

EX-GOVERNOR HAS 'EM ALL GUESSING

West's Proposal to Withdraw Confounds Friends and Enemies Alike.

ABILITY TO WIN DOUBTED

Stanfield Supporters See Move as Admission That McNary is 'Weak Sister' as Far as Beating Their Selection Goes.

Chief among the topics of discussion in political circles yesterday was the proposal of ex-Governor West, candidate for United States Senator on the Democratic ticket, that all Republican and Democratic candidates for the office, including himself, withdraw and by common consent leave to Senator McNary an unobstructed path to re-nomination and re-election.

The discussion revolved chiefly around the possible motive of this extraordinary proposal on the part of West. The number of volunteered explanations equalled the number of inquiries addressed. Everybody had his own theory and one was just as reliable as the other, particularly in view of the fact that the ex-Governor is apparently willing to leave it to the other fellow to guess.

ROTARIANS WILL HELP

Ernest Des Balleits Asks Aid for Stricken Children.

Hert Haney, United States District Attorney, Tells of War Problems Confronting That Office.

Ernest Des Balleits, of Geneva, Switzerland, who is in Portland under the auspices of the commission for aid, civil and military, for Belgium and France, talked before the Portland Rotary Club at a meeting of that organization yesterday noon.

RECRUITING DONE ON TRAIN

Naval Mission Accepts Eugene Youth While on Train.

EUGENE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The baggage coach on Southern Pacific train No. 18 was today temporarily converted into a United States Navy recruiting office by a special recruiting mission traveling from Roseburg to Eugene.

TWO FRESHMEN MARRIED

Kirk Thompson and Miss Eckford Cameron Surprise College Friends.

OREGONIAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 29.—(Special.)—Unknown to their college friends two freshmen students of O. A. C. slipped away April 11 and were married.

PAUL BILITZ IS SUICIDE

Los Angeles Hotelkeeper Kills Himself at Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Paul Bilitz, aged 49 years, formerly a hotel man in Los Angeles, shot himself this afternoon in his apartment in the Hotel Holland, dying instantly.

GEORGE ALEXANDER NAMED

Chief Deputy to Succeed Sheriff Applegate, of Washington.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—George Alexander, chief deputy, was today appointed Sheriff to succeed J. C. Applegate, now serving a term in the Multnomah County Jail for violation of the Reed law.

DEMOCRATS BACK NELSON

Minnesota's Republican Senator Is Approved by Opposition.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 30.—United States Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, a Republican, was endorsed for re-election today by the Democratic state executive committee.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

Again there has come a pause in the battle of Flanders, where the ground everywhere is covered with the gray-clad bodies of German dead, and the British and French are holding securely to all their positions.

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REPAIR WORK UNDER WAY

The city is at last in the paving business. The dreams of members of the City Council to have the city operating a plant to repair holes in the vast area of pavement in the city came true yesterday when the new paving plant turned its wheels for the first time.

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HUGE ADDITIONS TO ARMY PROPOSED

Senate Bills Call for Big Manpower Increase; Prompt Action Advocated.

CROWDER MAKES APPEAL

Provost Marshal Requests Congress for Legislation That Will Make Operation of Draft Quota Measure Retroactive.

DUTCH UNDER PRESSURE

GERMANY CONTINUES DEMANDS TO CROSS TERRITORY.

COAST PLANT TO OPERATE

Bay Mill Will Cut Aeroplane Stock for Government.

MAY-DAY FETE CANCELED

French Socialists Announce That No Demonstration Is to Be Held.

BACON HEADS IRON PLANT

Seattle Man Severs Connection With Wholesale Feed Merchants.

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east around Noyon, the enemy likewise has failed in all his attempts to push further forward. The British, east of Villers-Bretonneux, which is located five miles east of Amiens, have advanced their front, and in the Noyon sector the French have re-established their lines which the Germans previously had captured from them.

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