

ROBBERS SEIZE NEARLY \$1,000,000 IN BANK NOTES

AUTO BANDITS TAKE REGISTERED MAIL

RAID MADE QUIETLY

Clerks About To Transfer Sacks From Truck To Toledo Office, Yield When Guns Menace—Escape Made In Big Motor Car.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Eleven sacks of mail, believed to contain nearly a million dollars, were taken from three postal employes early today by five automobile bandits.
The mail-laden truck arrived at the postoffice and the two clerks stepped out to assist the driver transfer the mail, when a big automobile dashed up. Four bandits leaped out and covered the three workers with guns, forcing them to lie down. They transferred all the sacks to the auto and drove away at high speed.
Fifteen employes inside the postoffice were unaware of the robbery until the clerks who were held up rushed in and gave the alarm.
It is reported that several sacks of registered mail contained federal reserve bank notes.

SCAB INFECTION IS FOUND AT MITCHELL

Government Expert Starts From Bend On Long Trip To Superintend Dipping of 3,000 Sheep.

On the report that a band of 3000 sheep in the Mitchell country is infected with scab, Dr. R. A. Parsons, U. S. bureau of animal industry expert, left last night for Prineville on his way to Mitchell, where he will superintend the dipping of the entire band on Saturday. The condition of the roads will probably make it necessary for Dr. Mitchell to make the trip from Prineville on horseback.

BIG DROP NOTED IN WHOLESALE PRICES

Labor Department Announces Reductions Since Last May Average More Than One-Third.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The level of wholesale prices declined on an average of six and one-third per cent during January, the labor department announces, making a decline of 35 per cent since the peak of high prices in May.

ATTORNEYS ATTACK ESCH-CUMMINS ACT

Legal Advisors of 20 States Seek To Have Transportation Law Declared Unconstitutional.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The attorney generals of New York and 19 other states joined forces here today to have the Esch-Cummins transportation law declared unconstitutional by the United States supreme court.

LOWDEN DECLINES PLACE ON CABINET

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 17.—Ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois has definitely declined to accept a cabinet post. President-elect Harding said today.

WORKER UNHURT IN ELEVEN STORY FALL

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Distances mean nothing to Nathan Cohen, a structural ironworker. He plunged from the 16th floor of a Broadway building, landed on a canvas sheet hung at the fifth floor, adjusted his coat a bit and went back to work.

Schoolboy Finds Teachers' Bodies Left On Highway

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—Mabel Foot, 24, and Mrs. Louise Wolf, 38, high school teachers, were found shot and beaten to death on a road three miles from here. A boy, en route to school, discovered the bodies. The victims were last seen yesterday when they left school for their homes.

STATE BUILDING WORK APPROVED

SENATE VOTES TO DIVERT QUARTER MILL ROAD TAX FOR TWO YEARS TO STATE INSTITUTIONS.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SALEM, Feb. 17.—Diversion of the quarter mill road tax for a period of two years for the construction of buildings for state institutions was approved today by the senate, which passed a bill providing for work aggregating \$525,000.
The house passed the bill giving district attorneys special funds for the prosecution of violations of the prohibition laws.
The resolution looking toward hydro-electric development in Oregon was indefinitely postponed by the senate.

BETTER SUPPORT IS NEEDED BY Y. M. C. A.

Lack of Stronger Cooperation May Mean Withdrawal From Local Field Intimates C. A. Kells.

Either the Y. M. C. A. must receive better cooperation in Bend, or it will feel compelled to withdraw from management of the Bend Amateur Athletic club building, it was strongly intimated here yesterday by C. A. Kells, field secretary for the industrial Y. M. C. A. in the northwest. Mr. Kells is spending a few days in Bend looking over the local situation.
He declared that the association "must secure better support" than has been given during the past year if its managerial work here is to continue. He had not been able to ascertain whether or not the needed support would be available. The welfare of the community is the chief object of the association, he emphasized.

PIGEONS TO SOLVE PROBLEM IN IDAHO

Deschutes National Forest Man Believes Birds Will Succeed Where The Wireless Has Failed.

Telephone communication is impossible and wireless telegraphy has proved to be a failure in the mountainous country of the Thunder Mountain ranger district of the Idaho National forest, and as a result carrier pigeons will probably be used. W. J. Sproat of the Deschutes National forest, who introduced the carrier pigeon in forest work in Oregon, has written in response to an inquiry from Idaho, stating his belief that properly trained birds will solve communication problems in the Thunder Mountain district.

MASTER MASON WORK IS TAKEN BY FIVE

Special Session of Bend Lodge Lasts Over Nine Hours—Banquet Follows Ceremonies.

The Master Mason degree was conferred upon Claude Smith, A. B. Gillson, A. O. Schilling, B. R. Manning and H. S. Fassett by Bend lodge No. 139, A. F. & A. M., at a special convocation lasting from 10 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:30 o'clock last night at Masonic hall.
After the degree work had been completed an elaborate banquet was served during which an address on Masonry was made by Dr. Cox of Wenatchee, formerly a captain in the American expeditionary forces.

