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## PINCHOT PROPOSAL IS READY

### POLICE WITH SLEDGES GET BUT LITTLE

Last Night's Raids in Portland Were Far from Satisfactory.

### TEAPOT AND EMPTY PINT FLASK FOUND

Police Officials Say That Occupants of Places Raided Were "Too Quick in Destroying Evidence."

PORTLAND, (AP)—Police here have today as evidence a teapot and an empty pint flask following raids last night by the sledge hammer squad on five suspected bootleg resorts.

Thirteen arrests were made. Officers said that occupants of many places were too quick in destroying liquid evidence.

Afternoon More Successful. Although last night's raids, according to the above Association Press Dispatch, were not so successful, raids conducted in the afternoon proved more satisfactory to police officials, according to a news story carried by today's Portland Oregonian.

The Oregonian story follows: The crashing of doors which gave way under police axes, the breaking of glasses and bar fixtures, pandemonium and excitement marked a "direct action" police drive against bootlegging joints yesterday afternoon. The raids netted 22 prisoners and resulted in the confiscation of more than 20 gallons of illicit liquor.

The same tactic will be used in the future, Mayor Baker announced, and a "crowbar squad" will be maintained in the attempt to rid the city of open liquor dives.

The drastic action campaign came as a result of direct orders from Mayor Baker, who, in a statement issued yesterday morning, outlined the administration's stand in the war against illicit liquor and told of the many difficulties which confront the law enforcement agencies in the attempt to put a stop to the moonshining business disorderly houses and gambling.

Police Officials Silent. Though police officials are silent on the subject, the places raided yesterday were those named in a communication sent Mayor Baker by S. Healy, Portland secretary of the I. W. W. Healy complained of 12 bootlegging and disorderly houses, which he charged were running wide open and without interference on the part of the police.

### ANNOUNCEMENT IS MISS AINSWORTH IN LEAD BY 400 VOTES

According to announcements from legion convention there in September Ainsworth has increased her lead in the bathing girl contest to a 400 vote margin. She now has a total of 10,000 votes to Miss Ione Zabel's 9,600 votes.

The standing of the two competitors for participation in the Seaside bathing girl parade during the Legion convention there in September, will be announced again tomorrow.

Final announcement of the winner will be made at the Legion dance to be given at the Zuber hall Friday night, August 31. The contest comes to a close that evening at six o'clock.

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### Crowds Admire Newest and Greatest Bomber



The Barling Bomber, tried out at Dayton, O., has thus far proved successful. Immediately following its first flight, it was surrounded by a crowd of aviation enthusiasts in which civilians were more numerous than army folk. Photo shows the huge plane after landing.

### LUGILLE PIERCE TO BE MARRIED

Engagement to Harold F. Hall, Formerly of Union, Is Announced; Wedding to Be September 6.

PORTLAND.—Of wide interest is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Lucille Pierce, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce of Salem, to Harold F. Hall.

The wedding will be held Thursday, September 6, at the home of the bride-elect's parents in Salem.

Miss Pierce, whose home was in La Grande until the time of her father's election as governor, is a graduate of the La Grande high school and also of the Oregon Agricultural college. She is a Delta Delta Delta sorority girl. While attending college she majored in history and home economics, which she afterwards taught in the Union high school and in the La Grande high school. It was in La Grande that the romance began, when she met her fiance.

Mr. Hall is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college and is associated with the state engineers at Salem, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall of Union. The wedding will be a simple affair, owing to the recent serious illness of Mrs. Pierce. Only a few relatives and friends will be in attendance. The bride's sister, Miss Edith Pierce, will be her maid of honor. Bertrand Hall will act as best man. After a wedding trip the young couple will reside in Salem.

Four Killed in Explosion WHEELING, Va. (AP)—An explosion of oil in the Riverside plant of the National Tube company here Tuesday caused the death of four men.

### Interesting Meeting Of Commission Tonight

Providing the water men of La Grande attend the city commission meeting tonight in discussion and soon the water situation here, as many of them indicated they would yesterday, the meeting this evening in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock will prove of more than ordinary interest.

The water situation is ever one of La Grande's most important problems and with La Grande citizens and the commission discussing it in open meeting, a possible solution may result.

