

A. J. WESTON MUST FACE GRAND JURY; MURDER CHARGED

Bend, Or., Oct. 6.—At the preliminary hearing on Tuesday of A. J. Weston of Sisters, charged with the murder of Robert H. Krug, near Sisters, on the night of March 24, 1919, Weston was bound over to the grand jury, which sits in November, without bail.

George Stillwell, a distiller employed at the Kalchuck Packing company, Portland, testified that Weston and himself were employed at Joseph Wilson's sawmill at the time of the alleged murder. He said Weston left him at the house about 6:30 o'clock and returned about 8:30 on the night in question. Next morning Stillwell remarked that he thought he could smell meat burning. Weston, he said, remarked that it must be Krug's cabin and that he would go over to see. Weston went over to Krug's cabin, according to Stillwell, and came back later and told him of finding the cabin burned.

He said that later in the day Weston confessed to him that he had gone over to Krug's cabin the night previous and demanded money from the aged man. Meeting with a refusal, he had tortured Krug in an effort to make him tell the hiding place. Stillwell said Weston told him he had choked Krug

to unconsciousness, put his body in the fireplace and fired the cabin.

FEAR SEALED LIPS

Stillwell also testified that Weston often brought up the subject of the fine and on one occasion had remarked to him, "It is a fine thing that Krug is out of the way, now I will get all this pine timber."

Stillwell said he did not tell of this at the inquest or later because he feared Weston, as Weston had warned him that if he told he "would get the same as Krug got." On cross-examination, Stillwell admitted that Weston, Wilson and himself had been making "moonshine" at the sawmill, and that on two occasions Krug had caught Weston in the act. The first time Krug had caught him, Weston said, he "was washing" and the second time Krug had asked Weston if he was "still washing." Stillwell said.

CHECK TURNED DOWN

Joseph Wilson, owner of the mill, testified he was away on the night of the alleged murder, returning the following morning. He said Weston told him that he "did away" with Krug because the aged man would not tell the hiding place of his money. Weston also said, according to Wilson, that Krug had offered him the \$15 in cash that he had and a check for \$500, but that he would not take the check—he wanted the money. Wilson testified Weston had told him that when he was torturing Krug, the latter had said to him, "If you are going to kill me, do it quick." When Weston took the stand in his own behalf and was asked if the statements made by the two witnesses for the prosecution were true, he replied, "They are in no sense of the word true. I never made such statements."

FOUR DEATHS DUE TO FIRE IN HOTEL

Halfway, Oct. 6.—Three men were burned to death, a fourth died from injuries and three persons were injured in a hotel fire at Robinette Monday night.

The dead are: Mark Houston of Robinette, R. Corneliuss, a motor car official of the Oregon Short Line railway company, and William Travis, division engineer of the O. S. L.; P. E. Pearson of Pocatello, Idaho, injured jumping and burned.

The injured are: Mrs. White of Cambridge, badly burned and hurt by jumping from a window; P. Brennan, roadmaster, hurt in ankle by jumping; Bert McGhee, proprietor of the hotel, badly burned above the waist.

Fire started about 10 o'clock at night. All inmates were sleeping upstairs. The fire was not seen until the building was ready to collapse. It was a two-story building without fire escapes.

A special train was rushed from Weiser, Idaho, carrying nurses and physicians.

The injured, except Mrs. White, were taken to Boise. Mrs. White was left at Weiser. The whole under part of the house had burned before the fire was seen and the floor of the second story had collapsed, carrying the three men to death. When Bert McGhee jumped from a window, he called to Mark Houston: "Come on, Mark." A voice replied, "I

am coming," but the man never reached the window.

The coroner came from Baker Tuesday afternoon and is holding an inquest. Robinette is a small town on the O. S. L. and has about 50 population.

Total Registration In Multnomah on Tuesday Is 110,640

Final totals of the registration in Multnomah county, made Tuesday afternoon by officials of the county clerk's office, show a total of 110,640 names on the November election roll.

These are segregated according to party as follows: Republican, 75,165; democratic, 27,175; miscellaneous, 5302.

Of the total, 65,616 are men and 45,024 women.

Jacksonville School Reopens Its Doors

Medford, Oct. 6.—Following the recent special school election held by the voters of Jacksonville, at which the question of discontinuing the practice of sending the high school pupils of the county west to the Medford high school and the establishing of the home high school was carried almost unanimously, the Jacksonville high school has been reopened with E. S. Stultz as principal. Two teachers will soon be added to the faculty. A four-year commercial course will be taught. Stultz succeeds G. W. Godward, former principal, who resigned.

