

WITHYCOMBE AND McNARY ARE WINNERS

OREGON REPUBLICANS RETAIN
THOSE IN OFFICE THIS
CAMPAIGN.

WEST AND PIERCE SEEM TO HAVE DEMOCRATIC LEAD

Late Returns Show Williams Re-
Elected National Committeeman
By Western Oregon Vote —
East For Opponent.

PORTLAND, May 19.—Late re-
turns this afternoon showed Senator
McNary leading R. N. Stanfield by
8,530 votes in the state, with re-
turns incomplete.

Governor Withycombe had 5,845
plurality, with Olcott second, Simp-
son third, Harley and Anderson con-
testing for fourth.

For National Committee Williams
has a lead over Dennis of 7,550, with
Eastern Oregon giving Dennis a
large majority in proportion to the
vote polled.

For State Treasurer William
Adams of Portland leads O. P. Hoff
by 1,430, with Judge Ryan a good
third. Ed Cusick, Ben West and O.
M. Plummer followed in well distanc-
ed routine.

For Justice of Supreme Court
Charles A. Johns led Percy Kelly by
2,269.

For public service commissioner
Fred A. Williams of Grants Pass
led Frank Miller by 1,207.

For Labor Commissioner Dalzell
is leading Gram by 294 votes, with
Nickum third.

For Democratic senatorial nomina-
tion Oswald West leads King by
1,700.

For Democratic gubernatorial nom-
ination Walter M. Pierce is 879
votes ahead of Starkweather.

For Democratic National Commit-
teeman, J. W. Morrow, of Portland,
is leading William Hornbrook of Al-
bany by 338.

Determined to make no change in
officers the small percentage of Re-
publican voters who voted at the
primaries yesterday rendered deci-
sions that place the present officials
on the Republican ticket for the fall
election.

Governor Withycombe has defeated
his five opponents, L. J. Simpson, of
Coos Bay, running second and Ben
W. Olcott third. Moser, of Multnomah
county took fourth place, and it
remains to be seen whether Mayor
Harley of Astoria, the wet candidate,
or Dr. Anderson, of the Dalles, the
exceedingly dry candidate, shall
bring up the end of the gubernator-
ial procession.

Sentiment Switched To Withycombe
The closing days of the campaign
showed a peculiar situation. At one
time the Simpson strength was
really to be reckoned with and it
stayed that way for several days.
As election day grew nearer, how-
ever, on every hand one could see
that there was a feeling not to re-
place the present governor. This
feeling became intense and grew
overnight in many sections, with the
result that the Coos Bay man's
strength dwindled as did Olcott's. In
the end the Republicans went to the
polls and decided to keep Withy-
combe on the job.

McNary Also Profited In Last Stages
There doubtless was a time in the
late campaign when Senator Mc-
Nary would have been beaten had
the primary been held then. In
many sections of the state he was
apparently weak, while Stanfield's
campaign showed signs of remark-
able strength. But time changed
many people on the senatorship as
well as the governor's office. Dur-
ing the closing hours sentiment
seemed to crystallize in favor of
keeping all the present officers on
the job and as a result McNary has
defeated Stanfield by a substantial
vote.

Ralph E. Williams, of Multnomah
county, polled a very heavy vote in
Portland and some of the valley
counties, while in Eastern Oregon he
lost almost two to one.

Pierce And West Win.
Walter E. Pierce has been selected
by the Democrats of Oregon for the
gubernatorial candidate and Oswald
West wins for Senator over Will R.
King. A very light vote was polled
among the members of the Democra-
tic party, even lighter in proportion
than the Republicans polled.

Union County Loyal To Home Men
Union county Republicans and De-
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VON HERTLING EXPECTS PEACE

GERMAN CHANCELLOR THINKS
WEST FRONT RESULTS WILL
END WAR.

(By United Press.)
AMSTERDAM, May 18.—"I'm still
optimistic enough to believe that we
will reach peace this year," declared
Chancellor von Hertling, in an in-
terview. "I am fairly confident that
events on the west front will speedily
end the war. We only want a place
in sun. We are fighting for exist-
ence and long for peace."

MAKE WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Five Hundred, Mostly Sein Feiners,
Taken Into Custody.

(By United Press.)
LONDON, May 18.—Five hundred
Irishmen have been arrested, the
Daily News declares. They are
mostly Sein Fein leaders. The arrests
are the result of the discovery of a
German plot. There was no resist-
ance as the arrests came as a com-
plete surprise.

