FARM INCOME SETS NEW RECORD

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."

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 onto the scrap pile long, long ago, If we can nominate and electanators by direct vote of the neople, we can certainly nominate Presidents that way.

National political party conventions are and slways have been a sort of an amalgam of a Hopi Indian snake dance and a combined camp meeting and revival in the Deep South where emotional excitment becomes so tense that half 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 cancidates 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: "Well, 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
setting a FOREMAN for me. So
I'm goma 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 Still, the fact remains that the party convention system HAS brought us some of the world's greatest leaders.

Why?

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

that suggests another

Presidents at a hoe-down like this. they insist on

Anyway, I think it's about time to discard our system of nominating party Presidential candidates of party conventions and to substitute for it 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 IN— Democratic Sen. McCarran of Nevada and Ellender of Louisiana called Saturday for a slash of from one to two billion dollars in President Truman's \$7,000,000,000 foreign aid fund.

Both are members of the Senate Appropriations Committee which

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

GORGEOUS GEORGE
SAN FRANCISCO IA — 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
lie would file as an independent
and campaign through the nation's
wrestling rings and television
screens.

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will be considered again "in the
near future."

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



KEITH O'HAIR



Maybe our guardian angel CAN
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STAND ONLY SO MUCH, Maybe
the time will come when she will
say: "This is the end. No longer
will I guard and shelter a people
possessed of so little gumption that
they insist on nominating their
Mike Williams and Marius Peter-

Mike Williams and Marius Petersen on the Democratic ballot.

CORONER RACE.

Two Democrats want to be Coroner—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.

contests.

Charlie DeLap, County Clerk, is unopposed for the Republican nomination for re-election, and Phillis Mahonoy, widow of the late Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, is the sole candidate for the Demonomination.

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

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.

of detense support arrival or of the economic and dressed up under a new title," Ellender said, "Personally I'm against any more economic OPS To Keep

City officers will not be elected until November, but the Klamath Falls May ballot will include seven

crais 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 all the EARLY ones. The later ones won't amount to a hill of beans.

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 Weyerste 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 the Democratic national party conventions. It is there that the candidates will be picked. When the time comes to do the picking, all the presidential primary elections will amount to will be to give the politicians (who will do the job) something to yak about.

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They propose:

Hiking 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-tenths 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-mill two-year levy to raise money for repairs on the sewage disposal plant; and bringing the powers, dutles and money of the Park Commission under the City Council.

al 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.

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GRAIN TOTAL

Cops Quiz **Ex-Con Over Club Theft**

SEATTLE IS — Authorities ques-tioned a 22-year-old ex-convict Sat-urday about Friday's Inglewood Country Club robbery which result-ed in a club dishwasher killing one sheriff's deputy and wounding two others by mistake.

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 Raiph Bishop, 62, the dishwasher. Bishop mistook Silkworth and fellow officers for four men who cracked the club safe after theing the dishwasher and two watchmen. County Detective Claude Dodd and Deputy William Randecker, wounded by Bishop, are recovering.

ming.

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

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 Calif-

west Oregon and Northwest Calif-ornia.

The district's central office is in Klamath Falls.
Garratt recently completed six years with the Fish and Wildlife was Service, and comes here from the Minidoka Wildlife Refuge where he served as Refuge Manager. He is a 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 — Hugh Mullin Jr., manager of the Bank of America has been appointed chairmen 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.

goal. The Tulclake chapter after a year

The Tulciake 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 Ragiand is chairman of the Tulciake branch of the Siskiyou County chapter.

Kennel Club Show Ready

465,000 and ranch income in the Klamath Basin for 1951,

ig to the annual report of County Agent C. A. Hen on, was the highest in history—\$37,465,768.

It might have been around \$40,000,000 except for th mposition 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

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 cows 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.

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

ment.
Construction of irrigation ditches and drains is now being done under contract with George R. Stacy of Tulclake.
The two pump plants to be constructed have been designated

Red Cross Tea On Wednesday

This year's Red Cross tea for all women workers in the funds drive campaign is to be held Wednesday, 2 to 4 p. m., at the home of Mrs. A. M. Collier, Pine Grove.

