

**PRIMARIES OF WEEK
INDICATE BUT LITTLE**

Republican Choice as Much in Dark as Ever.

WOOD DELEGATES PREVAIL

Whether General Will Be Able to Hold Own and Gain Others on Following Ballots Question.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.
Washington, May 8.—Events of the last week have done little to clear up the situation relative to the republican choice for the presidency to be made at the convention opening in Chicago one month from today.

Maryland, Indiana and California have spoken during the last week, but predictions as to the possible influence that the results in one or another of them might have on the national convention have not been borne out.

Political observers are fairly well agreed on only one proposition, and that is that the showing made by Senator Harding in the Indiana contest, when added to the earlier revelation of his weakness in his home state of Ohio, probably eliminates him.

Opponents of Herbert Hoover here, mainly of the distinctly political type, are fond of saying that the California result eliminated him, but the jury of public opinion must report a disagreement on that point.

Hoover Followers Faithful.
The average sincere Hoover follower is going to stick to his candidate to the end and, if need be, go down with him on the theory that no disgrace attaches to being caught dead politically or otherwise by a respectable company. There is more appreciation of Mr. Hoover here in Washington perhaps than elsewhere. The reason is that there has been wider personal contact with the ex-federal administrator here.

Furthermore, Mr. Hoover has afforded somewhat of a novelty for the man in politics. Washington recognizes better than any other part of this broad land what it chooses to call "demagoguing" and even some of the most appealing of the candidates have been guilty of it in varying degrees.

Mr. Hoover has not indulged in any of this sort of stuff, which is usually referred to as "Hoover politics." There is an appreciation of the fact that he has talked fundamentals and has not attempted to get something subtle into his public remarks for the purpose of catching votes.

Cry Against Profits Popular.
It is quite popular in these times to rail at profiteers, and there are few candidates in either party who have not tried to do so. Hoover has laid off entirely from this deception. He has preached increased production, being a student of that economic school which advocates that the cure for the present high cost of living.

That sort of teaching, of course, fails to make instant appeal because most folks have been made to believe that the high cost of living can only be brought down by the use of budgeting. A well known economist said in private conversation here the other day that the present agitation for reducing the cost of living by legislation and the extended use of the police powers is only an application of a school of economy founded by Jesse James.

The present cry, he said, is for laws that will legalize the methods adopted by "Mr. James. Jesse James, he said, when he wanted more money went out with a brace of pistols and four or five aides on horseback and took it away from his chosen victim.

Doctrine Held Short-sighted.
"A lot of persons would resent such a comparison as this," he continued, "but someone should speak strongly on this subject because the kind of economic doctrine that is being preached from one end of this country to the other just now is about as shortsighted and as remote from fundamentals as the system adopted by Jesse James for accumulating a bank roll."

The difference, it is pointed out, is that the Hoover school requires deeper study and more thinking.

On the face of delegate returns to date, it is safe to say that Leonard Wood will go into the Chicago convention with more delegates than any other candidate. Of delegates instructed and others pledged, Senator Wood has been able to deliver the support of approximately 325 votes on the first ballot.

The next question is, can he hold these delegates and gain others on the succeeding ballots?

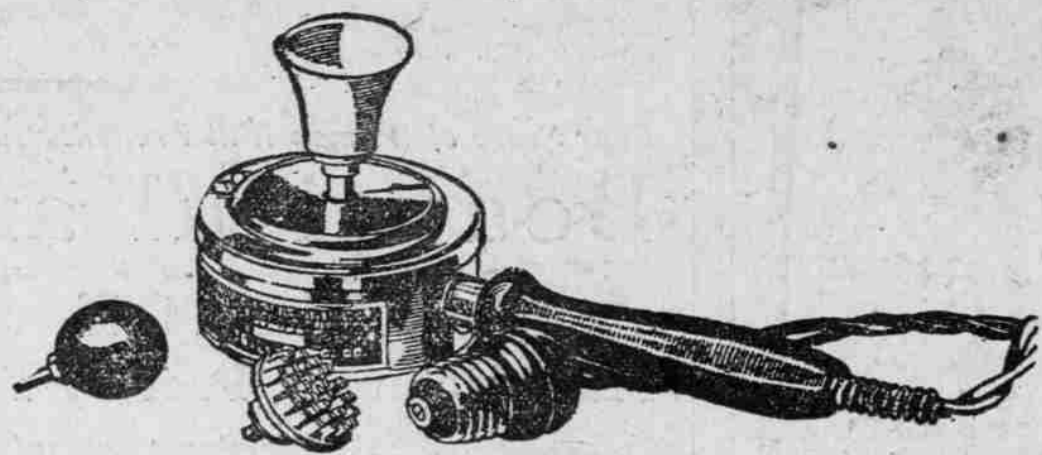
Lowden-Johnson About Even.
Governor Lowden and Hiram Johnson are likely to break even on the first ballot, or nearly so, because Lowden, like Wood, has more strength than shows on the face of primary and convention instructions. The Johnson strength is apparently entirely confined to "earned delegates," that is, delegates who are for him because he won them in primaries. If he has a single vote from a state or congressional district that he did not carry in primary it is not known.

