

Flegel Holds Edge as Tally Nears Completion

U.S. Plans Defense Against Germ War

Military experts said yesterday that America is widening her atomic weapons leadership, and is developing defenses against the possibility of attack with deadly germs.

Speaking in observance of the first Armed Forces day, Paul H. Griffith, assistant secretary of defense, said at Kansas City, Mo., that officials are convinced that an earlier start and greater know-how is enabling the United States to widen its advantage in atomic energy.

And from the little-publicized field of research in chemical warfare, the army's chief of that division brought this measure of assurance in event germ warfare should be launched by an enemy: "... we are prepared to deal with biological weapons. . . . defense measures now in effect or in preparation should prevent disastrous damage."

The speaker was Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, head of the army chemical corps. This corps is making preparations in case war should bring attack by chemicals (gas, incendiaries and the like), biological weapons (germs or other deadly devices against man, his food crops and his animals), or radiological weapons (by which an area, for instance, might be contaminated with deadly atomic radiation).

Military leaders throughout the nation stressed the theme that America's only hope in sight now to prevent World War III is a strong defense.

Loucks Polls 47 Per Cent in Race for Mayor

Alfred W. Loucks polled 47 per cent of Salem's vote for mayor, a compilation from all of the city's 45 precincts showed Saturday. Loucks carried 41 of the precincts.

Harry V. Collins polled 30 per cent and won his own precinct (27).

Walter Musgrave won 23 per cent and carried the three precincts in west Salem. He was mayor of West Salem prior to the merger.

The totals were: Loucks 5771, Collins 3715, Musgrave 2824.

The complete Salem vote Saturday confirmed in all particulars the preliminary count made by The Statesman which tabulated more than 90 per cent of the ballots in Marion county's 110 precincts within four hours after the polls closed.

Peery Buren was elected municipal judge over Elmer Amundson.

Alderman Albert Gille was re-elected to the council from Ward 2, winning over Don Madison.

Alderman Tom Armstrong was re-elected to the council from ward 5, over Elmer Church.

Bond issues for sewers, bridges, drainage and water reservoirs were passed, as was a special tax levy for fire-fighting equipment.

A proposed tax levy for airport development was defeated.

Just over 60 per cent of Salem's registered voters cast their ballots in the election, on the basis of 12,310 votes counted in the mayor's race.

Salem Cat, Dog Declare Truce, Share Family

A Salem dog and cat that used to fight like cats and dogs have declared a truce while they both nurse the same litter of puppies.

It all started when Mrs. Rosa Stockton's dog gave birth to nine pups by Caesarian operation.

About the time all 10 left the dog clinic and returned to the Stockton home at 420 S. 22nd st., Mrs. Stockton's cat had kittens.

The kittens, however, all died.

So Friday the cat started nursing four of the puppies, and Saturday Mrs. Stockton reported that "mothers and puppies are doing fine."

River Drops At Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Man., May 20-(AP)—The Red river, whose rampaging waters have flooded nearly a fifth of greater Winnipeg, today showed its first drop—a half inch.

Experts hoped that at last it was the beginning of a gradual draining off. The flood level stood at 30.2 feet.

Although the water still was at record height for the century, hopes were spurred by bright sunshine and a forecast that threatened rainstorms from the United States would not materialize. Officials said the "situation looks good."

Local Juvenile Activity Takes Strenuous Summertime Twists

The good old summertime hit Salem with a splash and a couple of loud bangs Saturday as teenage youngsters roamed about in temperatures ranging up to 75 degrees.

In the early afternoon 14-year-old Donald Burke, 642 Edgewater st., attracted three police cars and a first-aid crew to the Willamette river banks when he attempted a channel swim.

Burke had "hitched" a boat ride to Minto's island and decided to swim back to the west bank. He found the going rough and was picked up by an unidentified boatman who took him to the Salem posthouse. Meanwhile, police and first aid cars had been called. They found they weren't needed as Burke was wet but uninjured.

Milwaukie Fire Truck Used as Hearse for Chief

MILWAUKIE, May 20-(AP)—The Milwaukie fire chief made his last trip in the fire truck today.

For this trip the truck was draped in black. It bore the body of Don V. Llewellyn, 62, to the cemetery.

