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## GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

### John A. Pender Convicted After Sensational Trial Lasting 23 Days

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE

Last Saturday afternoon the jury in the case of the State vs. John A. Pender, on trial for murder, brought in a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree," after deliberating eighteen hours on the evidence that it had taken twenty-three days to produce. The attorneys for the state occupied about four hours in summing up the evidence and it took about eight and one-half hours for the attorneys for the defendant to present their arguments in behalf of their client. At times the argument became quite bitter, on both sides, directed at different witnesses and others connected with the case. It took Judge Eakin about forty minutes to deliver his instructions to the jury and those instructions were so fair and covered the law in the case so thoroughly that no exceptions were taken by counsel on either side. At 8:45 p. m. Friday evening the jury retired and from that

resulted in a unanimous vote for guilty, but no degree was specified. The first formal ballot taken resulted in seven for conviction in the first degree and five for conviction in the second degree. About twelve or thirteen ballots were taken with the result that a first degree verdict was finally agreed upon. Judge Eakin allowed the defendant's attorneys thirty days in which to apply for a new trial and in case that was not allowed to prepare a bill of exceptions with a view to appealing the case to the Supreme court.

The crime which John A. Pender has been convicted of was the most fiendish and horrible that has ever been committed in this county and ranks along with the famous Hill family murder a few years ago in Clackamas county. Frank Wehrman with his wife and baby purchased a twelve acre tract of land in what is called Apple Valley,

## FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER

### Stelzl Quartette Delight St. Helens Audience

Wednesday evening the first number of the Lyceum Course, under the direction of the St. Helens High School, was given at the City hall. The Stelzl Musical Quartette was the attraction and was greeted by a fair sized audience. The performers were all first-class, the violin playing of Prof. Stelzl being exceptionally fine. The next number will be the Wood Orchestral Trio, which will appear on Dec. 6th. On December 16th Mr. Ernest Randall, the celebrated cartoonist and chalk-talk artist, will entertain and this number promises to be one of the leading attractions on the list. On January 29th Harold Kramer, author and lecturer, will appear, and on the 24th of February the Floyds, great family of magicians, will wind up the course.

## Mrs. Ross Entertains.

Miss Lillian Tingle was the honor guest at an elaborate luncheon given by Mrs. Edwin Ross on Friday, Nov. 21. A large square table was laid for eighteen guests. The decorations were typical of the Thanksgiving season, the centerpiece being an immense pumpkin filled with autumn fruit and bordered by yellow candles, which furnished light for the dining room. The place cards, a unique conception of the hostess, were in the season's colors, decorated with yellow Indian corn. Those present to meet Miss Tingle were Mrs. Wilkerson, Miss Davis of the State Normal, Mrs. McCord of Clatskanie, Miss Lois Peray, Mrs. J. H. Collins, Mrs. M. E. Miller, Mrs. C. H. John, Miss Hammarstrom, Miss May Farnum, Mrs. Hatfield of Scappoose, Mrs. A. J. Peel, Mrs. J. W. Day, Mrs. L. G. Ross, Mrs. Holladay and Mrs. Washburn. Mrs. C. H. John and Mrs. W. B. Dillard poured coffee and Miss Hammarstrom and Mrs. Peel assisted the hostess in serving. Miss Lois Clear, Miss Dorothy John and Miss Iro Barker assisted in the dining room.

## William H. Dolman

William H. Dolman, for more than twenty years a merchant and postmaster of St. Helens, died at his residence, 606 Laurel street, Portland, yesterday morning after a lingering illness. Mr. Dolman was about 82 years old and was one of the pioneers of Columbia county. He conducted a store here for many years, selling out about 11 years ago to Collins & Gray. He formerly owned the property where is now situated the brick business block of H. Morgus & Son. He also owned a large tract of land at Bunker Hill in this county. In 1884 Mr. Dolman married Mrs. Nancy McBride Morse, who survives him. Funeral services will be held today, Friday, at 1 o'clock at Holman's Chapel in Portland. With a later service at the Portland Crematorium. Rev. W. A. M. Breck officiating.

