

## Primary Election Tomorrow

### WRITE-INS IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE LIKELY

Many Republicans Expect to Vote For Hoover Instead of France.

### ROOSEVELT HELD CERTAIN WINNER

Write-ins For Alfred E. Smith and John Nance Garner Also Held as a Possibility.

By Leslie J. Smith  
Associated Press Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Whether the voters will write in the name of Herbert Hoover on Friday's ballot in the Oregon presidential primary election in sufficient number to effect his nomination over Joseph Irwin France, of Maryland, appeared speculative today.

France is the only presidential candidate on the Republican ticket, and while there has been no organized sentiment for or against him, there has been but little activity in behalf of Hoover, except for a more or less general "write in Hoover" campaign. It has been conceded that Franklin D. Roosevelt will be accorded a substantial plurality on the Democratic ticket.

The 13 Oregon delegates to the Republican national convention will be pledged by an unwritten law to support the Oregon nominee. Likewise, the 10 Democratic delegates will be

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### INGLE NAMED AS MEMBER OF STATE BOARD

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—Dr. J. L. Ingle, of La Grande, yesterday was appointed a member of the state board of medical examiners to succeed Dr. Luther D. Howland of Portland. The appointment was announced by Governor Meier. Dr. Ingle was recommended by the state osteopathic association.

### A DISTINCT HONOR

It is quite generally known here in La Grande that this appointment comes as an honor and recognition to Dr. Ingle, and La Grande's citizens feel that the appointment is a merited one.

The state board of medical examiners is composed of six members. Five of these are M. D.'s and include three from the allopathic, one from the eclectic and one from the homeopathic schools of medicine, and one is a D. O. and represent the osteopathic school of medicine. All medical and osteopathic applications for a license to practice in Oregon, are required to take the regular examination before this board of examiners and if found qualified are granted a license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathy and surgery, according to the school of which the applicant is a graduate.

### City Takes Action Answering Petition

The city commission, in meeting last night, ruled not to close grocery stores as soft drink places as long as the stores do not serve drinks, merely selling bottles of soft drinks to be taken from the store. This action was taken in answer to a petition presented the week previous. The city manager was given authority to classify stores as either soft drink places or grocery stores, depending upon the way the soft drinks were served on the premises.

The city manager was given a three-day leave of absence. Cash on hand at the close of the week amounted to \$21,872.43 of which \$21,176.79 was in the First National bank.

A state bill, for highway work from the city limits to the Adams avenue pavement in west La Grande, was referred to the city manager for investigation. The bill totaled \$3585.04.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain tonight and Friday; cooler in the east portion Friday; fresh southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—58 above.  
Minimum: 45 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 76, minimum 54 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.  
Range—22 degrees.

WEATHER MAY 19, 1931  
Maximum 58, minimum 34 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.  
Range—24 degrees.

### Fires Over The Valley Destroy Two Dwellings

Orin Howell House Burns at Imbler Last Night—R. F. McClure's Home Destroyed About Noon.

By Mrs. Ray Wilson  
(Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER, May 19 (Special)—The residence belonging to Orin Howell, of La Grande, and occupied by Lou McKelvey burned last night. It was a one and a half story house of about six rooms. The fire whistle sounded just as the audience was going home from the commencement exercises and it was the fact that practically all the nearby residents were at the program which prevented an earlier alarm. When the chemical wagon arrived the house was a mass of flames and no attempt was made to extinguish it. Sparks were blown onto the roof of the residence of Ivan Bingaman and the M. E. church. These were swept off by men on the roofs.

The McKelveys left last Sunday, going to Pasco, Wash., but all their furniture and personal belongings were in the house, all of which is thought by friends to be uninsured. The house is said to be insured but the amount of coverage could not be ascertained at this writing.

By Mrs. Charles Grandy  
(Observer Correspondent)

LADD CANYON, May 19 (Special)—The four-room, one-story home belonging to R. F. McClure, located at the forks of the road near Ladd Canyon, was destroyed by fire about noon yesterday. Only a separator and some bedding were saved. Mrs. McClure was in the garden when she discovered the house was afire and other members of the family were away. Both the house and the contents were insured. The cause of the fire is not known.