BIG MEETING FOR WOMEN

SPECIAL EVENT IN LA GRANDE
ARRANGED FOR NEXT TUES-
DAY AFTERNOON.

Miss Milam, Well Known Leader In
Home Economics, Will Lecture
to Women On Present
Food Crisis.

An unusual event that will stand
out as a landmark to the women of
La Grande will occur in the Neigh-
borhood Club rooms on Tuesday af-
ternoon, May 21, at 2:30 o'clock, at
which time Miss Ava Milam, director
of home economics in Oregon, will
lecture to the women of La Grande
on the present food crisis.

Miss Milam is well known to many
of the women of La Grande, not only
as a leader in this state, but also as
a woman of national reputation and
a woman with a big vision.

She comes to us as a state director
of the food administration and a re-
presentative of the state college, where
she is dean of the school of home ec-
onomics. This meeting has been ar-
ranged for through Mrs. O. E. Sil-
verthorn, president of the Neigh-
borhood Club.

No matter what line of war work
you are interested in, whether Lib-
erty bonds, Red Cross or War Savings
Stamps, you are one of America's
great army of food savers. Perhaps
this does not appeal to you, but re-
member the large words, "That Ger-
many has not been beaten is due
no less to her food organization than
to her fighting organization."

It is a time of rare and glorious
opportunity, and a time in which the
business and industry of the home
may be lifted up to the high plane
of national service.

Come and bring your neighbors
and make this the biggest mass meet-
ing in the history of La Grande.

BANQUET FOR JUNIOR CHOR

A banquet will be given at the Y.
M. C. A. this evening at eight
o'clock, by the Senior Endeavor of
the Presbyterian church in honor of
the Junior Choir. There will be a
short musical program.

GRADUATES TO MEET

Bachelorette Program at High
School Tomorrow.

The bachelorette service will be
held at the High School auditorium
tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock
and the following is the program for
the day:

Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy," Choir
and Congregation.

Invocation—Bishop C. J. Black.

Solo—"The Light of Heaven's Own
Day," (Briggs) Presbyterian Choir.

Scripture Reading—Rev. G. H.
Feese.

Anthem—"Jehovah Reigns" (Men-
delsohn), Presbyterian Choir.

Sermon—"The Secret of a Successful
Career," Rev. Chas. A. Phipps,
Pastor of Presbyterian church.

Anthem—"As Pants the Heart,"
(Spohr), High School Glee Clubs.

Benediction—Rev. W. B. Smith.

BATTALION ATTENTION.

Officers and members of La Grande
Battalion Second Regiment Oregon
State Guard are to turn out Monday,
May 20, at 7:15 in compliment to
Captain Richmond P. Hobson, hero
of the Merrimac.

A. W. NELSON, Commander A. Co.
J. H. PEARE, Commander B. Co.

AMERICANS PROVE VALOR

GERMAN AIRCRAFT BROUGHT
BY UNCLE SAM'S FLYERS.

Heavy Artillerying Is The Unvarying
Report On Flanders And French
Fronts.

(United Press to Observer.)

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

WITH THE AMERICANS IN PIC-
ARDY, May 18.—The bravery of
Americans in Picardy fighting has
already been proved. More than 30
Croix de Guerre have been conferred
to date, including a posthumous de-
coration for Major Rasmussen for
attempting to save valuable papers
despite a heavy bombardment.

AMERICAN AIRMAN LUCKY.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

(United Press to Observer.)

WITH THE AMERICANS IN
LORRAINE, May 18.—Lieut. Eddie
Rickenbacker, an automobile racer,
collided with a German plane in mid-
air this morning, sending the enemy
hurtling downward. Rickenbacker
was miraculously saved. He was
fighting two German airplanes. One
attempted to dive underneath his
machine, gunning him from below
and misjudged the distance. A
crash followed and Rickenbacker lost
control, falling a thousand meters
before he managed to right his ma-
chine. He limped back to the Amer-
ican lines, despite a damaged wing.
The enemy is believed to have been
killed.

ARTILLERY STILL ACTIVE.

(United Press to Observer.)

LONDON, May 18.—An official re-
port says: "There is violent artillery-
ing north and south of the Aves.
German raids on our lines have fail-
ed."

CANNONADING SOUTH OF AVRE

(United Press to Observer.)

