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 Normal 10.72 Last year 16.25
 Forecast: Fair and warmer.

OREGON GOP BACKS DEWEY; GORDON LEADS

Smith Takes Democrat Long-Term Senate Nomination

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Winning strong support in his opponent's home city of Portland, Wayne L. Morse, former public member of the war labor board, appeared assured today of victory over U. S. Sen. Rufus C. Holman for republican nomination for Oregon's six-year senatorial term. Late returns from yesterday's primary gave Morse an ever-increasing lead.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York captured Oregon's 15 delegates to the republican national convention with an 8 to 1 victory over Lieut. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota. Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio ran third.

Cordon Ahead

Sen. Guy Cordon, appointed only two months ago to succeed the late Sen. Charles L. McNary, appeared to have won republican renomination over ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague, for the four-year term.

Returns from 1006 precincts gave Morse 47,152 to Holman's 39,891 votes.

In 804 precincts, Dewey had 18,235 to 2035 for Stassen, and 1027 for Bricker.

Carries Multnomah

Cordon, carrying Multnomah county (Portland) by a slight margin and winning in his home district of southern Oregon overwhelmingly, had 46,788 votes in 1164 precincts, to Sprague's 42,056.

The Morse-Holman contest, in which Holman termed Morse a "new deal carpet bagger" and Morse called Holman a "dangerous isolationist," was the hard-fought race of the primary.

Morse said:

"If the present trend continues, it means as I see it that the voters want a senate that will write a lasting peace; one that will not repeat the mistakes we made after the last war."

Ups Delegates

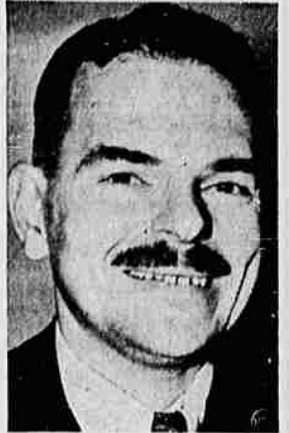
The Dewey victory raises to 352 his pledged and claimed delegate total. Major Luther Felker, who conducted Dewey's Oregon campaign, said "Dewey is beyond stopping now. It's part of a nationwide trend."

Edgar W. Smith, member of (Continued on Page Ten)

Nomination Winners in Friday's Primary Election Voting Contests



WAYNE MORSE
Republican for U. S. Senate



THOMAS E. DEWEY
Republican for President



GUY CORDON
Republican for U. S. Senate



EDGAR SMITH
Democrat for U. S. Senate



U. E. REEDER
Republican for County Judge



CLARENCE HUMBLE
Republican for District Attorney

Hitler Faces Italy Debacle

By DWIGHT PITKIN
Associated Press War Editor

Battlefront reports today indicated that Hitler's tenth army faced a major military debacle below Rome as the Germans fled northward in Italy before power drives of the allied fifth and eighth armies.

Swept from mountain strongpoints of the Hitler line, the Germans fell back on a "switch line" anchored at Terracina on the Tyrrhenian sea, at the approach of the last leg of the Apennine way to Rome, allied headquarters announced.

Change Name

In a face-saving move, the Germans changed the name of the Hitler line to "Dora," apparently reserving the fuchrer's name for another series of fortifications farther back. The switch line runs southwestward from Pico to the sea.

Well towards their goal of destroying German forces in Italy, the allies on the ninth day of their offensive had taken more than 5500 prisoners, vast booty and more than 150 towns and villages.

Airmen Active

As allied ground forces drove through central Italy's mountain-ridged, poppy-clad valleys, littered with German dead and broken equipment, the Mediterranean air force pounded the enemy's supply lines in northern Italy.

From Britain, waves of bombers in a strong renewal of the aerial offensive from the west streaked towards the continent (Continued on Page Ten)

15 MEN CONVICTED OF COHABITATION

SALT LAKE CITY, May 20 (AP)—Fifteen Salt Lake City men were convicted today of unlawful cohabitation, concluding a "paper trial" conducted without witnesses.

District Judge Ray Van Cott Jr., who presided without a jury, announced the verdict. This is the first time any defendants in the complicated polygamous marriage case have been either convicted or acquitted.

Not Legal Wives

The 15 men—among 46 persons arrested March 7 in four western states in a federal-state investigation of plural marriage practices—were accused of living with 55 women not their legal wives.

John Gates Barlow, 70-year-old president of the "Fundamentalist" cult to which all the defendants belong, was the first called before the court.

No Emotion

None displayed unusual emotion as they strolled before the bench to hear Van Cott's decision.

The court set Thursday, May 25, for sentencing.

The maximum penalty is five years in prison.

Defense counsel announced (Continued on Page Ten)

Police Probe "Witchcraft"

APIZACO, Mexico, May 20 (AP)—Police investigating the activities of a couple under arrest in connection with a so-called "witchcraft" case searched today for 16 children reported missing and feared slain.

