

PENDER'S ANXIE TARGET OF SAFE

Defense Indicates Prisoner Feared Weasels Among Chickens, However.

CURIOS CROWD GATHERS

Courtroom is Thronged on First Day of Testimony—Much of Evi- dence is Circumstantial—In- discreet Juror Excused.

ST. HELENS, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—The alleged nervousness of John Arthur Pender and his anxiety to get away when other neighbors were summoned to the lonely cabin six miles southwest of Scappoose, in which Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her 3-year-old baby were murdered September 4, 1911, was an important part of the testimony developed at today's session of the trial of Pender, who is charged with the crime. The state is seeking to convince the jury the impression that his uneasiness was caused by the proximity of the bodies of his alleged victims and by his fear of suspicion.

Questions asked on cross-examination by John F. Logan, one of the accused man's attorneys, indicate that the defense will contend that his anxiety was caused by fear that weasels might devour his chickens.

In fact, according to Mr. Logan, more than a score of them fell prey to these animals the very first day. Coroner Sherwood said that Pender trembled when taken into the cabin to identify the bodies.

Today was the first on which actual testimony was taken. The courtroom was crowded and many could not get in.

Witnesses on Stand.
The witnesses examined included Sheriff Thompson, who outlined a portion of the circumstantial evidence on which it is hoped to secure the defendant's conviction; Mrs. Elizabeth Bierck, a neighbor, who gave the alarm which led to the actual discovery of the murder; H. P. Hunter, a deputy sheriff of Multnomah County, who visited the Wehrman cabin with other officers of Multnomah and Columbia counties the day after the dead bodies were found; Frank H. Sherwood, coroner of Columbia County; George Grant, deputy sheriff of Columbia County, who resides at Scappoose; and A. N. Creadick, a physician of Portland, who performed a post-mortem on the bodies of mother and child.

Dr. Creadick testified that Mrs. Wehrman had been shot twice through the head and once through the body and that two bullets had entered the back of the baby's head and a third below the right ear. The front of the mother's skull had also been crushed in with a blunt instrument. The witness said that this wound might have been caused by a blood-stained hatchet which was found in the Wehrman cabin and which was introduced in evidence. The wounds were powder burned, he said, indicating that the murderer shot at close range.

According to Sheriff Thompson and Deputy Sheriff Grant the defendant apparently knew on the day that the crime was discovered that they would be back-up that road again soon. At this time no one except the officers knew anything about the murder, the only other person who had a suspicion being Mrs. Bierck, who drove to Scappoose to report her father-in-law's disappearance to Sheriff Thompson on two visits on succeeding days. Sheriff Thompson, who happened to be in Scappoose, and Deputy Sheriff Grant left at once for the Wehrman cabin, passing Pender's tent both going and returning.

Pender Calls to Officers.
On the way up Pender, according to the testimony of the officers, called to know where they were going and Grant replied, "up the road a little ways." On the way back they saw him standing in front of his tent. The testimony at Pender's trial the day following, when Coroner Sherwood and others were at the scene of the crime, Pender is alleged to have said to Grant in the presence of Thompson, "I hollered at you fellows when you were going to Scappoose yesterday. I wanted to sand down by you for some single nails." The question is: How did Pender know that they were likely to be back that way again?

Attorney Logan on cross-examination asked if Pender had not really said that he wanted to sand down by single nails sent up to him, but both witnesses vigorously denied that this was the tenor of his remark.

Several articles were introduced in evidence, including the paper addressed to Mrs. Wehrman, which District Attorney Tongue declared he would prove Pender took from the Postoffice at Beaverton the day of the murder, and a package which was left in the crossroads mail box by Mrs. H. E. Bates on September 2 for Mrs. Wehrman. These articles, Sheriff Thompson stated, were found unopened in the Wehrman cabin when he broke open the padlocked door on September 8 and discovered the bodies. The theory of the state is that the defendant used their delivery as a pretext to visit Mrs. Wehrman on the night of the killing. The testimony so far has already shown an intent on the part of the murderer criminally to assault the woman.

Revolvers on Exhibit.
Proof that Mrs. Wehrman fought in defense of her honor and that her life probably paid the penalty of her efforts was afforded by a long-barreled revolver bullet introduced in evidence. The other six bullets introduced were all .45-caliber, those with which the mother and child were killed. The state has promised to produce evidence to show that Mrs. Wehrman had a .32-caliber revolver. This bullet was dug out of the wall of the cabin by Dr. J. H. Flynn, a physician, who was one of those present with Coroner Sherwood when the bodies were taken in charge. The revolver disappeared from the cabin and it is presumed that the murderer took it with him when he left, padlocking the door behind him.

