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THE ONLY STAND

REPUBLICAN candidates for governor, replying to a questionnaire submitted by the Portland Oregonian, with one exception, repudiated the Ku Klux Klan.

The exception is Charles Hall, whose lengthy reply entirely begs the question. He denies that he has any knowledge of endorsement of his candidacy by the Ku Klux Klan, but "does not understand that the operators of the Ku Klux Klan are regarded as a menace to political freedom and public safety."

But Mr. Hall splits the coconut and exposes the meat when, after much verbal fencing, he declares that he "is willing to accept and appreciate the support of all good American citizens who approve these principles (his platform) whatever their fraternal affiliation may be."

Certainly there is nothing in Mr. Hall's statement to antagonize the Ku Klux vote.

It is too bad that the other republican candidates should have weakened their avowals of freedom from alliance with this un-American organization by seeking to asperse the motives of Governor Olcott in meeting squarely the issue that was forced upon him, with the courage that stamps him as a patriotic American and a fearless executive.

Such display of petty political jealousy strengthens Olcott and weakens his detractors. We could wish, as republican aspirants for the highest office in this state, they might have shown minds broad enough, in the crisis, to have laid by personal ambitions and, merely as loyal citizens, supported the governor of their state to the full in his stand for untrammelled Americanism.

In the heat of the battle perhaps it is too much to expect. We turn with relief to the reply of Webster Holmes, democratic candidate, untainted by the prejudice of political ambition. Here is the analysis of a keen observer, who sees no self-serving motives back of Governor Olcott's deft to lawlessness and disorder:

The question of whether this Ku Klux Klan movement is going to impose itself into our state government and at the same time persecute every Jew, Catholic, foreign-born and negro, is a head-on issue in this campaign and election. I am afraid to trust any man who will dodge it or is dodging it. I feel certain that the Klan is a menace to both political freedom and public safety. It tends to intimidate good and efficient men from seeking office. It will ultimately lead to riots and bloodshed. It is an issue unquestionably. I have been told by men who were backing Hall for governor, that a man who was not a Catholic-hater, a Jew-hater, a foreign-born-hater and a negro-hater stood any show of being elected or even a nomination. I do not believe for a moment that the governor's proclamation was inspired by political ambition.

The Herald wants its readers to consider only facts: to base judgment solely upon the truth.

The fact is that Governor Olcott's proclamation against the Klan is not a sudden and unpremeditated action, arising from a desire to advance his political welfare, and the records bear out this assertion.

As early as last September the governor took cognizance of the situation. The organization of the Klan was so quietly conducted that he apprehended no danger, and considered it the best policy to let the movement die a quiet death, relying upon the sound judgment of the intelligent Americanism of Oregon to smother it.

But, maddened by desire for power, with selfish men seeking office who were willing to be its tools, the Klan has in the last

few days voluntarily emerged—and partially been forced—from hiding. Klansmen raised the issue. Arrogantly they asserted and showed beyond any doubt their purpose—the seizing of the control of this commonwealth and the establishment of an "invisible empire" within the state.

With full knowledge of the situation and entire realization of the danger, Governor Olcott did what a brave and patriotic public official must do if true to his oath of office, the only thing he could do when the issue was thrust upon him. He met it fearlessly, and we believe entirely careless of his political fortunes. He proved himself worthy of the trust the people of a great state reposed in him. He met a great situation with a firmness that lifts him head and shoulders above the men who seek to twist his motives to make political capital for themselves.

In all fairness, Governor Olcott is entitled to a fair weighing of his motives by the electors of the state. We trust that impartial American judgment will sustain him tomorrow at the polls.

Letters from the People

CRITICIZES SCHOOL PLAN

Editor Herald,
Dear Sir:

If our school superintendent would spend less time in her office and more among the county schools she is supposed to supervise, she might get a better idea of what our schools require and incidentally a better knowledge of country people. Our school superintendent certainly shows a most deplorable ignorance when she assumes that farmers are such asses that they have no interest in the education of their children just the she does when she talks of the farmers being busy putting in their crops in the last week in June. How many annual school meetings has our school superintendent attended in the county? Not many I think for by my own observation these meetings are as a rule well attended and the people, far from being indifferent, are keenly alive to all matters favoring education. I think it an honor to be chosen to any position on the board. This will be amply shown at the election when the people will show their resentment at the effort to deprive them of the care of their school districts which they have exercised so long and well. I have been interested for forty years in school matters and I do not think this absurd school unit idea is going to help us in any way and as to the funny little notions our school superintendent says the country people have about it. Well, some one has been poking a little fun at the superintendent for you

can't hear any of that silly talk in this country, the farmers have got onto the whole matter and quite understand all about it. We want to know why five or fifty men from the county, meeting at Klamath Falls, can govern our school districts better than the several district boards who know the requirements of their own environment better than anyone else and who can carry out reforms perfectly well as has been well demonstrated in the past. Perhaps our school superintendent thinks that getting these men to Klamath Falls they will become imbued with that fine financial spirit which has landed our city in the bog of debt in which she is now floundering. If so why then we say leave them in the country. Our country schools can be improved no doubt but the unit is not the answer. What we want is better teachers and better supervision. It is not fair to teachers or pupils to take a young girl who has not taught at all and expect her to rule a country school, teach seven or eight grades and discipline children of all ages with no one to help or advise her. These young teachers should as far as possible be used in the junior grades of our city schools and teachers of experience should be sent to the country schools. Also we require a system of supervision. Schools should be inspected often, the children examined and if not found advancing in their studies the reason should be discovered and remedied. These things would really help our schools and there is no good reason for altering the present system of governing.