Gov. Manuel Santillan of the state of Taxcala assigned the state attorney general and inspector to investigate.

Precautions also were taken to prevent enraged villagers from lynching the couple. Police said bodies of two children and the skeleton of a dog had been found on their premises.

Communists Vote to Quit As U. S. Political Party

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—The communist party of the United States, in existence for 25 years, today voted to dissolve as a political party. A new non-party organization will be formed.

Earl Browder, the party general secretary, made the motion to dissolve prior to delivering a national convention keynote speech which he called for the reelection of President Roosevelt.

The motion was carried unanimously after being seconded by delegates from New York, Illinois and California.

Browder now called for the appointment of a committee to liquidate the party's affairs and dispose of its property to be turned over any surplus

Petersen Meets Cornett in Fall

Marius Petersen, Klamath Falls, won the democratic nomination for the state senate from a Deschutes man in Friday's primary, and he and State Senator Marshall Cornett, republican who was re-nominated, will meet again in the fall. They contested for the office four years ago, when Cornett was elected.

The vote on state senator for the district was: Petersen 2109; Melvin Dix, Deschutes county, 1203.

Four nominees were chosen, two each from the two parties, for state representatives from Klamath county, and two will be chosen in the fall. There were no contests this time.

On the democratic side, Henry Semon, veteran legislator, polled 1728 votes, and Thomas Bustin, newcomer to politics, received 1348.

Republicans gave Dale West, farmer, 1929 votes, and Rose M. Poole, theatre operator, 1830.

Sheriff Low Polls Big Vote

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low, veteran law enforcement officer and unopposed on the republican ticket, polled the largest number of votes of any candidate late Saturday tabulations revealed. A total of 2870 votes were cast for Low.

Congressman Lowell Stockman ran low a close second when he polled 2508 votes.

Double Salary Gets WCLC Nod

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—Double salary instead of vacation for lumber workers who request it was approved today by the west coast lumber commission—just as the war production board (WPB) urged war industries not to substitute pay for vacation time.

A commission spokesman said the decision was made before the WPB took its stand, and predicted that lumber workers—because of the manpower shortage—might be exempted from the WPB recommendation.

Bulgaria Cabinet Crisis Reported

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Bulletin

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—King Peter of Yugoslavia has ousted Gen. Draza Mihailovic as war minister in attempt to appease Marshal Tito and it was considered possible the cabinet post might be offered to the Partisan leader.

Allies Confirm Soerabaja Raid; Boldness Pays Off At Myitkyina, Wakde Isle

By J. B. KRUEGER
Associated Press War Editor

Three bold blows against the Japanese paid off for the allies today.

1. A Nimitz-Mountbatten-MacArthur force, teaming up for the first time in the Pacific war, daringly steamed into the heart of Japan's Dutch East Indies holdings and heavily bombed Soerabaja Wednesday, toppling it off with a land-based bombing raid the same day.

Myitkyina War

2. Americans and Chinese, following up their surprising descent of Myitkyina airfield in Burma, were reported driving the enemy out of their Myitkyina garrison.

3. The overwhelming landings west of newly-captured Hollandia on Dutch New Guinea progressed so fast that the vital airstrip there was nearly ready for allied use.

Carrier Planes

The Soerabaja stroke, first water-borne assault against this principal enemy base in the Indies, was forced out of a carrier force drawn from the commands of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Central Pacific commander; Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Southeast Asia chief, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in the Southwest Pacific.

One hundred planes ripped (Continued on Page Ten)

Coal Case Row Revived Again

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—War labor board (WLB) approval of the bituminous wage agreement today revived instead of ended the year-old coal case.

The decision makes no change in the daily wage rates and working conditions which have prevailed since last November under government administration of the mines; but uniformity ceases there because about three-fourths of the miners will start collecting \$40 back pay in four monthly installments on June 1, and apparently the others will not.

This distinction, which was not a choice of the WLB, is not expected to pass quietly.

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Reds Capture German Height

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—The soviet high command announced today the capture of a German fortified height southeast of Vitebsk on the long quiet north-central front where Berlin broadcasts have suggested an impending red army offensive.

Women snipers aided Russian infantrymen who took the forward German position yesterday after a two-hour battle, Moscow said, without indicating whether the action was preliminary to imminent large-scale action. German broadcasts also told of Russian attacks west of Nevel, 60 miles to the north.

Reeder, Humble, Short Win Vote

Two incumbents—County Judge U. E. Reeder and County Clerk Mae K. Short—turned back opposition in their own parties to win their primary contests in Friday's voting. Both face further competition in the fall.

The third major county contest saw Clarence Humble, present deputy district attorney, win the republican nomination for district attorney. There being no democratic primary candidate, Humble was virtually assured of election without further opposition.

