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OPERATION OF RUM RING NATION-WIDE

Liquor Sales of Big Combine Believed to Total Over Half Billion.

Cleveland, O.—More than two weeks of federal grand jury investigation here into an alleged nation-wide conspiracy to violate the eighteenth amendment, have served to show how extensive were the operations of the supposed "ring."

The chain of evidence now reaches from San Diego to Providence, and links up "ring" operations in New York, Boston, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Newark, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and other large cities.

Stories emanating from the district attorney's office from time to time indicate the following operations of the "rum ring":

The conspiracy was headed by four Philadelphia millionaires.

Associated with the millionaires were 30 others who controlled 75 per cent of the alcohol business in the United States, regulating the price from coast to coast.

Fifteen distilleries were operated by the "ring," producing \$1,000,000 worth of alcohol each week at distillery prices.

The output was sold to wholesalers for \$140,000,000 a year, and retailed at \$10 to \$20 a gallon, brought the country's alcohol bill for liquor from this one source to more than \$500,000,000 a year.

OLMSTED AND 20 OTHERS CONVICTED

Seattle.—Roy Olmsted, former police lieutenant, and twenty other defendants were convicted on two counts charging conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act in a verdict in United States district court here.

Olmsted and the others convicted are liable to a maximum fine of \$20,000 each and four years in prison.

Among those convicted along with Olmsted were Attorney Jerry L. Finch, former deputy prosecuting attorney; E. H. McInnis, Emery A. Kern, Charles S. Green, William P. Smith, Ed Engdahl, Z. J. Hedrick and Ed Erickson, charged by the government with being operators and crews of rum running boats.

Among those freed were Patrolman George F. Reynolds, Mrs. Elsie Olmsted, wife of Roy; Wilbur E. Dow, customs house broker; John H. ("Doc") Hamilton, colored proprietor of the Barbecue Pit; C. V. Harvey, former patrolman, and a Japanese caretaker at the Olmsted home here.

The convictions brought to a close one of the most spectacular and earnest efforts on the part of government authorities at prohibition enforcement in the northwest.

NEW DRY AIDE APPOINTED

Maurice Smith of Spokane Chosen by Administrator Lyle.

Seattle, Wash.—Maurice Smith of Spokane is now an assistant federal prohibition administrator for the 20th district, comprising Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

"The appointment of Mr. Smith fills a position hitherto vacant," said Administrator Lyle, "and completes the organization of the executive force for this district."

Smith was police commissioner of Spokane for five years. He is a lawyer, an ex-member of the legislature and a veteran of both the Spanish and world wars.

Hunter Confesses Slaying Warden.

Newport, Wash.—Roland van Blaricom, one of two brothers held here charged with the murder of Edward Jarrish, deputy game warden, confessed the slaying to officers. He said he shot Jarrish accidentally while trying to frighten him. Confronted with the confession of his elder brother, Everett van Blaricom, denied any knowledge of the killing. The confession followed an exhibition of the rifle found near the scene of the killing.

Pioneer Spokane Business Man, Dead
Spokane.—Waldo G. Paine, pioneer business man of Spokane and vice president of the Spokane & Eastern Railway & Power company and the Inland Empire railway, died here. Death was the direct result of a heart attack.

ATHENA MAN INVENTOR OF AN AUTO WINDOW SILENCER

Dr. A. C. Froom, Athena dentist has invented and applied for a patent on a practical automobile window silencer, which most effectively puts a stop to rattling glass in the doors of all closed cars from a Ford to a Rolls-Royce.

Associated in partnership with Dr. Froom in the manufacture and marketing of the Auto Window Silencer, as the simple contrivance is called, is Cliff Culley, automobile salesman of Weston.

The first thousand of the window silencers were received this week from the firm making them in Los Angeles, and at once interested



Athena owners of closed cars. That they are destined to meet with ready sale is demonstrated by the number of inquiries coming by mail from jobbers and accessory dealers.

The Auto Window Silencer is a neatly made appliance and very simple in construction. It comprises a piece of highly polished nickle metal, formed to carry a rubber roller which is firmly pressed against the glass and held at the required tension by a screw inserted through a slot in the metal piece.

The silencers, two against each window, are placed in position by removal of one screw in the window sill for each, and insertion of the screws through the slot. That is all there is to installing them.

The Silencers have been tried out on all kinds of cars and on all makes of doors, and the window is yet to be found that the little appliance doesn't immediately knock out the rattle.

