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Jury Disagrees

The greatest criminal trial ever held in Columbia County was completed last Saturday when the jury failed to agree in the case of the State of Oregon vs John Arthur Pender for the murder of Daisy Wehrman. The jury retired at 3:40 o'clock after having received the instructions of the judge and it soon became apparent that no agreement would be reached by them, but they were held together until after midnight Sunday night. The balloting by the jury took a wide range running all the way from 9 for conviction of murder in the first degree and 3 for acquittal down to 5 for conviction and 7 for acquittal. It has been reported however that only three men kept the jury from agreeing to some sort of a verdict. One of the features of the great trial was the wonderful and brilliant argument made by District Attorney Tongue in closing for the State. Many people who heard this argument say that it was the greatest speech ever made in the Columbia County Court. It covered every detail of the circumstances proved by the State, tending to establish the guilt of the defendant. The argument of John F. Logan, senior counsel for defendant, also made a great speech and no doubt had a wonderful effect on the minds of the jury.

There were over 50 witnesses examined and the trial lasted for nine days. The failure of the jury to agree makes it necessary to try the case over again which will probably be done next October. The cost of the trial to the county has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$5000.

Companies Consolidate

Articles of incorporation of the St. Helens Lumber Company were filed with the Secretary of State last week with a capitalization of \$1,000,000. This new company is a consolidation of the St. Helens Mill Co., and the St. Helens Timber Co., and takes in all the timber lands, rail road, equipment, the big St. Helens Mill, and all the water front property in and adjacent to St. Helens, owned by these companies. The principal place of business is St. Helens and the officers of the company are: President, Charles R. McCormick of San Francisco; Vice President, R. C. Merryman of Exeter, California; Sec'y-Treasurer, S. M. Hauptman of San Francisco; Assistant Secretary and Manager, H. F. McCormick of St. Helens.

SCAPPOOSE

Willie Grant is at home for a few weeks. Mrs. Grant Watts went to Portland last week to her daughter Hazel's Musical Recital. Miss Rhea Buttler is visiting in Portland this week. Artheth Haggey was a Portland visitor Saturday. We are sorry to learn Maggie Garrison is not so well this week. Mrs. Minnie Marrewy of St. Johns is visiting her sister, Mrs. Van Cleave this week. Miss Margery Hobbart went to the Seaside Tuesday on a vacation. Miss Eva Garrison is clerking in the store of Watts & Price. The Lady Maccabees' dance was a decided success in every way. A large crowd attended. Tom Roy was floor manager, which means no wall flowers, but everybody dance, strangers and all. At midnight the Maccabees dance closed, then the boys took up a collection, hired the hall and music for a few hours longer.

FOR SALE—42 head of sheep and 2 yearling colts. W. Hall, Vernonia, Ore.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

