

N. Y. ROUNDS UP COWBOY BAND OF HIGHBROW CROOKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(A. P.) Intellectual criminals who read Shakespeare, studied higher mathematics, used silencers on their pistols and depended on a rabbit's foot for luck, have been revealed with the capture of twelve of thirteen members of the "Cowboy" Tessler gang.

The last pair of a dozen under arrest for 28 holdups were taken last night in their luxurious east side apartment, within a block of one of New York's most fashionable sections. Editions of Shakespeare, Boswell's Life of Johnson and treatises on higher mathematics were found on the library table. Ropes for tying their victims were under a bed. A rabbit's foot was on the floor. A similar library was found in the Bronx apartment of "Cowboy" Tessler, their leader.

A woman member of the gang, Hamilton, was the armorer. She kept pistols in good condition, issuing them when needed. This task was delegated to her because she could conceal weapons more easily than a man.

Police say that members of the Cowboy's gang have been identified as having participated in 28 recent robberies.

Another gang of seven men under arrest is regarded as responsible for various other holdups. The gang consists of Herbert Rotherburg and six other men.

Army Promotion for Former Medford Man

The Citizens Veteran, a department in the Sunday Oregonian, prints a picture of William M. Beveridge of that city, and says: "Lieutenant William M. Beveridge, who served overseas with the 56th Oregon coast artillery during the world war for 12 months, was chosen commander of the service company, 186th infantry, Oregon national guard, last week at an election at the armory. He will take his examination for a captain's commission immediately."

Lieut. Beveridge formerly lived here and was with the service company here in July during the National Guard encampment.

Ludlum Is Thankful
BRESLAU—General Ludlum is thankful for quick action by the police that saved him from a threatening group of communists who surrounded his car.

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"I Have Set Watchmen Upon Thy Walls, O Jerusalem." Isa. 62:6.

COMMENDATIONS.

Commendations have come to us from many quarters since the Sky Pilots' Forum opened two weeks ago. The fine reception which the column has been given is encouraging. As we stated formerly, we believe this column will find its place in the thought of the community. Its purpose is to give expression to the mind of Christian leadership, and brief bits of news and comment which seldom otherwise finds its way into the daily news column.

Prohibition a Great Success.

In spite of the bootlegger, prohibition is a great success. It is probable that the consumption of alcoholic liquor is not more than one-twentieth of what it was in pre-prohibition days. And this in spite of a host of wet officers, and the enforcement head, Andrew W. Mellon, being a confirmed and thorough going wet with his own money tied up in the whiskey business.

Prohibition has raised the moral tone of the nation. It saved us from the financial crisis which afflicted every other country after the war. It has made good wages, good roads, good homes and a nation wide contentment possible. It has been responsible for the great expansion of the automobile industry and the home building movement which is still going strong.

H. W. NELSON, Phoenix.

Billy Sunday in Portland.

Before the first week of the Portland meeting was concluded, the Billy Sunday campaign took on immense proportions. The great tabernacle was packed and the evangelistic organization beginning its effective work. It has continued thus since the beginning. While he applied himself as vigorously as ever, we found that his voice was somewhat affected by his constant use of it, but it seems not to affect his efforts.

Contrary to scattered inferences here and there, Billy Sunday did not come to Portland on any kind of financial guarantee. He is there to give his best lies and all the power of grace and energy within him on the same basis of the average evangelist. He is to receive the free will offering of the people at the close, and no more. That offering will be the measure of esteem in which he is held by those who hear him. The Port-

land churches of course guaranteed the running expense of the meeting as is customary.

What of the Preacher?

No man has harder people to serve than the minister of the gospel. His critics are many, and the criticisms varied. The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had the experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study he doesn't mix with the people; if he is seen around the streets he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is plying to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, some one could have told him to do better.

E. J. JOHNSON, Lutheran.

We do not know the ripples of healing that are set in motion, when we simply smile on each other.—Henry Drummond.

Judge C. W. Pomeroy of the eleventh judicial district in Montana has for years made it a practice to have a minister of the gospel open court each morning with prayer. He states that it gives a tone and morale to the court and proceedings that nothing else can. The effect on witnesses and the jury is quite marked. Judge Pomeroy is not alone in this, however, as some judges throughout the nation follow the same practice.

A man isn't always useful and important because he has a rollop desk. So much depends on whether he keeps his mind on it, or his feet.

That Prohibition Report.

That the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, through its research commission, has placed the subject of prohibition enforcement well before the nation is quite evident. Concerning that report the Oregonian takes broadside issue with several misrepresentative constructions which would be friends have given to it. The Oregonian says that it is the most remarkable, unbiased, fair, inclusive and unprejudiced report to come from an otherwise partisan body for generations.

World Unity Conference.

