

## SOUTHERN STATES ARE SPLIT FOR HARDING

### TENNESSEE AND OKLAHOMA IN G. O. P. COLUMN

New York, Nov. 4.—With Tennessee and Oklahoma in the republican column, the tradition of "a solid South" is shattered. Harding is assured of 390 electoral votes and Cox of 127. Fourteen votes are still in doubt. They are divided among four states. Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico each have three and North Dakota has five.

In all these states except New Mexico Harding is leading. Tennessee went republican by about 10,000 majority.

The republican majority in the United States senate will be 19 and the house plurality will be 125, according to present returns.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Returns today showed the following states had given their electoral vote to Harding: California 13, Colorado 6, Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Idaho 4, Illinois 29, Indiana 15, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Maryland 8, Massachusetts 18, Michigan 15, Minnesota 12, Missouri 15, Montana 4, Nebraska 5, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 14, New York 45, Ohio 24, Oklahoma 10, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 28, Rhode Island 6, South Dakota 5, Tennessee 12, Utah 4, Vermont 4, Washington 7, West Virginia 5, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3, Nevada 3, Arizona 3, Total 406.

Governor Cox safely has Alabama 12, Arkansas 9, Florida 6, Georgia 14, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 10, Mississippi 10, North Carolina 12, South Carolina 9, Texas 20, Virginia 12, Total 127.

Still doubtful: Arizona 3, Nevada 3, New Mexico 3, North Dakota 5, Total 14.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—Returns from 5,409 precincts in California give Harding 568,400 votes; Cox 214,237; Debs, 58,345.

For United States senator, 5,404 precincts give Phelan 346,044 and Shortridge 407,421.

The anti-alien land bill amendment, 5,413 precincts reporting, stands 483,015 for and 163,761 against; Harris prohibition enforcement act, 269,714 for and 352,493 against; highway bond measure 303,235 for and 207,877 against.

PORTLAND FEATHERWEIGHT DEFEATS OAKLAND BOXER

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—Joe Gorman, Portland featherweight, won a ten-round decision over Jack Avil of Oakland in a hard battle here last night. Ole Anderson, Tacoma heavyweight, knocked out Leo Cross of Portland in the tenth round.

## De Lap Noses Out Sexton In Clerk Race

### Left All To Second Wife; Children of First Wife Now Seek To Break the Will

The first chapter in the celebrated Laberee will case wherein Benjamin R. Laberee and Mrs. Gladys Kelly, direct heirs of Oscar G. Laberee, deceased, are attempting to have the will annulled, was commenced today in the county court of Klamath county. The amount at stake is approximately \$100,000 consisting of ranch property in this county, cash and securities, and both sides are represented by an array of prominent legal talent. Plaintiffs are represented by Augustine Donovan and other attorneys of this city and O. C. Moore of Spokane, a law partner of Senator Poindexter. The defendant has employed Attorney C. J. Ferguson of Klamath Falls and John P. Winters of Portland.

The pivotal figure in the case is the second Mrs. Laberee, formerly Miss Anita Laurence, who, attorneys claim, supplanted a loyal wife in the affections of the decedent, until finally he yielded and secured a divorce. Later he married Miss Laurence, four days before the limit set in the divorce decree for remarriage had expired. This is the main point on which the contest to break the will hinges.

The plaintiffs are the son and daughter of Laberee by the first wife. Their mother is not a plaintiff but appeared in court today. The son was in court but Mrs. Kelly was not present.

The second wife, legatee to all the Laberee estate, sat on the opposite side of the court room, her mother close by her side.

The first wife is well along in years. She has lived long with Laberee and both her children were in their adult years when the other woman entered the life of the man whose estate is being disputed.

The second Mrs. Laberee is still young and has kept her comeliness well.

One of the accomplishments for which the decedent, Oscar G. Laberee, was well-known in the northwest was the building of the railway into Seward, Alaska, for the government, construction that opened up immense new territory to development.

Laberee was a well-known character in the west, having been a pioneer of the Alaskan goldfields in the days of the Yukon rush and in later years was a rancher and business man in Washington and Oregon, locating in Klamath county on a 1200 acre ranch near Bly in 1910. It was while living in Alaska in 1908 that he met Miss Anita Laurence who had gone there on a pleasure trip with relatives from Seattle.

Plaintiffs attorneys allege, and from that time until the date of his marriage to Miss Laurence—April 9th, 1916—he was in almost constant communication with her and met her at different places, notwithstanding the fact that he had a wife and family living in Washington. In 1915 his wife secured a divorce from him and within less than six months from the date of the divorce he remarried to Miss Laurence.

The fact that the divorce laws in Washington provide that neither of the parties to the divorce may remarry within six months from the date of divorce is the main ground for the support of the action to have the will annulled. The records show that the divorce was granted September 15th 1915, at Spokane, Wash., and that on March 9th 1916, Mr. Laberee and Miss Laurence were married in Seattle—six days too soon to be legal. Counsel for the plaintiffs therefore set up that as there was no legal marriage the so-called Mrs. Laberee No. 2 is not the legal widow of the deceased and therefore could not have been named as the executrix in his last will and testament.

