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## County Official Paper

### THE WEHRMAN CASE

Many Circumstances Point J. A. Pender as Guilty Man. Mail Clew Strongest.

Sheriff A. E. Thomson has worked night and day since the discovery of the bodies of Mrs. Wehrman and her three year old son Harold in their lonely cabin near Scappoose and is now convinced that he has the guilty man in the coils of the law. Many bits of circumstantial evidence point to J. A. Pender and there is no doubt but that he will have to stand trial at the term of Court to, he held next month for the atrocious double murder.

Thompson first suspected this man the morning after the crime was committed, when he appeared at the scene of the murder with several long scratches on his face such as would be made by the finger nails of a person resisting him. There were three scratches down the left side and one or two others on various parts of his face. From that time Pender was under constant surveillance. With the aid of the Portland Police Department the Sheriff was able to keep an eye on him at all times. At one time the Sheriff spent three days in the woods near the suspect's tent, being drenched to the skin and going hungry several times. Pender began to move around and when he went to Independence the Sheriff was afraid that he might slip away from him, and arrested him, taking him to Portland, where he has been sweated many times.

Though nothing could be obtained from his statements in a direct way, his numerous contradictions gave the officers something to work on. The strongest evidence against him is that of the paper that was delivered at the Wehrman home before the murder. It was found, still wrapped up, by the officials. From the fact that it was still in the wrapper, the officials say that it must have been taken there but shortly before the commission of the crime, and have worked on the theory that the person who took it to the cabin was the guilty man and used the paper as an excuse for his visit. Guy Whitney, clerk at the Scappoose post-office, says that he delivered the paper to Pender on the day of the crime, and is corroborated in his statements to a certain extent by Mr. Lindloff. Pender says that he left the paper in the mail box, but two men with him at the time he says that he done so are prepared to swear that he put only letters in the box.

The night of the crime Pender says that he was at his tent and had lighted his lamp at 7:30. Mr. Lindloff passed there shortly after this time and says that he did not see Pender around and that there was no light burning in the tent. Pender did not milk his cow on this night and allowed his clock to run down.

Near Pender's tent there is a cabin owned by a couple of iron molders who work in Portland, paying frequent visits to their place near Scappoose. One of them owns a revolver of rather a peculiar pattern. Pender knew this revolver was kept

having used it a couple of times. The trunk that it was in was opened at about the time of the crime, the lock being removed, and then placed back where it belonged in an effort to conceal the fact that it had been tampered with. Nothing had been stolen. The bullets found at the Wehrman cabin are identical with the kind used in this reveler. The officers say that if the cabin of the iron molders had been entered by some tramp there would have been something stolen, and that there would have been no care taken to conceal the fact that the trunk had been opened.

The officers are still at work and are daily bringing out more small circumstances that point to Pender. The preliminary hearing has not as yet taken place, but will be held here in the near future.

Pender is in jail in Portland, and has retained Seneca Fouts as counsel. His father is a member of the detective force of Salt Lake City, and he has written to him to come and help him. Fouts is one of the best criminal lawyer in Oregon, and there will be no chance of a conviction if Pender is not guilty.

### The New Station

The following letter has been received this week from W. E. Coman, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the S. P. & Sr. by Mr. McCormick, of this city, and would seem to indicate that there will be something doing in the depot line in the near future.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11  
H. F. McCormick  
Co McCormick Lbr. Co.  
Portland, Oregon

DEAR SIR:  
Referring to the matter of establishing a new station to be called St. Helens.

I am sorry that there has been such a delay in our making further investigation of this, but hope that I will either be able to come to St. Helens myself or have the committee meet me here to further discuss this matter.

Will you please advise the committee that I have not overlooked this matter, but that it has been unavoidably delayed and will now receive my earliest attention.

Yours truly,  
W. E. Coman.

Everything possible is being done to hasten the matter, and there will soon be some definite action taken by the company, and it seems that there is only one fair thing for the company to do, and that is give St. Helens a station.