Llewellyn, fire chief for 20 years, made the request for the last ride as he lay dying.

Portland Vote Rejects Public Housing Plan

PORTLAND, May 20-(AP)—Public housing opponents proclaimed a victory in Portland today, although slow ballot counting delayed conclusive results on a housing referendum.

With 70 per cent of the ballots counted, the vote was against a 2,000-unit public housing program, 40,857 to 33,754.

The vote, conducted along with Oregon's primary election yesterday, was not binding on the city council, which submitted the measure to voters only as an advisory referendum.

But opponents of public housing said they would insist that the council drop plans to accept a government loan to build the 2,000 units.

A lively campaign preceded the vote. Opponents, supported by funds from realtors and apartment house owners, attacked public housing as expensive and wasteful, and had plastered the city with placards. Proponents argued it as a necessary slum-clearance program. Both sides engaged in extensive newspaper advertising.

The city earlier had applied to the federal government for the necessary funds, already appropriated.

Dallas Man Missing on Fishing Trip

A 55-year-old Dallas man, reported missing since he left on a fishing trip a week ago, was being hunted Saturday by state police officers.

Police said the search would continue today for Russell L. Stanton who left the home of his father in Dallas May 13 on what he had planned to be a two-day outing along the Luckiamute river. He hasn't been seen since his departure.

All Stanton's relatives in the Willamette valley have been contacted but none has seen him, police said. Stanton is described as "5 feet, 11 inches tall, 165 pounds, grey hair, blue eyes."

When last seen he was operating a blue 1947 Crosley sedan, Oregon license number 212-114.

55 German Miners in Blast Underground

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany, Sunday, May 21-(AP)—An explosion ripped through the Dahlbusch coal mine near here yesterday, killing 55 miners and injuring 39 others.

That was the official count early today when all miners who were working in the 3,022-foot deep seam had been accounted for by rescue squads.

More than 300 miners were at work when the blast, attributed to a gas accumulation known as firedamp, occurred.

Officials said many men died instantly from terrible burns, while others were suffocated. Many of the injured were severely burned.

It was west Germany's worst coal mine accident since the Grimberg disaster of 1946, in which 439 died.

'Rubber Stamp' Charge Hurdled By Republicans

WASHINGTON, May 20-(AP)—The republican high command continued today to bang away with the charge that President Truman was a "rubber stamp" congress elected in November.

Despite Mr. Truman's statement that he wants an independent instead of a subservient congress, GOP National Chairman Guy Gabrielson issued a statement saying: "The 1950 issues now are clear. President Truman has asked the voters to give him a rubber-stamp congress that will approve his program of socialism. That program has been rejected by the congress—the republican 80th and the democratic 81st."

ORDINANCE REPEALED

BEND, May 20—A city charter amendment ordinance that would have required a special election every four years on the city management was repealed yesterday by voters here.

Multnomah Asks for Special Session

Officials Blame Legislature for Finance Woes

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20-(AP)—Multnomah county officials, denied new revenue powers by voters here, today asked a special state legislative session to meet a financial emergency.

They blamed state law-makers for the financial plight of the metropolitan county.

One commissioner said the legislature had placed a \$3,000,000 state welfare burden on the county, which includes the state's largest city, Portland. They implied the county was carrying more than its share of the load and called for tax revision.

Voters in yesterday's primary election turned down a proposed \$2,443,000 special county tax levy, as well as two \$2,500,000 city tax levies.

More Funds Needed

Both city and county officials said local governments could not carry on without more funds soon.

They stressed population growth, which has added more than 100,000 residents to the area in recent years.

M. James Gleason, chairman of Multnomah county commissioners, proposed that Governor Douglas McKay call a special legislative session.

The county's problem, Gleason said, "is the direct result of action by the 1947 legislature making it mandatory for the county to finance almost \$3,000,000 of state welfare costs."