About 1,000,000 pounds of wool were sold at the wool sales in Heppner. Construction of an electric railroad between Klamath Falls and Bonanza is expected. Cottage Grove Grange is getting things under way for the industrial fair to be held this fall. At a meeting of the cherry fair committee at Salem it was voted to hold the fair on July 11, 12 and 13. The thirty-third class of the Reformed Church of the United States was held at Salem. Quincy, Wash., will be the next meeting place. Work is to be begun before the end of the summer on the Poe Valley reclamation project, known as the second unit of the Klamath project. Governor West has appointed G. R. Castner as county judge for Hood River county to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Culbertson. The Sunshine mine at New Pine Creek, has been sold to a company of Los Angeles capitalists for \$68,000. The mine will ship a car of \$89 ore immediately. The following fourth-class post-offices have been designated as postal savings depositories, effective July 1: Bonanza, Gold Beach, John Day, Merrill, Pilot Rock. Letters found in his clothing determined the identification of Fred R. Lang of Portland, who while floating a raft on the Columbia river a mile below Hood River, was drowned. A remarkably heavy rain which fell in northern Crook county washed out several small bridges and nearly a mile of track on the Harriman road between Paxton and Gateway. Thirty thousand young trout fry were received at Seaside from the government hatcheries at Bonneville, and the work of planting them in the small streams tributary to the Necanicum has just been completed. The sixth annual convention of the Presidential Postmasters' Association of Oregon and the first tri-state convention of the Presidential Postmasters of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, was held in Portland this week. Five hundred acres of land in Klamath county are planted to potatoes, according to County Commissioner Strainers, and he predicted that the largest potato crop in the history of southern Oregon will be harvested. Twenty-five contests have so far been initiated against water right claims for which James Chinook recently took evidence at Medford preparatory to the adjudication of water rights on the Rogue River and tributary streams. The Enterprise Electric company has taken over the electric plants at Wallows and Lostine. The capital stock of the company, now \$50,000, will be increased to \$300,000, making the largest home corporation in Wallows county. Failure on the part of the proper authorities to post notices legally as to sewer assessments has relieved property owners of Salem of paying sewer assessment aggregating \$165,000, according to a decision of the Oregon supreme court. Petitions to place on the ballot at the general election in November an initiative bill against capital punishment have been prepared by the League to Abolish Capital Punishment, and the work of securing the required 9000 signatures has begun. In the opinion of the officials of the postoffice department at Washington, Portland's postal savings bank is the most successful and most prosperous in the United States. The amount on deposit April 30 was \$436,165, an average for each depositor of \$101.60. With work closed down on the project of the Deschutes Land Company, letters are pouring in to the secretary of the state desert land board from settlers, inquiring as to the cause and urging that whatever it is be eliminated so that work may be resumed. According to Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, the state during the month of May saved \$340 by the substitution of oil for wood at the asylum. Accepting that as an average for each month, the state will save by the substitution in a year \$4050. Counsel for Secretary Olcott in the University of Oregon referendum cases, in consultation at Salem, said they intend to expedite the cases in every way possible by pushing ahead the new cases which have come before the circuit court following the recent supreme court decision. A meeting was held at Pendleton to initiate a movement of all the commercial clubs in the state of Oregon to have the machinery of the government from the Panama canal moved to the northwest in order to open the Columbia river to the Canadian line and the Snake river to American Falls and to open their tributaries as far as possible. Governor West announced that he refuses to grant W. Cooper Morris, convicted of embezzlement of the funds of the wrecked Oregon Trust & Savings bank, a parole at this time. He said he took this action solely because the granting of a parole to Morris would be used by enemies of prison reform to hammer the indeterminate law and parole system.

Local Mention

Quite a number of St. Helens people have attended the Rose Festival in Portland this week.

Miss Thomas of Portland, visited with Miss Anne George during the past week.

Sam Schuppach, formerly of St. Helens, now a resident of Portland, was a St. Helens visitor yesterday.

Mrs. W. B. Dillard and her sons, Walden and Mason, are spending the week in Portland taking in the Rose Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Portland, spent last Sunday in St. Helens, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cox.

Mrs. L. G. Ross was brought from the Hospital in Portland to her home in this city last week. She is getting along very satisfactorily.

Miss Ada George has resigned her position in the A. S. Harrison grocery store and will take a much needed and well earned rest, for the summer.

Mrs. M. C. Gray was a passenger on the Roanoke for San Francisco Wednesday night, where she will spend some weeks visiting with friends and relatives.

Dr. Lowe June 26.

Mr. W. F. Clybourne, of Eureka, Cal., was a St. Helens visitor last week. He is one of the stock holders in the St. Helens Lumber Co., and St. Helens Ship-building Company.

Mrs. W. A. Harris has been attending the commencement exercises at O. A. C. at Corvallis, during the week, where Miss Edna was graduated in Pharmacy. Mrs. Harris and Miss Edna returned home this morning.

After the jury had failed to agree in the Pender case last Monday they were dismissed from further service until July 8th when other jury trials will be begun again.

Joe Clark is having constructed, at the ship yards, a new gasoline launch large enough to carry about 30 passengers and powerful enough to do ordinary towing. It will be at the disposal of the public for trips along the river and over to the island.