The first world conference on Christian Unity ever held has been summoned to convene at Lausanne, Switzerland, in August, 1927. The formal call was issued recently by the joint commission of the world conference on faith and order, of which Bishop William T. Manning of New York is president. It is expected that practically every Christian denomination on earth will be represented except the Roman Catholic church. Pope

Pius in 1912 told a committee which sought his cooperation in the movement which will culminate in the Lausanne meeting that, while he desired Christian unity, it was not possible for the Roman church to participate in the proposed conference. The movement has been under way since 1910, but was retarded by the world war.

Better be dead than out of style, even if the wrinkles behind the knee show age and the kneecap is rusty.

STEIWER THROWS HAT IN RING FOR SEAT IN SENATE

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 19.—Fredrick Steiwer, prominent Pendleton attorney has made preliminary announcement that he will be a candidate for the nomination for United States senator in the primaries next spring. Steiwer states that he will announce his platform later.

In his preliminary announcement he states that support of President Coolidge, decreased taxation, economy, law enforcement, development of the Columbia river and retention of shipping board ships by the government will form a portion of his program.

Steiwer is the second man from Umatilla county to announce intention to run for the senatorial nomination, the other being A. R. Shumway, at present joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties. Mr. Shumway is a big rancher operating near Milton.

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HOOVER PREDICTS AIR MAIL ROUTES IN PRIVATE HANDS

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19.—(A. P.)—Creation of a bureau of aviation and improvement of inland waterways are the two problems for the coming session of congress, Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce said here last night.

The United States would have a complete air transportation system within a year if the government provided lighted airways, landing fields and aviation regulations, Hoover declared.

"In effect this would be subsidizing aviation," he continued, "as it is done in Europe where the governments pay out large sums to the companies operating air lines. In return, the federal government would gain important military advantages. A skilled army of pilots would be available always in time of war and to some extent the commercial planes would be valuable. Most of all a subsidized airplane industry would create a manufacturing capacity which in time of war would be invaluable."

Hoover predicted that the trans-continental air mail system would be taken out of the hands of the postoffice department within a year and that the routes would be leased to private corporations.

"This already is being done with the feeder lines to the trans-continental routes," the secretary said, "and there are four very strong organizations backed by wealthy men, ready at any time to take over the contracts for the trans-continental mail system."

Never too Late to Learn
BERLIN—Austen Chamberlain is going to learn to speak German. He told a German correspondent so at Locarno.

They're Good, If Luck Isn't
MONTE CARLO—Reversible dresses, cloaks and hats are prominent in the new modes seen at the casino.

The Eminent Cordate Again
BERLIN—Busollina (Gannum), a Philadelphia soprano, received 34 curtain calls and was cheered at her Berlin debut.

Never too Young to Kill
NEW YORK—Given a bunch of keys to play with, a boy of five started a parked automobile and it crushed a baby to death in a perambulator.

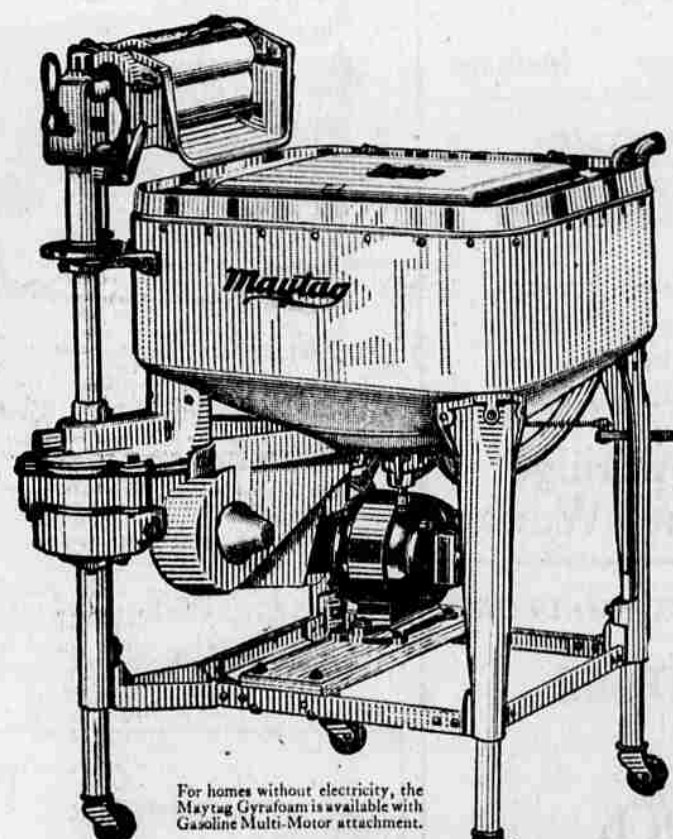
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