### School Opens

The youngsters gathered at the school house and at the City Hall last Monday morning, already for the 1911-12 term of school, and there was certainly a good sized crowd of them. The turn out of the older ones, to enter high school, was a pleasant surprise to the directors and Professor Wilkerson, as there were seventeen on hand, which is more than was expected by several. The classes are divided as follows-

First grade, 29 pupils, Miss Phillip. This class is in the Commercial Club room at the City Hall, and will remain there until the new building is completed.

Second and Third Grades, 45 pupils, Miss Hazen.

Fourth and Fifth Grades, 34 pupils, Miss Farnham.

Sixth and Seventh Grades, 29 pupils, Miss Weed.

The Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Grades are taught by Professor Wilkerson, and will have 34 pupils. There are 17 in the eighth, 13 in the ninth, 3 in the tenth and one in the eleventh.

This makes a total enrollment for the year of 171, which is by far the largest in the history of St. Helens, and it is not at all unlikely that there will be enough pupils added to this to raise the total to 200.

### COUNTY COURT

BY IT REMEMBERED, That a regular term of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, was begun and held in the County Court House, in the City of St. Helens, said County and State, on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, 1911, the same being the first Wednesday in said month, and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said Court, when were present:-

Hon. James Darr, County Judge  
Hon. John Farr, Commissioner  
Hon. W. K. Tichenor, Commissioner  
A. E. Thompson, Sheriff  
H. E. LaBare, Clerk

Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had.

Journal Read, Approved and Signed. Matter of withdrawal of bond of G. B. Milloy, filed with liquor petition, June 7th, 1911.

On this day this matter coming on for consideration under the Petition of Hartman & Thompson, and the Court being advised, it is ordered that said Bond may be withdrawn from the files. Matter of appropriation for State Fair Exhibit.

On the 6th day of September, 1911 It is ordered by the court that the Clerk issue a warrant on the General Fund, in the sum of \$100.00 in favor of C. E. Lake, to be used in defraying expense of making exhibit at Oregon State Fair.

Matter of petition of S. Rock, et al for a county road.

On the 6th day of September, 1911 comes on for hearing the petition of S. Rock, et al, freeholders residing in the road district or districts of said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a county road, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake marked "A" set 35 rods west of the quarter section corner between sections 2 in township 4 north range 2 west and section 35 in township 5 north range 2 west of the Willamette Meridian; thence in a westerly course along the present traveled road to a stake marked "B" set at what is known as the Tedford Creek dam; thence in a northwesterly course to and terminating at a stake marked "C" set in the center of the county road known as the Brinn road, on the section line between sections 35 and 34, in township 5 north range 2 west of the Willamette W. M.

And it is satisfactorily appearing to the court from proof filed herein, that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, that notices setting forth the time when said petitioners would apply to the court for the establishment of said road were posted in the most public places in the vicinity of said proposed road, and that twelve of said petitioners are legal freeholders of this county, residing in the road district or districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein;

It is therefore ordered by the court that the board of County Road Viewers meet at Yankton, Oregon, on the 20th day of September, 1911, or on their failure to meet on said day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

Matter of petition of C. D. White, et al for county road:-

On this 6th day of September, 1911 comes on for hearing the petition of C. D. White, et al, freeholders residing in the road district or districts of said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a county road, described as follows:-

Beginning at a point S. 18 min. 21 deg. E 2566.4 feet distant from the Northwest corner of the H. M. Knighton D. L. C., running thence in a westerly direction through the city of Houlton and terminating at a point 1000 feet east of the Southwest corner of the Francis Perry D. L. C.

The intention of this petition is to establish and mark with proper monuments that portion of the St. Helens Yankton road within the City limits of the city of Houlton.

And it is satisfactorily appearing to the court from proof filed herein, that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required; that notices stating the time said petition would be presented were posted in three of the most public places in the vicinity of said proposed road, and that twelve of said petitioners are legal freeholders of said county, residing in the road district or districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein;

It is therefore ordered by the court that the board of County Road Viewers meet at Houlton, Oregon, on the 18th day of September, 1911, or on their failure to meet on that day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

Matter of petition of R. L. Welch, et al for a county road:

On this 6th day of September, 1911 comes on for hearing the petition of R. L. Welch, et al, praying for the establishment of a county road, described as follows:

Beginning at a point N 71 minutes 13 degree E 255 feet distant from the re-entrant corner on the south boundary of the Aaron Broyles D. L. C. running thence in a northerly direction to the north boundary of said D. L. C., thence westerly to the S. W. corner of Lot 1 of section 5 T. 4, N. R. 1 W.

