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**WOMAN HOPEFUL  
AS SHE LEAVES  
TO FACE PROBE**

**Greer's Killer Happy Over  
Reunion With Husband**

**SLAVE WARRANT HELD**

Federal Charge Had Been Preferred Against Greer on Basis of Note Fragment, Learned—Children Deserted by Greer

Smilingly confident, entirely recovered from the nervous collapse following her confession to Sheriff S. E. Roberts Saturday, Mrs. I. A. Nichols, who Saturday morning shot Robert Greer to death at the Summit stage station, left the Mountain View hospital at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning to start the long auto trip to Crescent, where the inquest was held in the afternoon. Mrs. Nichols was in the custody of Sheriff Roberts.

**Happy in Reunion**

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Nichols had any statement to make as they left the hospital to enter the sheriff's car. Both were unfeignedly happy in each other's company after their six weeks enforced separation. Nichols expressed his hope for a successful outcome of the case. "She certainly has it coming," he declared.

Nichols had been spending the day with their five year old daughter in Seattle on the occasion of her fifth birthday when news of the shooting reached him, the first intimation of his wife's whereabouts he had been able to gain since her departure with Greer, despite all efforts of department of justice and Pinkerton men. A shadow crossed his wife's face as he mentioned the child, but lifted as he directed the conversation into other channels.

Checking statements made by Nichols, Sheriff Roberts received a letter Monday from United States department of justice officers in Seattle stating that before Greer's death a federal warrant had been issued charging him with white slavery, specifying that he had abducted Mrs. Nichols from one state to another at the point of a pistol. Nichols had told the sheriff that a crumpled fragment of a note found in the stove at his Ellensburg home just after his wife's departure with Greer stated that she was leaving, not of her own free will, but at the point of a gun.

**Held Prisoner, Stated**

That Mrs. Nichols was coerced into accompanying Greer from Ellensburg, that she was held a virtual prisoner at the lonely cabin in the north end of Klamath county formerly used as a stage station, and that her efforts to get into communication with her husband and five year old daughter brought on the quarrel which ended in Greer's death, will be features of the defense, W. F. Myers, attorney for Mrs. Nichols, stated.

**Shot Through Temple**

All doubts as to the killing of Greer at the lonely Summit stage station, confessed to here Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Mabel Nichols, were set at rest late the same night when Deputy Sheriff Chet Hollinshead, sent out by Sheriff S. E. Roberts, returned to La Pine from the scene of the shooting and reported by telephone that he had found Greer lying dead in the cabin. In her voluntary admissions to the sheriff Saturday, Mrs. Nichols believed that she had killed Greer, but said that she could not be certain. She had shot him after he had threatened to bring her to Bend and force her to lead an immoral life, she said, adding that Greer had been drinking heavily and that she herself had had a few drinks.

Hollinshead found the body lying on the bed in the cabin, a bullet hole in the right temple. About the wound were bad powder burns. A shell, ejected from the automatic pistol used by Mrs. Greer, was also on the bed. The posture of the dead man indicated that there had been no struggle, Hollinshead said. Mrs. Nichols had locked the door when she left immediately after the shooting to drive to Bend and give herself up, but Henry G. Middleholtz, who had also been making his home at the place, had arrived at the stage

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**Auto Camp Ground Is  
Still in Use; House  
on Wheels to Go Soon**

Even though snow covers the ground and water pipes are frozen, Bend's auto tourist park still has one tenant family. This will be the last week during which the camp ground will be used this year, however, for this family has at last found a house. It is that of P. J. Fulmer, who came here several weeks ago from Muskegon, Mich. They live in a comfortable closed in house mounted on an auto truck body. So far as cold weather is concerned, they could spend the winter in the movable dwelling; but realizing that that would be confining to the children, Fulmer has been seeking a house, and has at last found one.

**MANY RESPOND  
TO SUBPOENAS**

**More Than Fifty From  
Bend Leave for Portland  
at Grand Jury Call**

Bend was depopulated to the extent of at least 50 persons during the past week end as a result of an exodus of more than that number to Portland, called by federal grand jury subpoenas which are understood to have resulted from an intention to investigate the administration of the ex-service men's loan bonus in Deschutes county.

Some of those subpoenaed drove to Portland, and some left Saturday night and Sunday morning; but there were enough going Sunday night to fill an extra Pullman car. Among those leaving on this train were H. H. De Armond, Ross Farnham, L. D. Poole, E. R. Setts, A. G. Powell, A. J. Goggans, Charles Carroll, Charles Haines, J. Ryan, C. S. Hudson, Fred N. Wallace of Tumalo, B. L. Riedel, Robert Casebeer, Ed Casebeer, John A. Knight, William Lane, E. J. Daugherty, E. L. Vinal and Frank Gasbar. Cassie Flynn and W. O. Belmont left on Saturday night, and also H. J. Overturf, one of the former appraisers whose work is being investigated.