St. Helens people who attended the Muckle-Fenton wedding at Portland Wednesday were: Chas. Muckle, Washington Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George, Mrs. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger, Mrs. J. W. Day, Misses Amy George, Beryl Muckle, Lois Clear, Leona and Nellie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Masten and Miss Bernice Masten.

## ARRESTED for ASSAULT

### Picture Show Man Given Chance to Leave Town or Stand Trial

W. L. Sharp, who has been conducting a moving picture theatre in St. Helens for several months, was arrested by Marshal Chittim last Saturday night on a complaint of a young girl 14 years old, who had been working for him selling tickets. Sharp was placed in jail until Monday, and upon his promise to leave here was released and the case against him continued. He left. This action was taken by the father of the girl, for the reason that Sharp has two young daughters of his own who are dependent upon him for support and that no harm was done to the girl here, so for the sake of the two daughters of the man he was allowed to go.

## Muckle-Fenton.

A wedding of interest to many St. Helens and Columbia county people was the beautiful church wedding of Miss Agnes Muckle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle, and Dr. Matthew Fenton, which was solemnized at St. David's church in Portland, last Wednesday evening, the Rev. Dr. Talbot officiating. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and white chrysanthemums. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, James Muckle, and joined the groom, who, with Frank Van Duyen, uncle of the bride, was waiting at the church rail. The bride was gowned in white satin, trimmed with real lace and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Amy George, as bridesmaid, wore white satin with yellow chiffon and carried yellow roses. Little Agnes Muckle, cousin of the bride, and Margaret Spencer, niece of the groom, were flower girls. The ushers were, Wilbur Muckle, Dr. Hicks Fenton, Mr. Lucas and Dr. Stattle.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fenton left on the late train for a honeymoon trip in southern California and will be at home after January 1st at 555 Ladd avenue, Portland.

## ST. HELENS 20 YEARS AGO

### ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE MIST OF DECEMBER 1, 1893

Several blockmakers packed their saratogas and left for California on Monday.

The plans for two or three good sized business buildings to be erected here, are being drawn up by local mechanics.

Jay Deming, of Independence, a well known typist and a former employe of THE MIST, is again at the case in this office.

The Columbia Banking company will erect a large store building on its property and fill it with a stock of general merchandise. C. H. Newell has the contract for the building.

Roy Johnson spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Clatskanie.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many kind neighbors and friends for assistance and sympathy rendered us in our recent bereavement. Also to express our appreciation to the Artisans and Grange for the beautiful floral offerings. James Gattens and family.

## PUBLIC DOCK WOULD COST \$4,000.00

### Figures Obtained from Expert on Cost of Building Docks

## MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS MONDAY NIGHT

A public dock for St. Helens has been discussed for St. Helens for several years and a mass meeting of the citizens has been called for next Monday night to talk the matter over. This week we have secured figures from an expert on dock building which show that a dock 200 feet long by 100 feet deep with a 40-foot approach from the street can be built at the foot of St. Helens street for less than \$4000. This includes all material, piling, drift bolts, sway braces, joists, decking, nails and all labor, in fact, all complete, and out such a distance as will give 24 feet depth of water in front of the dock. An additional \$1000 will easily build two warehouses on the dock. A dock that size could be di-

vided into 40 by 40 feet spaces and some of them leased out to individuals, thereby bringing in enough money from rentals to pay at least 6 per cent on the cost and still leave ample room for the public to use in going to and coming from the boats. The figures which we have obtained are reliable and can be depended upon. If a dock is to be built at all, no smaller one should be considered as the larger boats could not land there with much less than a 200 foot dock. At the meeting next Monday night there should be a roousing good time with every citizen of the city there to give his or her views. It means much to the city as a whole and much to the property owners as individuals. Don't forget the date.

