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MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL

Attorneys for John A. Pender File Sensational Affidavits

OLD REVOLVER DUG UP

Several persons give Testimony tending to Cast Suspicion on Another Party

Last Saturday Judge Eakin listened all day to the arguments for a new trial in the case of the state vs. John A. Pender, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last November. Attorneys Jeffrey and Logan of Portland had filed several affidavits as basis for the motion for another trial in which some sensational statements were made. L. C. Myers made one affidavit wherein he stated that he and Mrs. Myers and their son had lived several months at the Wehrman home during the summer of 1911 prior to the murder and that he was familiar with the customs of the Wehrman family as to doing the work; that it was the habit of Mrs. Wehrman to wash on Monday, iron on Tuesday, bake bread on Wednesday and Saturday, rest on Thursday and make cookies, cakes, etc. on Friday. That this custom was carried out by her without variation. That the water for the Wehrman cabin had to be carried for a distance of about 200 feet from down in a canyon and that it was the custom of Mr. Wehrman on Sundays to carry enough water to fill all the tubs and other vessels around the house so that Mrs. Wehrman would have enough water with which to wash on Monday; that he, Myers was present on the 6th of September, 1911, two days after the murder and that there had been no washing done that week and the laundry was dirty and around the house. It was also the custom to keep a can of kerosene under the steps outside the house but that when the murder was discovered the can was inside the house under the bed. Myers also sets up that he was the owner of a 38 calibre revolver and had it with him while at the Wehrman home; that Wehrman had spoken to him several times about purchasing a revolver and said he was going to get a second hand 38 calibre pistol; that some time after the murder Myers and Wehrman were at the little farm of the Wehrman's and that he, Myers, took a shovel and went to the potato patch to dig some

DOCK COMMITTEE BUSY

Contractors Visit St. Helens to Bid on Municipal Dock

Several contractors have been in St. Helens this week looking over the municipal dock plans and location with a view to bidding on the work. The council is planning on getting this work started at an early date so the dock will be completed this spring. The location has been definitely located at the foot of St. Helens street and will be 100 feet by 200 feet extending out in the river far enough to have a depth of 24 feet at low water. Warehouses will be built on the dock for the accommodation of the business man and the streets will be graded so as to afford as nearly as possible a level approach to the dock.

potatoes; that Wehrman immediately became very nervous and excited and insisted that the potatoes be let alone as they were not worth digging; while this was going on Wehrman asked where it was supposed the assassin had thrown the gun after committing the murder; upon Myers answering that it had probably been thrown down the canyon Wehrman became cool and Myers ceased to dig the potatoes. That Wehrman had gone to the home of the Myers' in Portland after the murder and stayed there several days and during all that time he showed great nervous excitement and fear; would pull down the blinds early and was heard every night pacing up and down the floor of his room at all hours of the night; that Wehrman was very jealous of his wife and on several occasions told Myers that "this has got to stop" and that Mrs. Wehrman was very cruel to the child, etc. Also that after the murder Wehrman said several times that he was considering suicide.

Mrs. Myers, the wife, recites much the same story in her affidavit with the addition that during the stay of Wehrman at her home in Portland while she was in the kitchen one day Wehrman came in with a bundle of clothing and wanted permission to burn it, which he did. Mrs. Myers also tells of the cruelty of Mrs. Wehrman to her child and says that on one occasion she beat the child with a stick of wood until it became unconscious. She also tells of the habits of Mrs. Wehrman as to household duties on particular days.

Lisle Myers, the 9 year old son, tells in his affidavit of the same events.

F. A. Roberts, the detective who has been working on the Pender case for the defendant for some time, tells in his affidavit of having gone to the

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WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Lola Stewart, Alone and Without Friends Takes Poison

Lola Stewart, 17 years old committed suicide at the McKie Rooming House in St. Helens last Saturday night by taking strychnine. She left a note to her brother telling him that there was no use in trying to live as she had no friends and no one to look after her. A man in a near by room heard her groan and calling to her received no answer whereupon he broke the door in and found her dying. He immediately ran for a doctor but before he could return with Drs. Peel and Wade the girl was dead.

She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Stewart, farmers residing in the Yankton country. Funeral was held at Yankton Tuesday and the remains were taken to Yankton for burial.

