

FARM INCOME SETS NEW RECORD

Herald and News

Spuds Top List; Beef Cow Total

Dope Ring Nabbed

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS From Salem:

"Oregon's Presidential primary election May 16 looms as one of the nation's KEY primaries, with five Republicans and three Democrats entered."

I think it would be more accurate to say that Oregon's presidential primary election will be one of the nation's KEY STRAW BALLOTS. So will New Hampshire's. So will all the EARLY ones. The later ones won't amount to a hill of beans.

The politicians will make big medicine out of New Hampshire's primary, because it will be the FIRST. They will make a moderate amount of political medicine out of Oregon's primary, because it will be among the first.

But the REAL medicine will be made at the Republican and Democratic national party conventions. It is here that the candidates will be picked. When the time comes to do the picking, all the presidential primary elections will amount to nothing but the selection of a man to do the job something to yak about.

Personally, I think it's high time to throw the political convention system of nominating candidates for President into the scrap heap, along with election of U. S. senators by state legislatures — which went into the scrap pile long, long ago. If we can nominate and elect the women in the tent get what used to be called the "bends" and the men are just as far off their rockers but don't show it quite so much.

Considering all the circumstances, I'd say that over the long years we've got really better candidates out of political party conventions than the system entitles us to get.

Let's put it this way: Suppose you need a foreman for your shop. Suppose you said to yourself, "The United States of America has had a long and honorable career. It is now the greatest nation on earth. It has always picked its party candidates for President by the process of setting everybody on a ROARING EMOTIONAL DRUNK and taking what came out of it. If it has worked in getting Presidents for the country, it ought to work in getting a FOREMAN for me. So I'm gonna give the system a try."

About all I can say is that I'd hate to be stuck with the foreman you'd get out of such a process of selection.

Still, the fact remains that the party convention system HAS brought us some of the world's greatest leaders.

It may be because our guardian angel has sheltered us under her wings during all these long decades.

But that suggests another thought.

Maybe our guardian angel CAN STAND ONLY SO MUCH. Maybe the time will come when she will say, "I'll guard and shelter a people possessed of so little suspicion that they insist on nominating their Presidents at a hoe-down like this. I'm THROUGH!"

Anyway, I think it's about time to discard our system of nominating party Presidential candidates at party conventions and to elect them by a nationwide Presidential primary system under which the candidates will actually be nominated by the votes of the people.

Cut Demanded In Big Budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic Sen. McCarran of Nevada and Ellender of Louisiana called today for a slash of from one to two billion dollars in President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid fund.

Both are members of the Senate Appropriations Committee which will have a say over the amount Congress eventually votes.

Ellender told a reporter he suspects "some camouflage" in the Truman appeals for \$1,819,000,000 of "defense support" earmarked for Europe.

"That sounds to me like economic aid" dressed up under a new title," Ellender said. "Personally I'm against any more economic aid."

McCarran, in a separate interview, said he believes economic aid for Europe should "be at an end."

He said the multi-billion dollar Marshall Plan already has raised European economies "far ahead of pre-war" levels and that he is opposed to the new foreign aid program.

GORGEOUS GEORGE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Gorgeous George, the perfumed and golden curled wrestler, stepped out in an orchid suit at a sports show Friday night and announced he will run for President.

George told an audience of 17,000 he would file as an independent and campaign through the nation's wrestling rings and television screens.

Demos Slate Four Local Contests, Republicans Two As Filing Winds Up

The Democrats will have four local contests on their May 16 primary election, and the Republicans just two.

Filing deadline for aspirants for County and District office was Friday, 5 p. m.

The Democrats have four candidates for Sheriff — Murray (Red) Britton, who is serving now by appointment; Frank Steele, city street superintendent; Wally Moss, former Merrill police chief; and M. G. (Tex) Bonham of Weyerhaeuser Camp 4, Keno.

The Republicans have just one, Deputy Dale Mattison, unopposed for nomination.

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and ranch income in the Klamath Basin for 1951, according to the annual report of County Agent C. A. Henderson, was the highest in history—\$37,465,768.

It might have been around \$40,000,000 except for the imposition of a ceiling price on potatoes that probably cost local spud growers a million and a half dollars, and the ceiling price on beef cattle.

The previous high was reached in 1947 when agricultural products were sold for an estimated \$36,915,794. That was a year of tremendous barley and spud prices, and no price ceilings. The 1950 total was \$29,624,585.

