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LET'S SEE THE PIG
Those Americans who feel that nothing matters but electing a Republican president are entitled to our sympathy and to some extent we share their pleasure over what is hailed as an announcement that popular General Eisenhower will accept Republican nomination if placed on the proper sort of a platter.

We think it absolutely necessary that this country have a different president and an honest administration. If we follow the political tradition of the country we will "throw the rascals out" which American voters have been doing since Jefferson and his Virginians bested the first Adams (who was only a rascal to southerners).

It need not be presumed that a Democratic administration could not qualify as honest or capable if there was a revolution within the party. There are many members of that party who could serve well and honestly although they have not been in the higher echelons of the party lately.

Yet, our tradition is for political violence. And with a good candidate the outs should become the ins. That's the way we are in America.

It may be that when General Eisenhower gets around to saying what he believes and what he hopes to do, he will echo our very thoughts. Despite his part in probably the worst foreign policy this country has ever had, he may learn that the future of this country rests in the west instead of decadent Europe where nothing but the Ruhr is worth fighting for. Despite his 40 year officership in our often most extravagant branch of government he may regard a dollar with the affection of a Vermont banker. Despite a lifetime of having no political opinions he may suddenly have all the right ones together with a knowledge of men and events to put them into effect. We hope so.

Our score on generals is not imposing. Washington was several other things as well as a general and he did well by the nation. Jackson was a swash-buckler who is more remembered for what he destroyed than for what he built. (A Democratic regime in 1914 took over the money business again). He did put a rough touch of proletarian policy into a nation that was developing aristocracy. Grant suffered from friends that were neither honest nor capable, much as did Harding and Truman.

We do not think that being a general indicates success or failure for a president and 40 years of heel clicking may be good training for four year of handshaking.

We are somewhat skeptical about the general's attitude. We have been led to believe that the presidency of the United States was the biggest job in the world and that no risk was too great to achieve it. If the general wants the job he should say so, in plain English, not intimate that a "clear-cut call" might be needed. It is a bigger job than he has at present, and might be necessary to his present job.

Because of our unfortunate bipartisan foreign policy there is none to criticize our action in Europe except a few writers and even so we don't seem to be doing so well in our efforts to make European nations over in our own governmental image. They do not want to become states of a United States of Europe. Who tries to force them, whether it be by force or bribery will fail. There must be a smarter and more successful way of getting it done. It is likely that the longer the general stays in Europe the smaller success he will have to boast of.

As for us we intend to stay off the bandwagon until some of the shouting dies down, until the pig has been taken out of his shiny poke and we can inspect his lines, his fleshing, his markings and see how he looks without the care of fancy woodwork. There's always too much

noise and too little thought of a bandwagon, too much like a mob. As one member of this great American political jury we will wait until the evidence is in before making an irrevocable decision. Good luck, general.

**PETE FRENCH,
CATTLE KING**

Probably no man with the feel for cows in his heart, has ever stood on the rim above Frenchglen and looked from the top of the Steens in the east to the wide bottom of the Blitzen below without picturing it as his very own and dotted with cattle bearing his own brand. Certainly no man possessed of the character, ingenuity, forcefulness necessary to obtain it, would give it up short of death. That is what happened to Pete French who was killed by a squatter in a dispute over cows and land.

Elizabeth Lambert Wood, Oregon author, undertook the job of telling about it in "Pete, Franch, Cattle King" Blinford & Mort, \$3.00, recently published.

She wrote of his family troubles, his difficulties with his wife, who, daughter of the successful Dr. Glenn of Willows, aristocratic by training, spoiled in training, refused to live in far-off Frenchglen. Pete (born John William) French drove on to the ownership of thousands of acres and thousands of cattle with neither the advantages nor disadvantages of wifely companionship.

The book is pretty much the story of the French family troubles and contains little to give a clue to the reasons why Pete French is a name known throughout all Oregon; why aged cowpokes of another day boast, "I worked for Pete French"; why he is still the glamorous character of the days of big ranches. Big ranches are here again; it is that kind of a country and the homesteaders and squatters who moved in to dispute the rights of the big cattle kings have moved on leaving a few holes where once they stored their potatoes. Even their towns are but crumbling rock walls. The names they bore are but marks in dusty land office records.

But the names of the men who threw the land into big holdings, who managed the cattle drives to Winnemucca, who held open house for all newcomers, who hired the needy and developed the country are remembered to this day: John Devine, Waggoner Brown, Miller & Lux, Bill Hanley, Pete French, Restless, pushing, aggressive men, pioneers of the wide, rough land.

**WHEAT LEAGUE
IN PORTLAND**

It is indeed news that the 1952 gathering of wheat men under the comparatively new name of Oregon Wheat Growers league is to be held in one of Portland's larger hotels. That Sherman county is to be the official sponsor is proper inasmuch as it was 25 meetings ago when wheat men came to Moro for a state college conference and started the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, later changed, for no good reason, to the present title.

Decision to hold a wheat grower's convention in Portland is a sign of something and we find it impossible to say just what. Neither are we sure whether it appears to be a good sign or a bad one.

