

## Heavy Morning Vote

### LOCAL POLLS TO CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK

Three of Seven Precincts Report More Than Normal Voting.

WEATHER CLOUDY BUT LITTLE RAIN

Only One Shower Mars Morning in La Grande — No Precincts Report Less Than Normal.

A heavier morning vote than usual was cast in La Grande in today's primary election, indicating a heavy total vote for this county. The polls will close at 8 o'clock tonight.

Of seven precincts called during the noon hour, it developed that three of them reported normal votes, three more than normal, and one reported more than 20 per cent of the registered voters as already having cast their ballots.

The weather, although cloudy, was warm and only a light shower occurred this morning, with little indication of any rain this afternoon.

Voting at the seven precincts up to the noon hour follows:

Precinct 1 (Clevinger's), 12 votes (six Democrats and six Republicans).

Precinct 2 (City Hall), 41 votes. More than 20 per cent of registrations.

Precinct 6 (Strand's), 43 votes. Heavier than usual morning vote.

Precinct 8 (Court House), 44 votes. More than usual.

Precinct 9 (Presbyterian church), 43 votes. A fair morning vote. About 2-to-1 Republicans.

Precinct 11 (Bulek garage), 25 votes. More than normal.

Precinct 12 (Riley's), 31 votes. Better than usual for morning vote.

Locally, it was believed that the county and district contests were attracting more voters than in ordinary primary elections.

#### VOTERS "SAY IT WITH BALLOTS"

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20 (AP)— Voters of Oregon who for the past several weeks have listened with varied degree of patience to campaign orators, had their one and final word today and they said it with ballots.

Although the state registration was

### COBB SISTERS PLAN SERVICE AT HOT LAKE

By Harriet Macdonald (Observer Correspondent)

HOT LAKE (Special)—The Cobb Sisters evangelistic party, well known to radio listeners especially through the family altar hour on Calvary tabernacle over KWJ of Portland, is expected to spend a few days at Hot Lake, resting and recuperating. The party plans to hold a service at the sanatorium at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening with a special musical program.

Local people believe it will be a treat, not only to hear these talented people, but to meet them personally. All interested friends from adjoining towns are cordially invited. No collection will be taken.

### Girl, 12, Hurt In Auto Collision

Two automobiles, one driven by Adam Leighton and the other by Rufus Keefe, collided at Y and Spruce streets about 8:45 o'clock last night.

One girl, Leta Comstock, aged 12 years, riding in the Leighton car, was injured but not seriously. Her face was scratched and she suffered a cut below the eye. Her head was driven through the windshield, officers report.

Both cars were damaged to some extent.

#### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Showers tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature; moderate southerly winds offshore.

#### WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—53 above.  
Minimum: 52 above.  
Condition: Cloudy.

#### WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 77, minimum 46 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .05 of inch. Range—31 degrees.

#### WEATHER MAY 20, 1931

Maximum 61, minimum 40 above.

Condition: Clear, light frost. Range—21 degrees.

### Test Vote Near In Senate On Tariff Duties

#### Both Sides Claim Margin — Decision Hinges Upon One or Two Votes — Coalition Confident.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Both sides claimed the margin as a test vote neared late today in the senate on the first of the tariff duties in the revenue bill.

The decision hinges upon one or two votes. After two days of work, the anti-tariff group claimed for the first time late today it had the edge. The tariff coalition was confident it had the margin.

The confidence of each side was due to bring an end to the stalling debate and permit a vote. The first rollcall comes on a motion by Senator Norris (R., Neb.) to cut the oil import tax from one-half a cent a gallon, as provided by the revenue bill, to the negligible sum of one-fourth of a mill a gallon.

In the midst of the wordy tariff dispute, President Hoover emphatically

### Masonic Leaders Attend Banquet Meet Last Night

Eight high officers of the Masonic lodge, including Herbert L. Toney, of McMinnville, grand master of Oregon, visited the district meeting of the lodge of Union and Wallowa counties held last night following a 6:30 banquet at the Masonic hall. Mr. Toney and D. R. Cheney, of Portland, grand secretary, are returning from Washington, D. C., and the dedication of the George Washington national monument there.

Both Mr. Toney and Mr. Cheney described the temple erected by Masons of the United States in honor of George Washington, who was a member of Alexandria lodge.