The Auto Window Silencer is made to retail at 75 cents per pair. Drop in and the doctor will be pleased to demonstrate them to you.

RECEPTION TENDERED TO DEPARTING PASTOR'S FAMILY

Rev. D. Loree and family who will leave Athena the first of March for Pomeroy, Washington, were honored Tuesday evening at a reception given by the members of the Baptist church.

A splendid program consisting of the following numbers was enjoyed by the guests.

Violin solo, Kohler Betts accompanied by Mrs. O. O. Stephens; Reading, Miss Juanita Woodruff; Vocal solo, Miss Loraine Terry; Musical reading, Barbara Lee; Song, Junior department. In behalf of the members of the church Mr. O. C. Hadley made appropriate remarks and presented the honorees with a beautiful Pendleton Indian robe.

The program closed with a prayer by Miss Bamford, following which a social hour was enjoyed. Unique menu cards were used at supper time causing much merriment.

PARTY FOR MRS. WALTER

Mrs. M. L. Watts entertained a group of friends Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. John Walter. The rooms were gay with varicolored spring flowers and the hours were spent with sewing and chat. At the tea hour the hostess served dainty ices and cake using a pink and white color scheme. Out of town guests included, Mrs. Anderson of Portland, Mrs. Merrill of Walla Walla and Mrs. Everett Eager of Dayton. Others present included Mrs. F. B. Boyd, Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. F. B. Radtke, Mrs. O. O. Stephens, Mrs. B. B. Richards, Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, Mrs. I. L. Michener, Mrs. C. M. Eager and Mrs. R. B. McEwen.

AIR CIRCUS PROBABLE

Another air circus for Walla Walla this spring is regarded as probable says the Union, as the result of negotiations being conducted by the Chamber of Commerce with the Clover Field Flyers of Hollywood, California. Dates are now being arranged in various cities of the Northwest, and Walla Walla is likely to be one of the cities visited by the airmen. The Hollywood aggregation consists of six planes and nine performers.

GOVERNOR'S CANDIDACY DEFINITELY ANNOUNCED

Governor Pierce for the first time has made a definite announcement that he would seek re-election.

The governor committed himself in the presence of a small group of people gathered around him following the entertainment at the armory at Eugene, where he had been a speaker at the Children's Farm Home benefit performances.

In a confidential discussion Governor Pierce disclosed that he had striven hard for the interests of Oregon during his incumbency, and made the remark that he would be a candidate again.

"Governor, you have never made a definite announcement, although it is generally understood that you will run again. Do you want to make this your announcement?" he was asked.

"I will run again, you may say if you wish," and the governor added, "it's pretty well known."

INSANE PATIENT DROWNS IN THE UMATILLA RIVER

While walking with 200 other patients not far from the Umatilla river on a regular jaunt for exercise, F. E. Hickman, patient at the eastern Oregon state hospital, eluded attendants and jumped into the river before noon Monday.

The swift current carried him downstream for half a mile before one of the attendants was able to lodge the body against a sandbar.

Authorities at the hospital expressed belief that Hickman was trying to escape from the hospital and had no intention of attempting suicide.

Hickman was 34 years old and was committed from La Grande about two years ago. He has relatives in Arizona.

ON INSTALLMENT

Residents of Walla Walla county bought a million and a half dollar's worth of stuff on conditional sale during last year, according to figures compiled by George B. Day, secretary of the Walla Walla Valley Merchants' association. Of this total, automobiles represented \$1,153,965 and furniture and musical instruments \$54,614.

SUBSTANTIAL INSPIRATION

Weston Leader: Nard Jones ought to be able to give an inspired interpretation of his leading role in "The Copperhead" this Friday evening at the Keylor Grand. The inspiration comes from the fattest check he has yet received for a story. It is a novelette entitled "New York via Hollywood," and he sold it to C. H. Young for \$105.

PICTURES CANCELLED

The Leader says because of slim attendance at Tuesday night's picture show, which was given at the loss, the Memorial hall board decided to cancel by wire all further picture show dates and this decision was announced by Manager Barnes.

WESTON PIONEER ILL

The Leader reports Porter Graham Sr., one of the Weston community's oldest pioneers, suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday and has since been lying at his home in a helpless condition.

REPUBLICANS IN A SCRAP OVER SENATE PRESIDENT

Harry L. Corbett, state senator for Multnomah county, is a candidate for president of the senate at the 1927 session of the legislature, says the Oregonian. With this announcement by Mr. Corbett to some of his legislative friends during the past week, the struggle for organization has started, for B. L. Eddy, senator for Douglas county, announced his own candidacy recently.

