

OLCOTT DOOMED FROM THE START SAYS OBSERVER

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and that no matter what kind of a campaign was put up for him he would be elected to stay at home.

Who These Men Are

It is found by conversation that not ten per cent of the voters have any idea as to the identity or personality of Messrs. Toose and Ingalls who made a rattling good campaign for the republicans, even though they lost so notably. And they have proven good sports in that they have offered no excuses or alibis, but have been willing to accept the blame that has been heaped upon them for the outcome. Doubtless they know that even though they had been political geniuses they would have met defeat. As stated, the cards were stacked against them, and their fight was one with their backs to the wall from the first day.

Walter L. Toose, Jr., is a lawyer located at McMinnville. He comes by his political interest through his father, Walter L. Toose, Sr., of Salem, who is a warhorse in the republican party. The elder Toose is so thoroughly republican that he never considers a candidate on any other ticket. Junior is something of the same calibre. The young man has political ambitions, and has often been mentioned as a successor to Hawley, the present congressman. When the campaign was on for national committeeman between Williams and Fithian, Toose aligned himself with Williams, with the result that when Toose aspired to be state chairman he was backed by Williams. His election to the position followed. Walter is a likeable chap, of earnest disposition, and disposed to fight out a battle along a given line rather than make compromises.

C. E. Ingalls, secretary of the committee, who had much to do in shaping the republican campaign, is editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times. He is an ex-president of the Oregon State Editorial association, and incidentally comes from the

celebrated Ingalls family of Kansas. He has always taken a decided interest in politics and cuts quite a figure in Benton county affairs. No republican secretary has worked harder or more effectively than did Ingalls who is believed to have been the first republican in authority to fully realize that Olcott was more than likely to lose.

As To Tax Reduction

In connection with tax reduction the new governor will have some explaining to do at the end of two years. He gave the voters to understand that if elected he would bring about a substantial reduction in the tax burden. The fact is that but 7 per cent of the taxes paid, on an average, goes to state purposes, and most of this to officials with fixed salaries. Even if Mr. Pierce can save even half of this amount it would not greatly reduce the aggregate amount of taxes paid by each individual. Taxpayers must learn that nearly all their taxes are levied for schools, road and county purposes, and that state taxes cut but a comparatively little figure in the total.

The history of Oregon shows, however, that many elections have been won on the taxation plea. This is due to the fact that the average taxpayer makes little study of the question and merely decides that there is something wrong because his taxes continue to mount. Mr. Pierce gave the voters the impression that it is possible for the state to greatly reduce taxes, and when this is not found possible there is liable to be a revulsion of feeling that will cause the incoming administration trouble during the last two years that it is in office.

Preparing to Leave Office

With but a few more weeks in office Ben W. Olcott is preparing to go out, and is considering a number of business propositions that have come his way. There is little doubt but that he will be able to earn more money than he has been receiving in office. Friends of the governor say that he purposes to remain active in politics, and that he will do all in his power to defeat candidates favored by the Ku Klux Klan. For the governor is said to be of the

opinion that the Klan, most active in opposition to him, was the foundation of the reason for his defeat. In other words the governor will devote his political activities to driving the Klan out of Oregon politics.

This is most interesting in view of the stand of Charles Hall, who proposes to "drive the Roman Catholic church out of Oregon politics." With two such determined men working for opposite ends within the republican party it is easily possible to see that there will be a still further realignment of politics in the state. Mr. Hall has one great advantage. He

remains a member of the state senate, and can during the coming winter keep his ideas before the people. Mr. Olcott will be out of office, and likely quite busily occupied with his business problems.

It can be truthfully said that Mr. Olcott leaves office without any great personal regrets. He, as well as most of those who came into contact with him, realizes that he is not an ideal public man. His personal appearance is against him, and he is a poor public speaker, both things almost necessary to holding high public office.

An Outstanding Public Figure

There is in Oregon an outstanding political figure, of whom you hear little. He is what is known as a professional politician—a man who charges for his political advice and assistance, just as a lawyer charges for taking and trying your case in court. He has made Oregon history, but doubtless not one reader or out of ten thousand has heard his name, or hearing it has recognized in him a man who makes governors and United States senators. Believing that the people of Oregon should be better acquainted with the men of

power and influence in the state this man, living in Portland, shall receive attention in these letters at an early date.

You will be interested in this narration, for it proves that politics can be made into a business. It proves that a man who occupies such a position and makes a success of the business must be constantly on the alert. They seldom seek publicity, but on the contrary try to keep out of the newspapers. This man is of this kind, but so well known that his position need not be secured to tell of his activities. His import-

ance just at this time is due to a large extent to the outcome of the recent election, and his advice is being sought by men in all parties.

NOTICE

The United Cigar store will be closed from Wednesday noon until Thursday noon, on account of remodeling. 28-29

While in town take a swim at the Hot Springs Bath House. 24-1

Brunswick records make an ideal Xmas gift for any phonograph owner. Curran Says So. 29

Thanksgiving VALUE GIVING Sale



The Clothing Sale at the K. K. K. Store Will be on Until Saturday Night

Exceptional Saving offered on every Suit and Overcoat in the Store. Here's the chance to get good clothing that you will need for winter—and the price of a Thanksgiving Dinner thrown in.

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ALL \$35.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	26.85	ALL \$35.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	26.85
ALL \$40.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	31.85	ALL \$40.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	31.85
ALL \$45.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	35.85	ALL \$45.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	35.85
ALL \$50.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	39.85	ALL \$50.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	39.85
ALL \$55.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	43.85	ALL \$55.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	43.85
ALL \$60.00 SUITS, SALE PRICE	47.85	ALL \$60.00 OVERCOATS, SALE PRICE	47.85

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ALSO TWO GOOD COMEDIES

Show Starts 6:15

Don't forget This is Turkey and Chicken Night.

COMING SUNDAY

Stecher and Caddock in World's Championship wrestling match, also Jack Hoxie in "Barb Wire."