### Wranglers Play Before Farmer's Co-op Gathering

The 17th annual meeting of the Farmers Co-operative creamery was held yesterday at Payette, Idaho, when the stockholders of Payette, Washington and Gem counties in Idaho; Baker, Malheur and Union counties in Oregon, convened. The Blue Mountain Wranglers were featured on the program, which also included an address by Governor C. Ben Ross, governor of Idaho, and by Paul V. Maris, director of the extension service of Oregon State college, at Corvallis; and O. O. Haga, of Boise.

The Wranglers presented four performances during the day, dressed in full regalia, and was the leading musical group at the meeting. The Farmers Co-operative creamery is known as one of the outstanding creameries of Idaho and Oregon, and records show that dividends have been paid to members in the past nine years amounting to \$480,354.20. In addition to the dividends paid, the assets of the organization have been increased more than \$400,000 during that time, it is said. The creamery now has 5104 members throughout six counties and operates six plants.

T. B. Johnson is the director from Union county.

### Poppies Will Be Sold By Legion Auxiliary Unit

Poppy days in La Grande this year will be May 27 and 28, the Friday and Saturday before Memorial day. It was announced today. On those days, every person will be asked to wear a bright red poppy in honor of the men who gave their lives in the World war, according to Mrs. Hazel Graham, president of the local unit of the American Legion auxiliary. The poppies, made by disabled ex-service men, will be sold throughout the city by members of the auxiliary.

"Poppy day," part of a national movement, will have a two-fold message to the people of La Grande, says Mrs. Graham. First, it will call to them to wear a poppy as a personal tribute to the memory of those gallant young men who gave their lives for America in the World war. Second, it will appeal to them to help lighten the burden for those who are paying the price of war by suffering and hardships. Every penny received for the sale of the poppies will go for the relief of the victims of the World war.

### S. O. Gates Passes Away at Union

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall  
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—S. O. (Van) Gates, about 70 years of age, died this morning at his home here following a long illness. He is survived by his widow, a son, Ferris, and two daughters, Mrs. Ted Fisher, of North Powder, and Mrs. Ted Scobird, of Seattle. Arrangements for the funeral are to be announced later.

### HEAVY VOTE EXPECTED IN THIS COUNTY

Much Interest in Local, State and Congressional Contests.

### POLLS TO BE OPEN FOR TWELVE HOURS

Renewed Activity on Part of Some Candidates May Be Reflected in Voting Tomorrow.

Candidates for party nominations in the primaries were making their final appeals to voters for support today, with all campaigning to end before midnight.

Tomorrow, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., the voters of the county and state will deliver their verdicts in the various races in the form of marked ballots. Present indications are that a heavy vote will be cast, although not of a record-breaking character. There are a number of contests on the Republican ticket in this county in addition to state and congressional offices, and on the Democratic ticket—although few local contests—there is much interest in the congressional and senatorial races.

Renewed activity on the part of some candidates for county nominations in the last few days undoubtedly will be reflected in the voting tomorrow. In at least one race, and possibly more, the outcome appears more in doubt than ever. Reports received are that L. E. Brannell, Republican candidate for sheriff, is gaining more strength, and predictions are being heard today that the contest between Mr. Brannell and Sheriff Jesse Breshers will be close.

In the Republican senatorial race, supporters of Senator Stielwer are claiming Union county, but those favoring former Senator Stanfield regard their candidate as likely to surprise many with his strength.

In general, however, the brand as it appeared earlier in the week sounds but little changed. In connection with the election, the Observer will make an unofficial count of votes Friday night, and also will receive state returns over its Associated Press wire, and probably will issue an extra early Saturday morning giving the results of the various contests. The Observer office will be open Friday night for persons who wish to get the latest news on how the vote is going.

### MR. HERTZOG TO DELIVER ADDRESS

128 La Grande High Seniors to Hear Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

One hundred and twenty-eight seniors of the La Grande High school will don their gray regalia symbolic of commencement for the first time Sunday evening when the baccalaureate service will be held at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor of the First Methodist church, has been selected to deliver the commencement address, and musical numbers will be furnished by the High school music department, under the direction of W. W. Nunsbaum.