**WITNESS LIST  
IS AUGMENTED**

More witnesses are being called by the federal grand jury, in session in Portland, in its investigation of the workings of the soldier bonus in Deschutes county. Deputy U. S. Marshal Ralph Wells was in Deschutes county Tuesday, serving subpoenas on 11 in Bend and La Pine, it is understood. Ray Golden and I. F. Orrell were served for the second time, and Stanley Smith, who could not be seen on Wells' first visit to Bend last week, was subpoenaed. Names of other witnesses called have not been learned.

**PORTLAND, Dec. 7.**

With investigation of the alleged soldiers' bonus frauds as the main case on the docket, the federal grand jury sworn in Monday afternoon by Federal Judge Wolverton has begun its task. Abe Meier has been selected foreman of the new grand jury. Presentation of the evidence in the case, which is brought before the government from the angle of the use of the mails, is being made before the grand jury by Assistant United States District Attorney Thomas Maguire.

Although the incident of bringing half a hundred witnesses down from Bend, in whose number were included some of the leading business men of that city, has made the investigation the center of interest at present, the government officials are using every effort to maintain secrecy as to the progress of the further investigation of the matter.

**BOY GETS 6 MONTHS  
FOR TAKING WATCH**

Jack Mesarvey, 19 years old, arrested Sunday, pleaded guilty in justice court Tuesday afternoon to the charge of stealing a gold watch from the home of Arthur Prien on Columbia avenue. He was given a six months' jail sentence by Justice of the Peace E. D. Gilson.

**BEND'S MILLAGE  
98.7 FOR COMING  
YEAR, ESTIMATE**

**Slight Increase Is Seen Over  
Present Tax**

**COUNTY RATE LEAST**

\$232,020 Estimated Required for County Administration and Share of State Tax—Redmond Runs Close to Bend With 91.5

Bend's millage as represented by the taxes to be paid in 1923 on an assessed valuation of \$2,207,570 will be 98.7, it is estimated by Assessor August Anderson. The estimate is based on county, city, and school district budgets, with an approximation of what may be expected as the county's share of the state tax, which has not yet been reported. The estimated millage is a slight increase over that in effect this year, 93.59, despite the fact that the county ratio of assessed valuation to actual value has been advanced from 54 to 55 by the state tax commission.

Millage for county and estimated state tax for the coming year is 26.4 as against 26.19 this year, the new city tax is 35.2, one-tenth of a mill higher than this year, and the tax for school district 1 will be 37.1 as against 32.3. The city valuation is \$2,207,570, that of the district \$3,975,350, and that of the entire county \$9,362,285.

**City of Redmond 36.8**

The county general levy, including the estimated state tax is \$232,020, the city levy is \$77,790, and the school district No. 1 levy is \$147,519.

Redmond will run Bend a close second for millage honors, according to the assessor's figures. The city of Redmond has a levy which will call for a millage of 36.8, school district No. 2 will add 17.8, the union school district 10.5, and the estimated county general levy millage of 26.4 brings the total to 91.5.

**HUNGRY MAN FAINTS  
ON DAY OF PLENTY**

Former Central Oregon Cowpuncher Collapses on Doorstep of Portland Family

PORTLAND, Dec. 2. — George Beers, 20 years old, penniless cowpuncher of near Bend, Oregon, fainted from hunger and exposure on the doorstep of the home of Mrs. M. T. McDonough, 325 Grand avenue North, Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. McDonough found Beers a short time later and he was sent to the emergency hospital.

Until a few days ago Beers was employed on a cattle ranch near Bend. Money was scarce. Beers took horses in payment for his work, was unable to sell them and finally lost his job because his employer was forced to cut down expenses. Walking most of the way he reached Portland early Thursday. It had been 24 hours since he had tasted food.

**DEPUTY STATE FIRE  
MARSHALS ON VISIT**

On an inspection trip which included visits to all Central Oregon towns, Deputy State Fire Marshals George Stokes and Horace Sykes were in Bend Tuesday, leaving during the day for Shaniko.

