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Pender Trial

Last Juror Accepted and Taking of Testimony Begins

Last Saturday afternoon the last juror was accepted in the Pender case and on Monday the entire jury, accompanied by attorneys for both sides and the prisoner in charge of the sheriff visited the scene of the Wehrman murder back of Seapoose. On Tuesday morning before the taking of testimony began, attorneys for both sides stipulated to excuse Gen. W. Hyde from the jury and this was done and Albert Adams was picked from among the bystanders and passed by both sides and sworn in as a juror. The jury as finally selected is as follows: Wm. Dietz, H. M. Olson, G. F. Robertson, James Gaittens, J. Jeffreys, D. W. Cole, John Popejoy, W. P. McClay, Wm. Anderson, H. C. Johnston, E. N. Davey and Albert Adams.



J. A. PENDER

Tuesday morning District Attorney Tongue made the opening statement to the jury outlining briefly the contention of the state and what the evidence would be on behalf of the state. John H. Stevenson the counsel for the defense stated what the defense would prove and the taking of testimony began. The first witness called by the State was Mrs. Elizabeth Siercks who told of the finding of the bodies of Mrs. Wehrman and the little three year old son on their bed, the position of the bodies and the notification given by her to the officers. Then Sheriff Thompson was called and the remainder of the day was taken by him in giving his evidence which covered a period of time from his information that a crime had been committed until the day of the trial. He told of the many things in detail which he had found in his search for evidence, nearly all of which pointed directly at the defendant, John A. Pender.

Up till Thursday night there had been 30 witnesses examined by the State and still more to follow. The evidence shows that on the morning of September 4th 1911 Pender went to Seapoose and called for the neighborhood mail, including the Wehrman mail and on that date he received a paper from the postoffice addressed to Mrs. Wehrman. That on Saturday afternoon previous Mrs. Bates had placed in the community mail box in front of Pender's cabin, a package addressed to Mrs. Wehrman. When the bodies were discovered the paper that Pender had taken from the postoffice to deliver and the package left in the box were in the Wehrman house, unopened. A large number of witnesses have sworn to the scratches on Pender's face immediately after finding the body of the dead woman, which is given for the purpose of showing that the struggle was made by Mrs. Wehrman and that the scratches on Pender's face were made by her in that struggle. Several witnesses have testified to the fact of the extreme nervousness of Pender whenever he was approached concerning the murder case. The testimony of several officers who were out there at the inquest shows that Pender's appearance and actions at once aroused their suspicions. Witnesses have been examined which show the whereabouts of every person in the neighborhood on that day and night, except Pender's. The gun which was brought into court was shown to have been taken from the trunk in the cabin of Riley & Hasson, just across the road from the Pender

cabin, and gun experts from Portland swore positively that the bullets taken from the bodies of the murdered woman and baby were fired from that gun. They were positive as to this point on account of a peculiar gas-pit in the barrel which caused a certain mark to be made on the bullet in leaving the gun. The trunk of Riley & Hasson had been broken into and this gun taken out and used, then put back again. The marks on the trunk showed that it had been opened with a hammer or some similar instrument and with an uneven edge, and that Pender had a hammer with broken claws that fit exactly and made the same marks as was found on the lock of the trunk. Altogether the case against Pender at this time seems to point directly at him and no one else. It is a case of circumstantial evidence entirely but the circumstances are well connected, with many details and unless satisfactory explanation can be made it would seem that the State has established a case. Of course when the defense puts in their case it is possible that things may look different.

Logan & Stevenson, attorneys for the defendant, are making a very stubborn fight for their client. The case will probably last until Saturday or Monday.

Going Some

We learn that the people of St. Helens had a jolly time among them on the day of election. About 49 fights, no less, are said to have occurred; 67 shirts badly torn, 36 bloody noses, 24 black eyes, 16 backs dusted, 140 buttons lost, 12 pairs of suspenders bursted, 8 kegs of lager and 19 gallons of whisky consumed, the ground considerably torn up, besides innumerable scratches, kicks, bites, etc., etc., are said to have been the result of the day's disturbance.—Ore., June 5, 1862.

Class Meeting.