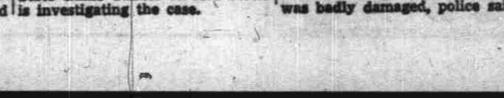
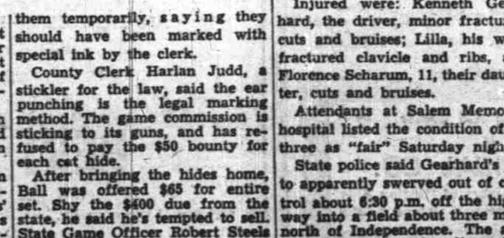
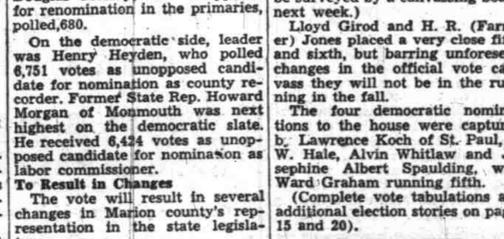
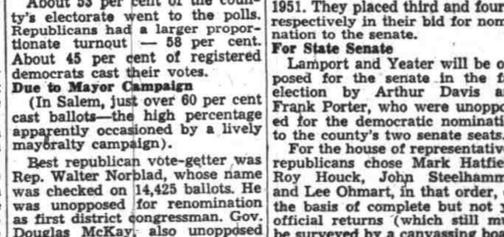
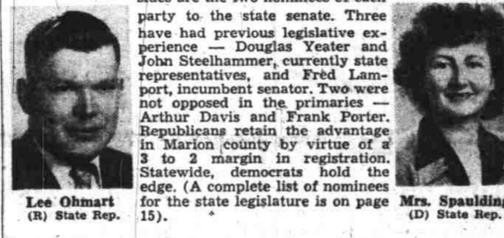
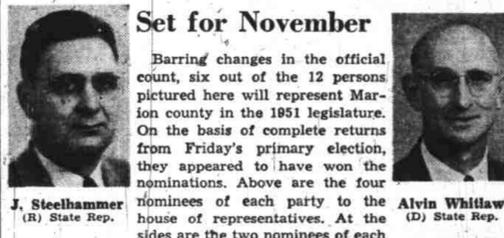
Commissioner Gene Rossman added, "It is time to call a spade a spade and lay the blame for Multnomah county's financial dilemma squarely in the laps of those who are really responsible—the state legislature."

Oppinion Differ

Rossman proposed that the county continue to spend money as if it had it. Gleason and Commissioner Frank Shull favored cutting expenses to the bone—"even though those cuts may cripple the county."

City officials said they would have to cut services severely.

The voters approved only one of the major tax proposals on the ballot. That was for a \$2,443,000 special tax levy to support schools. It passed by nearly a 2-1 margin, enabling the school district to keep kindergartens open and to make building improvements.



Dunne Repeats Vow to Enter Governor Race

(Latest tabulation on page 2)

PORTLAND, May 20-(AP)—State Senator Austin Flegel of Portland tonight held a slim but seemingly firm lead in the three-way Oregon primary race for the democratic nomination for governor.

But as his victory in yesterday's balloting appeared more certain, old age pension group leader Joe Dunne repeated his earlier threat to be an independent candidate in the November general election if Flegel is the democratic nominee.

Dunne said tonight "I can't do anything else, although at my age I don't like to do it. But I promised the people I'd do it, and I won't go back on my word."

Flegel maintained a margin of better than 1,500 votes over his nearest rival, two time democratic gubernatorial banner carrier Lew Wallace, State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson was also an "also ran" candidate.

Set for November

Barring changes in the official count, six out of the 12 persons pictured here will represent Marion county in the 1951 legislature.

On the basis of complete returns from Friday's primary election, they appeared to have won the nominations. Above are the four nominees of each party to the house of representatives. At the sides are the two nominees of each party to the state senate. Three have had previous legislative experience—Douglas Yeater and John Steelhammer, currently state representatives, and Fred Lamport, incumbent senator. Two were not opposed in the primaries—Arthur Davis and Frank Porter. Republicans retain the advantage in Marion county by virtue of a 3 to 2 margin in registration. Statewide, democrats hold the edge. (A complete list of nominees for the state legislature is on page 15).

Marion County Follows Trends, Tally Reveals

Marion county in general followed the trend shown elsewhere in the state's primary election, a complete tabulation of the county's 110 precincts showed Saturday.