Other guests were R. S. Eakin, of La Grande, past grand master; George T. Cochran, of La Grande, past grand master; Roy C. Cartwright, of Baker, district deputy grand master; E. R. Ringo, of La Grande, district deputy grand master; Colon R. Eberhard, of La Grande, grand junior deacon; and Weston F. Shields, of Enterprise, past district deputy. Brief talks were made by them.

C. M. Hutchins, worshipful master of La Grande, opened and closed the meeting which was presided over by Mr. Toney.

During the evening, solos were rendered by Sherwood Williams and George Birnie, accompanied by W. W. Nusbaum.

### 63 GUARDSMEN TO LEAVE FOR CAMP

La Grande Company Will Entrain the Night of June 13 For Clatsop.

### Boise and Union Stakes Compete Here Tomorrow

Winners in the contest events from the Boise and Union stakes and the Northwest states mission of the L. D. S. church will be chosen tomorrow night, when 50 contestants from Boise arrive in La Grande. W. O. Robinson, of the general board of the L. D. S. church of Salt Lake City, judged the events of the Northwest states mission last night in Portland, and also will judge the local competition with Boise stake, choosing the winners from the three groups.

The winners of this section will then go to Salt Lake City to compete for the championships from among the entire church.

The retold stories will begin at 5:30, public speaking will follow; and at 7:30 the drama division will compete. Boise plans to present "The Florist Shop," while Baker, the winners in this stake, will give "In Sec-

### L. H. S. Mimirs Are Being Distributed

The Mimir, wearing a dark blue cover, attractively lettered in silver, has arrived and has been distributed among the students at the La Grande High school. Townspeople who wish to keep a record of the High school activities through the annual publication, the Mimir, may get them at the High school building, according to Carl Helm Jr., business manager.

### Mr. Charlson Dies; Funeral Sunday

Lars Frederick Charlson died at the Grande Ronde hospital last night after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 2 p. m. Sunday with interment to take place in the D. S. section of the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Charlson was 56 years and 11 days of age. He was born in Salt Lake City on May 8, 1874 and was married to Lulu B. Lanham Oct. 8, 1906. He is survived by his widow, two sons and six daughters.

### HOOVER AND ROOSEVELT MAKE GAINS

#### President Barely Short of Enough Delegates to Nominate Him.

### ROOSEVELT NEAR MAJORITY MARK

#### New York Governor's Need is, It Appears, to Gain Recruits From Favorite Son Ranks.

By Byron Price

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)— Hastening the pace to the quick-step of convention-time, national politics is parading the names of Hoover and Roosevelt, and the issues of prohibition and federal relief, noisily toward June and Chicago.

If Governor Roosevelt receives all the votes claimed for him, he will stand tomorrow night very close to a convention majority.

If President Hoover carries the Oregon primary today, he will have undoubtedly pledged to him enough delegates to nominate.

For the Democrats, especially, the third week of May is writing important history. The careful plans of a wide company of anti-Roosevelt men have been upset by Owen D. Young's positive refusal to run for the presidency. A succession of speeches and statements has evidenced a growing determination to write a federal relief plank of sorts into the party platform.

Boom Rolls On

And the Roosevelt boom has rolled on, after a period of hesitation and uncertainty. Kansas, New Mexico, Montana, South Carolina, Vermont and the District of Columbia, by instruction or pledge, have raised the total of Roosevelt column to 428, exclusive of New York and Pennsylvania, where his managers claim another 105. Tennessee and Oregon, acting today, and Nevada, acting tomorrow

### Marine Officer Reported Slain By Rebel Force

MEXICO CITY, May 20 (AP)— A Lieutenant Hutchcroft, American marine officer, and five members of his patrol were killed in a battle with troops of General Augustino Sandino, Nicaraguan insurgent leader this week in Rio Grande province, on the eastern side of Nicaragua. Dr. Pedro Jose Zepeda, Sandino's foreign representative announced here today.

He said 14 members of the Nicaraguan national guard were wounded. General Sandino said 70 persons were killed in 14 engagements with the national guard and marines during April and many others wounded. Sandino again declared he would carry on the fight "to the death" until the United States decided to give Nicaragua its freedom by withdrawing the marines from the country.