Commencement exercises will follow the baccalaureate services, taking place Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the tabernacle, climaxing several

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## Preparing For Stock Show

### Letter Written 10 Days After Baby Was Kidnaped Regarded As Real Clue

TRENTON, N. J., May 19 (AP)—Chief of Police William Walter disclosed today that ten days after the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby he received an anonymous letter from Buffalo, N. Y., saying the baby might be found by following the Lindbergh telephone lines. He turned the letter over to state police. The baby's body was found a week ago near the special police telephone lines to the Lindbergh garage.

Chief Walter wrote "attention" across the face of the letter, the paper said, and forwarded it to the police at Hopewell. He never received any report as to investigation of the letter.

The news said Chief Walter favored the theory that the letter might have been written by one of four men who kidnaped the baby.

Letter Published

The text of the letter, as published in the News, follows:

"Mr. Chief,

"I am writing this letter from New York. I am going home to Canada.

### Elect Dr. Magee Bishop of M. E. Church Today

Wins on 17th Ballot at General Conference—Women Fail to Receive Ministerial Equality.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 19 (AP)—Dr. Junius Ralph Magee, district superintendent of Seattle, Wash. area, was elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church today by the general conference on the 17th ballot.

Magee received 561 votes, 25 more than the two-thirds majority necessary for election.

When his election was announced he was escorted to the platform where the board of bishops met.

Bishop Magee will probably be formally consecrated Sunday.

Ordained in 1902

Dr. Magee was ordained in 1902 after receiving his education at Iowa State Teachers' college.

His first pastorate was in Sioux City, Ia., and subsequently he served churches in Massachusetts and Washington. During the World war he was director of the religious work in the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Devens, Mass., and in the Boston district. He has been district superintendent at Seattle since 1929. Dr. Magee was born in Maquoketa, Ia., June 3, 1880. He is married and has two children.

Women Seek Equality

Ministerial equality with men is a goal which women still have to attain in the Methodist Episcopal church.

They marshalled their arguments for equal franchise in the ministry before the general conference last night, and there were times during the two hours and a half debate which followed when it seemed as if their crusade would be successful.

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### Seattle Woman Killed; Foster Son Is Sought

SEATTLE, Wash., May 19 (AP)—Mrs. Sadie Carter, 53, was found dead in a closet of her home here early today by her husband, J. H. Carter, a mechanic. Her foster son, Richard, 19, who disappeared mysteriously last night, was being sought by police.

A diamond ring belonging to Mrs. Carter is missing, her husband said, and her purse found in the closet with the body was empty.

Carter told authorities his wife was absent when he returned home last night and that Richard, who had prepared dinner, said his mother had gone to a meeting. Carter said he concluded she had gone to a lodge meeting and said he was not alarmed at her absence.

Carter said he and Richard retired and he awakened about 2 a. m. alarmed over the continued absence of Mrs. Carter. Searching the house and failing to find her, Carter said he looked into the closet to see what clothes his wife had worn. He discovered her body there, under a pile of blankets and clothing. She had a knotted bath towel about her neck and face and her feet were bound with a heavy cord.

A Japanese school boy, Tom Imamura, who roomed with the Carters, was questioned but not held. Carter told police he and his wife were suspicious and afraid of Richard and that they had "bickered" over the handling of the youth.

### Speaks in Congress For Birth Control

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Speaking, as she said, in behalf of 25,000,000 women of child bearing age, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, a veteran fighter for her cause, today urged congress to approve a birth control bill.

She appeared before a house committee in behalf of the Hancock bill, the first such measure to come before the house in half a century. It would amend federal laws to permit dissemination of birth control information by licensed medical sources.

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### SAFETY OF 60 AMERICANS IS THREATENED

20,000 Chinese Communists Overrunning North Anhwei Province.

### PART OF NANKING ARMY SURROUNDED

Americans at Pengu Doubt Reds Will Be Able to Capture City—Apprehension Acute.

NANKING, May 19 (AP)—The safety of 60 Americans, most of them missionaries, was threatened today at Pengu by a host of 20,000 Chinese communists which was overrunning Northern Anhwei province.