And it is satisfactorily appearing to the court from proof filed herein, that due

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notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, and that twelve of said petitioners are legal freeholders of this county, residing in the road district or districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein;

It is therefore ordered by the court that the board of County Road Viewers meet at Houlton, Oregon, on the 19th day of September, 1911, or on their failure to meet on that day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

Matter of petition of N. A. Andrees, et al for a county road.

On this 6th day of September, 1911, comes on for hearing the petition of N. A. Andrees, et al, praying for the establishment of a county road, described as follows:-

Beginning at a stake marked "A" set in the center of the county road, 400 feet west of the center of section ten (10) in township five (5) north of range two (2) west of the Willamette Meridian; thence running west along the one-half section line as near as practicable, of sections 10, 9 and 8 of said township and range and terminating at a stake marked "B" set in the center of the county road about 30 rods north of the center of section 8 in said township and range.

And it is satisfactorily appearing to the court from proof filed herein, that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, and that twelve of said petitioners are legal freeholders of this county, residing in the road district or districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein;

It is therefore ordered by the court that the board of County Road Viewers meet at Deer Island, Oregon, on the 21st day of September, 1911, or on their failure to meet on that day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

Matter of petition of G. C. Fowler, et al for a county road:

On this day the report of the viewers on the C. C. Fowler road was read in open court the first time.

Matter of petition of F. Anliker, et al for a county road:

On this day the report of the viewers on the F. Anliker road was read in open court the first time.

Matter of petition of Cooper Whitney et al for a county road:

On this day the report of the viewers on the Cooper Whitney road was read in open court the first time.

Matter of petition of A. D. Holaday, et al for a county road:

On this day the report of the viewers on the A. D. Holaday road was read in open court the first time.

Matter of petition of Jesse R. Sharp et al for a county road:

On this day the report of the viewers on Jesse R. Sharp road was read in open court the first time.

Matter of petition of H. C. Wood, et al for change places for expending special road tax funds of RD No. 4.

On this 6th day of September, 1911, this matter coming on for hearing, and it appearing to the court that notice of the pendency of this proceeding had not been given as by law required, and that the court has no jurisdiction in the matter, it is therefore ordered by the court that said petition be, and the same is hereby denied.

Matter of petition of Beaver Logging Company for remission of tax.

This matter having heretofore come on for consideration, and the Court now being advised in the premises, it is ordered that the tax as levied against the timber on Lot one sec. 2, NE 1/4 sec. 11, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec. one, Tp. 7, N. R. 4 W. of W. M. be, and the same is hereby remitted.

It is further ordered that the Sheriff make an assessment against the timber on SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec. 1, Tp. 7, N. R. 4 W.

Matter of petition of Makinster & Nussbamer for Liquor License for cinder precinct.

This matter coming on for consideration, and it appearing to the Court that notice of the pendency of this proceeding has not been given as required by law;

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby denied. It is further ordered that the Treasurer shall return the license fee deposited be etc.

Matter of petition of G. B. Milloy for liquor license for Scappoose precinct.

On this 6th day of September, 1911 this matter coming on for consideration, and the Court not being fully advised in the premises, testimony is introduced, tending to prove the number of legal voters in Scappoose precinct, who have actually resided therein for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the signing and presentation of petition herein, and not having concluded same when time for adjournment came the matter is continued.

Whereupon, Court Adjourned until Thursday Sept. 7, 1911.

Thursday Sept. 7, 1911, 2nd Judicial Day Court came pursuant to adjournment. Officers all present. Due proclamation being made, the following proceeding were had:

Matter of petition of G. B. Milloy for liquor license for Scappoose precinct.

On this day this matter coming on regularly for consideration, the taking of testimony on the number of legal voters in Scappoose precinct, who have actually resided therein for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the signing and presentation of petition herein, is continued, and not being completed at time of adjournment, is continued until Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Whereupon, Court adjourned until Friday, Sept. 8, 1911.