Coincident with this senatorial activity comes the first two avowed candidates for house nominations in Multnomah county—James H. Cassell and Walter G. Lynn—while throughout the state candidates are popping up like dandelions on a well kept lawn.

There are 30 members of the stage senate and 60 members of the house of representatives. Scratch a senator, as a rule, and you find a candidate for the presidency, but the desire to preside over the house is not so widespread. In truth, John H. Carkin, veteran legislator from Jackson county, is the only aspirant in the field for speaker. In the senate matters are different and many have been and are nursing the presidency complex.

Following the announcement of Mr. Eddy, Ed W. Miller of Josephine county was in Portland and said he was considering the presidency, as "some of the Portland boys" had talked to him. A. W. Norblad, who intends seeking the nomination in the primaries in Clatsop county, has scattered the word that he will be a candidate for president if he is nominated and elected. Mr. Norblad, however, has two barriers to overcome before he is in position to go after votes, and in the meantime holdover senators who are after the presidency have plenty of time to work. Also there is talk of R. R. Butler of Wasco county as presidential material and Sam Brown of Marion, who is seeking renomination and election, his first term having expired.

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SCHOOL PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The annual oratorical contest was held Friday. Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Read and Rev. Hackett acted as judges. The winners in the third grade were: Barbara Lee, first, Fern Carsten, second, and Aaron Douglas, third. In the fourth grade Violet Burgess, first, Maryjane Miller, second and Leo Sanchez, third. Fifth grade, Marjorie Montague first, Robert Lee, second and Helen Barrett, third. Sixth grade, Betty Eager, first, Arlene Myrick second, George Pittman third. Seventh grade Arthur Crowley, first, Herbert Reeder, second and Ronald Wilson, third. Eighth grade, John Kirk, first, Virgie Moore, second and Jack Moore, third.

In the high school there were three divisions, the dramatic, the oratorical and humorous. The freshman class winners were: Humorous, Ralph McEwen, Dramatic, Alberta Charlton, Oratorical, George Gross. Sophomore class: Humorous Dorothy Loree, Dramatic, Jessiedeanne Dudley, Oratorical, Ethel Pittman. Junior class, Humorous, Belle Anderson, and Ronald Lieuellen, Dramatic, Margaret Lee and LaVone Pittman, Oratorical, Granville Cannon. Senior Class, Humorous, Juanita Woodruff, Dramatic, Genevieve Baker, Oratorical, Wilbur Harden.

These winners will speak in a contest Friday evening March 5th, at which time the school representatives will be chosen to take part in the sectional contest which is to be held at Adams, March 18th and 19th.

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STANFIELD BILL SLAPPED BY THE STATE FORESTER

The so-called grazing bill introduced in congress by Senator Stanfield of Oregon is unfair to the federal forestry department and is out of step with the conservation policies of the United States government and the states, says F. A. Elliott, state forester, according to a special from Salem.

"The bill," said Mr. Elliott, "is the final outcome of the hearings of the sub-committee on public lands which made a trip through the west last fall with the purpose of investigating the situation. The committee was openly hostile to the federal administration of grazing in the national forests and arranged the stage so stockmen would have opportunity to tell their stories. The questions were frankly leading and designed to fill the records with the story which the stockmen wished to tell and which the committee wanted them to tell.

"The outcome of these hearings was the introduction of a bill, the passage of which would result in western stockmen being granted vested or property rights to grazing in the national forests. It practically grants contracts to stockmen in perpetuity and gives them the right to sell, lease or bequeath these rights to others. Furthermore it places no limitation on the maximum number of stock which can be grazed and in this way will, in many cases, lead to over-grazing.

"The authority of the federal officials is practically nullified in that the bill provides for appeals from administrative decisions of forest officials to state boards of three men, who must have knowledge of the range and who must be appointed by the president of the United States. An appeal to the secretary over the board's decision would have to be based solely on the board's finding of fact, a provision which practically nullifies the administrative control of the secretary of agriculture."

ATHENA DEFEATS PENDLETON AND LOSES TO HELIX HERE

In a well played game on the local floor Thursday evening, Athena high school won from Pendleton, 20 to 15. The game was fast and the lightweight Athenians put up a wonderfully offensive game and their defense effectually kept the Buckaroos away from the basket.