The communists had surrounded a force of 7000 Nanking troops west of Pengu and threatened to cut the Tientsin-Pukow railway south of there, blocking the arrival of reinforcements to aid the embattled government troops.

Reports from Americans at Pengu said they doubted the communists would be able to capture the city, but the apprehension was acute.

The Chinese government rushed troops to Pengu last Monday at the request of the American legation. Three thousand troops were sent from here and another division from Soochow. Apparently it was this force which was reported surrounded by the greatly superior force of communists.

Foreigners Leaving

The communists, who have been plundering a wide area in Anhwei, Honan and other provinces in Central China, caused a general exodus of foreigners and Chinese alike from these territories.

Most of the missionaries already

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### GARNER GIVES SUGGESTIONS FOR RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Speaker Garner today in a formal statement made three suggestions to relieve the economic situation in the country and said he hoped the administration would co-operate with congress in enacting them into legislation.

His program called for the issuance of one billion dollars in bonds for a government building program, broadening the base of the reconstruction finance corporation to add one billion dollars to its present two billion dollar capital and passage of a Reconstruction bill to place \$100,000,000 in the hands of President Hoover to be used in relieving "extreme suffering in any section of the country."

Garner said he was "unalterably opposed to the dole, but it must be apparent that before congress adjourns some real effort must be made toward taking care of the unemployment situation, as well as the people who are in physical distress as a result of lack of food and rainfall."

### Pendleton Man Is Taken After Chase

PROSSER, Wash., May 19 (AP)—An 150-mile chase down the Columbia river resulted in the capture early Wednesday of a youth who gave the name of Clyde P. Condra, 28, of Pendleton, Ore. Officers said he confessed burning an automobile in Kennewick Sunday night but denied theft of the car.

In a rowboat, which officers said he stole, the youth raced down the river while a state patrolman and two county officers followed. He was seized when he finally landed the boat and was brought to the county jail here.

## Question Teacher

### COP ADOPTS "PRISONER"



The "one-man's orphan home," as he styles it, of Motorcycle Policeman Don Maynard, Huntington, W. Va., has gained another recruit—a 10-month-old baby girl he found on a doorstep when he was called to make an arrest. This adoption was the eleventh for Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, pictured above with the foundling. Eighteen years ago when they married, they adopted six brothers and sisters of the bride. Later, four of Maynard's brothers came. The stark winking and brought three more babes in the Maynard brood. Charged because his flock has dwindled recently to six or eight, the others having "married off," Maynard wishes he had a good farm. "Then I could take on at least 20," he grins.

### NEW LEAD IN LINDBERGH MURDER CASE

Mrs. Mary G. Ford, of Brooklyn, Reported a Friend of "Jafsie."

### SUSPICION OVER CURTIS REMOVED

Faker Exonerated of Actual Kidnaping—Officers to Question Dean Dobson-Peacock.

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—The district attorney of King's county, Brooklyn, late today released Mrs. Mary G. Ford, public school teacher, after questioning her about a report she had communicated several weeks ago with Dr. John F. Condon, intermediary in the Lindbergh case.

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—Mrs. Mary G. Ford, Brooklyn school teacher, for whom Assistant District Attorney Jacobs of King's county, Brooklyn, said he was looking in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping case, was in his office late this afternoon, being questioned.

Jacobs said Mrs. Ford on Tuesday was held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of having attempted to swindle Mrs. Ann Laughlin of Richmond Hill out of \$1800. School officials investigating this matter, he said, started an investigation of Mrs. Ford along other lines.

"It was found," he said, "that two weeks ago she had announced she was ready to settle a \$40,000 action that was being brought against her."

"They said they checked on her absences from school and found she had been away from February 25 through March 1.

"We also found that in 1914 she pleaded guilty to grand larceny in Brooklyn and was given a suspended sentence."

UNKNOWN TO "JAFSIE"

WEST POINT, May 19 (AP)—Dr. John F. Condon said today he has never met Mrs. Mary G. Ford, Brooklyn public school teacher, questioned today by Assistant District Attorney Jacobs of King's county in connection with the Lindbergh case.