EXCEPTIONS IN WESTON APPEAL BEFORE COURT

98 ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR MADE

TRANSCRIPT LENGTHY

Claim of Lack of Proof of Commission of Crime Considered Important In Legal Battle To Free Murderer of Krug.

Definitely beginning the legal battle to free A. J. Weston, now serving a life term in the penitentiary for the murder of Robert H. Krug, hermit rancher of Sisters, E. O. Stadter, who is associated with N. G. Wallace of Prineville and Allan R. Joy of Portland in putting through an appeal, yesterday filed a bill of exceptions and transcript of the case with County Clerk J. H. Haner.

The exceptions cover 103 typewritten pages and the transcript 570 pages. After checking over the first document, Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy will send it to Salem to be filed with the supreme court. This he expects to do before the end of the week, although the task involved will mean fully a day's work.

Assignments of error which the defense lists number 98, and relate chiefly to the admission of evidence. One of the main points on which the appeal is considered to rest is the contention of Weston's attorneys that the fact of a crime having been committed was not proved.

Confession Rumor Denied.

Weston was convicted at the last November term of court at the end of the most sensational trial ever held in Deschutes county. State's evidence was to the effect that Weston murdered Krug after vainly torturing the aged man in an effort to obtain money, and had then burned the body of his victim in the fire.

The defense flatly denied the allegations of the complaint and rested chiefly on the establishment of an alibi.

Throughout the trial Weston maintained his innocence. Recently a report was current that he had made a full confession, but inquiries made of county and penitentiary authorities indicated that the rumor was without basis.

FUNDS FOR DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT ASKED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The appropriations committee today recommended to the senate an appropriation of \$1,450,000 for prohibition enforcement until July 1. This is \$450,000 more than the house allowed in the same bill.

PUPIL COST FOR YEAR IN BEND AVERAGES \$97, REPORT STATES

That the average cost of instruction per pupil in the Bend schools for the present year will amount to \$97 was declared by City Superintendent S. W. Moore in his report to the directors of district No. 1 at their regular meeting last night. Mr. Moore based his estimates on the figures for the first half of the year and compared them with the preceding year, when the average cost per pupil was \$74.
His report showed an average of 138 more pupils in attendance than last year, increasing the general cost in round numbers by \$13,000. The increased cost on the number attending last year comes to \$22,000, making a total advance in expenses of \$35,000, exclusive of building improvement and debt.

The semi-annual statistical report gives a total enrollment of 1422, an attendance of 96 per cent, retardation amounting to 28 per cent, and total failures of nine per cent. Prevalence of measles among the children of Bend has resulted in a considerable falling off in attendance during

War With Japan Menaces America House Is Warned

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Ultimately there will be a war with Japan, unless cool heads, instead of demagogues and drunkards control that country, Representative Miller of Washington warned today in the house, urging fortifications for Puget sound and the Pacific coast.

WOULD DIVERT YELLOW FLOOD

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND SUGGESTS TURNING TIDE OF IMMIGRATION INTO NORTHWESTERN SIBERIA AND RUSSIA.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—A scheme for diverting Japanese immigration from the Pacific coast to northwestern Siberia and Russia, thus ending the Japanese problem in the United States, was suggested to the house foreign affairs committee today by John Hays Hammond. He has been mentioned for secretary of commerce in the Harding cabinet, is a world-famous engineer and an authority on Russian affairs.

MOONSHINERS' CORN SOLD FOR CHARITY

Corn intended for the manufacture of liquor, seized by state and county officers in the course of the last three weeks, was sold yesterday by Sheriff S. E. Roberts and the purchased price of \$5.40 will be turned over to the Red Cross.

FINE LEVIED FOR FOREST TRESPASS

Word was received at headquarters of the Deschutes National forest this morning that Archie Warner of Silver Lake has paid a fine of \$218.30 to the district office for allowing his sheep to graze on government range without a permit during last summer.

NEW CLAIM MADE FOR EARLY 1921 CHICKENS

Claims of Mrs. J. W. Hunter of Greenwood that 15 Rhode Island chicks, which broke through their shells on February 15, are the first of the season, brought forth a report of an earlier hatching today. Mrs. Frank M. Davis has 18 11-day-old baby chickens, she phoned The Bulletin. The earlier arrivals are Barred Rocks, of the O. A. C. strain.

KRAMER URGES WOMEN TO AID AGAINST BOOZE

BACKING OF PUBLIC IS NEEDED, HE SAYS

BOOTLEGGERS WARNED

No Leniency Will Be shown Because of Sex, Declares Prohibition Commissioner—Spirit of Bravado Is Behind Law Violation.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Federal Prohibition Commissioner Kramer today appealed to American women to help enforce the Volstead act.

"The women of the United States can bring strong public sentiment behind the law for its strict enforcement," he said. "They are moral leaders of any community in a general way. Their influence, when asserted, is tremendous."