Following is the program given by Piano pupils of Mrs. H. Van Tassel at their monthly class meeting Nov. 25:

- Part 1.
 "The Coming of Santa Claus", (duet) Eyer—Miss Esther La Mont, Mrs. Van Tassel.
 "Twilight", Miss Fay Lynch.
 "The Cart Man's Whistle", "English Song"—Miss Maudie Harrison.
 "Playing Tag", (duet) Margstein Misses Fay and Ethel Lynch.
 "Bewitching Fairy", Keller—Miss Faustina Groman.
 "Don Juan Minuet", Mozart—Miss Esther La Mont.
 "Glor Walze", (duet)—Eck Hausen—Miss Maudie Harrison, Mrs. Van Tassel.
 Part 2.
 "Beetle Dance", (duet), Halst—Miss Nora MacLay, Mrs. Van Tassel.
 Dancing Wavelets, Russell—Miss Elsie Morley.
 Intermezzo Pizzicato, Murry—Miss Nora MacLay.
 "Happy Little Folks", Lois—Miss Ethel Lynch.
 "Romance", Mozart—Mrs. H. Van Tassel.
 "My First Duet", Landon—Master Jesse Lansing.
 "Happ Maiden", Schmitt—Miss Olive La Bare.

Swiss Wedding.

An eighteen day trip from Switzerland to St. Helens, Oregon, to become a bride is the record of Miss Freida Pluss. On last Sunday morning she was married to Ernest Schelker our enterprising tailor. The ceremony was quite unique inasmuch as it was necessary to translate the ritual into German. Rev. A. A. Heist officiated.

Removal Notice.

The offices of Dr. L. G. Ross and R. L. Jeffcott will be removed to the Bank building this week and hereafter they will be found in the new location.

Learn to skate—St. Helens Rink.

Local Mention

Born; To Mr. and Mrs. Olson on May 30th a daughter.

Born; To Mrs. Rhea Fitzgerald on June 4th, a daughter.

Rev. A. A. Heist spent Monday in Portland.

Miss Lulu George and Miss Fleckie of Pendleton have gone to Seaside to spend her vacation.

William Hubbs of Scappoose, was a St. Helens visitor during the week.

Rev. Mr. Abbott, of Portland, preached in the Congregational church last Sunday to a large congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miles spent Sunday in St. Helens, the guests of Miss Annie Ketel.

E. C. Stanwood has bought the fine new residence of A. L. Stone in Columbia Park.

Mrs. Frank Wilkins and children left last week for Westport, Wash., where they will spend the summer visiting relatives.

Mr. W. Hall, a prominent farmer from the Vernonia, was transacting business in St. Helens, during the week.

Good time at the St. Helens Rink.

Preaching services will be held in the Congregational church this Friday evening, Rev. Joplin will preach the sermon. The public is invited.

It is reported that Geo. B. Conyers has been stricken with paralysis and is in a Portland Hospital. George has a large number of friends in Columbia County who earnestly wish his speedy recovery.

The 40th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association will be held in Portland on the 20th of June. All old pioneers are invited and requested to be present.

The familiar sound of the whistle at the St. Helens Quarry is again heard morning and evening. Work was resumed there this week.

Miss Mamie McClay of Columbia City who has been teaching school at Pendleton is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Day in St. Helens.

For a good time go to The Rink. Wonder if there are no men in St. Helens who have the time to spare from their several business matters to get up a Celebration program for the Fourth of July.

Miss Elsie Philip left early in the week for Vancouver, B. C. where she will visit for several weeks with her brothers who reside at that place. Miss Annie Ketel will leave this week to make a visit for several days with Miss Philip at Vancouver.

Work on the Public Fountain, which will be located in the square at the junction of Cowliwz Street and the Strand, was commenced this week and will be placed as soon as the work is finished. This will be a beautiful drinking fountain with troughs around it for horses and will be donated to the city by Charles Muckle.

Dr. L. G. Ross, M. D. and Dr. R. L. Jeffcott, Dentist, will move their offices to the new bank building as soon as completed. They will occupy the offices fronting on the Plaza and the Strand. The Telephone office will move the offices in the Muckle building vacated by Dr. Ross and the law office of A. W. Mueller will go into the office now occupied by the telephone office in the Muckle building.

Ole Bohman was in St. Helens Monday and while here said that he would leave within a few days for a visit to his old home in Sweden, going by way of Canada, where he has some relatives living. He will be gone until about the first of November, just returning in time to cast his ballot at the Fall elections.

William Resimius was attending to business in St. Helens Monday and in talking over the prospects for fruit crop for this year, said that the King of Thompson Apples and Bartlett Pears in his vicinity would be almost a failure and that other apples would be a short crop.

Everybody skates at St. Helens Rink.

Mr. E. A. Lambert, one of the crew of the Steamer No Wonder was quite badly injured on the river in front of town early in the week. A raft of logs being towed by the boat broke loose and Mr. Lambert was working to get it back together again when his arm got caught between some, and a fearful gash cut in same. Dr. L. G. Ross sewed the injured arm up and he went back to his boat.