Will another exhibit is a hammer with a defective claw, which was found in the Riley and Haason cabin, from which the revolver with which the killing was done is alleged to have been stolen and to which it was returned. The Riley and Haason trunk, from which the prosecution contends the defendant took the revolver, is also in evidence. The lock shows proof of having been removed by wrenching and was crudely replaced.

District Attorney Tongue said in his opening statement that the state will prove Pender's ownership of the hammer with the defective claw, and will also introduce evidence to indicate strongly that he is the man who stole and replaced the pistol. Furthermore, he said, it will be shown that the bullets which killed Mrs. Wehrman and her baby were fired from this identical gun. The prosecution makes no secret that a defect in the bore of the pistol which leaves its mark on the lead of

PENDER MURDER TRIAL JURY PHOTOGRAPHED ON VISIT TO SCENE OF KILLING.



Above, Jury and Officials Caught by Camera Before Cabin—Below, Defendant John Arthur Pender (in Tonsneau), Charged With Slaying Woman.

the bullets is the means by which this will be accomplished.

"Sweating" May Aid State.
Sheriff Thompson told the story of a "sweating" which the prisoner underwent in the office of Sheriff Stevens at Portland on the night following his arrest at Independence, Or. At that time, the Sheriff said, the defendant admitted having failed to wind his clock, feed his calf or milk his cow on the night of the murder, which omissions the prosecution takes to indicate great mental perturbation. On cross-examination, Sheriff Thompson became somewhat confused as to some of the remarks he declared had been made by Pender that night, particularly as to whether the prisoner had said that he lighted a lamp in the tent about 11 o'clock on the night of the crime. This is important, in view of the fact that the state proposes to produce a witness who is said to have come by the tent on his way to Scappoose shortly after 11 o'clock, and who is prepared to say that there was no light, which, if it is true, would indicate that the defendant was away from his tent at the identical time, it is believed from all circumstances, the murder occurred. The prisoner has stated that he remained at his home all night, and that the light burned continually till morning.

Scratches which are alleged to have been on Pender's face the day following the discovery of the crime also formed the subject of testimony. Sheriff Thompson, Deputy Sheriff Hunter, of Portland, and Coroner Sherwood testified to their presence. The defense has intimated that Pender had a face subject to eruption and that the scratches, if any existed, resulted from shaving.

One Juror Indiscreet.
A surprise was sprung before the trial started today when District Attorney Tongue asked that counsel for both sides had stipulated to excuse Juror George R. Hyde. In his place Albert Adams, a rancher of Deer Island, was drawn. All the attorneys on either side would say that Mr. Hyde had been indiscreet in his remarks touching upon the case after he had been sworn to be a fair and impartial juror.

John H. Stevenson, who made the opening statement for the defense, referred to the arrest of Pender at Independence, Or., a few weeks after the murder, as a "comedy of errors." Sheriff Thompson, he said, was so disgruntled on discovering that Pender had a return ticket to Portland and did not contemplate flight that he left him practically unguarded on the way back to Portland. The Sheriff testified he was sitting in the train within four seats of the one occupied by the prisoner and his wife, whom the defendant was bringing back from the hop fields. Mr. Stevenson referred to Pender's failure to attempt escape as proof of his innocence. He promised that the defendant will take the stand and explain everything.

MOSIER CROP BEST YET

BIGGEST EASTERN DEALERS PRAISE APPLE YIELD.

Lack of Good Roads is Greatest Re- quirement for Upbuilding of Wasco County.

C. A. McCargan, one of the pioneer apple-growers of the Mosier district, was at the Multnomah last night on a short business trip to Portland and spoke enthusiastically of the prospect of the apple crop of his district for the present season. "This year's crop will far surpass that of any previous year, in fact none can be compared to it," he said. "The Mosier district will prove this year that it has no superior in the world for Yellow Newtowns and Spitzenburgs and on land that is much less expensive than that of any approved apple-growing district."

"My crop last year was handled by Steinhart & Kelly, of New York, the highest dealers in fancy fruit in the United States, and they said the apples were the best that came out of the Northwest or any other place and there was no criticism to be made of the pack or quality, resulting in their bringing the highest market price. We who grow apples in the Mosier district know that this statement is true, as the apples reach their perfection without irrigation or other artificial aid and under these conditions the trees will produce as many apples as elsewhere."

"The great need of the Mosier district is better roads, so that the farmers can market their products, and while the taxes of Wasco County are high, very little of the money is devoted to the real upbuilding of the county. The farmers and orchardists have taxed themselves heavily for new roads and with the added burden of building a new courthouse, they cannot do more in justice to themselves. Even with this handicap the district is growing prodigiously and nothing can keep it from becoming one of the largest producers of high-grade apples in the world."

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of water rights of the Umatilla River and its tributaries, which has been conducted for the past ten days at Echo before Commissioner Charles Cochran, was transferred from Echo, Or., to this city yesterday, and after a busy session at this place was adjourned until September 15, when all users may have opportunity of presenting their cases.