Three Contests

Those were the only three county office contests of importance in the Friday primary, which attracted one of the lightest votes in local political history.

Tightest race was that between County Clerk Short and Chris Huck, railroad and real estate man, who held a lead early in the tabulation and kept close on the heels of the clerk, who is seeking her fourth term in the office. The final unofficial vote was: Short 1306, Huck 1039.

Mrs. Short's opponent in the fall will be Charles DeLap, who polled 2338 votes without opposition on the republican side of the primary.

Howard Downed

County Judge U. E. Reeder won handily from Frank Z. Howard.

WLB PAY DENIAL SPARKS STRIKES

SEATTLE, May 20 (AP)—Minor fist fights developed at the Standard Lumber Manufacturing company, today and it became the tenth Seattle mill to be closed by a walkout of AFL Lumber and Sawmill Worker unionists protesting the war labor board's rejection of 10 cents-an-hour wage increase demands. An estimated 5500 men were idle here and at Tacoma. Closure of mills in Oregon was threatened.

Six Close

Six plants were closed yesterday in Seattle and virtually every lumber mill and wood-working plant in Tacoma employing AFL Lumber and Sawmill Union workers likewise was forced to shut down when workmen in gradually increasing volume walked off the job.

At Baker, Ore., the union condemned the WLB decision but agreed to leave action to members of the various AFL locals.

Vote Return

At Portland 100 men were idle yesterday but the union voted to return to work today after requesting that the machinery to secure a legal strike vote be started.

At Tacoma, Kenneth Gordon, district agent of the AFL union, (Continued on Page Ten)

Convoy Escorts Sink Nazi Subs

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—A British naval force escorting a convoy on its outward and homeward journey from Britain to Russia sank two German submarines, probably sank one or two more and damaged others, the admiralty announced last night.

One British destroyer, the Mahatma, was torpedoed and sunk during the actions with only a few members of her crew being rescued.

Tornado Kills Five; Hurts 20

DES MOINES, Ia., May 20 (AP)—At least five persons were killed, more than 20 others were injured and property damage was estimated at \$1,000,000 as a result of tornadoes, floods and torrential rains in Iowa in the last two days.

Thousands of acres of farm lands were inundated as the heaviest rains of the spring, accompanied by strong winds, struck in the northwest and central sections of the state.

Portland Assured Of Improvements

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20 (AP)—Portland appeared assured today of nearly \$25,000,000 in postwar improvements as voters approved four of the projects recommended by Robert Moses, New York planning expert.

With a majority of returns in, the \$12,000,000 bond issue for cleaning up the Willamette river through a sewage disposal plant had a two-to-one lead.

Three City Measures Get Okay by Generous Voters

Klamath voters went to the polls in a generous mood yesterday and gave overwhelming approval to three city measures calling for added outlays of public funds.

By a vote of 1690 to 590, the voters authorized an eight-year levy to raise \$100,000 for development of the Klamath Memorial park on the hills west of the city. The levy will total 1.5 mills each year.

Pay Boosted

Pay of the city police judge was boosted from \$2100 to \$3300 by the voters who approved the measure, 1410 to 898.

The city's contribution to the

Mother Drops Baby Off Bridge

EL CENTRO, Calif., May 20 (AP)—A woman giving her name as Mildred Mell, 18, was booked in the county jail for investigation of murder early today after being brought from Yuma, Ariz., where she told County Attorney Peter C. Byrne that she dropped her 10-month-old daughter into the Colorado river and watched it struggle before drowning.

The baby's body has not yet been recovered.

California authorities went to Yuma and brought her here as she said the baby was dropped into the water on the California side of the river.

Byrne said the young woman told him she had been living as the common-law wife of Cpl. Robert Mell of the Yuma air base in a Yuma auto court.

Expect Draft, Wooten Warns

SALEM, May 20 (AP)—Col. Elmer V. Wooten warned today that all of Oregon's 18-to-26-year-old men—"with very few exceptions"—must plan to be in uniform within the next few months.

The state selective service director, back from the Washington conference where new draft regulations were formulated, said he would begin calling in young men immediately to meet the state's draft quotas.

Government Sues SP for Service

PORTLAND, May 20 (AP)—The federal government today brought suit against the Southern Pacific company to force restoration of passenger service between Dunsmuir, Calif., and Ashland, Ore.

Basing its claim on an almost-forgotten provision in the land grant act of 1866, the government charged that southern Oregon valleys had lost trade since the passenger line was dropped in 1938.

Under the land grant, the railroad promised service from Roseville, Calif., to Portland, Ore., through the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys, the government said.

Vote of Confidence

The memorial park plan was prepared by a special committee of citizens and the vote was interpreted as an expression of confidence in its work. The money will provide for eventual construction of a mausoleum and crematorium on the new park site, as well as upkeep of Linkville cemetery.