

# THE BEND BULLETIN.

## GRAND JURY WILL PROBE CHARGE OF KRUG MURDER PLACED AGAINST WESTON

### DEFENDANT HELD AT HEARING ASSERTS INNOCENCE

Grievous Story of Alleged Crime Told By George Stillwell and Joe Wilson—Prisoner's Wife Laughs When Testimony Is Given.

A. J. Weston was held to the grand jury without bail Tuesday afternoon on the charge of murdering Robert H. Krug, wealthy hermit rancher of Sisters, following the story of the alleged murder as told in justice court here by Joe Wilson, Sisters saw-mill man, and George Stillwell, formerly an employe of Wilson's, now of Portland. Weston was called to the stand for but one question from his attorney, a query as to whether or not the statements which he was quoted as having made were true. "They are in no sense of the word true," he asserted. "I never made such statements at any time."

R. S. Hamilton and H. H. De Armond conducted the examination for the state and Allen Joy of Portland and E. O. Stadler of Bend appeared for the defendant. A. J. Moore, district attorney, son-in-law of Weston, was not present, and neither did his wife appear in court. Judge J. A. Eastes presided at the hearing.

**Crowd Jams Courtroom**  
Because of the sensational nature of the case, residents from all parts of the county were in Bend to attend the hearing and the courtroom was packed to the limit, with crowds jammed in the doorways and in the hall, straining their ears to hear every word of the testimony.

The defendant smiled almost continuously during the hearing, directing his gaze, for the most part, at the witness on the stand at the time and appearing cool and confident when he himself had been sworn to tell the truth. "Yes, indeed," he responded cheerfully to the customary query as to his intention of telling "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." At the close of the hearing he conferred earnestly in a whisper with William Combs, who was sitting near him in the courtroom. Combs is Mrs. Weston's former husband.

**Smelled Burning Flesh.**  
Stillwell testified that Weston had left the Wilson mill bunkhouse, where the two were staying, at 6:30 o'clock on the evening of March 24, 1919, when the murder is alleged to have taken place, and that he re-

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### MICKIE SAYS:



### Foreign War Vets Get Charter to Form Post Here

Another military organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is to make its appearance in Bend, a charter for a local post having been received by Fire Chief Tom Carlson and turned over to Sergeant C. J. Lambert, marine recruiting officer, to secure the signatures of those eligible for membership. The organization is open to all men who have seen active service outside the territorial limits of the United States. The charter is now in Sergeant Lambert's office in the O'Donnell building.

### CLUB TO SEEK HIGHER PLANE

DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED TO CLOSE AGREEMENT AT CONFERENCE WITH AMERICAN CITY BUREAU MAN.

Directors of the Bend Commercial club met yesterday afternoon at the Pilot Butte Inn with Colonel C. A. Simmons of the American City bureau, authorized by the club at its noon luncheon today to conclude an agreement with Colonel Simmons having as its aim the bringing of the club to a higher plane of efficiency and civic service. Colonel Simmons was the chief speaker at the club meeting.

Complimenting Bend on its pioneer progressive spirit, the civic expert declared that this intangible spirit is the greatest of the city's assets. "The prime function of a commercial club is to create spirit and to make the people think," he declared. "This includes the spirit of enterprise, the spirit of giving and the habit of honoring the individual who has performed a public service."

Adoption of a general program of work, the obtaining of results from special committees, a method of democratic elections, admitting women to membership, voluntary effort given logically, careful research work by committees, and fostering the spirit of good will make the club that believes in these principles successful, he asserted, basing his belief on the experiences of many other cities and towns which have been aided by the American City bureau. As a tangible example of what can be lost to a town, he pointed out that every boy or girl who passes through the city schools and does not remain a resident of Bend means a net retail loss of \$1500 annually.

S. J. Reed, superintendent of evaluation.

### BEND-PRINEVILLE GAME IS FRIDAY

The Central Oregon football season will open Friday in Prineville when, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Coach Moore's eleven will line up against the Prineville high school players. Friday is Bend day at the Crook County fair and a large number of local fans are expected to be in attendance at the game.

### SEPTEMBER BOUNTIES REACH TOTAL OF \$529

A total of \$529 was paid by Deschutes county in bounties on wild animals last month, it was stated at the office of the county clerk. On 133 coyotes, \$525 was paid, and on two bob cats, \$4.

### HAY OUTPUT IS BEST IN YEARS

FODDER PLENTIFUL AT \$20 A TON

Market May Weaken, Believes Local Buyer, In View of Heavy Crop, Increased Acreage, and Large Sales of Livestock

With the Deschutes county hay crop practically all in, and baling well under way, alfalfa and timothy are bringing \$20 a ton at the tracks and loose hay is selling a \$18 a ton, delivered. The price is from \$5 to \$6 less than that current at this time last year, and the cause of the drop, according to local buyers, lies in the fact that sheepmen, with the weak market for wool, are no longer endeavoring to corner a large supply for winter use. This is coupled with the larger Central Oregon acreage in alfalfa and the better yield here and in the Northwest in general.

