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County Official Paper

Columbia County is getting up quite a reputation for murders committed within her boundaries. At the present time there are three men in jail awaiting trial for murder, as follows; John A. Pender, for the murder of Daisy Wehrman; Bert Green for the murder of Charles Weist and George Weber for the murder of James Corrin. Two of the cases are purely circumstantial while the third was the same kind until Weber confessed to the officers and claimed self defense.

Daisy Wehrman was killed on the 4th day of September 1911, nearly a year ago and Pender was arrested within two weeks, had a preliminary hearing on October 21st and a jury trial on May 29th, resulting in a disagreement; he will probably have another trial during the coming fall.

Charles Weist was found dead in his cabin near St. Helens, with a bullet through his head, on the 31st day of October 1911. Bert Green was indicted by the Grand Jury in May 1912. Up to date he has had no trial and no time has been set for it, although nearly a year has passed since his arrest.

James Corrin was murdered on the 3rd day of August 1912 and Weber was placed in jail on the 9th and will have to wait until the latter part of October before the grand jury will consider his case.

There are other men in the jail charged with lesser offenses who have been under arrest from three months to over a year and no time has yet been set for trial.

No one is to blame for this state of affairs except the present judicial system in Oregon. There are two judges in this district who have all their time taken over the district and find it almost impossible to expedite matters.

The judges might possibly find time to get at these cases so that men charged with crime could have a speedy trial according to the constitution, but with only one district attorney trying to do the business of four large counties, of which Columbia is the smallest, following two judges around the circuit, with three terms of court in Washington, Clackamas and Clatsop counties and two terms in Columbia, making eleven terms each year, in addition to the special terms held by the judges; with all the grand jury work to do as well as the trial of cases, civil and criminal, no man can do it. Our present district attorney handles hundreds of cases a year, to say nothing of the Justice Court cases and preliminary hearings, which are all looked after by poorly paid deputies.

It certainly is time something was done to remedy this situation. A bill was passed by the last Legislature providing for a prosecuting attorney for each county, but Governor West let the veto ax fall upon it, for some reason. This law, if the governor had permitted it to become a law, would have relieved the situation very largely, but it is not a law.

A commission has been appointed by the Governor to get up a new judicial code and it is working now and will probably present a bill to the next Legislature changing the system so that when a man is charged with a crime he will get a trial before the crime is forgotten, and the county will not be under the necessity of taking care of a man for years before he is adjudged innocent or guilty. The time has long past when this should have been done, but it is better late than never.

During the primary campaign, the friends of Ben Selling were loud in their praise of him as a man of political principles. He was nominated over Jonathan Bourne largely on those grounds. That he is a man political principles is best borne out by the stand he has taken on the fight between Taft and Roosevelt. He is a Republican, has always been a Republican and still is a Republican, fighting for Republican principles and standing by the nominees of his party. A man of that kind can be trusted in public office and Ben Selling is stronger now with true Republicans than ever before.

SCAPPOOSE

Grant Watts and family has gone to the seaside for a few weeks.

John Watson and wife visited at Escada Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bauleh is in the Hospital at Portland with Rheumatism.

Dewey Adams is working in Portland in a grocery store.

G. B. Malloy and wife are camping in the mountains.

Mr. Butler is able to be around again.

Bertie Krimes visited at Adams' Sunday.

Mrs. John Watson killed an owl that was after her chickens which measured 52 inches from tip to tip that was a Scappoose owl.

Mrs. D. Price was a Portland visitor Tuesday.

Hattie Tompkins is back to Scappoose again.

Mrs. Andress visited Mrs. Smith at the restaurant this week.

Mrs. Garrison was a Portland visitor this week.

Mrs. Holland has gone on the farm for a week.

Mrs. Frank Wickrom visited at Houlton Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith Sedarstrom and children are visiting here this week.

Mrs. Flym and daughter visited the doctor over Sunday.

Mr. Merrill is improving the looks of his house by building a new porch.

Mrs. Hugh Caples of Columbia City visited with the Mrs. Frank and Charlie Wilstrom Sunday.

Chas. Vanclove and Fritz Rabinska has a contract of hauling seven hundred cords of wood at Holbrook.

VERNONIA

Mrs. Elizabeth Webster is now visiting at her son's, Mr. Ed Webster at the Vernonia hotel.

Vera Wood has been working at Mr. Massers and has left to make a visit with her sister, Mrs. Shirley Hall.

There was a dance at the Vernonia grange hall, last Saturday night, there was a large crowd, who enjoyed themselves very much, only some of them got too fresh and the cooks put plenty of salt in the oyster soup and it seemed to do them good.

Mr. Joe Hickembottum, Fred and Walter Vanblaricome had a nice trip in the woods Sunday, they had a nice punk taking it home.

The young people of Vernonia are looking foreward to give a chivari next month.

Mr. George Parker is living at the cross roads, at the end of the Nehalem river bridge, near Vernonia.

The people of Vernonia are waiting to see the march of the soldiers on the 26th of this month.

Mrs. Hala Drummond is visiting at Mr. Lee Halls at present.

Mrs. U. Hall has gone to Idaho to make her home for a while. Her husband and son will come later.

Mrs. Counts and family have gone to Idaho where they will meet Mr. Counts who went a short time ago.

Mr. U. S. Millinger of Vernonia will have a new house built this fall.

Miss Lida Brown is visiting at Mr. Weeds at present.

Miss Eda Tucker is still working at the Vernonia hotel.

Mr. Parry Mellinger is living on the Counts place.

Master Blantine Gysdavison has a new bicycle and he has tried to ride it, but dosen't always succeed. He has taken several bumps.

Everybody seemed to have success with berry picking this year in Nehalem.

Robert and Christena Sword and Mary Wood were in bathing Tuesday, when Mable Mills crossed the boat bridge they hid under it and frightened her, almost causing her to fall in the water.

To the Taxpayers and Voters of Columbia County

I am a civil engineer, surveyor and draftsman on the Pacific Coast, from Southern California to Copper River in Alaska. Was engaged with County Surveyors in Los Angeles and San Bernardio Counties four years, principally on highway construction.

Having been located in Columbia county since December, 1911, I have desire to remain at least two years longer and if successful in securing the majority of votes in November will endeavor to so conduct work of the County in surveying and all other undertaking pertaining to said office to the satisfaction of the taxpayers within said County.

H. C. Miller,
St. Helens, Ore.

Michigan Picnic

There will be a Michigan picnic in the grove at St. Helens, Oregon on Friday, August 30, 1912.

All persons living in Oregon and vicinity, who formerly were residents of Michigan, are requested to come and enjoy themselves.

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Music and various games and sports suitable to the occasion, will be the order of the day.

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