**NORMAL SCHOOL  
SECTION'S NEED  
SAYS THOMPSON**

**High School Should Offer  
Course, He Tells Club**

**EDUCATION DISCUSSED**

Local Needs Outlined—Gymnasium Essential, Says Cossman—Home Economics Work Outlined—Cooperation Emphasized

Possibility of a normal school being located in Central Oregon within the next few years was pointed out by County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson during the educational program at the Bend Commercial club Wednesday noon. Because of the recent law enacted in Oregon which after 1925 will require all teachers to have two years' work above the high school, rural schools will be at a handicap in securing teachers, said Thompson. To overcome the handicap in this section, the local high school, or some high school in the county, should start now to plan the addition of two years' work in education, admitting only students with the ability to become successful teachers. The organization of such a graduate school would aid in bringing a normal school here when, probably in the near future, a second normal becomes necessary in Oregon, Thompson said.

General as well as local problems in education were discussed at today's meeting, presided over by City Superintendent G. W. Ager, the meeting being planned in connection with national education week. The need and benefits of cooperation between school and parents were outlined by Miss Harriett P. Umbaugh, English teacher at the Bend high school.

**Cooperation Need Shown**

"You have \$300,000 invested in school property, and expend \$1,000 a day in operating this business," said Miss Umbaugh. Realizing this, more citizens should take time to look in and see how the machinery is running, she declared, particularly if there is any misunderstanding. Schools are imperfect as are other institutions; but too much destructive criticism is deadly to efficiency, she said. The schools exist for the children; but if they are to get the most out of them, regularity of attendance and punctuality must be taught in the home.

An outline of the work of the home economics department was given by Miss Lois Davis. Housekeeping is not a matter of intuition, but of knowledge, she declared. Home economics work in the schools increases the pupil's feeling of responsibility. The courses given here emphasize the importance of nourishment rather than of quantity and variety of foods. Study of household management in a broad way is taken up. Forty-five high school students, and all of the girls in the seventh and eighth grades, are taking domestic science work, she said.

**Citizenship Contest On**

A citizenship contest is now on in the local high school between the classes, each striving for the greatest number of a possible 2,000 points to be given for citizenship under four classifications of activities; scholarship, extra curricular activities, athletics and civic development. It was announced by Principal Arthur S. Taylor. A cup has been offered by

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**WINTER SPORTS TO  
BE STARTED SUNDAY**

Ski Club to Meet at Lava Butte Course at 9:30 o'Clock—Many Plan to Participate

Revival of activity of the ski club, informally organized last winter, is scheduled for next Sunday when, unless weather changes are such as to make it impracticable, numerous local men and women who are interested in winter sports will take their ski to Lava butte, where a good course was located late last season.

Acting on the discovery made at that time that skiing is best in the forenoon, the trip to the butte will be made so as to arrive there at 9:30 o'clock. The course is easily found from The Dalles-California highway, being on the north side of the butte. Cars should turn to the west at the old Brooks-Scanlon camp location, going 200 yards after leaving the highway.

**RECEIPTS GAIN  
AT POSTOFFICE**

**Increase of One-third Over  
November, 1921, Noted  
in Report**

Receipts at the Bend postoffice for the past month showed an increase of approximately one-third over corresponding figures for November, 1921. Stamp sales in November of the present year were \$1,995, with total receipts \$2,037.50. This is compared with \$1,507.66 stamp sales in 1921 and \$1,547.20 as the total for the same period. Money orders in November, 1921, were issued to the amount of \$1,208, and in the month just passed reached a total of \$2,097.50.

Business is mounting rapidly at the postoffice, but the Christmas rush has not even begun to be felt, says S. C. Seeds, postmaster. In anticipation of a sudden increase within the next week, however, he is asking for early mailing of Christmas letters and parcels, not merely early in the month, but also early in the day, so as to avoid congestion at the closing hour.

**BOYS AHEAD IN  
SCHOOL CENSUS**

Boys of school age are numerically far ahead of the girls, it is shown in the school census completed Wednesday noon by Mrs. J. Alton Thompson with a new high total of 2,019. Of this number, 1,075 are boys and 944 girls.

The increase of 536 over the school census of last year indicates a total population of 8,000 in round numbers, and even at that the census figures are conservative, Mrs. Thompson says. Frequently she stopped at homes where a number of children could have been listed, only to find that the family had recently moved to Bend and that the children had been enumerated in some other part of the state.

The enumeration alone, states Mrs. Thompson, took slightly more than three weeks.

**SISTERS REPORTS  
ON RED CROSS FUND**

An addition to the Red Cross roll call total was made by the report of \$7.60 from Sisters. There are still a number of communities to report. A ladies' sewing club at Tumalo is planning to hold a silver tea for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.

**ROBERTS GETS TWO  
TURKEYS IN SHOOT**

Sheriff S. E. Roberts was the high marksman in last Thursday's turkey shoot at the Pilot Butte traps, winning two turkeys. Others winning one turkey each were V. A. Smith, W. E. Dieter and J. Bates.