There are reasons to doubt whether he can add to his "earned strength" because the methods adopted, not by himself, but by some of his friends, have been deeply offensive to a great number of republicans. Senators Borah, Kenyon and Norris have conducted themselves in such a manner as to make an enemy of almost every man or woman who did not support Senator Johnson. Of this trio, Norris alone has been able to deliver the support of his home state to Johnson.

Compromise Held Best Guess.
The situation, therefore, is that the compromise candidate looks like the surest guess as to the solution of the tangle. The primaries have done nothing except further to complicate the situation and to resolve it into a fight between several very able candidates to kill each other off, with the probability that all will be equally successful in the outcome.

The candidacy of Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania has been somewhat to the front in the last week only because it was new. It has attracted some interest because it afforded a place for the votes controlled by Hiram Johnson to go when the break up comes. The conclusion is predicted entirely on close personal friendship existing between Knox and Johnson who have seats close together in the senate and have fought side by side for months against the ratification of the peace treaty.

The only concrete result attained by the Knox candidacy appears to be that it has afforded Frank A. Munsey, well-known newspaper publisher, a place to light. Mr. Munsey has found much wrong with all the can-



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didates for the republican nomination to date, but in Senator Knox he finds everything to commend, according to editorials in the Munsey papers.

Class Valedictorian Chosen.

KEELO, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—Charles Gulliksen of Mount Solo has earned the honor of being valedictorian of the class of 1920 of Keelo high school, and Miss Daisy Smith of Lexington that of being salutatorian, the class grades having been compiled this week. The class will have a total enrollment of 38, the smallest number for several years past. Rev. C. B. Latimer of Raymond, a former pastor of the local Presbyterian church, will be commencement speaker for Thursday evening, June 3. J. A. Walmley of this city will give the baccalaureate address at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, May 30.

Bank Deposits Increasing.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The three Chehalis banks have issued statements as of date May 4, in response to a call from the bank examiner. The three banks show a total gain of \$292,054.22 deposits since the previous call, dated February 28. They now have on deposit \$4,182,179.70, which is considered a remarkable showing for a city of this size. The total deposits February 28 were \$3,890,125.58.

Montesano Post Raises \$2000.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The drive at Montesano for funds for the furnishing of quarters for the American Legion post at that place lasted only a day. \$2000 being raised and handed to the legion commander, R. L. Atkinson, by W. H. Abel on the evening of the day the drive started.

Straw Hat Seen at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Two persons today appeared

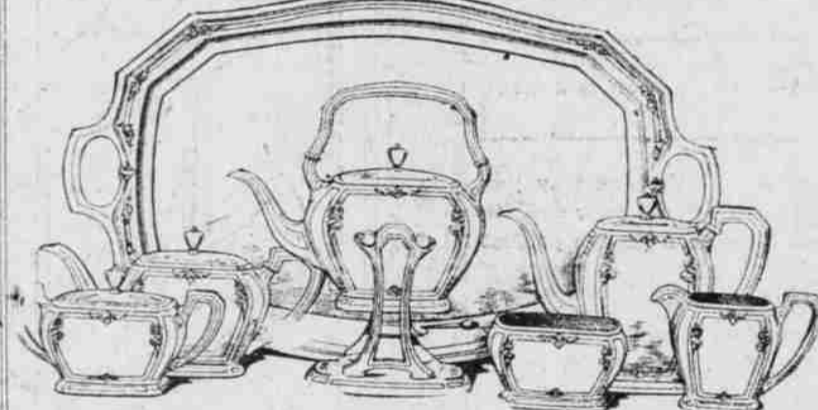
on the streets wearing straw hats, despite the fact that the season for summer headgear opens in this city July 4 and closes July 3. Local haberdashers, however, feel that the popularity of the straw hat will never contend with that of the fruit and grain of this section. The summer hat demand here is for light felt.

Wasco Grand Jury Drawn.

THE DALLES, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The panel of the May term grand jury was drawn today. It will deal with matters coming before Judge Withom's court. The jury selected will serve during the May term only, a new jury taking up the work at the September court session. With few exceptions the men called are farmers in this section.

Anna Sonnekke Seeks Divorce.

Anna Sonnekke filed suit for divorce in the circuit court yesterday from F. J. Sonnekke, charging cruelty.



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