

# Amelia Earhart Putnam Spans Ocean

## Walter Pierce Nominee -- Voters Support Helm

### BRESHEARS IS RENOMINATED AT ELECTION

Couch, Mrs. Bacon, Ralston, Haynes, Stevens, Proctor Appear Winners

### HICKS IS VICTOR IN SCHOOL RACE

Few Upsets in General Trend of Vote Cast in Union County in Friday Primary Election.

Walter M. Pierce, formerly governor of Oregon, apparently stood nominated as the Democratic candidate for congress today with a heavy vote in Union county and a big lead over his opponent Francis Galloway, of The Dalles, in the morning reports from 178 precincts in the district. Mr. Pierce will oppose Congressman Robert B. Butler, Republican, of The Dalles, in the fall election.

Mr. Helm wins race on the Republican ticket, Carl Helm, incumbent, won over two opponents, Orval Millard and Rodney Kitchen. Union county voters gave majorities to Hal E. Hoss, Eugene C. Holman, I. H. Van Winkle, Congressman Butler, Senator Frederick Steiwer, Joseph Irwin France (presidential candidate).

In the remainder of the county races only one close upset occurred with Bennie Hicks scoring an imposing victory over J. H. Blunt for the school superintendent nomination on the Republican ticket.

### EAST OREGON MAN KILLED ON RAIL SPAN

ASTORIA, Ore., May 21 (Special)—A body found at Altoona, Wash., May 17 was identified here Friday by Deputy Coroner William Seaborg as that of Adolph Bauer, 40, of Enterprise, Ore. Bauer had been missing since Dec. 18, 1931, when he was struck by a locomotive on a rail-road trestle near Vancouver, Wash. and no trace of him had been found by relatives until Friday.

Identification of the body was made possible by a dispatch in The Oregonian which was received by J. J. Batten, brother of the drowned man. The dispatch told of the finding of the body and the description given out by Deputy Coroner Seaborg. The description tallied exactly, although the body had been in the water for a long period. The body showed a fractured leg, an incident that puzzled officers until it was disclosed that Bauer had been injured by the locomotive.

### W. N. Monroe Dies In Portland, Ore.

W. N. Monroe, 64, died in Portland at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, following a long illness. His body will be brought to La Grande for burial. Funeral arrangements will wait until the arrival of his widow.

Mr. Monroe was taught school in La Grande and left here in 1914 for Burns. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Some unsettled tonight and showers in the northwest. Sunday generally fair; cooler in the south and east tonight with local frost; little change in the west, becoming northwesterly offshore.

### Two Men Left On Snowy Slopes Of Mount McKinley

Olton and Spadevecchia to Search For Their Lost Instruments; Left at Their Own Request.

CHICAGO, May 21 (AP)—Percy T. Olton Jr. and Nicholas Spadevecchia have been left on the snowy slope of Mt. McKinley, Alaska, with food supplies for three weeks.

Rescuers of the two members of the University of Chicago cosmic ray expedition flew back to Fairbanks today, leaving Olton and Spadevecchia at their request to hunt the instruments they lost during recent spring storms.

Pilot S. E. Robbins radioed the office of the Alaska airways at Fairbanks as he took off from the glacier and his message was relayed to American airways headquarters here. Robbins had repaired the damage done to the axle of his plane when he landed on the glacier with food and sleeping bags for the two scientists.

A takeoff with a passenger would have been perilous, he said, for the ice was breaking up and stones might have wrecked the axle.

Planes will maintain contact with the two men while they continue their hunt for the lost instruments, and meanwhile the government ranger station on Mt. McKinley will start men to meet Olton and Spadevecchia to guide them out of the wilderness. They expect to make contact within a week.

Travel by foot was greatly improved now, Robbins reported, while danger of planes landing on the glacier was increasing. The men have made camp a half mile from the edge of the glacier at an elevation of about 6000 feet above sea level.

### Fruitdale Holds Program on Last Day of Semester

The second semester of the school year closed at Fruitdale school Friday with a picnic dinner and program at the school. The event climaxed a program of activity during the past winter. Those who completed the eighth grade and received their diplomas were presented by County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre, were Verona Dyal, Beth Galbreath, LaVerne Carbine, DeVeri Marshall, John Chandra, Donald Galbreath and James Voelz.

