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GENERAL CAMPAIGN

The campaign of General Eisen-
hower received two good
boosts recently in his victory in
New Hampshire and his huge
write-in vote in Minnesota. The
general is popular. People have
seen his name enough that they
respond to it.

His campaign probably has
been damaged by the support be-
ing given it by Paul Hoffman,
whose aid has already brought
him mention as the secretary of
state in the Eisenhower ad-
ministration—a bit of guessing
which is probably without fact-
ual basis. Nevertheless those
who hope that the next admin-
istration will give this nation a
different outlook on foreign af-
fairs will not be impressed with
Mr. Hoffman's interest in Eisen-
hower's campaign.

A few weeks ago it looked as
if Mr. Taft would ride into the
nomination without difficulty,
now it looks as if Eisenhower
could win it with continued
luck. What it will look like
in May cannot be known and the
most important question of how
it will look in July is far away.
It is not so dim, however, that
no one can picture it. Trouble is
that everyone pictures it differ-
ently.

WHAT A WORLD

The market page was enlivened
one day this week by news
that watermelons and cantaloupe
were available in Portland. They
came from Mexico.

The younger generation may
take this news without thinking
it of much importance but grand
mothers will shake their heads
as wonderingly as they do when
atomic news is broadcast over
television.

That Oregon should have ed-
ibles from Mexico is not so new
and probably Mexican beef and
beans are often sold here. Those
foods are staples. Watermelon
must carry high shipping char-
ges and also there must be buy-
ers with open purses and envi-
able incomes to afford Mexican
watermelon in March.

As we have written repeated-
ly the early day provender was
confined to meat and potatoes
and beans and bread. There
were variations of them and of-
ten there was dried fruit. Can-
ning of vegetables and fruit is a
comparatively new process and
freezing is very new. There was
nothing fresh on the homestead-
ers table from the last apple un-
til the first onion or mess of
dock greens. That was a long
time.

Watermelon in March is a
far cry from the stern diet that
grandmother knew. Whether the
rigors of diet aided her genera-
tion to adopt a philosophy of
strict morality or whether it
came from other sources not
known. But grandmother would
have been shocked at anyone de-
siring to eat so unnatural a food
as watermelon in March.

FIRE TRUCK

For a couple of weeks the
city of Moro has been talking
about a new fire truck, about
a specific fire truck that may be
bought, complete with pumper
for some \$4500. In fact it is
probably more accurate to say
that citizens of Moro have been
discussing the matter.

The position of the city is
clear and simple. The city has
some money. Some of it is pled-
ged for work on the streets and
this is money that comes from
the state highway commission
for that purpose and that alone.
Some of it was voted by the
people last May for a new well
and work on the drainage ditch
through town; it can be used
legally for no other purpose.
The city has some money in its
general or water fund that
could be used for the purchase
of a fire truck, but that amount
is not more than a third of the
cost of the proposed fire truck.
The city, therefore, is not going
to buy this fire truck by itself
at this time.

If the budget committee want-
ed this fire truck and proposed
a levy over the six percent limit

ation and the levy was passed
then the city could buy the
truck. The levy would be around
12 to 13 mills if only a part
came from that source. It is not
likely that the truck will be
available that long.

There are other ways the truck
could be brought to the commu-
nity. If there was a rural fire
protection district it could be
bought. If rural residents wanted
to contribute toward its purchase
(as they did at Wasco) that
would provide the funds. If
through the grain growers' a
means was found to pay around
\$3000 it could be bought. Whether
or not any of these means
are feasible or probable is not
known at this moment.

It is certain that insurance
rates would be reduced in Moro
if additional fire equipment was
owned locally. Rural fire rates
could also be reduced with new
equipment. Moro is now a No. 8
town. This rating is based on a
total of 5000 points of which
1700 are for water supply, 1500
for fire department, 550 for fire
alarm, 200 for building code
and so on. A No. 8 town has de-
ficiencies of 3500 to 4000 of the
total. Certainly there is room for
improvement.

The truck being considered is
well equipped to fight wheat
fires and has power enough to
go into the fields. It could be
very valuable once in a while—
the less often the better.

These are the basic facts of
the case.