Henderson's crop estimate takes in not only the product of Klamath County but that of the northwestern corner of Modoc and the northeastern corner of Siskiyou, both in California.

Potatoes brought the greatest total income—\$12,511,746. Beef cattle, 68,000 head, brought in \$7,465,000. Barley was the third greatest revenue earner, \$7,353,220. Alfalfa brought \$2,605,876; clover \$2,243,356; poultry (including chickens, eggs, turkeys) \$1,280,000; dairy products \$1,016,250.

GRAIN TOTAL

Grain crops altogether, barley, rye, wheat and oats, provided a grand total of \$9,019,430, while the various types of hay grown here brought an income of \$3,887,276.

Seed crops, including clover, alfalfa, peas and grasses, were worth a total of \$2,618,656. Alsike clover, the miracle crop of 1951, was raised on about 11,000 acres and the crop amounted to 5,471,600 pounds, selling for an average of 41 cents a pound.

Cattle ranching continued to increase and more cattle were raised and fed here than in any previous year. Henderson estimates that of the 68,000 head there were 13,000 fat steers, worth \$300 a head on the hoof, 3,500 grass steers worth \$250 each, 2,000 feeders worth \$200, 6,500 crows worth \$220, 1,500 calves worth \$140, 2,500 heifers worth \$260.

Hogs marketed totaled 7,500 and were worth an average of \$42 each.

POULTRY HIGH

Henderson's survey of poultry products showed 90,000 hens kept; 1,200,000 dozen eggs marketed at 60 cents a dozen, 200,000 fryers sold at \$1.05 each; 50,000 hens sold at \$1.40 average, and 40,000 turkeys sold at \$7 each, average.

About 326 acres of land was planted to onions and the return was \$199,200; a total of 375 tons of beets was taken from just 25 acres, and sold for \$5,250.

Bids To Be Taken On Two Tulelake Pumping Plants

Bids to be received at the local Bureau of Reclamation office until March 26 for construction of two pumping plants in the Tule Lake area.

The pumps are to be used primarily for further development of lease land in Tule Lake sump No. 3, according to Bureau announcement.

Construction of irrigation ditches and drains is now being done under contract with George R. Stacy of Tulelake.

The two pump plants to be constructed have been designated "R" and "S". Plant "R" is to be located on the N-canal system and is to lift water from the sump for a supplemental irrigation supply to land in sump No. 3 and also the panhandle of Coppock Bay.

Pumping plant "S" is to be a dual installation drainage pump located at the south end of the Tulalana lease.

Principal items of work involved in construction of plant "R" are 1,000 cubic yards of excavation for construction of cofferdams and embankments; 1,100 cubic yards of excavation for structure; placement of 265 yards of concrete and 40,000 pounds of reinforcement steel; furnishing and erecting 10,000 board feet of lumber in a bridge; construction of two square frame buildings to house the pumps and installation of pumps and motors.

Pumping plant "S" will consist of two vertical corrugated metal pipe wells, joined at bottom and top by concrete slabs, with discharge lines of 30 inch welded steel pipe run through a dike to a concrete outlet structure located in a corner of the restricted sump.

Work includes 400 cubic yards of excavation; construction of cofferdams; 1,600 cubic yards of excavation for structure; placing of 64 cubic yards of concrete and 7,600 pounds of reinforcement steel; installation of two 96-inch corrugated metal pipe wells for the pumps; erection of a frame building and installation of pumps.

Bids on the work will be opened at 2 p. m. March 25 at the Bureau's airport office.

Winter Stays Over North

By The Associated Press

Wintery weather continued over much of the northern part of the country Saturday east of the Rockies. Some cool weather also hit the far southwest.

It was below zero in parts of Michigan early Saturday, with 15 below at Pelston; -11 at Grand Marais and -10 at Cadillac. It was -6 at Butte, Mont.

Snow fell over wide areas of the midwest. Snow flurries also continued in the eastern Great Lakes region and the Appalachians.

Snow and rain was reported in Nevada and Southern California as temperatures in California and Western Arizona.

Tough Case For State Trooper

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP)—State Trooper Robert Mercer had some bruises, scratches and unnumbered questions after bringing in a woman driver Friday.

She was booked as Velva D. Kiley, 49, Delmar, Calif., and was charged with drunken driving, reckless driving and resisting arrest. Mercer said she was too drunk to answer the questions.