The program which was presented yesterday following the picnic dinner was:

- Song—"America"
- Vocal Solo—Magic Music
- Lucille Thomas, Lila Thomas at the piano.
- Operetta—"The Geewhillskins"
- Grades 1 to 5
- Piano solo—"Minuet in G"
- James Voelz
- Play—"Mischievous Mattie"
- 7th and 8th grade girls
- Song—"Moonlight and Roses"
- 7th, 8th grade boys and girls
- Piano duo—Katherine Wagner and LaVerne Carbine
- Play—"How They Got Their Dinner"
- 7th and 8th grade boys
- Song—"The Summer Boat"
- 8th and 9th grade girls
- Presentation of eighth grade diplomas—E. A. Sayre.

### W. M. PIERCE



Walter Pierce, of La Grande, was nominated yesterday for congress by the Democrats of the second Oregon district.

### MOTION PICTURE HEAD IS ACCUSED

### Millions Made by Warner in Buying, Selling Stock, Committee Hears.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Harry M. Warner, president of Warner Brothers, moving picture concern, was charged before the senate banking committee today with making \$2,251,000 in buying and selling stock of his own company during 1930.

William A. Gray, committee counsel, had previously announced he wanted to question Warner about dealings in the stock of his own company.

Warner has been in the moving picture business 28 years and previously was in the shoe business. "Have you made money?" Senator Couzens (R., Mich.) asked.

"More than in the manipulation of stocks?"

"Everything we made, we made out of the development of pictures," Warner said.

He testified he had bought stocks. Couzens said he was interested in the manipulation of stocks than development of the company.

Gray said he expected to prove Warner had profited \$9,251,000 in buying and selling stocks of his own company. He said the selling was when "certain journals were boosting the value of the stock before the public" and the buying was

### HAWLEY NEAR DEFEAT WITH MOTT CLOSE

Oregon's Presidential Preference Given to Roosevelt and France

### STEIWER LEADS BY BIG MARGIN

### Newest Total on Pierce and Galloway 4088 and 1914, Respectively — Hoss Nominated.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—The veteran congressman Willis C. Hawley who has represented Oregon for 20 years stood on the verge of defeat in the nominating primary election returns tabulated today.

Representative Hawley, who was elected first to the sixtieth congress, and who has been returned in every election, had polled 17,485 votes in 425 precincts of the 902 in the first district. Mott had 17,120 votes. It was a race such as has been rarely seen in the ranks of Republican congressmen in Oregon.

Democrat Battle

But in the same first district the two Democrats, William A. Dezell and Harvey Starkweather were staking a claim of 55,765 to Steiwer.

Francis, in winning the presidential election from President Hoover, whose name was not on the ballot, will have 13 pledged votes in the national Republican convention in Chicago.

These delegates will be obliged by an unwritten law to continue to vote for France until he releases them. In 977 precincts out of 1783 in the state he polled 31,118 votes while Dezell and Starkweather had 11,698 write-ins for Hoover.

Roosevelt swept the state like wildfire, receiving 23,565 votes in 905 precincts. William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma, whose name appeared on the Democratic ballot with Roosevelt's, received 55,765 in the same precincts, and admirers of Alfred E. Smith wrote his name 204 times.

Senator Frederick Steiwer built up a tremendous lead over his nearest rival, former Senator Robert N. Stanford, polling 55,765 to Steiwer's 39,432 in 977 precincts, for the renomination. A. E. Clark of Portland, a bone dry, and endorsed by Governor Julius L. Meier for his views on the power question, was third with 37,446. Steiwer is a dry who has expressed himself for submission of the liquor question. Stanford is a wet and advocated repeal of the 18th amendment.

Eaton Watkins, h dry, and Walter Gleason, described as a "wringing wet," staged a nip-and-tuck fight for the Democratic nomination as senator to oppose Steiwer in the general election in November. With 897 precincts counted Gleason had 10,591 votes, and Watkins 10,475. Marshall N. Dana, associated editor of the Oregon Journal, ran third with 8,107 votes.