Water-users have been represented by a number of Pendleton attorneys, while Oliver P. Morton, of the Reclamation Service, has appeared for the Government.

DRAIN EXPECTS RAILROAD

Surveyors' Arrival and Rumor of Ihite to Coos Bay Excites Interest.

DRAIN, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—A party of railroad surveyors passed through here yesterday. From the best information obtainable they were Oregon Electric men. They looked over South Drain carefully evidently looking for room for yards for a terminal. They have a man here now contracting for a lot of supplies for the party and evidently they expect to be around here some time.

A well-known local capitalist has been talking electric railroad from Drain to Macfield. He claims to have sold some stock and negotiated for some right of way with farmers along the proposed route. He says there is a man ready to take the matter up when the proper time comes and furnish all the money necessary to complete the project. Whether this has any connection with the survey party remains to be proven but it is the general impression here that it has. Drain may yet be the first point to have railroad connection with Coos Bay, whether the Southern Pacific builds or not.

FINANCIER IDAHO SUICIDE

Robert Kidder, Recently From Chicago, Hangs Self in Barn.

POCATELLO, Idaho, June 4.—(Special.)—Robert Kidder, prominent business man and financier of Idaho Falls, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in his barn. The body was found this morning.

He was a recent arrival from Chicago and invested heavily in farm lands, business property, erected a costly residence and started a wagon factory. It is believed his investments were too heavy and financial difficulties caused the rash act. He leaves a widow, but no children.

SALMON MARKET GROWS

Puget Sound Ships 46 Times More in May This Year Than Last.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—(Special.)—Exports of canned salmon from Puget Sound in May were nearly 40 times as large as the corresponding month last year.

The month's exports aggregated 210,384 pounds, compared with 5284 pounds in May, 1911. The salmon shipped by water from Puget Sound last month, was valued at \$17,388, compared with \$1818 in May, 1911.

The monthly shipments indicated, among other things, that canned salmon is becoming more and more a world-wide staple, for exports were made to nine different countries during the month, whereas a year ago shipments were made to only three countries. Following is a comparison table:

Shipments	Quantity, Lbs.	Value
Australia	7,424	\$ 655
British India	1,114	100
British So. Africa	18,000	1,500
Chile	94,500	8,719
Canada	12,500	1,125
Scotland	1,200	900
Philippine	22,400	2,016
Strait Settlements	2,400	200
Total	210,384	17,388

BERRIES SUN PRESERVED

White Salmon Growers Find Good Markets for New Products.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Shipping "Sun Preserved Strawberries" to Alaska is what J. C. F. Holcomb is preparing for. So well known has this brand of home preserved White Salmon berries become that orders are coming from all parts of the United States.

Mr. Holcomb and his wife formerly were in the pickle business in Minneapolis, know how to handle fruit, and in the course of experimenting discovered the process which is making the White Salmon berry again famous. As soon as a few of his hurry-up advance orders for this year are filled, Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb will take steps for the organization of a company to turn out the fruit on a large scale, which will mean much for this section of the country.

WATER USERS GIVEN TIME

September 15 is Date Set for Hear- ing in Umatilla River Case.

PENDLETON, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—The hearing of the adjudication

PLAIN TALKS UPON PUBLIC UTILITIES NO. 3.

Duplication of Investment in a Public Utility

What is meant by duplication of investment in public utilities?

Simply this—two or more companies in the field where one can render the service required.

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All this, where duplication of plants in a single community exists, is a sheer waste of money and the burden falls, in the end, upon the consumer, for the fixed charges—interest on the investment—enter largely into the elements of rate-making.

We have every reason to believe that our years of occupancy of the field, our splendid corps of experts, our thorough knowledge of the business conditions of the city, give us a decided advantage over anyone who may enter the field.

But what about the customer?

What hope has he for lower electric light rates when loaded up with a duplication of bonds and stock?

What difference is there between watering stock and duplication of the bond and stock issues through the creation of two or more unnecessary plants to supply a single market?

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Albany Boosters Visit Eugene.
EUGENE, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Six automobiles loaded with Albany boosters invaded Eugene just before

noon today to advertise the celebration of the coming of the Oregon Electric and invite the co-operation of Eugene. An informal reception was held at the Commercial Club rooms and luncheon was served at the Osburn.

Railroad Man Buys Land.
WHITE SALMON, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—W. E. Watrous general superintendent of transportation, Great

Northern Railway, St. Paul, toured this section a couple of days last week, and before leaving purchased 30 acres of orchard land of C. E. Blackwell for himself and friends in the East. A portion of this is in bearing trees, the greater part still to be improved, which Mr. Watrous will have done this year.

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