Klan, however, by flatly refusing to join their organization, and his office was practically the only one in the city not controlled by invisible dictation.

Police Officers Fired.

The intent of the Klan to dominate, if possible, city government for the political leverage and spoils thus to be secured, was clearly evident through the Ku Klux campaign. The kluxing of Mayor Bremner and the entrance of his chief political appointee, Chief of Police Carlson, into the Klan were followed almost immediately by a "reorganization" of the police department that eliminated two patrolmen, Leo Gramms

People of Oregon Really On Trial In Coming Election

(From the Oregon Voter.)

Ben W. Olcott is not on trial; it is the people of Oregon who are on trial at the coming election.

The question is whether the people of this state really appreciate a nonpolitical administration that is honest, economical and above all, efficient. The efficiency is due to the quality and caliber of the governor's appointees. The most capable men in Oregon were appointed, and were chosen regardless of politics. Will the voters of this state remember this, and does it mean anything to them if they do remember it?

The politicians are either against Olcott, or are lukewarm. Many are against him because he refused to play their game. They are supporting Pierce, just to get Olcott out, hoping that four years hence they can elect a republican governor who will play the game in a political way.

Many republican politicians are simply lukewarm. They are supporting Olcott, not because they like him more, but because they like a democrat less, especially Pierce. They are also afraid lest Pierce will prove a bull in a china shop—doing immense damage without any constructive good to make up for any part of the damage. This fear and dread of Pierce is real, and prompts feverish activity in the republican camp to re-elect Olcott, but there is no love for Olcott behind their activity.

No organization in Oregon today, and no great newspaper is behind Ben W. Olcott for re-election in any way that implies enthusiasm for Olcott. That reason is that Olcott has done the bidding of John Cornos, who had been raised Catholic, and their replacement with members of the Klan.

Repeated attempts had been made to secure the discharge of Fire Chief Ed Foster, also a Catholic, on trumped up charges regarding his conduct of the duties of plumbing inspector, all of them trivial, but in this direction the Koo Kooos have so far been unpropitious. It is to be noted with significance that prior to the Klan's entry into Astoria Foster had been generally acclaimed an efficient officer.

Except for the fact that the voters approved the proposal to scrap to old form of city government and substitute the city manager plan in the spring election, the klansmen would have had reason to rejoice over the success of their city ticket in the primary. For mayor they nominated O. C. Narvestad, understood to be pledged to the perpetuation of the policies and practices of the Bremner administration; E. B. Hauke for city treasurer; R. A. McClanathan, city engineer, and J. A. Hellberg, F. C. Green and J. D. Snell as councilmen. Their candidate for constable, W. E. Blackstock, was also nominated.

Foreign Vote Controlled.

The acceptance of the city manager plan, however, did away with all of these offices except that of constable, and left the candidates with nominations for offices that did not exist. Analysis of the vote cast in the primary proved the strength of the Klan in the precincts populated by the foreign element, and its weakness in the purely American portions of the city.

While the results of the primary election did not react in any material local advantage to the Ku Kluxers in Clatsop county, the campaign had enabled them to subordinate a large part of the public office holders to their domination. It is always difficult to determine definitely who is and who is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan, except those who are the interests of the Klan's activities and growth have to make their identity known, but personal associations and alignment in political activity in Astoria had definitely placed District Attorney J. O. Erickson, Chief of Police Carlson, John Fry, councilman and county commissioner; John Arnold, councilman; O. C. Narvestad, councilman; Leo J. Tuomala, justice of the peace; E. E. Gray, school board member, and Marshall Thurston, Warrenton, all in the camp of the klansmen. Several other officers and public employees in the county were strongly suspected of membership in the Klan, but definite proof of their affiliation was lacking.

Klan Packs Juries.

Of the law enforcement branches of government, however, the Klan lacked control of only one office, that of sheriff. Juries in the justice court at Astoria were being packed with klansmen, and it was openly charged and never denied that through County Commissioner Fry the circuit court jury list was also made to read like an accurate roster of Ku Klux members. Crystallization of sentiment which had long been voicing disconnected threats of recall against Sheriff Ole Nelson for alleged misconduct in office, was brought about late in the spring through the Klan's control of the executive committee of the Purity League, or

of no organization and no newspaper. He has been governor for all the people, and a good governor, one of the best governors of any state. He has maintained his appointed men who would administer efficiently, asking no political support from them in return. He has conscientiously avoided dictating patronage to his appointees, or even recommending job-hunters to them. He has held them responsible, not for political or personal loyalty to the appointing power, but for results for the state of Oregon.

Olcott is a marked contrast to the old type of governor, who usually was a political spellbinder, a political boss or the creature of a political boss or machine. This is the type the people of every state have been familiar with. We have had several governors in Oregon who were not of that type, but none who was so entirely different from that type as Olcott has proven himself to be.

Olcott has proven faithful to the whole people. He has proven to be an economical and able administrator, who had the faculty of selecting the best men for appointees and of inspiring them to realize that they were free to do their best for the whole people. He has not played politics. He has avoided building up a political or personal machine or organization. He has been on the square with the whole people. The question is, do the people of Oregon appreciate this high type of governor, or will they turn back to the old type of spellbinder, boss or political manipulator?

It really is the people of Oregon who are on trial.

Law Enforcement League, as it is now called. Because of his looseness in the matter of law enforcement, especially as the laws related to liquor trafficking and vice, Sheriff Nelson had not been bitterly fought by the klansmen, although his wife was a Catholic. But Nelson's flat refusal to discharge Vince Bakotich, one of his deputies, brought upon his head the full ire of the Klan. Bakotich, a veteran of 20 years or more of police work in Clatsop county and an efficient officer, was, as an officer, objectionable to the klansmen for two reasons; first, he was a Catholic; second, he had been an active enemy of the klansmen and his personal investigations had revealed not only the identity of many of the Ku Kluxers, but had uncovered and hindered much of their conspiring.