HOLDS THE LUCKY NUMBER

Scappoose Merchant Wins \$1000 at Auto Show

D. W. Price of the firm of Watts & Price, merchants of Scappoose, held the number at the Portland Automobile show, which won a prize of \$1,000, which is good on the purchase price of any auto that was exhibited at the show. No doubt Mr. Price will soon be the possessor of one of the latest machines built.

Women of Woodcraft

Houlton circle of Women of Woodcraft was visited by a grand officer on the last meeting who acted as installing officer, installing the following officers: Guardian Neighbor, Anna Van Natta; P. Guardian Neighbor, Elsa Wickstrom; Advisor, Agnes Dixon; Clerk, Minnie Morley; Banker, Mamie Felton; C. G., Anna Richardson; Musician, Viola Berdahl; I. S. Maud Chittim; O. S., Mary Hazen; Attendant, Ada Brouse; Managers, Etta Cole and Elsa Wickstrom.

M. E. Church Notices.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Miss Anna Quick will have charge of the Epworth League service at 6:45 p. m. The subject of the League service is, "Gentleness with Vehemence." Edward T. Luther, Pastor.

FOR SALE—Oat straw at the County Farm, \$5.00 per ton loose, \$6.00 per ton baled. W. D. CASE 6t

GIFTED READER COMING SOON

Della Crowder Miller Will Entertain St. Helens People

On Wednesday, Feb. 18th, 1914, Della Crowder Miller, the gifted reader, will appear at the City Hall under the auspices of the High School students. Miss Miller will give a reading from Ben Hur and several other famous books and the entertainment will be one of the best ever held in the city. The admission price is 25 cents to any seat in the house. This entertainment is given to help in making up a deficit which is being faced by the Lyceum Course Committee and comes as an extra attraction. It is to be hoped that the house will be well filled and the committee urges all friends of the Lyceum Course to attend. The date is Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1914. Do not forget it.

COMMISSARY ROBBED

Third Time During the Winter and Is Getting Tiresome

The commissary at the St. Helens Lumber Co. Camp was broken into last Monday night by some person or persons who stole several sacks of flour and eight hams besides some canned goods and other articles. This is the third time this same thing has happened this winter and as it is quite evident that the thieves are local it is expected that their identity will soon be known, and arrests will quickly follow.

POST OFFICE IS MOVED

New Quarters in the Masonic Hall Credit to City

Mrs. Dodd moved the post office into the new Masonic Building on Columbia street yesterday. The building has been fitted up with a complete and modern cabinet system with all tables, desks etc., so that the office will afford every convenience to the post master as well as the patrons.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon postoffice for the week ending January 31, 1914.
Mr. Earl Austin
Mr. Wilbert Hicks
Mr. W. J. Hicks
Mrs. Maude Kensaw
Letters unclaimed by February 14, 1914 will be sent to the dead letter office. IVA E. DODD, P. M.