As the first week of the drive ended today, collections totaled only about one-fifth of the \$25,000 goal. But drive leaders expect the first heavy turn-ins from most of the six drive divisions during next week.

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Although actual collections have been comparatively low thus far, most of the six division chairmen appear optimistic. Rural and Residential workers have been particularly hard hit by bad weather and leaders of those divisions saw today's clearing weather as promising for next week's work.

Winter Stays Over North

By The Associated Press Wintry weather continued over much of the northern part of the country Saturday east of the Rock-les, 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

at Butte, Mont. Snow fell over wide areas of the Snow fell over wide areas of the midwest. Snow flurries also continued in the castern Great Lakes region and the Appalachians.

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

Tough Case For

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

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

Toys, non-sporting, working, hounds, territers, 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, and mass booked as Velva D. Kiley, 49, Delmar, Calif., and was charged with drunken driving, reckless driving and resisting armetic nunder 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.

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

charge 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 a structure; placing of 64 oubic yards of concrete and 7,500 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.

Friday night to go ahead with plans for a million dollar hard-board plant here.

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Pentagon Due For New Probe

WASHINGTON A — Congressional investigators planned Saturday to turn from goods to people in a search for waste in the military

services.
Chairman Hebert (D-La) said his House armer service subcommittee will investigate the 2,161,517 employes of Washington's defense headquarters to see if there is

headquarters to see if there is "waste in manpower."
But first the group will probe the activities of an estimated 500 Pentagon public relations officials—Hebert calls them "allbi artists"—to deterrine if they are more interested in "spreading propaganda than in giving information." All this will begin in perhaps two weeks. weeks.

Before then, the subcommittee

will complete consideration of a bill which would require the mili-tary services to streamline their supply bookkeeping.

Weather

(Additional Weather on Page 11) progress over a longer period of time.

Therald and News Spuds Top List; Dope Ring Nabbed Beef Cow Total Dope Ring Nabbed

Oregon Primary Looms As Coast Area 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. Tatt of Ohio dzin't enter keeping everybody in doubt until

Charge Made US POW'S In China Camps By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN MUNSAN, Korea (A — A U.N. truce negotiator Saturday bluntly accused the Communists of secretly imprisoning captured Allied soldiers — including Americans — in Red China. North Korean Maj. Gen, Lee Sang Cho called the charge a "fabrication" and a further attempt to delay the armistice negotiations. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, the U.N., negotiator, also accused the Reds, of "threatening" the U.N. Command in a statement lambasting its treatment of war prisoners. Simultaneously, another group of Communist negotiators backed down on an attempt to write into an armistice a ban on a possible enson of Illinois, and Gov. Warren were filed by netitions that were circulated by MacArthur supporters filed by macArthur supporters filed by metalions that were circulated by MacArthur supporters filed by macArthur supporters filed by metalions that were circulated by MacArthur supporters filed by metalions that were circulated by MacArthur supporters filed by macArthur supporters filed. Gov. Stevenson's name was filed by petitions of 1,800 voters, or 800 more than were needed. That leaves Morse and Gen. MacArthur as the two unwilling Reto fil

Communist negotiators backed down on an attempt to write into an armistice a ban on a possible naval blockade of the China coast. naval blockade of the China coast.

"We have convincing evidence that you are holding prisoners in detention camps outside of Korea without reporting them to our side," Libby said. "This evidence has reached us from too many sources to be ignored or lightly dismissed."

The Communists always have in-The Communists always have in-sisted that all war prisoners are held in North Korea, Proof that United Nations prisoners are in Manchuria would weaken Red China's claim that it is not a bel-ligerent in Korea. Chinese troops are called volunteers.

Libby said a number of captured Communist soldiers have told of es-corting U.N. prisoners to camps in China.

China.