At the same time Kramer warned women bootleggers that they need expect no leniency if caught violating the law. His office is now working for conviction of some feminine whiskey runners, said to have operated with a boldness and deftness surpassing the efforts of their male associates.

"Undoubtedly there are many women who indulge in intoxicants in a spirit of bravado," the commissioner said. "The same spirit actuates men who are trying to evade the law by drinking all sorts of intoxicating beverages. It is up to the mothers and fathers of young girls to see that they obey the laws of the United States. The mothers especially should be able to help."

GARAGE MEN FIGHT GRAVITY GAS TEST

Telegrams Sent From Bend Urging Repeal of Law Which Is Blamed For Motor Fuel Shortage of 1920.

Telegrams were sent to Representative Overturf yesterday by the garage owners of this city, favoring the passage of house bill 169, the purpose of which is to repeal the specific gravity gasoline test law, in force in this state.

According to the various garage men, this was the real cause of the gasoline shortage of last summer, as the producing companies were selling their product in other states where the law was not in force, thereby diverting the supply which would have been received here.

E. L. Payne of the Deschutes garage station yesterday that he was in Washington, and also Canada, during the time the greatest shortage was felt here, and that he knew of a great many tourists who would have visited Oregon last year, but had turned back upon hearing of the conditions in regard to the gasoline supply.

He said he had been able to secure plenty of gas in both Washington and Canada at that time and he feels sure that there will be no shortage felt here this year if the gravity test law is repealed.

MAY DOUBLE DECK CHICAGO STREETS

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Chicago will have elevated or double-decked sidewalks to relieve congestion in the loop district, if the proposal of George F. Cole, engineer, is favorably acted upon by the city council. The plan is identical to one presented to the council in 1894. Cole proposed that the upper landing would be reached by means of moving or stationary stairways.

TWO CARD PLAYERS KILLED BY BANDITS

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 17.—Bandits, holding up a card game at the Lennox hotel here, killed George Goodrich, Atlanta engineer, and Walter Burden, wealthy retired business man.

SOLDIER BONUS AND LOAN BILL PASSES SENATE

MUST NOW GO BEFORE VOTERS

JAP ISSUE DIVIDES

House Passes Alien Land Ownership Bill By Small Margin—Movie Censorship Killed, And Deer Season Undergoes Change

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SALEM, Feb. 17.—The soldiers' bonus and loan law passed the senate late yesterday. The house had previously adopted it and the final acceptance is now up to a vote of the people.

SALEM, Feb. 17.—House bill 102 was passed in the house by a vote of 34 to 25, after a debate which occupied two hours.

This bill is to bar aliens from Asia from ownership of property in Oregon. The bill is patterned after the California alien act which was recently enacted in that state, and is aimed to prevent the encroachments of Japanese companies, associations and corporations in colonizing Oregon by acquiring and leasing land.

Leonard of Multnomah, one of the authors of the bill, opened the debate with a vigorous and scathing criticism of Japanese methods and motives. He pictured the Japanese as "the Prussians of the Orient" and declared their purpose was the eventual conquest of the Pacific coast through peaceful penetration. He told of the hordes of Japanese in California and their methods there, also in the Hawaiian islands. He declared the question one of patriotism and charged the Portland Chamber of Commerce with opposing the measure from a commercialistic standpoint.

Seek to Dodge Issue.

Kay of Marion said that the state should keep out of the question, as President-elect Harding was pledged to act, and that passage of the bill would be a slap against Senators McNary and Lodge. He read a telegram from Secretary Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in which he protested that the act would embarrass the government, and that the passage of the measure would make trouble.

Gordon of Multnomah declared that the matter should be left to Washington.

Carter of Jackson said that the only mistake California had made was in not acting in the matter sooner. He said the Japanese are a menace to the country and that Oregon should stand by California in the effort to preserve the state. He said further that it was the action of California that finally stirred the national government to take action.

Davey of Marion said he knew that the Japanese depreciated land values, could not be assimilated, and that Americans could not compete with them, but that the state should not involve the nation in trouble, and that it was a national and not a state problem. Burdick opposed the bill because he believed in the sanctity of treaties and held the new administration pledged to action.

Movie Bill Slaughtered.

The house bill of Childs and Fletcher, providing for a state board of censors for moving pictures, was killed soon after the opening of the session in the morning. In like manner and by unanimous vote were bills 138 and 140 killed in the house. The first proposed to make it unlawful to exhibit certain classes of plays or pictures without, for 24 hours in advance, posting conspicuous notices in front of the play houses as to the character of the plays or pictures to be given, and prohibiting girls under 16 and boys under 18 from attending such performances. The second bill was meant to make it unlawful for operators of places of amusement to sell tickets without providing room for each ticket holder.

Senator Strayer attempted to reduce the yearly license fee from \$3 to \$2 when the game code came up for consideration, but in this he was unsuccessful and the game code was passed by the senate. The change in the deer season was effected through