Hoping you can find space in your valuable paper for this letter, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
EDWARD FREUER.

COUNTY UNIT PLAN IS EXPLAINED

There has been some misapprehension on the part of the people of Klamath Falls relative to the passage of the county unit plan and their portion of the county school funds.

They fear that this will cut them off from this apportionment. Their fears are groundless for this fund as well as the state elementary school fund is in no wise affected. The only difference in the matter of taxation will be the amount of special tax in the county school districts and that will not affect Klamath Falls any more than the special school tax of the rural school districts at the present time.

The law reads under "Apportionment of County and State School Funds": "All money received from the state for use in any such county and all county school funds of such county shall be apportioned by the superintendent of the county among the several school districts of the county, if there be more than one, on

the same pro rata basis as heretofore provided by law."

As has been stated before this plan for the county unit of administration and taxation for schools has the endorsement of 98 per cent of the educational leadership of the nation, the national educational association, the state teachers' association, the state superintendent of public instruction, the Klamath county chamber of commerce, the county court, practically every superintendent who has served Klamath county and last but not least every public spirited man and woman in this county who desires to give the rural boys and girls the same opportunities as the boys and girls in the city.

TWYLA FERGUSON,
County School Superintendent.

SINNOTT MEETS WITH APPROVAL

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Senator Oddie, of Nevada, a member of the senate agricultural bloc, told me that Sinnott understands these problems better than any man in congress.

"He is also in a position to give his state the advantage of what he knows by helping to make agriculture and land development paramount issues in Washington," said Senator Oddie. It is impossible for any congressman to obtain for his district or his state everything which his constituents demand and are entitled to, but few men have done better than Sinnott.

Shapes Agricultural Policies.
"But Sinnott has done more than represent his district and state. He has taken a leading part in shaping agricultural policies for the nation. He takes the broad view that a congressman is the Nation's servant working for all the people who make any sort of a substantial contribution to society. He is too valuable a man for us to lose at this time."

Representative Dickenson of Iowa, chairman of the farm bloc in the house, said Congressman Sinnott had given valuable aid in obtaining legislation favorable to the farmers and stockmen of the United States. He was entirely dependable and always voted right, Dickenson said.

PASSION PLAY IS STAGED

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the Passion Play. Those who had been privileged last week to witness the final dress rehearsal commented freely today on the undoubted effect of the surrounding natural beauty on the yearnings of the villagers of Oberammergau for the higher things in life. The majestic peaks of the Bavarian Tyrol, which Oberammergau is pocketed, seem like solemn sentinels guarding its unique enterprise from the materialism of the world outside.

Actor Dead
The bells of the parish church which this morning summoned the inhabitants to the last mass before the opening of the passion play season, yesterday tolled the final rites over a prominent member of the cast, Anton Myr, who played the part of the Disciple Thomas. Myr caught cold a fortnight ago while rehearsing on the outdoor stage during the severe weather, and died Thursday. His funeral was held yesterday. He leaves a family of five children, all of whom will continue to participate in the play.

Fully half of yesterday's audience was made up of Americans. The inhabitants of Oberammergau are sparing no pains to billet foreigners comfortably and entertain them generally. The visitors are particularly impressed by all the efforts made in their behalf, dictated primarily by sincere motives of cordiality and without consideration for monetary advantages.

The visitors here mingle freely with and are largely billeted in the homes of actors and actresses of the passion play.

Besides the art of Lang in the role of Christ, the interpretation given the part of Judas by Guido Myr was particularly powerful in the scene of the fourth act when meditating whether he should betray Christ.

Lang strikingly depicted the principal events in the life of Christ, such as the driving of the money changers from the temple, the parting with his mother at Bethany, the "Last Supper," "Gethsemane," and the scene "Before Pilate."

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Breathless attention, lasting some minutes today greeted Martha Veith's portrayal of Mary at Bethany parting from her son.

The staking of the spectacle was remarkable throughout, especially the crucifixion scene in which Lang remains aloft on the cross for 19 minutes.

COST DOROTHY GISH MONEY IN "ATTA BOY'S LAST RACE."

It is a good thing for Dorothy Gish that the Triangle-Fine Arts five reel drama, "Atta Boy's Last Race," in which Miss Gish plays the leading role, that of Sue Keane, is the story of a horse not the story of an elephant. Otherwise, Miss Dorothy might have an elephant on her hands, instead of a race-horse.

The hero of the picture is Atta Boy himself, a race-horse. Atta Boy, off the stage, is a race-horse as well as in the picture. This is his first appearance in picture-plays, as Triangle hired him at the close of a successful season on the Tia Juana track. Miss Gish, in the play, after Atta Boy has

gone lame in a race, has to take and nurse him back to a complete recovery. The picture was weeks in the making, and every day during those weeks Dorothy rode Atta Boy.

The love that she was supposed to feel for him in the picture became the real thing during the course of the picture's production, and when it came time to return the horse to his real owner, the proceedings struck a snag. Miss Gish wouldn't let him go. In short, she bought Atta Boy for her very own, after a pretty time to get the owner to sell him.

This big real race track picture at the Strand tonight, and the union gets the entire proceeds. Helen Keller, the miracle woman, will be the big attraction at the Strand Sunday. Miss Keller is without doubt the most wonderful woman of the present age—deaf, dumb and blind yet one of the most highly cultured and accomplished women in the world today.

My initials are "J. T." and the "T." still stands for trade. Perkins Furniture House, the Furnisher of Happy Homes, 129 S. 6th Street. 18

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