In a close contest Friday night, Helix won from Athena 16-15 in the hardest fought game of the season. The first quarter ended 2-0 in favor of Athena. The second string players were sent in and Helix hooped 8 points against them.

The regular team gradually cut down the Helix lead, and at the end of the fourth period the score stood 15-15. It took three extra three minute periods to play off the tie. Helix winning one point on a free throw.

The Helix girls defeated the Athena girls, 11 to 10.

Athena is at the tournament, and this afternoon is paired with McLaughlin High school, in the preliminaries.

MACLAUGHLIN WINS

Playing a wonderfully good defensive game, until the last quarter, when MacLaughlin High broke through for eleven points, Athena High lost its preliminary game in the district tournament this morning, by the score of 30 to 16. The first period ended, MacLaughlin 8, Athena 5. At the half the score stood, MacLaughlin 14, Athena 8; the third quarter, MacLaughlin 19, Athena 13. At the end of the last period MacLaughlin won out, 30 to 16.

ELK AT WALLACE

A shipment of sixty elk from Yellowstone national park, arrived at Wallace, Idaho and was later released in the North Fork country, 30 miles north of Wallace. Sportsmen procured the animals after negotiations with interior department authorities at Washington.

AGGIES WON OUT

A number of Athena basket ball fans witnessed the game between O. A. C. and Whitman at Walla Walla, Monday night. The Aggies nosed out a victory by a scant margin, the score being 30-29.

CONFERENCE ADOPTS MODIFIED TAX BILL

Measure Provides For Total Reduction of \$387,000,000 Below Present Law.

Washington, D. C.—House and senate conferences agreed upon a modified tax bill to reconcile the differences between the measures as passed by the two houses of congress.

The conferees accepted the house provision for a 20 per cent maximum estate tax in place of the present 40 per cent and the senate provisions for a lower levy on estate taxes for the period 1921-1924, which are not yet paid. The senate voted to repeal the estate tax altogether.

The total reduction of \$387,000,000 is \$69,000,000 below the amount proposed by the senate and is \$56,000,000 above that voted by the House.

The senate's surtax recommendations were adopted.

The bill as accepted will be presented to the house and senate for confirmation. The automobile tax of 3 per cent as passed by the house was accepted by the conferees. The senate voted to abolish this.

The theatre admission tax of 10 per cent applies to admissions of 75 cents and over, compared with the present 50 cent figure, which the house voted to retain. The senate voted to abolish this tax altogether.

The conferees agreed to the repeal of the capital stock tax as voted by the senate, but reduced the corporation tax from 13 1/2 per cent as voted by the senate to 13 per cent for 1926 and 13 1/2 thereafter.

GRANGE FAILS TO APPROVE MEASURES

Washington, D. C.—The executive committee of the national grange ended its two-day session here without endorsing any of the farm relief bills now pending before congress.

In a formal statement the committee declared that it recognized "the adverse conditions under which agriculture is laboring and believes that relief legislation is desirable, but it is confronted by the fact that various farm organizations and various sections of the country are badly divided on a method of bringing relief."

Many measures are pending before congress dealing with this subject, most of them having several points of merit" said the statement, "but the executive committee cannot endorse any of the measures now pending in their present form."

Other action taken by the committee included declarations favoring increased applications for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis to \$6,000,000 in 1927; opposing increased freight rates on western roads; opposing the Stanfield grazing bill; and calling for amendment of the Watson-Parker bill setting up new agencies for settlement of railroad labor disputes to protect further interests of the public.

U. S. RUM DEAL OPPOSED

Coolidge Against Government's Taking Over Liquor.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge is opposed to any proposal for government ownership and distribution of bonded medicinal liquor.

A terse statement of the president's position was made at the White House disclosing that the executive's views on the matter coincided with those held by Secretary Mellon of the treasury.

Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, who is in charge of prohibition enforcement, is conducting a survey of the situation, however, with the view that eventually the government must take over the bonded stock.

Advocates Withdrawal from Court.

Chicago.—Washington's birthday was celebrated in Chicago by the opening of a national campaign against the world court and "entangling alliances" against which the first president warned the nation. Senator William Borah, Idaho, republican, and Senator James A. Reed, Missouri, democrat, were the central figures in the program.

Oregon Convict Rioter Dies of Wounds

Salem, Or.—Albert Corley, 39, negro, one of nine convicts shot during the riot in the state prison dining room here last week, died at the prison hospital as a result of his wounds.