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### Woman Attorney Deplores Laxness Of Marriage Laws

MINNEAPOLIS.—"Moral chaos and ruin" face the United States unless there is standardization of the laws controlling marriage and divorce. Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, practicing attorney of New York, told the National Association of Women Lawyers here Tuesday night.

The "subtle menace of unrestrained divorce," and "our lax and varying marriage laws," she declared, have "fed the divorce courts and directly give the white slave dealer the most effective opportunities to play his iniquitous trade."

Urging the need of federal laws to govern marriage and divorce and uniform administration of the law, Mrs. Penfield said, "the trouble with divorce is that we could never be sure from one day to another what local bars might be let down."

### CONTRACT IS LET FOR MINAM BRIDGE

PORTLAND.—At a meeting of the state highway commission here yesterday among awards made was a contract for a bridge across West-tota river at Minam, on the La Grande. Joseph J. Hildway was awarded to J. J. Bradburn for \$21,820.

### Forest Fires Controlled

PORTLAND, (AP)—Forest fires north of Portland, reported last night as threatening and assuming serious proportions, were under control today, according to a report brought by C. C. Scott, secretary of the state forest fire association. He said that the fires were confined to slashings. Some equipment was lost, but the damage is almost negligible.

### RESULTS GIVE COSGROVE LEAD

Official and Semi-Official Announcements on Irish Election Are Released.

DUBLIN, (AP)—The results of the general elections officially and semi-officially announced in 10:31 o'clock Tuesday night give the government the seats and the Republicans four. The farmers party is credited with two, the independents two and labor one.

There are indications of the possibility of the opposing parties being secured in more equally balanced strength than had been expected when the complete official returns are reported, and it may be said that the Republicans are Tuesday night showing greater confidence in the results than the government party.

Official figures for the national and provincial candidates secured all three seats. They were Professor John MacNeill, minister of education; Professor Michael Hayes, speaker of the last Dail; and Professor McGinnis.

President Reids Pled. According to the first preference votes, which became known Tuesday President William T. Cosgrave in Kilbenny and Carlow, headed the poll and secured election. Under the proportional representative system no actual polling figures are announced for several days, but in certain cases the vote on first preferences are sufficient to insure election and are announced in that way.

President Cosgrave's brother, Philip Cosgrave, governor of Mount Joy, is elected for Dublin City. General Richard Mulcahy, minister (Continued on Page Five)

### ARMY AVIATORS SHATTER FOUR SPEED RECORDS

Smith and Richter Land at San Diego Field After Epochal Flight; Refueled Plane 15 Times.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP)—Speed records set by Captain Smith and Lieutenant Richter in the flight ending Tuesday night follow: 2500 kilometers—17 hours 32 minutes 44.5 seconds; set at 10:37 p. m. August 27. 3900 kilometers—21 hours 11 minutes; set at 2:15 a. m. August 28. 5500 kilometers—24 hours 37 minutes 8 seconds; set at 3:11 a. m. August 28. 140 kilometers—28 hours 6 minutes 18 seconds; set at 9:13 a. m. August 28.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP)—Captain Lowell Smith and Lieut. John Richter, San Diego aviators, pilots of the big De Havilland plane, landed at Rockwell field Tuesday night 6:19:32 ending their epochal flight for continuous endurance performance aloft. The bismarck brought the ship down to a graceful landing, and were greeted by the blasts of whistles from every craft in the harbor. Several thousand persons crowded the field and rushed toward the plane when it came to a stop.

Tired and stiff from their long grind, Captain Smith and Lieutenant Richter climbed from the ship and literally fought their way through the dense crowd assembled to greet them.

Battle Heavy Fog. According to a statement made by Smith, they battled a heavy fog all Monday night and when they saw the same condition appearing for Tuesday night they signalled a landing. (Continued on Page Five)

### Cuba Worried Censor Cables

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Imposition by Cuba of cable censorship, reported today from New York, is believed by persons in close touch with the Cuban situation as a precaution against possible serious developments.

Activities of Cuban Veterans organizations, which has been holding mass meetings, protesting against new railroad consolidation legislation and other government measures, have caused considerable anxiety among Havana officials.

### Mysterious Murder Cases Yet Unsolved

DENVER, (AP)—The slayer of Mrs. Julian McDione and Ethel Vasovic, was shot and wounded by Mrs. McDione in her fight for life and may be dead or dying in some corner of this city. Police Chief Williams believes after learning that Mrs. McDione had been provided by her husband with an automatic pistol to protect her from the admirer who had three times attempted to take her life. A bloody rug was found in the room beyond the reach of either woman.