He repeated his promise to lay down his arms when, and only when, the marines retire from Nicaragua. Dr. Zepeda said.

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### REPORT SAYS WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)— Colonel Calvin B. Matthews, commanding the marine detachment in Nicaragua, advised the navy department today that Sergeant Harry D. Hutchcroft was reported as killed.

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### TWO UNMASKED BANDITS ROB BANK AT ELMA

ELMA, Wash., May 20 (AP)— Two unmasked bandits entered the First National bank here this morning, forced three persons to lie on the floor, and took about \$6000 from the safe. The men, escaped in a red automobile. One report said the car was abandoned near Oakville and another said it had gone through McCleary.

The two bandits pulled pistols and forced Cashier C. C. Calavan, his assistant, A. H. Fleming, and Mrs. H. W. Currier to lie on the floor of the bank.

They then took all the money they could find in the bank safe, about \$6000, and fled in their waiting automobile.

### War Veterans In St. Louis

Admiral William Benson, Wartime Chief of Naval Operation, Dies

ELK ROUND-UP UNDER WAY AT POMEROY, WASH.

POMEROY, Wash., May 20 (AP)—An intensive round-up of elk which have been encroaching on Garfield county foothill farms for feed, owing to the winter's deep snow in the Blue mountains was begun today by 100 horsemen with dogs.

The county game commission and members of the grange sponsoring the drive, said two men will patrol gardens during the summer to keep elk away.

### Amelia Putnam In Harbor Grace Ready For Trip

#### Woman, Who is to Attempt Solo Flight of Atlantic, Will Await Favorable Weather.

HARBOR GRACE, May 20 (AP)— Amelia Earhart Putnam hopped off for Park last today, in an attempt to be the first woman to fly the Atlantic alone.

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., May 20 (AP)— Amelia Earhart Putnam, attempting the first transatlantic solo flight by a woman, landed here today at 11:31 a. m., eastern standard time.

ACCOMPANIED BY BALCHEN

ST. JOHNS, N. B., May 20 (AP)— Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam took off at 7:02 a. m., eastern standard time, today for Harbor Grace, N. F., the starting point of her projected solo flight across the Atlantic ocean.

Bernt Balchen, who flew over the south pole with Rear Admiral Byrd, was at the controls of the red and gold monoplane at the takeoff today. Accompanying them was a mechanic who will keep the plane in tune for the long Atlantic grind while Mrs. Putnam is awaiting favorable weather.

After an easy takeoff the plane circled over the airport and headed into the northeast, toward Newfoundland. Mrs. Putnam continued to maintain secrecy regarding her destination in Europe. "My plans are indefinite," she said.

### DO-X AT HOLYROOD

HOLYROOD, N. F., May 20 (AP)— The giant airplane DO-X, en route to Europe, landed at Holyrood at 9:20 a. m., Eastern standard time, after flying from Dildo, where it was forced to land yesterday.

### TAX PAYMENTS WALLOWA CO. COME IN WELL

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—The percentage of taxes paid in this year exclusive of the Wallowa Land Improvement district is greater than it was last year. However with the Improvement district figured in this would not be the case for the taxes out there are greatly increased this year over last and taxes are not being paid at all, says the Joseph Herald.

The 1930 taxes turned over to the sheriff's office to collect were \$422,990.29 of which \$141,064.78 were collected up to May 14th. Against this amount in 1931 \$377,197.38 was turned over for collection and to date \$93,645.98 has been collected. In 1930 the taxes levied against the Wallowa Valley Improvement District were \$33,299.50 while in 1931 they were \$55,583.25 an increase of over \$22,000. With this amount subtracted from the taxes levied in the county the entire amount is \$291,514.13.

The general county taxes were reduced this year \$97,576.60.

### Portland Youth Accident Victim

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### Warren Resolution Adopted by House

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Without debate, the house adopted the resolution which orders South Trimble, clerk of the house, to keep the records of the disbursing clerk open for inspection at all times.

Attacks have been made on members who employ relatives on capitol hill, or who have their wives, children or other persons on the payroll.