Some of the largest and most perfect roses ever grown in Oregon were left at this office during the week by Mrs. James Dart. These beautiful flowers were grown in the yard of Mrs. Dart in St. Helens and for size and perfection would stand in competition with roses grown any place in the world.

Next Sunday there will be a double-header at the St. Helens Ball Park when the Rainier team of the Lower Columbia River League will meet the fast going St. Helens White Sox. Two games will be played for one admission. Game will start at 1:30.

Thursday afternoon Judge Campbell passed sentence upon James Fitzgerald, who was convicted of a statutory offense committed on his sister-in-law last December. He was convicted about two weeks ago and will serve six months to two years in the Penitentiary.

Mr. R. T. Starr, General Agent of the Great Northern Express Co., with headquarters at Seattle, was in St. Helens Thursday, the guest of Fred Watkins, local representative of the Company. Mr. Starr expressed himself as well pleased with the volume of business being done by the St. Helens office, but expects a still larger business as soon as the fact that his Company has a St. Helens office becomes well known.

Shipping Notes

The Schooner King Cyrus will finish her cargo of one million feet of ties and lumber and probably get away Sunday for San Pedro.

The Schooner Irene arrived the first of the week from San Diego. She made an unusually good trip this time, completing the round trip from Columbia River to San Diego in less than 30 days. She takes a full cargo of lumber for delivery to the McCormick yards at San Diego.

The Steamer Klamath arrived early Friday morning for a full load of lumber for Southern California points.

The Bktn. Kohala sailed from San Francisco on last Wednesday, for St. Helens. She will load a cargo of lumber for New Caledonia.

School Election

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To the Patrons of Oregon Schools:

We do not attach sufficient importance to our annual school meeting. This year our annual meeting occurs June 17. On this day one director and the clerk are to be elected in every school district in Oregon, a matter of much importance to each community. I should be very glad, indeed, to find that many of the Oregon school districts were making the day of the annual school meeting an important occasion, and at the same time taking advantage of being together to talk over the problems of the schools.

The voting for director and clerk will take place at the school house. It should be remembered that women already have the privilege of suffrage in school elections. If all the women of the community will pack their lunch baskets, and assemble at the school house on the morning of June 17, I am confident that men will be there also when the sun reaches the meridian. Of course, the members of the family under voting age will have to have dinner. So all will spread out their lunches under some pleasant shade, and enjoy dinner together.

After a good dinner all will be in the right frame of mind for selecting the officers, and discussing school affairs. The patrons will have this opportunity to investigate the conditions of the school house and grounds, and see what repairs are needed; and whether the school house is properly heated, lighted, and ventilated, and what books and pictures are most needed. Let us make June 17 a red letter day for our district.

Yours for better schools,
 L. R. Alderman,
 Sup't. Public Instruction.

Don't forget skating every Wednesday and Saturday nights at St. Helens Rink.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Japanese editors of the Pacific coast will hold their fourth annual meeting in Portland, June 11-13.

Jack Lee, a trusty who escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem, a short time ago, was arrested at Astoria.

The city of North Bend has taken steps to prevent the holding of L. W. W. meetings and speechmaking on the streets.

Robert Conner, one of Roseburg's wealthiest residents, has been fined \$400 and sentenced to 30 days in jail for violating the local option laws.

The Douglas county grand jury has filed an indictment charging ex-Mayor Hoover, of Roseburg, with selling venison in violation of the state game law.

High water in the Columbia river damaged a long bridge on the O-W. R. & N. at Rufus, east of The Dalles, to the extent that trains were blocked for two days.

The Southern Pacific is planning a most extensive system of electric feeders throughout the Willamette valley to be built as soon as the main lines into Portland are electrified.

Professor Lester B. Shippee, of Pacific University, has accepted a position as instructor of economics at Washington State College summer school, Pullman, Washington.

Incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill reported to the senate are numerous amendments proposed by Senator Chamberlain to pay old claims of various Indian tribes in Oregon.

With seven counties yet to hear from reports from counties in the state with relation to the eighth grade examinations show that 2598 pupils were successful in the examination.

George Anderson, who shot and killed Attorney George W. Barnes on the streets of Canyon City last June, has been acquitted. The trial showed that Barnes started the trouble which ended in his death.

Many features of unusual interest have been included in the program for the nineteenth annual Chautauqua assembly which opens at Gladstone park near Portland, Tuesday, July 9, continuing for two weeks.

The senate has passed a bill providing a reservoir site for Pendleton. The measure directs the secretary of the interior to furnish 200 acres of the Umatilla Indian reservation for the site of the proposed reservoir.

In order to protect themselves from various advertising mediums of more or less value and publicity schemes offered to merchants, the business men of McMinnville have formed a Merchant's Protective association.

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