"One such individual described in detail a prisoner of war processing center in Harbin (deep in Central Manchurla) to which he had helped escort captured United Nations personnel," Libby said.

Bids to be received at the local "R" and "S". Plant "R" is to be Bureau of Reclamation office until March 25 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 a contract with George R. Stacy of Tulelake.

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Big. Gen. William P. Nuckols, the spokesman, said the U.N. Command had no way of knowing whether these prisoners were among those whose names did not installation of the Tule lake.

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Friday.

Gens. 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.

vention votes will be Sen. Kefauv-er of Tennessee, Gov. Adlai Stev-enson of Illinois, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

quired 1,000.

Oregon is assured of another hot primary campaign, like the one four years ago when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Stassen stumped every nook and cranny of the state for a month in an attempt

the state for a month in an attempt to win the state's Republican convention votes.

Dewey won that one by a small margin, and it gave him a big boost toward beating Stassen on the Republican national convention floor.

the Republican national convention floor.

Oregon's convention delegates are pledged to support the winners of the primaries, except for those few delegates who file by petition. Six candidates for delegates did file by petition, so if they are elected, they could vote for Taft at the convention Most, if not all, of these six are for Taft.

A surprise Friday was the failure of Raiph H. Cake, Portland, Republican national committeeman to file for re-election.

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

Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Klam-

Oregon city lawyer, and Charles L. Paine, Portland.

Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls is unopposed for relection as Republican national committeewoman.

The three congressmen who seek re-election—Walter Norblad, Astoria; Homer D. Angell, Portland, and Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg—all have Republican opposition in the primaries. Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton Republican, didn't run for re-election.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry is unopposed for Republican renomination. The only Democratic candidate for his job is Edith S. Green, Portland.

Hot races also are in prospect for state treasurer and attorney general.

Of the 60 House members in 1951's session, 38 filled for re-election. Thirteen senators are holdovers, leaving 17 vacancies to fill. Eight present senators are seeking re-election.

There is only one Supreme Court

Distributing **Points Hit**

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

trade. Tarcotics agents said the indictl'arcotica agents said the indictment struck at a multi-million doilar 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.

BOSS JAILED

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These included Waxey Gordon, one-time Mr. Big of New York's prohibition days, now serving 25 years to life in Sing Bing Prison for narcotics law vislation.
Ernest Gentry, narcotics bureau chief for the seven western states, said Gordon (born Irving Wexler) bossed the ring.
Centry 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

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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 peddier 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, LONG INVESTIGATION

be "taken care of" by triggermen, fellow agents said, but pulled out in time.

TRIGGER NABBED

McNeil Island Prison for narcotics conspiracy.

The agent said Gordon was the supplier and got the heroin from Italian seamen.

Those arrested Saturday included Michael de Pinto, 48, of Portland, Ore, Ball was set at \$10,000. He was charged on three counis and would face a possible sentence of 25 years and \$12,000 fine if convicted.

Pinay Forms New Cabinet

PARIS (#)— Premier Antoine Pinay Saturday formed a cabinet to give continued French support to Atlantic defenses and go ahead

to Atlantic defenses and go ahead with plans for a European army including German troops.

Robert Schuman, who has been managing French foreign relations through repeated cabinet changes since July, 1948, was retained as foreign minister. He is noted as author of the plan to pool West Europe's coal and steel resources. author of the plan to pool West Europe's coal and steel resources.

Rene Pleven, the ex-premier who first proposed the European army, goes in as defense minister in place of Georges Bidault. Bidault fell ill while attending last month's meeting of the North Atlantic treaty Organization (NATO) council in Lisbon and said his health was too poor for him to stay in the government.

Even formation of the cabinet did not end the French government crisis. The ministers still have to be approved by the fractious National Assembly, in a vote scheduled next Tuesday.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH members are making preliminary plans to organize to gather funds to build on to the present church building. A model of the project (above) was designed by Morrison and Howard, architects. Present building (adorned by cross) will be added to in first steps with wing in right foreground. Further development will