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ing north and south of the Aves.
German raids on our lines have fail-
ed."

AMERICAN AIR VICTORY

(United Press to Observer.)

WASHINGTON, May 18.—While
awaiting the French generals with
decorations for American flyers, Cap-
tain Peterson destroyed two German
aeroplanes within a minute, says an
American communique. One was a
flame and the other crumbled.

WE GOT AS FAR AS TROUTDALE.

This running for office has its ups and downs—the
downs predominate, as we can show from the late returns
of the primary election. These late returns only clinch
a patent fact which almost everyone seemed to know but
us—that fact being that an Eastern Oregon man is not
built along right lines to gather votes in the Willamette
valley climate. Or, perhaps, a better way to put it is,
that an Eastern Oregon man is not quite proficient in
the political game as played by those brothers across the
Cascades, who breathe soft, balmy air the year around.

The feature of the primary election standing out in
our mind and from which we draw a great deal of pleas-
ure, is the fact that the vote in Eastern Oregon was about
two to one in favor of the writer, and our home county
vote, so far as heard from, gives us a three to one major-
ity.

A man would be dead to all the finer and lovable things
in life who would not rejoice over this beautiful tribute
paid by home people, and we say candidly right now
that we would much rather have this handsome vote re-
ceived by us in Eastern Oregon and lose the election
than to have won state-wide and failed to have the en-
dorsement of our home people. To us Eastern Oregon
is an Empire that grows and nourishes the finest people
in all the world, and when we know that our standing
with them is O. K. the rest of the country takes second
place with us.

In this campaign for national Committeeman, as nearly
as we can figure at the present moment, we got as far
as Troutdale—which is the first station this side of Port-
land. There we met the city ways of doing things which
one from the country is unused to, and naturally we lost
out from Troutdale on through a good portion of the Wil-
lamette valley.

But getting as far as Troutdale is fair, so we will try
to take some satisfaction in that, relying however for the
real pleasure of this whole event in the confidence re-
posed in us by our Eastern Oregon people, with whom we
are personally acquainted.

Very sincerely,
BRUCE DENNIS.

IMBLER PEOPLE RAISE BIG FUND

NOT ONLY PROVIDE RED CROSS
QUOTA BUT RAISE GOOD
AMOUNT FOR LOCAL
BRANCH.

IMBLER, May 19. (Special.)—
Yesterday was Red Cross day in
Imbler and the whole populace is
gratified over the success of their
efforts for the day. The quota for
Imbler, of \$500, was raised without
any trouble and in addition thereto
the sum of \$5977 was raised for the
local branch of the Red Cross.

The sale of stock and various
articles brought \$278; a quilt,
donated by Mrs. Ed Tuttle, was
auctioned off and brought \$27.25,
and the supper given last night net-
ted \$73.65. All of the this latter
fund also goes to keep the Red Cross
work moving in Imbler.

FORREST IVANHOE WHITES

Announces Safe Arrival at Island
of Samoa

County School Superintendent
Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe yesterday re-
ceived a letter from her son Forrest
who is connected with the pay de-
partment of the U. S. Navy saying
that he and his wife had reached
Samoa safe and sound. In speak-
ing of the island he remarks that
it is a very beautiful place abound-
ing in tropical trees and shrubs but
they find the climate very warm.
The man whose place Forrest is to
take was leaving for the States the
day they arrived so he had to as-
sume his station at once. Mr. and
Mrs. Ivanhoe sailed from San Fran-
cisco on April 16.

PICNIC IS POSTPONED

Unfavorable Temperature Puts off
Motorcycle Gathering a Week

The picnic for motorcycleists an-
nounced for tomorrow at Five
Points has been postponed. The
date set for the deferred event is
one week from tomorrow. The
postponement is due to the changed
weather conditions and prospects
for a rainy season.

IS OFF FOR BERLIN

The Kaiser has nothing on W. S.
Burleigh when it comes to opti-
mism. Several times the former has
set dates when he would be in Paris
as conqueror, and Mr. Burleigh an-
nounces that he expects to eat his
Christmas turkey (which he will
take with him) in Berlin. He en-
listed last week in the field artillery
and a card from him yesterday an-
nounced he was on his way to Camp
Fremont, Palo Alto, Calif. The
Portland Journal last week gave
Mr. Burleigh credit for giving up
his law practice and private busi-
ness to serve his country.—Enter-
prise Chief.

MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

AETNA CHEMICAL WORKS AT
PITTSBURG WRECKED

Plant Was Devoted To Production Of
War Materials—Origin Is Not
Known—Trinitrotoluol Blast

(United Press to Observer.)

PITTSBURG, May 18.—More than
500 war workers were killed or in-
jured this afternoon when a terrific
blast of trinitrotoluol wrecked the
Aetna Chemical Company plant at
Oakdale. At one-thirty the casualty
figures placed the dead at 170, and
the injured at over 400. Surrounding
towns were rocked by the force of
the explosion.

Early reports said that not a single
worker escaped injury.

All buildings of the plant were
more or less damaged. Nothing is
known beyond the fact that a large
quantity of trinitrotoluol exploded.

Officials admitted that there is lit-
tle hope of learning of the cause of
the blast. Fire is rapidly consuming
the debris of the totally wrecked
buildings.

The latest figures place the loss
of life at 100 and injured at 250.

CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 18.—There
were 39 casualties reported today,
including that of Major Rasmussen,
of Portland, whose death was not of-
ficially reported until today.

BALL PLAYERS QUIT GAME FOR BATTLE FIELD

By H. C. Hamilton

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, May 18.—Some-
thing has gone wrong with the
works of organized baseball—not
serious, perhaps, but just the same
a rough spot in the works.

A few days ago Al Mamoux, star
pitcher of a few short seasons ago,
packed his kit and strolled to Bos-
ton, where he was given a position
in a shipyard.

"I have to look out for my
future," Al said.

Two days later the word was
passed out that George Mogridge, a
very fair lefthander, member of the
Yankee hurling staff, had been
offered a position in the Bethlehem
steel mills, where he would be re-
quired to pitch about one ball game
a week, but he would be given an
opportunity to learn a good trade.
George said he was about ready to
leave the Yanks and accept the
Bethlehem offer.

"I have to look out for my
future," was George's explanation.

Mogridge has a wife and two
children. Mamoux is not married,
but his engagement has been an-
nounced.

The trouble is that the minor
leagues are petering out in some
localities, while in others salaries
have been cut to such an extent
that the game is not attractive to
men who have been used to good
salaries.

The major leagues long have
argued that they held the trump
cards in the fight for money be-
tween player and manager. They
have been so sure of this that they
have made the mistake of airing
their financial status with players
before he public—to the detriment
of the game. Last year the man-
agers decided they could not con-
tinue to pay big sums to their play-
ers. This fact and the fact that
minors have been hit so hard is
disconcerting to baseball.

It is too bad there is "no future"
in baseball for the average player.
But it certainly is a fact.

Most players make the mistake of
never learning something else.
Mamoux and Mogridge have merely
realized this, and are making steps
to remedy the condition.

BISHOP PADDOCK TO PROCEED TO FRANCE

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 17.—
Rev. Robert L. Paddock, Epis-
copal bishop of eastern Oregon, has
accepted an appointment with the
army Y. M. C. A. for service in
France and will leave in a few days.

Bishop Paddock, who makes his
home here, was fettered a fare-
well reception Wednesday evening,
attended by friends and members of
St. Marks Episcopal Church.

In his farewell sermon delivered
here Sunday, Bishop Paddock pre-
dicted that revolutionary measures,
including actual conscription of
wealth, will be enacted in this coun-
try within the next few months.

JUNE FIFTH IS REGISTRATION DAY

TIME IS SET FOR LISTING
YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE
BECOME TWENTY-ONE

The local military board received
notice today that the time for regis-
tering the young men who have
reached the age of twenty-one is
Wednesday, June 5. This is in con-
formity to the recent act of con-
gress and applies to those who have
attained that age since June, 1917.

STATE P. E. O. CONVENTION

The state convention of the P.E.O.
will meet in Salem May 22 to 24.
Mrs. E. Kiddle, a delegate from Is-
land City, leaves tomorrow night and
Mrs. Edna Brown, of La Grande,
who is state recorder and secretary
leaves for Salem tonight.

RED CROSS PHONE NUMBER

The Red Cross phone number is
Main 766. Those who desire to
communicate with Mrs. George T. Cach-
ran, chairman for La Grande, may
use the phone as above indicated.

DONOVAN SAID TO BE BAD ONE

CHARGES OF PRO-GERMAN LOD-
GED AGAINST PERRY TAXI
MAN

Fight Today with Tannase Brings
Climax to Camp Troubles.