The complete and semi-final count made by County Clerk Harlan Judd Saturday showed no changes from the trend established in The Statesman's own near-complete tabulation published yesterday.

A canvassing board will complete its final check on the totals within a few days.

About 53 per cent of the county's electorate went to the polls. Republicans had a larger proportionate turnout—58 per cent.

About 45 per cent of registered democrats cast their votes.

(In Salem, just over 60 per cent cast ballots—the high percentage apparently occasioned by a lively mayoral campaign.)

Best republican vote-getter was Rep. Walter Norblad, whose name was checked on 14,425 ballots. He was not unopposed for renomination as first district congressman. Gov. Douglas McKay, also unopposed for renomination in the primaries, polled 680.

On the democratic side, leader was Henry Heyden, who polled 6,751 votes as unopposed candidate for nomination as county recorder. Former State Rep. Howard Morgan of Monmouth was next highest on the democratic slate. He received 6,424 votes as unopposed candidate for nomination as labor commissioner.

The vote will result in several changes in Marion county's representation in the state legislature.

Sen. Fred Lamport was nominated by republicans for another term in the senate, and Rep. Douglas Yeater won the other GOP nomination to the upper house.

But two other present representatives, W. W. Chadwick and

Wreck Leaves Trio in Hospital

Three members of an Independence family were hospitalized in Salem Saturday night after their car crashed out of control off the Salem-Independence highway.

Injured were: Kenneth Gearhard, the driver, minor fractures, cuts and bruises; Lilla, his wife, fractured clavicle and ribs, and Florence Scharum, 11, their daughter, cuts and bruises.

Attendants at Salem Memorial hospital listed the condition of all three as "fair" Saturday night.

State police said Gearhard's auto to apparently swerved out of control about 6:30 p.m. off the highway into a field about three miles north of Independence. The auto was badly damaged, police said.

ASK SCHOOL RENAMED

PORTLAND, May 20-(AP)—Students at Vanport college voted to rename their school Portland State (college) Extension Center, school officials announced today. They said the name would be submitted to the state board of higher education for approval.

ROAD LEVY DEFEATED

ALBANY, May 20-(AP)—Linn county voters rejected a proposed 5 mill three-year special levy. The count, 4682 yes and 4832. A west suburb annexation plan was also rejected.

Detroit's Cougar Stalker No Match for Red Tape

Statesman News Service

DETROIT, Ore., May 20—Walt Ball, Detroit's ace cougar stalker who bagged eight big cats last winter, has yet to collect a cent of bounty from the state for his efforts.

Walt, who brings 'em down with a single-shot 22 pistol, explained today that he's all tangled up in game commission red tape.

Walt collected \$10 each from Marion county's clerk, who marked the hides by punching the cats' ears. But when Walt took the hides to the game commission in Portland the commission confiscated them temporarily, saying they should have been marked with special ink by the clerk.

County Clerk Harlan Judd, a stickler for the law, said the ear punching is the legal marking method. The game commission is sticking to its guns, and has refused to pay the \$50 bounty for each cat hide.

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BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Yakima 11, Salem 5
At Tacoma 3, Vancouver 9
At Wenatchee 11, Tri-City 3
At Spokane 3, Victoria 3

COAST LEAGUE
At San Diego 7, Portland 5 (10 Inn.)
At Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 8
At Oakland 3, Hollywood 5 (12 Inn.)
At Sacramento 2, Seattle 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Cleveland 5, Boston 3
At St. Louis 3, Washington 0
At Detroit 3, Philadelphia 2
At Chicago 3, New York 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At New York 2-4, Cincinnati 0-3
At Philadelphia 1, Chicago 7
At Boston 4, St. Louis 7
At Brooklyn 3-4, Pittsburgh 2-3 (8 Inn.)

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	51	42	.00
Portland	51	45	.00
San Francisco	59	45	.00
Chicago	50	32	.00
New York	53	35	trace

Willamette river 2.6 feet.

FORECAST for U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Generally fair today and tonight with little temperature change. High today near 72-75 and low tonight near 42-45. Agricultural outlook: Good weather for all activities today and Monday.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Normal
49.28	60.53	32.51