Born: On Thursday, May 30th to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lansing, in St. Helens a boy. On Sunday June 6th to Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts of Houlton, a 12 pound boy. On Tuesday June 11th to Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Plummer of St. Helens, a daughter.

Saturday night at 5:45 p. m. the Steamer America will leave St. Helens with an excursion for Portland, returning, will leave Portland at midnight. This will enable St. Helens people to take in the Electrical Parade of the Rose Carnival and return home the same night. The fare for round trip will be \$1.00 and tickets are on sale at Fred Watkins' store.

The St. Helens Improvement Co., has prepared a large painting of St. Helens and vicinity which is in the show window at Muckle's store. It shows all the holdings of the St. Helens Lumber Co., and the other manufacturing industries of the city and community. The country surrounding St. Helens is shown with all creeks, rivers, roads and railroads. It is a work of art and well worth the time of any person to stop and examine it.

At the examinations held last week for those who were conditionally passed at the regular Eighth Grade examinations, the entire class of the St. Helens School was successful. The list of those passing at this time is: Charles Smith, Edward Vease, Inez Barber, Goldie Hattan, Katherine Moriarity and Fay Lynch. These six together with the seven who passed at the regular tests make 13, the entire class, passing on into the High School.

There are now more than 50

men employed at the Ship Building plant in St. Helens and work is progressing very rapidly on the big schooner, "Multnomah". The second ship is also under construction and the keel will be laid during the present week. The water in the river at its highest did not interfere with work on the vessels. The force of men will be doubled just as soon as residences can be found to accommodate the men and families who will come here.

Tuesday Sheriff Thompson took four men to the penitentiary at Salem who have been convicted during the present term of court. They were Harold Hartson, for robbery; Charles Andrews for burglary; C. R. Harris for larceny and James Fitzgerald for a statutory offense. Several more men indicted but have not yet had their trials.

At the sale of Jersey cattle held by Harry West a couple of weeks ago at his farm home near Scappoose there were 92 head of Jerseys sold for a total of \$17,640, making an average price of \$191.00. Of the 92 head sold 41 were under one year old. The highest price for a single animal was \$850 for a fine bull imported from Jersey Island by Mr. West last year. The top price for a single cow was \$600. Mr. West is making arrangements for another trip to the island where he will select another herd of these thoroughbred cattle and ship them direct to his farm in this county.

Much has been said and written concerning the dangerous revolver and while on that subject it is well to include in the list of dangerous weapons an air gun in the hands of a young boy. No toy could be more dangerous and yet nearly every boy has one. Accidents happen from their use all the time, causing the loss of an eye or other injury, some-

times permanent, sometimes only temporary. The use of the air gun can be of no possible benefit to a child in any manner and parents should not permit them to be used.

Miss Leona Perkins, proprietor of the Arcade Theater in this city, had an unusual attraction at her theatre Wednesday night. It consisted of a set of pictures taken of the State Penitentiary of Salem, showing the work being done by the prisoners, the methods employed for teaching trades and ordinary branches of education, as well as a complete story of the now famous West Prison Policies. A young man was present and lectured to the audience explaining each picture in detail. It was a very interesting entertainment and attended by a record crowd.

Twenty-three members of the K. of P. Lodges of this city paid a fraternal visit to the Ridgefield Lodge last night to partake of the annual Strawberry Feast. The party report a most enjoyable time with plenty of berries and cream. A program was rendered by the members of the Ridgefield Lodge assisted by a few of the visitors, including a piano selection by Bessie Hattan and a vocal solo by Susie Ketel.

Your attention is called to the ad on this page of the St. Helens Skating Rink. Bert Timmons now has charge of this popular amusement resort and invites all lovers of this sport to come out and enjoy a good skate.

Proclamation.

To Whom it may concern: We, hereby proclaim, that the shooting of fire-crackers, fire-works, cap pistols, and all like explosives is hereby prohibited in the city of St. Helens, Oregon, from and including July 1 to July 10, 1912.

By order of City Council,
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