Murder Case Is Mysterious. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—(AP)—With the sixth day past since Mrs. Ethel Stille, who was brutally beaten on the head in her room at the home of her parents-in-law that she died in a hospital, officers are without a tangible clue.

Because of friction Sheriff Berkeley withdrew from the case leaving the hunt to the Police Chief Harper and the district attorney. Berkeley believes it to be an "inside job" while Harper is convinced the family knew nothing of the crime.

### BAND DONATIONS SHOW INCREASE

Appreciation Fund for La Grande Band Raised to \$389.00 Since Yesterday at 1 O'clock.

Personal donations to the La Grande Municipal Band appreciation fund, inaugurated several days ago by the Evening Observer, showed a slight increase and business donations kept at about an even mark, over yesterday's donations.

Twenty dollars and fifty cents more was pledged to the fund prior to one o'clock this afternoon. \$7.50 coming from business concerns and \$13 from private citizens. The fund now stands at \$389.00.

The reason for the starting of such a fund, to be filled by free-will donations, was that the La Grande Band, contracted to play at the Oregon State Fair and the Pendleton Round-Up, in order to compete with other musicians, were forced to disregard a portion of their expenses in order to be successful. About \$600 is needed to cover this expense fund and in the first few days of the appreciation fund drive, it appeared that the \$600 mark would be easily and quickly reached. Since then, however, donations have fallen off. The cause is a worthy one, one that is (Continued on Page Five)

### BAKER COUNTY HAS NO FUNDS FOR ROAD; ASKS AID OF STATE

PORTLAND.—Once more the road from Baker to Unity, which would connect the Old Oregon Trail and the John Day highways, is before the state highway commission. And, once more, the principal problem is one of financing the undertaking, for, as in the past, Baker county has not enough money to carry its share of the cost.

J. J. Dodson, Baker county judge, put the proposition before the road body yesterday and today a delegation from Baker will reinforce the arguments of the judge.

According to Judge Dodson, Baker county has \$100,000 to use on grading a 14-mile section at Dooley mountain. The approximate cost of the job is \$344,000. On a 50-50 basis, Baker's share is \$172,000 more than the county has available. To get around this difficulty, Judge Dodson proposed that the state advance the money and that Baker county would promise to repay the state at the rate of \$10,000 a year. Judge Dodson explained that William Polmar and the other members of the tax commission of that county, will make an agreement to that effect.

The state highway commission questioned the right of the county court or the tax supervising and conservation commission to commit a county for so many years. They pointed out that the similar commission in Multnomah county had refused to sustain an agreement between the county commissioner and the highway commission to pledge funds for two consecutive years for the Mount Hood loop, and got away with it. Chairman Doby, himself an ex-county judge of Baker, and enthusiastic over the Baker-Unity road, had doubt about the success of Judge Dodson's plan.

### PRIZE LIST FOR ROUND-UP READY

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—The prize list for the Pendleton Round-Up, to be held September 29, 30 and 31, will be greater this year than ever before.

All events will command their cash and prize money, but in addition four beautiful saddles, trophies of the saddle-makers' art, will be given. One presented by the Union Pacific Station, is for the winner of the speed's championship bucking contest. Another, presented by Hainley & Co., is for the winner of the Northwest bucking contest, while a third, presented by Happy Canyon, the night show held during the Round-Up, will be presented to the winner of the steer roping.

The trophy saddle will be a ladies saddle, presented by Al Kaley of the temple, of Portland, to the winner of the ladies' relay race on Thursday, the first day of the Round-Up. The Shriners, a thousand strong, are to be in Pendleton on the Wednesday preceding the Round-Up for a big Wild West carnival, and will remain on Thursday to see the show. They will come to Pendleton in three special trains from Portland. This year will mark a precedent, for a prize is being offered the mascot buckler at the big show. The prize will be a bag of Unalaska cornmeal and the donor is Philip Ash-ton Rollins, author of "The Cowboy" and whose articles have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and other publications. He visited the Round-Up last year and observed that the bucking which shatters the human performer, should resolve a prize for their efforts. The bag of meal will bear a silver plate with the name of the donor and of the lucky winner.

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