Justice Henry J. Bean increased his long lead in the contest for position 2 on the supreme court, and

### 80 Korean Farmers Killed by Chinese

MUKDEN, Manchuria, May 21 (AP)—A dispatch to the Hengo news agency from the Japanese branch consulate at Panshili, in Southern Kirin province, today said 80 Korean farmers west of there were slain by Chinese rebels who raided the district.

The Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, whose connection with Curtis as an "intermediary" in the hunt for the Lindbergh baby is also under scrutiny, declined again to come to New Jersey for questioning, even with the police offering to pay the expense. He has

### 'MYSTERIOUS' GANGSTER IS RUM RUNNER

Discovered Today as Man Sought For Questioning in Lindbergh Case.

### CURTIS' STORY GIVEN SCRUTINY

Possibility it May Be False in Part is Receiving the Attention of Authorities.

BALTIMORE, May 21 (AP)—A man long identified with New Jersey liquor running activities was disclosed today as the "mysterious gangster in Maryland" sought for questioning in the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

The man, who remained unnamed, informed Arthur Mills, identification expert at the Maryland house of correction, the body of the kidnaped child would be found within five miles of the Lindbergh estate two days before it was discovered.

Mills, formerly a member of the Maryland state police, said the rum runner further informed him the baby had been killed by blows on the head, and the body hidden near the flier's home.

"I didn't pay any attention to it at the time," Mills said, "but later when I read that the body had been found, I communicated my information to Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf of the New Jersey police. Two officers came here yesterday to investigate it."

"I didn't see the rum runner two days before the baby's body was found, and that he complained of the police activity which hampered his liquor activities."

"I don't think I do something about the case soon, I will," Mills quoted the man as having said. He also told him he knew several people connected with the case and three or four names were involved.

Mills declined to give the man's name, but said he had sent it to New Jersey police officials.

### CURTIS' STORY STUDIED

HOPKINSVILLE, May 21 (AP)—A possibility that John Hughes Curtis' story of his astonishing life may in itself have been false in part, received police attention today.

A portion of the Norfolk shipbuilder's confession that his intermeddled in the Lindbergh baby case was a hoax already was considered as disproved. That was the portion in which Curtis explained his purpose in the elaborate lie was to get money by the sale of his story to newspapers.

Police pointed out that the hoax was three weeks old before Curtis attempted to sell his story; and that even so, he could not hope to find any buyers unless he recovered the stolen Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr.—which he must have known was impossible, inasmuch as his negotiations were not negotiations at all.

An inquiry was quietly under way to learn if Curtis may not have had some other motive, quite removed from the sale of his "story," for inventing the deception. It was recalled that due to the "delicacy" of the negotiations with a vessel at sea coast guard craft refrained from their usual careful patrols in some waters, fearful of causing the collapse of negotiations for the baby's ransom.

As a result of this relaxed vigilance, rum runners were able to move more freely, and to land cargoes of liquor without running the customary gauntlet of federal craft authorities pointed out.

### STEIWER



Above picture is Senator Frederick Steiwer, renominated by the Republican party at yesterday's primary election.

### BAKER REMAINS AS CITY MAYOR

Recall Move Aimed at Him Fails But Commissioner Mann is Removed

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—An attempt to recall Mayor George L. Baker in Friday's election failed. With 426 precincts counted out of 495 in the city the count was: for the recall 31,148; against the recall 36,921. Mann, however, was snuffed under by the recall vote which was for the recall 42,542; against the recall 33,711.

The two officials were accused of negligence and inefficiency in office.

### Mills Unwilling To Approve New Relief Program

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Secretary Mills said today he could not approve the \$2,300,000 relief program advanced yesterday by the Democratic committee of the senate, applying for that problem, but he refrained from indicating just what portions to which the administration objects.

While not assuming to speak for the president on the proposal announced yesterday by the special senate Democratic committee, Mills said: "I will say that there is no great amount of enthusiasm for an unbalanced budget and pork barrel plan at the treasury department."

### NORMAL NINE WINS 8-1 AT IMBLER, ORE.

IMBLER, Ore., May 21—The Mountaineers of the Eastern Oregon Normal school defeated the district high school champions, the Imbler baseball players, here 8-1 yesterday in the third game of a series. Imbler won one and the E. O. N. nine two.