Matter of claims against the county:

On this day the claims as docketed in the General Road Fund Claim and Warrant Register were audited by the Court and allowed in the various sums as carried out by the Court on said register, being as follows:

O. Bluff	.....	\$51.00
H. Miller	.....	25.25
N. Callahan	.....	55.70

## Str. Iralda

C. I. Hooghkirk, Master.  
RAILROAD TIME.  
Leaves Rainier daily (except Sunday) for Portland at 6 A. M., departing from St. Helens at 6 o'clock. Returning, leaves Portland at 2:30 P. M., arriving at St. Helens at 4:30.

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CITATION  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County  
In the matter of the Estate of John D. Bissell, deceased.

To Alfred Ward Bissell, son and heir of John D. Bissell, deceased, and all unknown, if any such there be, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1911, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court room of said County in the Court house in the city of St. Helens, Oregon, then set for the purpose of showing cause, if any there exist, why the same should not be made granting to E. E. (last name) administrator of said estate, permission directing him to sell the real property of said deceased at public sale, said real property located in Columbia County, Oregon, as described as follows to-wit:

Lot number twelve (12) in block number 42, and the lots or parcels of land and site lands, lying between the street in Columbia River, East of and directly to the west of lots numbered 4 and 5 in block number 42 in Columbia City, Columbia County, Oregon.

Witness the Hon. James Darr, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, with the seal of said Court attached this 30th day of August 1911.

(Signed) ALFRED W. BISSELL, Administrator of the Estate of John D. Bissell, deceased.

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MASQUERADE  
A jolly masquerade will be given at the St. Helens Skating Rink, Saturday evening, Sept. 30th. Prizes will be given for the best costume, also the most real. Skates regular price, special.

J. H. Blum	.....	.....
Chas. Burgdorfer	.....	.....
J. M. Fry	.....	.....
G. E. Caldwell	.....	.....
A. Stasna	.....	.....
Fred Lange	.....	.....
G. Lange	.....	.....
W. Tetz	.....	.....
M. Hshan	.....	.....
J. B. Fraser	.....	.....

Dist No 2

R. M. Newman	.....	.....
C. Johnson	.....	.....
W. Gabrielson	.....	.....
J. Nyström	.....	.....
H. Johnson	.....	.....
Oscar Youth	.....	.....
P. H. Lund	.....	.....
Tarbell	.....	.....
J. Nelson	.....	.....
K. F. Larson	.....	.....
J. Loberg	.....	.....
Guy Nelson	.....	.....
R. Rylander	.....	.....
R. Hedlund	.....	.....
R. Fullerton	.....	.....

Dist No 3

Security V & M Wk	.....	.....
W. Mellinger	.....	.....
F. Johnson	.....	.....
A. Popejoy	.....	.....
C. Lope	.....	.....
J. Dupont	.....	.....
F. Faxson	.....	.....
I. Dupont	.....	.....
A. Haakey	.....	.....
Perry & Graham	.....	.....
C. Barger	.....	.....
J. Boyd	.....	.....
J. Potter	.....	.....
A. Robinson	.....	.....
C. Hathlan	.....	.....
L. Antte	.....	.....
F. Larson	.....	.....
L. Potter	.....	.....

Dist No 4

Ed Keelan	.....	.....
F. James Jr	.....	.....
R. Lee	.....	.....
E. E. Tullar	.....	.....
W. Bachmeyer	.....	.....
Wm Bus	.....	.....
Frank Keelan	.....	.....
J. F. Loyd	.....	.....
P. Soregren	.....	.....
John Burns	.....	.....
C. J. Lindbaum	.....	.....
E. Olen	.....	.....

Dist No 5

R. Anliker	.....	.....
Albert Reid	.....	.....
C. L. Morel	.....	.....
F. Lengacher	.....	.....

Dist No 7

E. J. Remy	.....	.....
Mrs. R. Berger	.....	.....
T. A. Lovelace	.....	.....
Levi Alley	.....	.....
W. Lowman	.....	.....

Dist No 8

Beall & Co	.....	.....
Du Pont Powder Co	.....	.....

Dist No 9

H. Kallunki  
Ed Anderson  
I. Knudsen  
Oregon Lumber Co  
J. Mahi  
J. Lake  
T. Basse  
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