Offered to Compromise.

That it was Sheriff Nelson's refusal to discharge Bakotich and not his own shortcomings that cost him his job in the recall election of August 11, and that it was the Klan that engineered the recall through the Law Enforcement League, is amply evidenced by the fact that after the recall petitions had been perfected and an opposition candidate named, Nelson was given a chance to save his official head by certain officers of the Ku Klux Klan, who informed him that if he would then relieve Bakotich of his star the recall would be dropped.

Nelson's reiteration of his refusal to fire Bakotich, although the deputy, who knew of the offer made by the klansmen, volunteered to quit, resulted in the calling of the recall election. When the recall started O. B. Setters, Astoria attorney closely

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affiliated with, if not a member of the Klan, was put forward as the recall candidate. He refused to make the race, however, and those in charge of the movement then put Harley J. Slusher, a klansman, forward for the office.

Recall Successful.

With sentiment general against Nelson by reason of oft repeated charges of misconduct in office and the added fact that he was then under indictment for disorderly conduct, the recall was successful and Slusher went into office with a majority of about 500 votes. His office is now being conducted from the outside by Lem A. Dever, editor of the Klan paper in Astoria, and the Klan's defeated candidate for state representative, Rev. Jeffrey.

The Klan's fear of publicity was well exemplified in Astoria. When the first organization work was in progress the Evening Budget, edited by Merle Chessman, took a determined stand against it and exposed the movement in its true light. When threats failed to silence the Budget a boycott was proclaimed against it, and when this failed the klansmen organized a stock company and attempted to buy the paper. Unsuccessful in this move the klansmen launched a propaganda organ of their own, the weekly Western American, placing at the disposal of Editor Dever some \$20,000 to be expended on a plant. Dever, up to a week before he accepted the editorship of the Western American, was known as the most rabid anti-klansman in Astoria. Boycott references are being used as effectively in securing business for the Western American as were direct threats in lining up members for the Klan.

Klan Breaking Apart.

As I said before, the Ku Klux Klan is now high in the saddle in Clatsop county and riding hard. But they are riding to a fall. Already discord and dissatisfaction with boss rule are wrecking the movement. The leaders are fighting among themselves over the division of spoils already secured and in prospect, and the good members are losing their enthusiasm. In the height of its power the Klan was reputed to have in the neighborhood of 800 members in Clatsop county. At a recent meeting called to select and endorse candidates for the general election ticket only 200 were present, and these were so divided as to be beyond control of the leaders. The sponsorship of the compulsory school bill, which is a direct blow at the Lutherans, lost the Ku Kluxers scores of members and more votes in Clatsop county. Nothing but the vague hope of success for their local candidates in the coming general election, with its prospect of public plunder, graft and patronage to be dispensed, is keeping the Klan from splitting wide open.

At its recent nominating and endorsing meeting the Klan pinned its token of approval on Walter M. Pierce, for governor; O. P. Hoff, state treasurer; B. F. Hanson, state labor commissioner; S. S. George, superintendent of public instruction.

Dissension in Ranks.

Principal interest centered, however, on the selection of candidates for city and county officers, where the spoils would not be so foreign to their clutches. To recover the loss sustained when the voters deprived their successful candidates of offices to fill in

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changing the city charter, the klansmen nominated a complete new ticket for city offices, with Mr. Setters at its head as the approved candidate for mayor, thus making the contest for mayor under the new charter a three-cornered affair. For city commissioners they endorsed G. A. Hellberg, A. S. Skyles, E. B. Hauke and John Arnold, all klansmen. Because R. W. Skallerud, who had received the yellow ticket endorsement for port commissioner in the primary, filed the Dever faction of the Klan in opposing the mayorality candidacy of Setters, it is reported that the Dever force will now "single shoot" on a dark horse in opposition to Skallerud. The Ku Kluxers hope to profit materially by the patronage to be dispensed by the port commission, as all of the three successful candidates for the commission carried the approval of the Klan in the primary and are unopposed for office now. Skallerud and his followers in the Klan are reported to be against Setters because Setters refused to serve his brothers when he declined the recall nomination for sheriff.

Would Discipline Mott.

James Mott, who has invited the displeasure of the Kluxers by refusing their advances, and declining to pledge his vote as a probable state representative to "Kap" Kubli for the speakership, is another office seeker for whom the nightshirt brigade has its guns out. The word has been passed around that in this contest the klansmen are to "single shoot" for another dark horse, who entered the race too late to get his name on the ballot. He is A. A. Anderson, attorney, and a klansman of the first water.

Before drawing the curtain on Astoria it might be timely to enumerate a few of the others who have graced the Klan meetings with their presence and who have been actively interested in the order, men such as Dr. M. H. Smith, Dr. C. B. Pittinger, Dr. Swart, D. E. Lagassee, shoe merchant; Olaf Anderson Jr., Ash Houston, George Cobb, S. P. & S. conductor; Robert Grubb, S. P. & S. conductor; "Dad" Reed, S. P. & S. conductor; Frank Berg, druggist; Fred Wilson, photographer; Jack Burgess, contractor; Tony Canessa, dancery foreman and supposed Catholic; Mr. Noble, local manager for Lang & company; E. H. Flagg, editor of Warrenton, and the following United States postal employes; Tell Willihson, Andrew Olsen, Ray Grush, Louie Ness, Louie Torkelson, Arne Larson, O. J. Peacock, Hans Bue and William Wilson. (Tomorrow—The Klan in Pendleton.)

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