The Normal school showed a decided improvement in its class of play, while the Imbler team was somewhat listless. Imbler won the Union-Wallowa championship when Joseph defaulted.

Score:	R. H. E.
E. O. N.	8 5 3
Imbler	1 0 0
Lowry and Rhinehart, McKinnis, Jackson and D. Fowler.	

### Hoover Praises Mrs. Putnam For Atlantic Flight

Famous Woman Flier Ranks Among Brightest of Stars—One of Seven Attempting Trip.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—President Hoover today dispatched a cable to Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, congratulating her upon her transatlantic flight as demonstrating the capacity of women to match the skill of men in carrying through the most difficult feats of high adventure.

The president's cable, addressed to Mrs. Putnam at Culmore, Ireland, follows:

"I voice the pride of the nation in congratulating you most heartily upon achieving the splendid pioneer solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic ocean."

"You have demonstrated not only your own dauntless courage but also the capacity of women to match the skill of men in carrying through the most difficult feats of high adventure."

Four other women lost their lives in the attempt. In August, 1927, Princess Lisenstein-Wirshim was lost in a flight from England to Canada with two men. In December of that year Mrs. Francis W. Grayson attempted a flight to Denmark with three men. They were never heard of again.

The following spring, March 1928, Elsie Mackay and Capt. Walter R. O. Sneliff, disappeared in a flight from England to America, and in January, 1931, Mrs. Beryl Hart and Lieut. William S. MacLaren left Bermuda on a projected flight to Paris and were lost.

In October, 1927, Ruth Elder, now Mrs. Wisler-Gant, Jr., started a transatlantic flight with George Haldeman, but was forced down at sea 390 miles northeast of the Azores and was later rescued. Miss Ruth Nichols last June flew from New York to St. John, in preparation for a flight over the Atlantic, but cracked up on landing there and was seriously injured, forcing her to call off the attempt.

### Petitions For Three Measures Filed In Salem

SALEM, May 21 (AP)—Preliminary petitions for one proposed constitutional amendment and two initiative bills sponsored by the Oregon taxpayers' equalization and conservation league, were filed in the state department here today.

The constitutional amendment and one initiative bill provides for the appointment of a tax conservation commission of three members in each county with authority to pass on all proposed tax levies and bond issues. The commissions would be non-salaried and would be appointed by the governor.

The other initiative measure would amend the present income tax law so as to reduce the exemptions and increase the tax rate.

### 42 Men Saved From Landslide In Chile

T-MUGO, Chile, May 21 (AP)—Forty-two men who spent one hundred hours imprisoned in Las Raices by a landslide were rescued today. All are expected to live but some were in a public hospital yesterday.

Only twelve men were able to walk out of the railway tunnel. Torrential rains had covered the bottom of their prison with water.

### WOMAN FLIER LANDS TODAY IN IRELAND

Brings Plane Down at Culmore—First Woman to Fly Atlantic Alone.

### CUTS TRIP SHORT DUE TO TROUBLE

Amelia Had Intended to Continue on to Paris—Some of Time Spent Flying Through Storms.

Earhart Flight in Figures (By the Associated Press)

- Distance 2026 1/2 miles.
- Time 15 hours, 59 minutes.
- Average speed 129 1/2 miles an hour.
- Left Grace Harbor, N. F., 4:31 p. m. eastern standard time Friday.
- Arrived Culmore, Northern Ireland, 8:30 a. m. eastern standard time Saturday.

CULMORE, Ulster, Ireland, May 21 (AP)—Amelia Earhart Putnam brought down her red and gold monoplane in a field on the Donegal side of Lough Foyle this afternoon and thereby became the first woman ever to fly the Atlantic alone.

She landed on this side of the ocean five years to the day after Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Le Bourget, France, successfully completing the first solo flight across the Atlantic by a man.

"I've done it!" Mrs. Putnam exclaimed when she got out of her ship. Cuts Flight Short

She had intended to go to Paris but it was necessary to cut the flight short because her exhaust manifold had become jammed and the cooling gauge was broken, causing a little leakage.

The blonde flier, who took off from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, at 4 p. m. eastern standard time yesterday, got a lift by motor to Londonderry, five miles away, where the first thing she did was to get out of the plane to report her success to London so her husband, George Palmer Putnam, New York publisher, and her friends back home might know she was safe.