Benjamin R. Laberee is the only plaintiff present at the trial and he is accompanied by his mother. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed by the plaintiffs, among whom are: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker of Bly; Henry Hutchins of Beatty; and J. B. Cornett of Shedd. The young Mrs. Laberee who resides on the 1200 acre ranch at Bly is accompanied in court by her mother Mrs. W. C. Hill of Los Angeles. Mrs. Hill was formerly a Mrs. Rhodes, but was divorced from Rhodes in 1912. She resided formerly in Seattle.

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### Forbidding Irish Emigration Does Not Deter Irishmen

DUBLIN, Oct. 19.—(By Mail)—The proclamation of Dail Eireann prohibiting emigration has only had a slight effect and the American consulate is daily dealing with applications for passports. On a landing of the consul's office the Dail decree is displayed forbidding the emigration of Irishmen of military age and of all citizens of the Irish republic without the written consent of Dail Eireann.

Intending emigrants are supposed to apply to the local Sinn Fein justices giving their reasons for leaving Ireland and full explanations must be forwarded to the republican minister for home affairs. Nevertheless the applications to the American consul continue, most of them, however, from women. From 100 to 150 is the daily average. Third-class passages to New York are said to be booked for months ahead.

WEATHER REPORT  
OREGON—Tonight and Friday, rain in west; rain or snow in east.

Mrs. John Ellis, the inventor of paper patterns, is living in Manchester, England, and is now in her 97th year.

The first woman in New Jersey to hold the office of recorder is Miss Frances Haskard, of Scotch Plains.

### Partial Returns Show Wiley Majority Will Be About 300 Votes

Wilson S. Wiley will have 300 votes majority for mayor when the official count is made, semi-official returns show. In two precincts the boards did not post notices and the semi-official tally sheets are locked in the ballot boxes, but other precincts complete give Wiley 253 majority.

For council the successful candidates are:  
First ward—Paul Bogardus.  
Second ward—M. S. West.  
Third ward—J. T. McColium.  
Fourth ward—Bert Hawkins.  
Fifth ward—J. B. Vollmer.

### HARDING LEADS LAKE COUNTY BY 5 TO 1

LAKEVIEW, Nov. 4.—(Special to The Herald).—Complete semi-official returns from Tuesday's election show Harding carried Lake county by about 5 to 1 and Stanfield defeated Chamberlain by about 2 to 1. Eighteen hundred votes were cast.

Mr. E. H. Smith, incumbent, was re-elected county judge.

Miss Pearl Small defeated C. E. Oliver for school superintendent.

T. S. McKinney defeated T. S. Young for district attorney. For sheriff E. E. Woodcraft eluded Frank Light by two votes but the official count holds some hope for Light supporters.

Charles Mahen defeated Clinton Combs for the assessor's office.

### HOAGLAND WILL HANDLE BUICK

Louis Hoagland, who but a few days ago jumped out of the automobile game, has jumped right back again, this time with the well-known and highly popular Buick agency. Mr. Hoagland was the man who put the Paige car on the Klamath county map, and he is going to put the same enthusiasm, energy and hard work into the Buick agency. The Buick is one of the popular cars of this territory, it having been handled for years by the White Pelican garage.

The contract for the agency was signed up today. It is Mr. Hoagland's intention to have a new garage building, work on which will start early in the spring. The garage is to be exclusively Buick. No other line of cars will be handled and no other line of cars will be repaired. He plans on making the reputation of the garage known far beyond the limits of his territory by the excellence of the service rendered.

Another feature of the business will be the completeness of the line of accessories he will carry. These, like everything else, will be exclusively Buick, and will be on the same level of efficiency heretofore maintained in this city for this car.

The manufacturers of the Buick have issued a price guarantee good until May 1, 1921. This means that if there is a drop in price those buying cars prior to that date will have refunded to them an amount equal to whatever that reduction may be.

The many friends of Mr. Hoagland—and they are legion—will be glad to know he is back in the game again, and especially with such a splendid car.

SAYS SPEEDERS WILL BE ARRESTED IF THEY PERSIST

Charles Wynn, traffic officer, today stated that for the benefit of the few who still persist in "speeding" he would issue a final warning in this statement and then proceed to arrest all persons who do not heed.

### STANFIELD WINS; OTHER RESULTS FROM OREGON

Portland, Nov. 4.—Late returns increase the majorities of all the leading candidates. Stanfield has a majority of 13,000 votes. Figures so far compiled from 1297 precincts give Stanfield 86,603, Chamberlain 73,132; from 1294 precincts, Harding 105,135, Cox 58,688. Kozer, Brown, Van Winkle and Buchtel have big majorities.