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### WALLULA CUT-OFF BID IS ACCEPTED

Highway Commission Lets Contract For \$202,973 Job Wednesday.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Bids for nearly \$200,000 worth of road work in Oregon were received by the state highway commission at a long meeting here Wednesday, attended by highway contractors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

The award for the \$202,973 Wallula cut-off project was the biggest piece of work of the day. The next largest item was a bid of \$127,456 for widening and grading the Brooks-Salem section of the Pacific highway.

S. H. Newell & Co., of Portland, was the successful bidder on the Wallula cut-off highway, the contract calling for grading of 8.3 miles from Sand Station to the state line, and two bridges will be laid. Work on this highway will be completed some time in 1933. The road will shorten the distance between Walla Walla and Portland 69 miles, and between Spokane and Portland 40 miles.

The Salem-Brooks grading and pavement widening contract went to

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### To Take Action On Patman Bill On Next Monday

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The house rules committee today deferred until Monday action on the Patman resolution calling for full payment of the soldiers' bonus.

Representative Patman (D. Tex.) sponsor of the full cash payment of the adjusted service certificates by the issuance of new money, said he would file a petition to force it out of the rules committee if action was not forthcoming soon.

Patman's bill was reported unfavorable by the ways and means committee and members of the rules committee have said there was no precedent for it to grant a place on the legislative calendar to a measure which had the disapproval of a committee.

### Grand Jury Will Make Inquiry Of Alleged Attacks

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—Grand Jury investigation of alleged attacks on state officials through the medium of the "Saturday Night" and "New Examiner," Portland publications will get under way in Multnomah county within the next few weeks, Barnett Goldstein, special attorney-general, advised James Wm. Mott, state corporation commissioner, today.

Mott demanded the investigation in a letter sent to Goldstein last Sunday. He alleged that the attacks were being made for the apparent purpose of thwarting the activities of officials charged with the enforcement of various laws. Mott made special reference to the law pertaining to the operation of savings and loan associations and libel.

"I have caused an examination to be made on the files of these publications with particular reference to matters contained in your letter," Goldstein wrote to Mott. "I am of the opinion that they appear to indicate a deliberate attempt, through the medium of these publications, to attack certain officials charged with law enforcement."

Goldstein made special mention in his letter of J. A. Charlesworth, publisher of the "Saturday Night," and C. A. Degrace and Carl Johnston, alleged owners of the "New Examiner." Degrace and Johnston are now under indictment in Multnomah county.

Goldstein declared that he already had questioned J. C. Deball, advertising manager for the "New Examiner," and there would be other

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### Amelia Earhart Putnam Will Try Solo Ocean Flight

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J., May 19 (AP)—Amelia Earhart Putnam took off from Tebebrook airport today for Harbor Grace, N. F., on the first leg of what she hopes will be the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic.

The takeoff was at 2:16 p. m. (E. S. T.).

Tomorrow night, weather permitting, she plans to soar along the perilous path through the skies she helped to break four years ago with two male companions—the first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

### Flying Boat DO-X Changes Course

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 19 (AP)—The German flying boat DO-X, en route here from New York, was reported late this afternoon to have changed her course because of a heavy ocean swell, making undesirable landing conditions off the coast. The ship was reported heading for Holyrod on Chapel's cove at the head of Conception bay.

### State Treasurer Pays Out \$300,000

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—The state treasurer today paid an additional \$300,000 on the loan of \$1,000,000 negotiated April 1 to take care of the state's current expenses pending receipt of the first-half taxes for the year 1932. The amount of \$700,000 has now been paid on the loan.

The loan was negotiated with the Portland banks.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 19 (AP)—Increased strength in wheat values developed today, especially late and after reports of enlargement of crop deterioration affecting Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

Urgent need of heavy general rains followed by cool weather was emphasized by crop authorities.

Wheat closed irregular 1/4c lower to 3/8c higher than yesterday's finish, corn 1/4c off to 1/2c up, oats 1/4c to 1/2c down and provisions unchanged to 1/2c higher.

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—Wheat futures were again lower for the day, despite the generally improved outlook. Sales on the Portland futures market were about 2,000 bu., operators changing from one option to another. May was unchanged, July 1/4c lower while September and December were each off 1/4c.

On the merchants exchange cash prices were unchanged for the day.