Her plane was not damaged in the landing and she was unhurt. "For a lot of the way," Mrs. Putnam said, "I was flying through storms, mist, rain and a little fog."

"To my friends in New York I want to send this message: I am very glad to have come across successfully, but I am sorry indeed I did not make France."

"I am going to speak to my husband as soon as I can by the Atlantic phone."

### OCEAN FLIER KILLED TODAY IN ACCIDENT

ROME, May 21 (AP)—Captain George Endres, who flew the Atlantic in 1931, was killed today in a short Practice flight.

The flier had come here to attend the convention of transatlantic airmen opening tomorrow. He made the trip from Budapest by air. Five hours later he landed at Rome and took off from Littorio airfield for a brief flight with his Hungarian mechanic, and later both were dead.

Their plane was trying to gain altitude when the motor suddenly stopped, and the ship crashed.

### World War Veteran Figure in Tragedy

PHILLIPS, Wis., May 21 (AP)—A World War veteran of the Austrian army, apparently facing because unemployment compelled him to accept charity of relatives, shot and killed his wife and two little children and committed suicide on his brother-in-law's farm yesterday.

The veteran was Martin Taras, 31, and the victims of his temporary derangement which, officials said, was also brought about by war injuries, were Mrs. Julia Taras, Rose, 4, and John 2 1/2 years old. The shooting was done with a rifle.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 21 (AP)—Broader speculative buying lifted wheat values late today, stimulated by seasonally bullish crop reports, including Hessian fly advice from states east of the Missouri river.

The week's highest prices on wheat were recorded. Large purchases of wheat for domestic mills were announced, and some United States hard winter wheat was bought for export.

What closed strong 1/4¢ above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4¢ to 1/2¢ above, oats varying from 1/4¢ decline to 1/4¢ advance, and provisions unchanged to 10c higher.

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—May wheat was not under pressure during the Saturday trading. It closed up upon the Portland futures market as did the July. Deferred positions were unchanged. There was no trading. On the merchants exchange cash wheat was stationary.

### WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—46 above.  
Minimum: 46 above.  
Condition: Cloudy.

### WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 74, minimum 52 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, rain 20 of inch. Range—22 degrees.

### WEATHER MAY 21, 1931

Maximum 64, minimum 31 above.  
Condition: Cloudy, Range—33 degrees.

### Golfers Will Go To Baker Sunday

The La Grande country club golf team will participate in an intercity match at Baker tomorrow with the Baker team, the second of these tournaments of this season.

Reports from Baker this afternoon said the course was in good shape and hopes were held of fair weather. The trip will be made at the usual time unless members are notified otherwise.

### County Judge Is Winner In Vote In Wallowa Co.

JOSEPH, May 21 (Special)—The recall against Edgar Marvin, of Joseph, county judge of Wallowa county, was defeated by approximately 600 votes in the primary election held yesterday. Judge Marvin recently was cleared of charges in connection with the closing of the

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### Riveria Grade School Children Receive Awards at Meet Friday

Athletic awards were made to football, basketball and track participants of the Riviera school yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Riviera Parents' Teacher association at the school. Sixteen boys received awards for football, seven for basketball, and 17 for track. Fifteen girls also received track awards.

Four three-letter athletes and four two-letter boys were among those receiving awards yesterday. The three-letter boys, who received awards in football, basketball and track, were Burt Courtney, Sidney Thompson, Pat

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### Marvin Recall Defeated

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### Baseball Teams In Three-way Tie

Final Standing

Seniors	W. L. Pct.
Juniors	2 1 .667
Sophomores	2 1 .667
Freshmen	0 3 .000

When the juniors defeated the sophomores 15 to 7 at the L. H. S. field in baseball yesterday, it closed the interclass series leaving three teams in a deadlock for first place.

### Would Eliminate Postal Official

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—An amendment to the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill, eliminating the postmaster general, was introduced in the senate today by Senator King (D., Utah).

In a brief statement, King referred to remarks attributed to Glover at a recent convention of Missouri postmasters at St. Louis, which were assailed recently on the floor of the senate and senate.