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### GARNER PLAN FOR RELIEF IS ENDORSED

#### Warmly Received by Both Republicans and Democrats in the House.

#### WILL BE INCLUDED IN ONE MEASURE

#### Hundreds of Communications Pour Into Speaker's Office Today Supporting His Proposal.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Hundreds of communications poured into Speaker Garner's office today endorsing the three point relief program he proposed yesterday and which was warmly received by both Republican and Democratic members of the house.

Indications are the \$2,100,000,000 program will be incorporated into one bill and referred by Speaker Garner to the house ways and means committee.

Restrictions on the reconstruction finance corporation that prevent the board from helping what he termed the "great middle class of producers in the country," were criticized today by Speaker Garner in discussing his relief program with newspapermen.

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### Curtis Check Still Continues

#### SENTENCED



C. M. Fuller (above) and J. A. Talbot, former president and chairman of the board, respectively, of the Richfield Oil Co., who with H. W. McKee, former vice-president, were found guilty of grand theft charges in Los Angeles in connection with handling company funds. They were sentenced to serve from two to 20 years in the penitentiary.

### Launch Drive To Harness Idle Funds For Work

#### Committee of Bankers and Industrialists Meet Under Chairmanship of Owen D. Young.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—President Hoover today called upon the governors of all federal reserve districts to set up committees of business men and bankers similar to that created in New York in an effort to pump new credit into business channels.

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—A new move to put hundreds of millions of idle dollars to work was started today by a powerful committee of bankers and industrialists under the chairmanship of Owen D. Young.

The group was called together by George L. Harrison, Governor of the New York federal reserve bank, to make the federal reserve's policy of credit expansion effective and in answer to a demand in many quarters for more drastic means of stimulating a recovery in prices.

It was pointed out that in spite of the fact that the federal reserve system has purchased \$725,000,000 of United States government securities, releasing funds capable of supporting \$7,250,000,000 of bank credit, the deflation of bank loans and investments has been unchecked. Fear and uncertainty on the part of banks and the investing public alike have prevented the reserve's policy from taking its full effect.

By the formation of the new committee, financial authorities hope to find the means for bringing together the vast surplus of idle funds in the

### Ballot Title On School Merger Bill Approved

SALEM, May 20 (AP)—Ballot title for the proposed initiative measure providing for the consolidation of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college at Corvallis, was completed here today by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

The short ballot title reads: "A bill moving, consolidating and changing state institutions of higher learning."

The initiative measure is being sponsored by the Marion County Tax Equalization league, of which Henry Zorn, of Aurora, is president. The law provides that the completed petitions shall be filed by June 7, in order to get the measure on the ballot at the general election in November.

In addition to consolidating the college and university at Corvallis, the bill proposes establishment of a teachers college at Eugene, law school in Salem, and conversion of the La Grande and Ashland Normal schools into junior colleges.

The Normal school plant at Monmouth would be abandoned under the provisions of the bill.

### Marconi's Friend Shot For Revenge

ROME, May 20 (AP)—The Marchese Luigi Di Solari, right-hand man of Guglielmo Marconi and a participant in the first transatlantic radio transmission in 1901, was shot three times today by a discharged employe. He was not gravely injured.

His assailant was a telegrapher whom he discharged six years ago. Police said the man was seeking revenge.

Three shots were fired and all of them were effective. The marchese was wounded in the right arm, the right shoulder and the right side of the neck.

He was shot from behind as he was entering his office. The guard on duty at the entrance arrested the assailant.

### Pilot Missing ON MT. M'KINLEY

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP)—New lines were written today in the drama of the ill-fated University of Chicago expedition to trap the mysterious cosmic ray on Mt. McKinley.

An American Airways pilot seeking to rescue a scientist marooned on the ice was missing somewhere on the icy vastness and another who set out to find him was down 150 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, the base for rescue operations.

S. E. Robbins took off from Fairbanks yesterday in the hope of lifting Percy T. Otton Jr., New York engineer, off the glacial perch where E. P. Bechwel was rescued by plane last Tuesday. He was long overdue last night and nothing had been heard from him after he radioed of flying over the perch earlier in the day.

Another pilot famous for his Arctic exploits, Joe Crosson, set out from Fairbanks to find Robbins. Offices

### Forest Grove Man Injured Seriously

FOREST GROVE, Ore., May 20 (AP)—His face pierced by a splinter of wood 12 feet long, Louis Winter, a mill worker, was seriously injured here Thursday.