But first the group will probe the activities of an estimated 800 Pentagon public relations officials—Hebert calls them "aiibi artists"—to determine if they are more interested in "spreading propaganda than in giving information." All this will begin in perhaps two weeks.

Before then, the subcommittee will complete consideration of a bill which would require the military services to streamline their supply bookkeeping.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity; Northern California, fair through Sunday. Low tonight 28, high Sunday 42.

High Friday 39, Low last night 23.

(Additional Weather on Page 11)

Oregon Primary Looms As Major Factor In National Politics; Eight Seek Vote

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Ore.—Oregon's presidential primary election May 16 looms as one of the nation's key primaries, with five Republicans and three Democrats entered.

Sen. Taft of Ohio didn't enter keeping everybody in doubt until the filing period closed at 5 p. m. Friday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Dwight Eisenhower, Harold E. Stassen, Gov. Earl Warren of California, and Oregon's Sen. Morse will fight it out for control of Oregon's 18 votes at the Republican national convention.

Vying for the 12 Democratic convention votes will be Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

Sen. Morse and Gov. Warren were filed by petitions that were circulated by MacArthur supporters in an effort to split the vote of MacArthur's opponents. But Warren filed his own name late Friday, only a few hours after the petitions were filed.

That leaves Morse and Gen. MacArthur as the two unwilling Republican candidates, and Justice Douglas as the Democratic candidate who doesn't want to run. Justice Douglas even went so far as to pay \$100 to buy space in the state's voter's pamphlet to urge people to vote against him.

A candidate's consent isn't needed in Oregon's presidential primaries. Gov. Stevenson's name was filed by petitions of 1,800 voters, or 800 more than were needed.

A group of Eisenhower supporters circulated petitions to force Taft to run in Oregon, but they fell 102 names short of the required 1,000.

Seeking his job are Lowell C. Page, Portland, Taft's Oregon campaign manager; Jesse Gard, Portland, Multnomah County Eisenhower manager; Glenn R. Jack, Oregon city lawyer, and Charles L. Payne, Portland.

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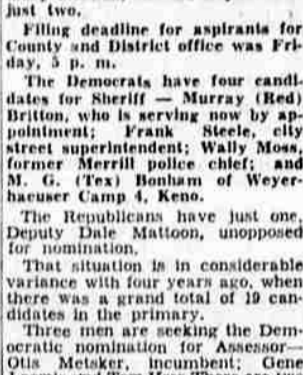
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KEITH O'HAIR

Cops Quiz Ex-Con Over Club Theft

SEATTLE (AP)—Authorities questioned a 22-year-old ex-convict Saturday about Friday's Inglewood Country Club robbery which resulted in a club dishwasher killing one sheriff's deputy and wounding two others by mistake.

The suspect, arrested and held without charge, denied taking part in the robbery but admitted he had told friends 10 days ago that Inglewood "would be an easy place to knock over."

An inquest opened Saturday at the club into death of Deputy Norman Silkworth. He was killed by Ralph Bishop, 62, the dishwasher. Bishop mistook Silkworth and fellow officers for four men who cracked the club safe after tying the dishwasher and two watchmen.

County Detective Claude Dodd and Deputy William Randecker, wounded by Bishop, are recovering.

The officers said they shouted identifications before entering the club in response to the robbery alarm. Bishop, who is partly deaf, said he didn't hear the warnings and thought the safecrackers were returning.

New Game Agent Here

Thomas Garratt, 37, a veteran wild life expert, has been appointed game management agent here, to assist Game Agent Jim Savage in his coverage of 15 counties in Southwest Oregon and Northwest California.

The district's central office is in Klamath Falls.

Garratt recently completed six weeks with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and comes here from the Minidoka Wildlife Refuge where he served as Refuge Manager. He is a veteran of World War II.

He plans to make his home here with his wife and two-year-old daughter.

Mullin Named RC Chief

TULELAKE (AP)—Hugh Mullin Jr., manager of the Bank of America, has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross Fund Drive. Assisting will be Emmett Sura.

The drive will not get under way this year until March 15 due to difficulty of travel over some roads that are impassable.

Some 50 men and women volunteer workers will get in the field to help raise the sum of \$1,500, 1952 goal.