**TEACHERS' EXAMS  
WILL START SOON**

Teachers' examinations, under the direction of County School Superintendent J. Alton Thompson, will be started Wednesday morning, December 20, in the circuit court rooms, continuing through Saturday of the same week, Thompson announces.

**RAPID BUILDING  
CONTINUES INTO  
WINTER MONTHS**

**36 Permits Taken Out During  
November**

**TOTAL COST \$20,535**

Seven to Cost Over \$1,000—Many Small Dwellings and Garages Started—Clary, Irwin, Bennett Plan Dwellings

With the housing situation still far from relieved, many buildings are being started in Bend in spite of the uncertainty of weather conditions during the next few weeks. Thirty-six permits were taken out during November, the buildings to cost a total of \$20,535.

Seven of the buildings are to cost over \$1,000. They include two apartment houses for N. E. Gilbert and N. R. Gilbert, on the corner of Lava road and Franklin avenue, one 24 by 38, to cost \$1,500, and the other 114 by 24, to cost \$5,000.

F. M. Clary is having a dwelling, 24 by 24 feet, five rooms, built on West Fifth street, to cost \$1,500. It is to have a concrete foundation. H. W. Gant is building for Louis Bennett a seven room dwelling, 33 by 46 feet, with a basement and rock foundation, on Drake road. Martin R. Irwin is putting up a \$1,000 five room frame house, 24 by 32 feet, on East Kearney. Hugh Tierney is building a frame dwelling at Fifth and Revere, 24 by 32, six rooms, with basement and stone foundation, to cost \$1,800. N. Brown and W. F. Halbert are building a five room dwelling, 24 by 26, to cost \$1,500, in Kenwood addition.

**Small Dwellings Numerous**

Dwellings costing less than \$1,000 are: Paul Berg, Awbrey heights, 12 by 18, two rooms, frame, \$250; J. W. Cook, Highland addition, 12 by 16, \$100; Raymond H. Stevens, Riverside addition, 30 by 18, two rooms, \$250; A. A. Sturdevant, Kingston avenue, 24 by 26, four rooms, \$500; Wilder Bryan, Hastings addition, 14 by 28, two rooms, frame, \$200; C. A. Conrad, 14 by 20, \$100; Wilbur Gardner, Wilestoria, 20 by 32, three rooms, frame, \$475; G. H. Slack, Hastings place, 18 by 24, three room frame, \$500; Frank Olson, Florida, 14 by 28, two room frame, \$100; John Steidl, Riverside addition, 16 by 22, two room frame, \$425; E. C. Fennell, Second and Kearney, 24 by 32, four room frame, \$300; Alex McLeod, Wilestoria, 16 by 26, two room frame, \$200; A. Shipley, Hastings place, 16 by 16, \$100; Carl V. Erickson, 342 Federal, addition 12 by 26, one room and porch, R. L. Allison, contractor, \$275.

**Many Build Garages**

The approach of winter has caused an unusual number to build garages. They include: Tom Triplett, Staats addition, 10 by 16, \$75; J. J. Scott, Newport, 12 by 18, \$100; R. M. Kelly, Newport, 12 by 18, \$100; J. T. Carter, Awbrey road, 16 by 24, \$100; W. D. Renfro, 542 Arizona, 8 by 12, \$20; A. G. Truham, River Terrace, 12 by 16, \$200; H. M. Swigert, 11th and Ogden, 12 by 24, \$100; Ed Anderson, Highland addition, 12 by 16, \$100; H. A. Pursley, Terminal addition, 14 by 20, \$100; H. J. Bookman, garage, 1124 Portland avenue, 10 by 20, \$75; S. C. Fleming, Staats and Florida, 12 by 20, two rooms, \$125; A. E. Pelker, Riverside, 18 by 24, \$200.

W. M. Dickerson, 14 East Revere, is building a stable and chicken house, 10 by 14 feet, costing \$40. Kate E. Rockwell is building a woodshed and porch at 1220 Hill, to cost \$50.

**SCENIC PAINTINGS  
HUNG AT DOWNING'S**

Several attractive oil paintings of scenes which include some of Central Oregon attractions, have been hung on the walls of Downing's cafe. They are the work of Art Lowden of Vancouver, Wash.

**WINTER FEEDING OF  
HENS IS DISCUSSED**

Instruction in the feeding of hens for winter egg production was given to a number of poultry raisers of the Tumalo section last week at the S. P. Foote ranch by A. E. Cosby, O. A. C. poultry expert.