Federal Court in Medford Opened; 7 Cases on Docket

Medford, Or., Oct. 6.—The first case called to trial when the United States court session for Southern Oregon convened here Tuesday was that of Louis Banotti of Klamath county, indicted on four counts for alleged violation of the internal revenue laws. The trial is expected to end Wednesday.

Six other cases are to be tried at this term in the following order: United States vs. Snyder, United States vs. Barney, United States vs. Copperfield, United States vs. Chip and Hoover, and United States vs. Brown.

Judge C. E. Wolverton is presiding and among the other court officials and attaches present from Portland are: U. S. Marshal George P. Alexander, Hall Lusk, assistant; United States attorney: Kenneth L. Frazer, deputy clerk; R. E. Lawrence, deputy marshal; Miss Fleming, secretary to Judge Wolverton, and Price Recob, special agent of the Indian service.

Man With His Throat Torn Rides 15 Miles

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 6.—Thrown from his skidding motorcycle onto a barbed wire fence, Alex Olesky, aged 30, following the accident, knotted a handkerchief around his throat, which was torn by the barbs, and rode his motorcycle 15 miles to the emergency hospital, where 26 stitches were needed to close the wound.

Pay for Materials Asked
Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 6.—A claim for

\$196.91 was filed Tuesday by the Bennett Hardware company against the Puget Sound Engineering company for supplies used in paving of the Pacific Highway at Salmon Creek. The road is being completed by the bonding company, on account of financial losses suffered by the construction company.

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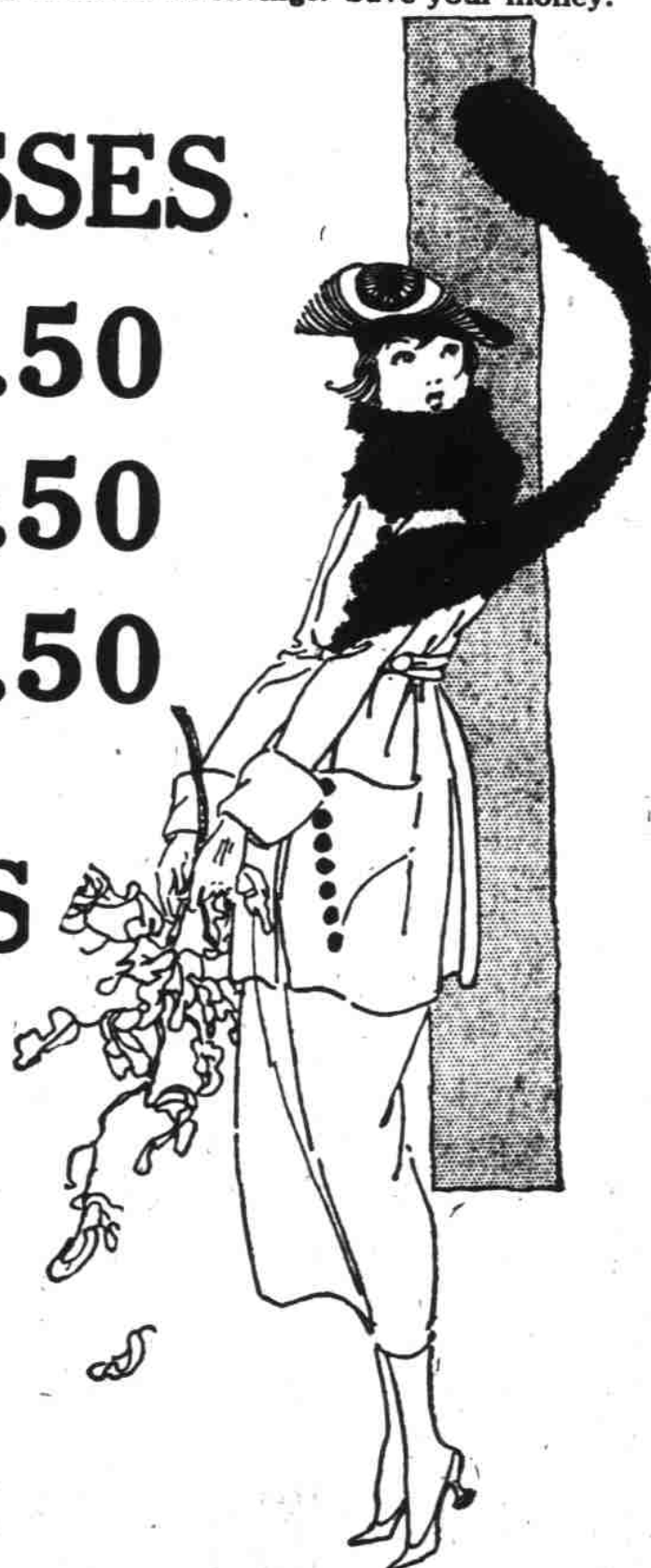
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