The Tulelake chapter after a year of preliminary work is expected to become affiliated with the Klamath County chapter as soon as approval is given by National Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Ross Ragland is chairman of the Tulelake branch of the Siskiyou County chapter.

Kennel Club Show Ready

The stage is set for tomorrow's Klamath Kennel Club AKC-sanctioned non-point local dog show at the Fairgrounds.

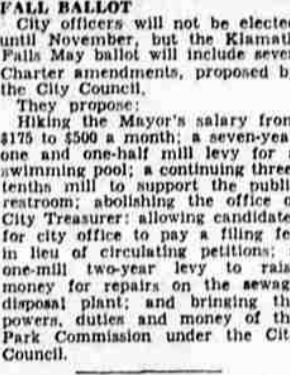
Judging is slated to begin at 12:30 p. m., with order of judging probably as follows:

Toys, non-sporting, working, hounds, terriers, sporting, best in variety groups, children's handling, best in show and runner up.

Entries will be accepted at the door until judging begins.

Admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for high school students, nine cents for grade schoolers, and children under six years of age will be admitted free.

Proceeds will go to this Fall's trophies for the annual big American Kennel Club show sponsored by the KKC and Kiwanis.



JIM KALER

Republicans Trying for Office

Austin Hayden and A. R. Dickson, two candidates on each side, are Ed Gowen, incumbent, and Troy Cook on the Republican ticket; Mike Williams and Marius Peterson on the Democratic ballot.

CORNER RACE

Two Democrats want to be Corner—Dr. George H. Adler, the incumbent, and Jim Kaler, operator of Kaler's ambulance service. The unopposed Republican nominee, who got his bid in late Friday, is Keith O'Hair, operator of O'Hair's Memorial Chapel.

That's all of the primary ballot contests.

Charlie DeLap, County Clerk, is unopposed for the Republican nomination for reelection, and Phillip Mahoney, widow of the late Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, is the sole candidate for the Democratic ticket.

Dayton E. Van Vactor, Republican and present District Attorney, is the sole candidate for that office.

On the non-partisan ballot, Curcuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is unopposed for reelection, and District Judge Nick Carter, serving now by appointment, likewise is unopposed for reelection to that office.

Klamath County's three members as well as its Legislature are as good as in. They have no opposition. Ed Geary, Republican, and Hank Semon, Democrat, will return to the House of Representatives and Phil Hitchcock, Republican, to the Senate.

Hitchcock represents Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties.

FALL BALLOT

City officers will not be elected until November, but the Klamath Falls May ballot will include seven Charter amendments, proposed by the City Council.

Fixing the Mayor's salary from \$175 to \$500 a month; a seven-year one and one-half mill levy for a swimming pool; a continuing three-cent mill to support the public restroom; abolishing the office of City Treasurer; allowing candidates for city office to pay a filing fee in lieu of circulating petitions; a one-and-a-half mill levy to raise money for repairs to the sewage disposal plant; and bringing the powers, duties and money of the Park Commission under the City Council.

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Coast Area Distributing Points Hit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police worked swiftly Saturday to round up 23 men and women named in an indictment that U. S. Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger confidently predicted will "crack the heart" of the illegal heroin trade.

Narcotics agents said the indictment struck at a multi-million dollar conspiracy strung like a web from coast to coast.

It was returned by a federal grand jury Friday afternoon and arrests began from San Francisco to New York.

Ten of those indicted had been arrested by early Saturday.

Six of the 23 were already in jail on previous convictions or awaiting sentencing.

These included Waxey Gordon, one-time Mr. Big of New York's prohibition days, now serving 25 years to life in Sing Sing Prison for narcotics law violation.

Ernest Gentry, narcotics bureau chief for the seven western states, said Gordon (born Irving Wexler) bossed the ring.

Gentry said the ring distributed heroin in nine states, but the indictment covered only four distributing points: Portland, Ore., Reno, Nev.; Phoenix, Ariz.; and the San Francisco Bay area. He said the other states were New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri and Minnesota.

LONG INVESTIGATION

The indictment grew from two years of investigation and took six and a half months to present to the federal grand jury here.

The investigation was spiced with the fiction-like adventures of a narcotics agent who wormed into the ring as a peddler and almost lost his life as he dug out information on the higher-ups.

The agent, Michael Picini, was to be "taken care of" by triggermen, fellow agents said, but pulled out in time.

TRIGGER NABBED