More than three feet of the splinter pierced his face and it was necessary to saw off the ends before he could be taken to a doctor. The wound extended from his mouth to the base of his left ear, and 66 stitches were required to close it.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP)—Wheat went upward today to the highest prices reached since April 27, with trade sentiment much more favorable to the buying side than has been the rule of late.

Hopes of fresh stimulus to general business were a evident leading factor of wheat market strength. There were further reports of damage to domestic winter wheat.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c above yesterday's finish corn 3/4 @ 1/2c up, oats 3/4 @ 1/2c advanced, and provisions at a rise of 2 to 12 cents.

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—The entire domestic wheat market felt the effects of bearish influence today. On the Portland futures market, with sales of 500 bu. May was pushed back 1/4 ct. to a low of 60 1/2c, where it closed. On the other hand July was up 1/2 ct. on no trading while September gained 1/4 ct. and December held unchanged.

On the merchants exchange the attack on the May option caused cash to lose 1/4 ct. for the day.

### POLICE NOT THROUGH WITH THIS PHASE

#### Jasie Engages in Sharp Verbal Exchange With Director James Curley.

### NO CONTACT WITH CLERGYMAN AS YET

#### Police Offer to Pay Dean Dobson-Peacock's Traveling Expenses But to no Avail.

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 20 (AP)—State police disclosed today that they are still investigating the whereabouts of John H. Curtis, jailed Norfolk lawyer, on the night of Apr. 2, the night that Dr. John F. Condon paid a \$60,000 ransom in full for the recovery of the Lindbergh baby.

It is known that Curtis came to New York from Norfolk on Apr. 2 but his actions and whereabouts at all times on that day and night have not been definitely established.

The statement that the investigation of this phase of the case was still going on came as a considerable surprise, however, as Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the state police, announced yesterday that Curtis had been absolved of any connection with the kidnaping or collection of ransom.

Col. Schwarzkopf, in his mid-afternoon bulletin today also took cognizance of a published report that Curtis' activities might have been part of a rum-running plot.

As yet, he said, nothing had developed to corroborate this theory.

### MORE TROOPS MOBILIZED IN BOMBAY, INDIA

BOMBAY, India, May 20 (AP)—Governor Sykes today called out the fifth Bombay field brigade, the royal artillery auxiliary force and the Bombay light horse, which are made up of non-official Europeans, to supplement his majesty's regular forces in dealing with the Hindu-Mooslem riots.

Although there was less rioting today and a measurable return of confidence, the governor thought it necessary to call out the additional units as precautionary measure.

Fifteen deaths were added to the total of more than 100 killed thus far in the rioting. Most of today's casualties were the result of stabbing affairs.

The Hindus attempted to burn a Mooslem mosque in the mill area early in the day but police prevented it and arrested forty Hindus.

### Marion County Farmer Suicides

SALEM, May 20 (AP)—William Kieper, of Jefferson, committed suicide late yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun.

The body was found on the floor of the C. A. Myers home. Kieper had been depressed for several months, his neighbors said.

Coroner Rigdon announced that an inquest was not necessary.

### Guard Stationed At U. S. Embassy

PARIS, May 20 (AP)—A special police guard was placed around the United States embassy here today as the result of resolutions passed by several communist meetings in Paris and the suburbs calling for a demonstration there to protest the forthcoming execution of seven negroes at Scotsboro, Ala.

The guard arrived here at 4:30 a. m., aboard a Wabash freight train which they commandeered at Council Bluffs, Ia., after the trainmaster there failed to provide them with extra box cars in which to ride.

Police reserves with riot guns met them here today, but after they quietly pitched camp, only a small police contingent remained to keep

### Bonus Marchers Met By Police, Who Left Later

ST. LOUIS, May 20 (AP)—A band of 310 war veterans, most of them from Oregon, were quartered in a railroad yard here today, en route to Washington where they expect to petition congress for passage of the bonus bill.

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### Investigation Of Lobbyists Asked

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—A demand for congressional investigation of lobbyists was laid before the senate today by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) in the midst of debate on the tax bill.

Wheeler coupled with his demand a resolution to authorize the inquiry.

Opponents of some of the import levies in the measure bill have charged lobbyists' influence put them there.