Certainly the little wheat towns where the league did its first—and perhaps best—work are too small to contain and entertain the numbers of government agents, college professors, industrial representatives who come to listen and take part in the programs put on by well dressed farmers.

These may be different farmers than those who some 20 years ago went to Condon and took their own beds and bacon. They lived on boiled potatoes and an especially masculine and excellent mulligan for the three days. Wheat farmers in convention these days eat steaks, sleep between sheets and an occasional one can be found who strengthens his drinking water.

Such things did not happen when wheat was worth two-bits or six-bits, when a wheat farmer smelled and worked like a horse ten months out of a year, when wheat growing was a proletarian pursuit that had no connection with the mint. Wheat didn't used to be a factor in foreign policy.

Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

Rufus grange met Thursday evening with the new officers. Roland Johnson, master, opened the business meeting. The grange officers who weren't able to go to Harlandview grange for installation were installed at this meeting in Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald donated an oil burner heater to the grange. The heater which was at Portland is now at the grange and the men expect to have it up for the potluck dinner the Home Economics ladies are having for their husbands Thursday evening.

The new lecturer, Mrs. Wm. O'Brien had the group sing, "Happy New Year". Lecturer read a monologue, "New Year's Resolution". There was a question game by Al and Eugene Eaton won the prize.

It was announced the next grange card party would be at the hall January 12. Supper was served later in the evening.

The Rufus P.T.A met at the school Monday evening. Mrs. Charles Wilson, president, opened the meeting. The minutes were read by the secretary. Mrs. Bill Macnab gave the treasurer's report. A committee was appointed to see what could be carried out to raise some money. They were Donald Macnab, Mrs. Archie Brand and Mrs. Leland Medler.

For the program there was round table discussion on guidance. Donal Brislain interviewed George Fox Jr. and Lola Johnson. Gerald Parsons interviewed Al Blake. Mr. Brislain gave a summary of duties and aims of a guidance program.

Allen Tom spoke on education and the selecting of our teachers. Miss Lola Johnson sang the song "Aba Dabba".

On the refreshment committee for next time Mrs. Wilson appointed Mrs. Bill Macnab, Mrs. Leland Medler and Ms. Joe Morris.

Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti and Mrs. William O'Brien were put on the next meetings program.

After the meeting Mrs. Leonard Jordan and Mrs. W. T. Little served cake and coffee.

The Rufus town team played a game of basketball Monday evening at Rufus school gymnasium. They played The Dalles town team, better known as the Wamic Lumber team. The Rufus strength didn't measure up to The Dalles team and Rufus was left way behind. With hard playing the Rufus team brought their score to 38, The Dalles 82, at the finish. Playing on the Rufus team were G. Parsons, D. Brislain, H. Steward, Wright, R. Brown, W. Eaton, and A. Brand.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Millard have been visiting the past week at the Bruce Millard home. They returned to Cathlamet, Wash., Friday where their sons were visiting with Mrs. Millard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fulkenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Millard were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sam Brock was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald who recently returned from a trip to Memphis, Tenn. were guests of Mrs. Grace Medler Sunday.

Want Ads

AUCTION SALE: SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 19, MORO HIGH SCHOOL GYM.
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Frank LeMaster went with the Wasco town basketball team Monday to Goldendale where they had a game that evening. Miss Donna Wilson had Miss Lola Johnson for an overnight guest Friday night.

The temperature and roads in this community are just about the same as they were last week. About 20 degrees above zero and snow laying on the ground about

six inches deep or more in places. It tried to drift a little by the old Aehman place.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mr and Mrs Collis Moore left Thursday afternoon for Portland to remain a few days before going on to the coast to visit at the Lester Conlee cottage and do some fishing. The Conlees will leave this week.

Masons and members of the Eastern Star joined forces Thursday evening for a joint installation which was preceded by a dinner at the church.

Work on the new picture show house is getting along although weather is too cold for concrete work. Walls and interior construction are being done now. Date of opening will be announced as soon as known.

TAKEN UP: ESTRAY

Taken up at my place four miles west of Wasco one long yearling white faced heifer with no visible brand. Undercrop off both ears. Owner may call, pay damages, or animal will be sold.

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Gladys Morrison, N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.

at sheriff's sale. Tad McCoy 10-11c

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Clyde Gillmor, W.M. H. D. Pinkerton, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S.
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Gwen Ross, W. M. Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to Earl Gentry, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary


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RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks.....	\$ 139,775,942.79
United States Government Bonds.....	245,287,702.42
Municipal and Other Bonds.....	55,057,486.40
Loans and Discounts—Net.....	185,560,690.99
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	720,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches).....	7,416,374.49
Customers' Liability on Acceptances.....	386,225.41
Interest Earned.....	1,763,631.43
Other Resources.....	191,129.31
	\$ 636,159,183.24

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$ 12,000,000.00
Surplus.....	12,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	13,406,532.45
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.....	2,087,760.53
Acceptances.....	613,623.22
Dividends Declared.....	300,000.00
Deposits.....	594,087,668.21
Interest Collected Not Earned.....	1,622,109.50
Other Liabilities.....	41,489.33
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