FIFTY CANDIDATES

Fifty persons are running
for the ten state-at-large seats
in the Republican national
convention. Seven are running for
the two seats from the second
congressional district. That
means that out of 57 candidates
the voters of eastern Oregon
may choose 12.

There is some virtue in that
huge number and no one should
turn away from the polls with-
out finding his very own sort of
a candidate and one who will
support his presidential candi-
date.

Six of these 50 filed by peti-
tion which gives them the legal
right to vote as they please in
the convention without consid-
ering the expressed desire of the
voters as shown by the presiden-
tial primary.

Some have platforms and slo-
gans, some one or the other,
some neither; some are well
known, some are achieving their
first venture into public affairs;
some used to be Democrats; some
are old, some young. There are
men and women.

There will be almost two col-
umns of them on the ballot, a
long list which the voter may
read if he desires. We wonder
how many will.

VESTED INTERESTS

They're trying to do away
with the vest. Younger men,
proud of their streamlined waist-
line, are always enemies of the
vest. It is not new with this
generation.

As they grow older and pros-
perity produces paunch they
resort to a vest to hide the more
apparent bulges. Whether the
vest is an article of adornment
of actual use has long been de-
bated.

Men may have to start carry-

Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sherman County Jour-
nal, February 1, there was an
article about the town of Grants.

At the time of the '94 flood,
I was Captain of the steam tug,
"Nelle", owned by the Grants
ferry company. I saw the town
wash away, in fact, I had towed
a scow to the northeast corner
of the tall distillery, and was
on the south side with the tug,
when the building fell. As the
previous story stated, most of
the town did wash away, but
the engine house, grist mill,
government building, and feed
barn did not go with the flood.
Three hundred barrels of spirits
and alcohol had been put in the
depot, and box cars for safety,
and we ferried it across the
river, and George Herbert, the
government store keeper, and
his assistant, Col. Ennis, guard-
ed it until after the water had
gone down, and we ferried it
back, and it was put back in the
warehouse.

In August '94, I bought a lot
in Grants, built a house and
worked for the distillery company.
They drove piling and re-
built the distillery building.

Cattle were brought (300
head) and put in the feed barn.
Also after the flood Charley
and Will Hoggard had a gro-
cery store and the postoffice.
Charley Slade had a hotel, and
Hale and Slade had a livery
stable in Grants.

A stage was in operation
between Grants and Moro some
time after 1894. The final finish
of Grants was when the distill-
ery company went broke, and
the machinery was sold to a
junk company in Portland. The
buildings faded away. I was
watchman there for sometime
after the distillery closed down.

—Jay Price

ing handbags if they do away
with the vest. Its pockets are
useful and the amount of cigars,
watches, pencils, cards, cigar-
ettes, clippings, salty stories,
medicine, and other smaller ar-
ticles that can be secreted safe-
ly in a vest is marvelous. Those
who served under a tough ser-
geant will not easily learn to
stuff their pockets with all of

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Might As Well "Get In Key"
Last Tuesday Judge Cunn-
ham wanted to go fishing. "Why
aren't you working?" I asked.
Judge explained how his wife
had gone on a trip, taken his keys
by mistake—and now he couldn't
get in the office. So we went fishing.
Next day, he wanted me to go
again. I was surprised those keys
hadn't shown up yet. "The little
woman phoned to say she mailed
them," the Judge explained.
"They're now in the office, under
the mail slot. I'd get 'em if I could
just open that door." He grinned
and picked up his fishing rod.

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These first warm days of
spring a vest does seem super-
fluous, it is true; but then un-
buttoning it is such pleasure
after dinner that it is a waste
of physical satisfaction to not
wear one at all. The modern
draped suit that has no vest is
but a passing style and when
men get back to single breast-
ed suits, or when the cold winds
blow next October there may
be a demand for a vest. At least
a bright colored waistcoat of
plaid design.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce that I am
a candidate for the office of
State Representative from the
22nd Representative District
comprising Gilliam, Wheeler,
Sherman and Morrow counties,
subject to the will of the Demo-
cratic voters at the primary
election May 16, 1952.
Robert Smith
Condon, Oregon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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per form to the undersigned, the
duly appointed, qualified and
acting Administrator of the es-
tate of the above named de-
ceased, at the office of Geo. G.
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