Anton Aune, one of the heaviest buyers in this section, stated this week that he is not loading up heavily, purchasing only sufficient for his immediate needs, as he is of the opinion, especially since the recent decline in other commodities started, that hay may be due for a further drop. Last year he handled 2000 tons, chiefly baled.

Hay, particularly alfalfa, is more plentiful this year in Central Oregon than for many years, Mr. Aune stated. One of the big reasons for the lowering noted from last year's prices, he says, is to be found in the large sales of stock, eliminating the need for a large reserve of fodder.

### LOCAL BOXER FINDS KLAMATH LAD CLEVER

Billy Hoff of Klamath Falls, who will appear in the 10-round main event with Fred Gilbert of Bend in the smoker to be held here on October 11, is going to be one of the toughest opponents Gilbert has ever faced, according to Speck Woods, who is training with Hoff.

The Klamath Falls fighter is unusually fast, carries a hard punch in either hand, and is apparently immune to punishment, Speck says. Exerting himself to the utmost, Woods connected with Hoff's jaw a number of times in their workout yesterday afternoon, but Hoff merely laughed when a straight punch reached him. Incidentally, Speck's wallop is not to be sneezed at.

Gilbert is training with Chester Seaman, who is billed to fight Duffy Knorr of Terrebonne in the preliminaries.

### AUTO LICENSE FEE IS PAID TO COUNTY

Out of \$470,074.25 collected by the automobile registration department for licenses and drivers' fees during the six months' period ending September 15, Deschutes county's share is \$1490.24. The amount collected from this county was \$62302.

### ELECTION LAW IS EXPLAINED

LOCAL FILINGS NOT TO BE STOPPED

Statute Does Not Contemplate Enforcing 28 Day Limit on Bend, Is Belief of City Attorney—No Candidates Yet In Running.

Although the state law providing that all candidates for city offices shall have their names filed with the county clerk not less than 28 days before the election, Bend will adhere to the provisions of the ordinance passed at the last meeting of the city council fixing 15 days before the balloting as the last time for filing.

This was the opinion given yesterday by City Attorney C. S. Benson after perusing the section of the 1919 Oregon laws relating to city elections. The provisions are definite, but Mr. Benson has in his possession an opinion given on this same section last spring by Supreme Court Justice Brown, then attorney general of Oregon, which leaves much to the discretion of the individual municipality. "It cannot be presumed that the legislature attempted to deprive cities and towns of their local autonomy in reference to their officers and elections by chapter 283, if the legislature should be presumed to have such power," Mr. Brown wrote.

No Filings Made.

From this, Mr. Benson considers that the city of Bend has the right to permit filings up to within 15 days of the general election, which is also the municipal election, and to conduct its nominations and elections in any manner the administration may see fit, so long as the provisions of the state constitution are observed.

The question was brought up by the action of the Portland city attorney in advising yesterday that entries for the political race in Portland be closed because of the 28-day limit set by statute. His advice was followed by the Portland city auditor.

"It looks as if we are up against it," Mayor J. A. Eastes declared after reading the section of the statute in question. Then he asked for the opinion of Mr. Benson.

If the statute were literally followed here the city would have no elections and the present mayor and council would be compelled to hold over, as no filings have as yet been made.

### CATHOLIC BAZAAR OPENING TONIGHT

Three evenings of fun are promised the people of Bend at the Catholic bazaar which opens tonight at the Hippodrome. Carnival features will predominate and various drawing contests will add to the entertainment planned by the committee in charge. Shows, a country store, novelty counters and games of chance—the last under the direction of Hugh O'Kane—will be among the attractions.

Wilson George's jazz orchestra will furnish the music for jitney dancing, which will be enjoyed every evening.

### WILL CREDIT COUNTY WORK

TO BE COUNTED ON COOPERATION PLAN, HIGHWAY COMMISSION WIVES—GRADING TO BEGIN AT CLINE FALLS.

Although the state highway commission is not now in a position to cooperate with Deschutes county in the matter of constructing the Redmond-Sisters or the Tumalo-Sisters highways, a telegram has been received from Salem in response to a wire inquiry sent by the county court, to the effect that the commission is willing that county work shall be taken as cooperation.

As the county's money is now available, the county tractor and graders, which have been used within the city limits on Newport avenue, were started yesterday for Cline falls, where the work will be started on the Redmond-Sisters road. The fact that there are no right of way claims to be taken care of for some distance is responsible for this point being chosen for the beginning of road building.