Road Bond Election Carries

Voters of Columbia County Vote to Issue \$360,000 Bonds to Build Roads

Majority in Favor is 533 Votes

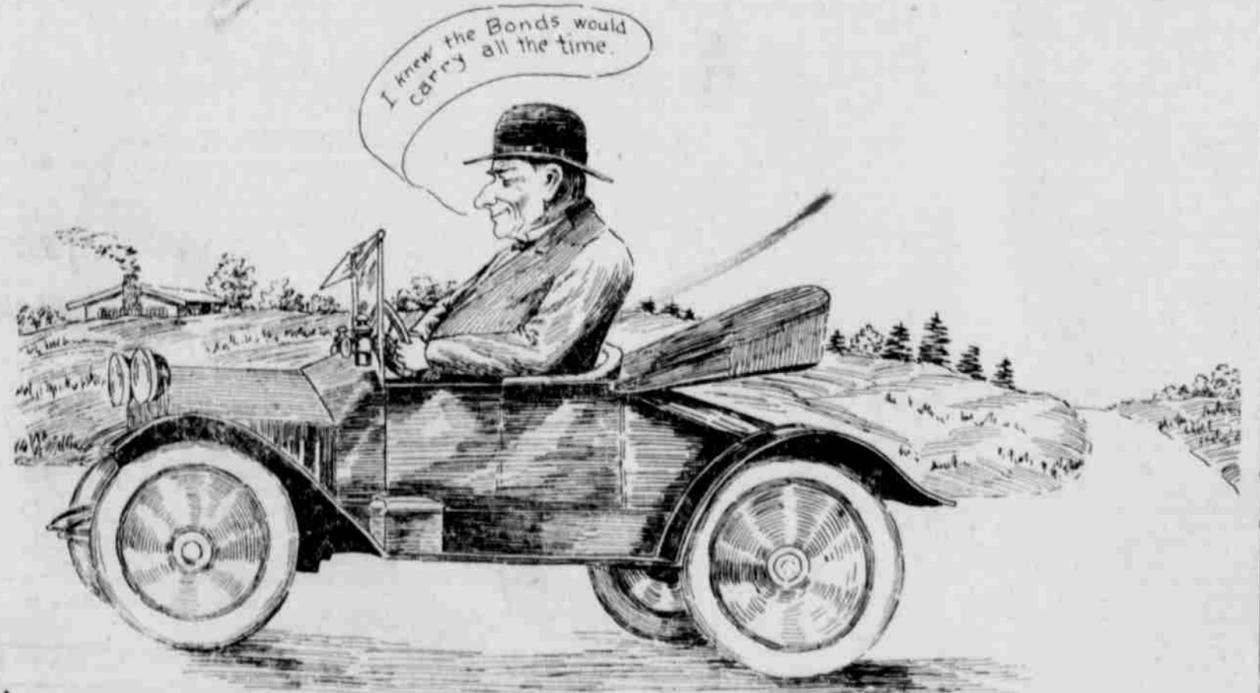
By a vote of 1695 to 1162 the people of Columbia County said last Monday that the county would issue its bonds in the sum of \$360,000 for the purpose of building permanent roads. The election was a quiet one but one in which a great deal of interest was taken, especially by the voters of the farming communities and the cities in the north portion of the county. A total vote of 2857 was cast, in most places the women taking an active part in the voting.

The details of the returns by precincts are as follows:

Precinct	Yes	No
Apiary	38	32
Beaver Falls	61	23
Clatskanie No. 1	142	53
Clatskanie No. 2	214	38
Deer Island	31	52
Goble	112	25
Marshland	31	4
Mist	14	106
Oak Point	78	59
Prescott	45	1
Rainier No. 1	282	22
Rainier No. 2	176	19
Rainier No. 3	112	35
Scappoose	113	78
Spitzenberg	15	15
St. Helens No. 1	97	34
St. Helens No. 2	76	94
St. Helens No. 3 (Houlton)	15	102
Vernonia	29	129
Warren	9	129
Yankton	6	112
Totals	1695	1162
Majority for		533

The County Court will make arrangements just as soon as possible to get action on the bonds and the money will be secured perhaps in time to commence work on the road construction in the early spring. The survey being made under the supervision of the State Highway Commission will be completed within a month and the actual work of construction and grading will be under the direction of the State Highway engineer and the County Court. The County Court has employed Mr. Leo Titus, an experienced road builder and engineer to have charge of the work for the county, as petitioned for and voted. \$260,000 of the bond issue will be used on the Columbia Highway from the Multnomah County line to the Clatsop County line running along the river as nearly as possible. \$60,000 will be used on the Nehalem road between the Washington County line and the Clatsop County line; following the present road as nearly as possible; \$25,000 will be used on the road between St. Helens and Pittsburg and \$15,000 on the road between Mist and Clatskanie.

BILLY ELLERTON SEEMS TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE ELECTION RETURNS



CRIMINAL TERM SET OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Judge Eakin Will Clear Criminal Docket in March

Judge Eakin will be in St. Helens next Monday, Feb. 9th, at which time he will set for trial all the criminal cases now on the docket and County Attorney Dillard says he will have all cases ready for trial during the first two weeks in March, when a jury will be called for the purpose of clearing up the criminal docket.

A. W. Mueller has moved his law offices into the Bank Building adjoining the offices of Attorney J. W. Day.

New Auto Firm Now Established in St. Helens

The Columbia County Auto Co. has already opened for business in St. Helens. Their building will not be completed for two or three months yet, but they have placed Mr. Wellington Langguth of Portland in St. Helens with a Ford machine and he is located at the Garage of the Independent Auto Co. temporarily. He is prepared to sell Fords together with all accessories, tires, etc., and also will take orders for Indian Motorcycles. Work on the new building will be started soon and rushed to completion as fast as possible.