## Thanksgiving Services.

Union services were held at the Congregational church on Thanksgiving day. Rev. F. J. Meyer of that church presiding, while Rev. Luther of the M. E. church preached a very interesting and instructive sermon.

## Cornerstone Laid.

The laying of the corner stone of the First Methodist Episcopal church at St. Helens occurred Wednesday afternoon of this week. The rain very obligingly held off during the service. Of the contents of the old corner stone the following was put in the new corner stone: Copies of the Oregon Mist of March 2, 1900, Columbia County News of April 16, 1900, Western Christian Advocate of March 21, 1900, and a copy of the county and state election returns of June 6, 1898.

## Our Girls Won.

The St. Helens High School girls and boys basket ball teams journeyed to Kalama Tuesday night in Joe Clark's launch and played the teams of that city. The result of the boys game was, as usual, a defeat for the St. Helens team, by a score of 28 to 18. Not so with the girls team, for our girls won a very interesting game by a score of 3 to 1. Our boys are playing a better game this year than ever before, but so are the other fellows, and any team that beats us has to play ball all the time.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed in the St. Helens Post office for the week ending Nov. 22, 1913:

Mr. Johan Crutzler 1 letter  
Joe M. Freeburg

Letters unclaimed by Dec. 5th will be sent to the Dead-Letter office  
Iva E. Dodd, P. M.

An unusual reduction sale in millinery is advertised in this issue to be held by the popular general store of Oliver & Oliver. Read this ad on page four.

The social dance given in the City hall last Saturday night by the St. Helens Social Club was a most enjoyable affair. This was the first party given by the club and others will follow during the winter.

Jack Lafferty returned home this week from Waldron Island, Washington, where he has been for several months working in a quarry. Jack says that the rock in that country is not in the same class with our rock and is not fit for paving blocks when such blocks as are made made at St. Helens can be had.

## TRENHOLM

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fowler, who have been visiting in Portland the past week, returned home Monday.

Several from Trenholm attended the Redmen dance at Yankton Saturday night and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Sam Churchill made a trip to Houlton Wednesday.

W. H. Eastman made a trip to Trenholm Saturday.

At the literary entertainment Saturday evening it was decided to have an entertainment and Christmas tree at the school house on Christmas eve. Mrs. Effie Wilson was appointed chairman of the committee on entertainment, with Baron Crouse and Mrs. Nina McIntire as assistants, while Mrs. Sam Churchill and Mrs. P. E. Brockway are the committee on decorations.

## YANKTON NEWS

BORN—On November 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter White, a son.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, 1913, Miss Esther Butts and Mr. Leland Rice were united in marriage. The young people are both of Yankton.

There is not enough room in the Yankton school to accommodate the number of scholars attending this year, so a meeting was held on Monday evening, November 24, to decide what should be done in the matter. Those present favored an overflow class in Grange hall for the balance of the term.

## Arcade Theatre Sold.

Miss Leona Perkins has sold the Arcade theatre in this city to Mr. J. M. Bendle, of Ilwaco, Wash. Mr. Bendle will take charge on Dec. 1st. Miss Perkins has been operating this popular show house for nearly three years and it has an established reputation for being orderly and up-to-date. Her many friends and patrons will miss her face at the window each evening but will be glad to welcome Mr. Bendle who comes here highly recommended and with several years experience in the show business.

Mrs. Alice Parker, of Southern California, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Casterline, at Houlton.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wehrman and Child

time until 2:45 the next day the jury discussed and argued over the evidence. It was said by one of the jurymen that there was no time during all their deliberations that any of the jurors voted for anything else than conviction of murder in some degree, but that the evidence was gone over thoroughly so that no mistake might be made. The first informal ballot of the jury

about four miles from Scappoose, and in the spring of 1911 moved there. They built a small house, chicken house, and made some other improvements on the little place. Mr. Wehrman was a baker by trade, employed in a bakery at Portland, and after a few weeks at his new home with the family, returned to his work at Portland.

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