### TAX SHORTAGE TOTALS \$70,821

Deschutes county is \$70,821 short on tax collections, as nearly as it could be determined in the office of Sheriff S. E. Roberts yesterday. The books closed to payments at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Chief Deputy August Anderson computed that \$319,596 had been paid in, while the total 1919 levy was \$390,417.

Although taxes remaining unpaid are considerably greater than the amount delinquent last year—\$51,000—the proportionate deficit is virtually the same, as the levy for collection in 1919 was \$291,421. In each case the money remaining to be paid is slightly in excess of 17 per cent of the entire levy.

### PLAN LYCEUM COURSE FOR MILL EMPLOYEES

The first of a series of lyceum attractions, to be put on at the gymnasium at intervals of about three weeks, is set for October 15, the date of the arrival of the Temple choir, it was announced today by Frank Anderson, heading a committee of Shelvin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon employes, which has arranged with the Ellison-White company for the lyceum series.

The chief object, Mr. Anderson explains, is to put such attractions within the reach of all mill employes, and because of this, the series tickets are aimed merely to cover actual costs. Already some 700 have been disposed of, and it is expected that another 100 will be added to this number.

Concerts by the Shelvin-Hixon band will be given in connection with each number during the season.

### BUYERS TAKE BIG SHIPMENT OF LIVESTOCK

LAMBS TO REPLENISH DEPLETED RANGES

95,000 ARE PURCHASED

More Than Half Being Sent Out from Bend, O. T. Man Reports—Movement To Lower Ranges In Addition, Makes Record Year

To replenish the ranges of Montana and Idaho, where many thousands of sheep were lost last winter, buyers have been active in Central Oregon within the last few days, and in the neighborhood of 95,000 lambs have been purchased and are being shipped out as rapidly as possible. Of these, 50,000 in round numbers, are being sent out of Bend, representing the work of buyers in Deschutes, Lane, Lake and Klamath counties, the remainder, purchased in Grant, Gilliam and Crook counties, being loaded from Prineville, reports J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Oregon Trunk. Mr. Hardy is now in Bend, supervising the work of loading the shipment of sheep on his line from this point. Buyers are paying to \$10 a hundred for lambs, he states, making a total expenditure of \$550,000, and the movement of young stock, as well as the total shipment, will be a record one for Central Oregon. The average price paid will run under \$8 a hundred.

Up to Tuesday, 7 trainloads, representing 175 cars, or about 80,000 head of sheep, have been sent from Bend, and some 65,000 remain to be billed out, making, with the lambs gathered at Prineville, an exodus of 195,000 wool bearers. Ewes loaded here are, for the most part, stock from the Antelope, Shaniko and Maupin ranges, which have spent the summer on the upper ranges, and are now being returned for winter pasture.

Loading is being rushed on the lines out of Bend, as it is necessary to complete shipping by October 20.

### TIMBER LAND VALUE LARGE

CONSTITUTES BIGGEST SINGLE ITEM ON EQUALIZED REPORT FOR COUNTY—FEW CHANGES REQUESTED.

If the valuation placed on public service corporations is equaled this fall in the report of the state tax commission, the total assessment roll this year will amount to \$8,767,162, it is stated in the summary of the roll for 1920, as finally issued by the county board of equalization. Lacking public utilities, the total is \$8,222,055.

According to this report, the 683,363 acres of land in the county are valued at \$5,234,175, the greatest single item in the entire list of lands, or any other class of property, being timber lands. Under this head the acreage is 272,747, and the valuation is \$2,727,470. Tillable lands, 153,808 acres of them, have a valuation of \$1,468,210.

County Assessor Mullarky, a member of the equalization board, stated that few changes from the original report were asked during the board's 30-day session, the present report, except for differences in form, being substantially the same as that given out from his office several weeks ago.

**BE A BOOSTER**  
Boost and the world boosts with you, Knock and you're on the shelf, For the booster gets sick of the man who kicks  
And wishes he'd kick himself, Boost when the sun is shining, Boost when it starts to rain, If you happen to fall, don't lie there and bawl, But get up and boost again.  
—Exchange.



American and European athletes broke world records in the Olympic games in Belgium and it is a certainty that they will be given full credit when the yearly sport review is made. But above all that stands the performance of three great leaders—super-champions of the ages. Babe Ruth has set a mark in baseball—50 home runs for a season—almost twice the number of any other previous performance. Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, who had won the title of "greatest ever" by his 30 knockouts of opponents in his last 23 starts. And Man-O-War, the horse of the century, running the mile and three-eighths in 2:14 1-8, clipping 4 2-8 seconds off the world record, is proclaimed by all the fastest horseflesh the world has ever seen. Owner S. D. Riddle of Philadelphia refused \$250,000 for the horse.