A man by the name of Donovan,
who is a taxi driver at Perry, met
up with serious charges today after
having a fistie altercation with
Louis Tannase over apparent disloy-
al utterances.

For some time Donovan has been
looked upon in the Perry camp as
a pro-German. At least his utter-
ances have been of a disloyal nature
and it is claimed he has frequently
remarked in very unpleasant terms
about the boys in France, claiming
they are better fed than he is and
that they are drawing more pay.

At times in the past there has
been a deep desire to get at Dono-
van but today the climax was reached
when Tannase, hearing some of
Donovan's remarks, nailed him and
they had it round and round.

Charges have been lodged against
him and tonight there will be
witnesses appear to prove the
charges. Donovan is known to
some of La Grande's officers and it
is said he does not bear the purest
of records.

COUPONS WILL DO

Interest on Second Liberty Bonds
Acceptable by Red Cross

PORTLAND, May 18.—"Clip
your Liberty coupons for the Red
Cross."

This was the message that went
resounding over the country today.
Interest coupons for the Second
Liberty Loan became due this week.

As by far the great majority of
these coupons are in the \$1 and \$2
value, it is believed that many of
those having Liberty Bond coupons
due will feel it a privilege to be able
to donate them to the Red Cross.

Coupons should simply be clip-
ped from bonds, handed to any
War Fund solicitor, or mailed to
the nearest Red Cross chapter.

JESS TERRY WOUNDED

Former La Grande Young Man In
Hospital In France.

Word has been received that Jess
Terry, a former resident of La
Grande, is in a hospital in France on
account of wounds received in ac-
tion. The pleasing part of the re-
port is that the young man is im-
proving and will soon be out of
hospital.

During his residence in La Grande
Jess Terry was quite well known as
a printer and was employed with the
Observer for a long period. His
brother, Dave Terry, is also in ser-
vice in France and a still younger
brother is on the way to the front.

SALVATION ARMY SERIVES.

"The Life With a Kick in It" is
the topic of Rev. L. F. Smith, of the
Methodist Church of Elgin, who will
preach at the Salvation Army bar-
nacks tonight.

WEATHER REPORT

PORTLAND, May 18.—Showers.

RED CROSS TO BE TOPICS IN CHURCHES

FIFTEEN MINUTES IN ALL PUL-
PITS ASKED FOR FURTHER-
ING THE CAUSE.

GUARANTEEING QUOTA GIVES MUCH PUBLICITY

Manager Of Campaign For Union
And Wallowa Counties Receives
Many Congratulatory Let-
ters On His Work.

Tomorrow every pastor in every
church in Union and Wallowa
counties is requested to devote at
least fifteen minutes at both morn-
ing and evening services to the Red
Cross campaign which begins the
following morning. Churches of the
nation are doing it. The campaign
committee not only requests this
but is confident that the desire will
be entered into with hearty accord.
The committee asks that the fifteen
minute time allotment be not cur-
tailed. It is firmly believed that
this request will not be denied in
the slightest degree by any pastor.
Union-Wallowa counties' method
of raising money is interesting the
state at large. Letters come in
wanting to know particulars, and
invariably high praise is given. In
regard to the coming campaign, here
are some letters touching upon that
matter, and are self explanatory:

Portland, Ore., May 14, 1918.

Ed E. Kiddle,

Campaign Mgr., Red Cross,

Island City, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Kiddle:

Assistant State Manager Elrod
has returned and is especially en-
thusiastic over your organization, so
much so that I am interesting my-
self in your system and I expect to
dig into it before the campaign is
over unless you have a copyright on
it. This systematic organization is
good stuff for war times and it is
the proper thing to do and do it
quickly. I hope the time will come
when the whole state is organized
on such a basis.

Your splendid response in guaran-
teeing the quota for your district
is producing a remarkable lot of
comment through the state and es-
pecially in Portland. It was a live
piece of advertising and I venture
to say that the big majority of the
people today know what county La
Grande is in.

With warm regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. R. Witham,

State Campaign Manager.

Portland, Ore., May 14, 1918.

Ed E. Kiddle,

Campaign Manager,

Island City, Oregon.

My dear Kiddle:

Your good work in guaran-
teeing your quota for Union and Wal-
lowa is receiving the proper pub-
licity it is entitled to, and you have
made all the counties sit up and
take notice. That is the kind of
bomb shells some of the counties
need and that is the kind they will
get. If