On collected measures returns from 1028 precincts are: Olee bill, yes 48,412, no 74,219; single tax, yes 19,422, no 79,571; bird refuge, yes 20,452, no 66,027; dock commission, yes 22,921, no 55,101; anti-vaccination, yes 22,522, no 72,229; lower interest, yes 15,222, no 52,277; market act, yes 22,422, no 62,222; divided legislature, yes 21,272, no 54,212, showing them all beaten.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—An overwhelming majority for the republican ticket is indicated in late returns from Tuesday's election. Robert N. Stanfield was elected United States senator, defeating Geo. E. Chamberlain, who has represented Oregon in the upper house since 1909 and who has been prominent in military affairs, being chairman of the committee on war department expenditures.

For secretary of state Sam H. Kozer, incumbent, received 76,448 votes in 817 precincts reported up to noon today. Sears received 5550 and Upton 3452.

For the supreme court vacancy justice Brown received 11,627 in 450 precincts, and William O. McCarthy of Portland 846.

For attorney general 626 precincts gave I. H. Van Winkle 8044, J. O. Bailey 2701, O. P. Coshov, of Roseburg, 3,317 and J. J. Johnson, Portland 1219.

For public service commissioner West of Cascades Buchtel received 33,476 in 499 precincts, Bennett 15,977 and Newman 3658.

### This Fellow Wanted Arabian Records

An Arabian from Bray, California, purchased a victrola yesterday from the Earl J. Shepherd music company. When Mr. Shepherd asked him about picking out a few records for it and began playing some of the popular songs, the Arab exclaimed: "No understand. Me want Arabian records."

Mr. Shepherd was unable to supply the customer's demand, but has already sent in an order for a supply of Arabian records.

### GOES TO STATE HOSPITAL

After years of treatment by some of the best physicians on the coast, whose skill failed to bring any relief to him, Van Allen Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Fry, was taken to the state hospital at Salem this week. It is the belief that by placing him in this institution, where he can be under constant observation, the cause of his trouble may be located. When a child he received an injury to his head, a decided depression in the skull remaining after his recovery. It is the opinion of some doctors that if this pressure is removed a complete recovery will follow and this is one of the operations that will receive the attention of the state physicians.

MARKET REPORT  
PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—Livestock quotations unchanged; eggs higher, buying prices 70 and 71 cents, selling price 74 and 76 cents; butter steady.

### CLERKSHIP IS DECIDED BY A NARROW MARGIN

Odell returns received late last night with a majority of 25 to 5 for De Lap, and Klamath Lake, another small precinct that went big for De Lap, last night settled the county clerk contest, giving Mr. De Lap the office for another term by a lead of 50 votes.

De Lap has been described by the opposition in the campaign as "a snubbing post" and they bent all their energies to his removal.

At the Good Government league meetings throughout the county the fire was concentrated on De Lap. The county clerk was accused of much, varying from misdemeanor to high crime, from petty trickery to defeat the administration to the falsifying of public records.

His friends urged him to retaliate—at least to publish statements and affidavits showing the untruth of the charges. He refused to listen.

"The people of Klamath county know me," he said. "I have been their neighbor for 40 years and served them in public places for more than 20 years. I will not stop to bandy words with slanderers. My records are open to the inspection of any citizen. If the record of 40 years is not sufficient to warrant my fellow citizens of Klamath in returning me to the office in which I have served for 13 years, I will not be able to say anything in the few weeks of the campaign to bolster my reputation."

Evidently the reputation of two score years counted with the voters and the clerk feels that his reelection is in the nature of a vindication.

Because, it is alleged, election boards in some cases failed to count votes where the cross was made after the names of candidates instead of between the name and ballot number, there is talk of a contest and recount.

In city precinct No. 7 it is said many ballots were thrown out. This was strong Good Government league territory. Mr. Sexton said today that he would not support action for a recount. Attorneys said the ground was not sufficient to justify the expense of a recount.

Sheriff Is Defeated  
Arrangements are being made for a canvass of votes and The Herald will wait for the official figures.

In compiling figures yesterday an oversight of returns from one precinct resulted in the announcement that Sheriff Humphrey had a slight lead over Lloyd Low. At the time Low was leading by 100 votes and is elected undoubtedly.

Brower has defeated William Duncan, incumbent, for district attorneyship.

Bunnell and Short defeated Chastain and Peterson for judge and commissioner. Their exact lead is not determined but will be more than 500 votes.

### Says Klamath Co. Oil Indications Are Good

Oil indications in the Klamath basin are similar to the indications of best California fields, according to W. C. Lehman, manager of the Edwin Forest Forge Co. of San Francisco, manufacturers and distributors of drilling tools for oil rigs.

Mr. Lehman is an expert in oil. He examined the Klamath Oil company's well in the valley, which is now down about 1400 feet, and said that he considered the striking of diamantaceous shale a good indication of oil. In his experience he had never seen this shale outside of the producing fields of California.

He is seeking to place orders for oil rigs in this territory, and expects to be here for a week or more.

HILLIS LECTURE TONIGHT  
Those in charge wish to remind the public of the Newell Dwight Hillis lecture, to be given under the auspices of the American legion, tonight at the Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. There is to be no admittance charge.