# CONFESSION FALSE, SAYS ELDER SIERKS

Father Says Son Is Innocent but Capable of Crime He Said He Committed.

# IDIOT'S LETTERS REVEALED

Asylum Inmate Declares He Admitted Wehrman Deed to "Help Pender Out"-Subject Left for Dr. Withycombe to Handle.

all of his life for what he done and to-may (the 10th of September) I read bout him again in another paper. That is had fired five snots; three shots were tired in Mrs. Wehrman and two were niced in the little baby boy. Harold, and that they were all tound and mamma, her name was also in both papers that she had committed (Mr. Sicrks says he meant to write discovered) the crime. "That is too bad about that poor

That is too bad about that poor woman, anyhow, that she had to lose her lif, on account of misery. Every-body that read about her say that he will find the way into the pen for that, if the Sheriff finds him, they say."

# Pender's Name Mentloned.

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significant. Mr. Sterk significant. Mr. Sierks said that he had positive proof that his son could not have killed Mrs. Wehrman and her child, but he told in detail of the numerous that he had a second man to

but he told in detail of the numerous threats made by the young mun to harm members of his family. He re-lated one incident as follows: "He worked with me and another man by the name of August Schmidt, a neighbor, on a house—on a house I was building for myself there. He could not work on the scaffold and I put him to work blasting stumps. He was working around so that we could watch him. watch him.

# Threat to Kill Related.

Steiner-Every afraid of John? Siecks-Oh, 34 ks-Oh, yes; yes, ner-Fearful he was going to take your life: Mr. Shrks-Tes, sir. Now, then, here is motion thing that I would like to mention. Of course it is all agalant John. I know that I have had an unlimited lot of trouble with him. He has said things that I ac-cused him of. But, I am just an strongly convinced that he is innocent of this mur-der and, consequently. I shall do all that is in my power to defend him in that or which he is not guilty. Now, there is a neighbor there with some friss-maybe three or four girls-they are on a siraight line not far from our house. My children went there and played with their children. John always was more in-there and played with the children and the server is these children expressed a desire to have us keep John away from them. So 1 rold John about it. Sometime after that the children went over there to play. rks-Tes, sir. Now, then, here is hing that I would like to mention.

No, I don't think so; she

have attacked his mother and i

slerks-

ould have told me Dr. Steiner

over there to play. He took my rifle from the house, said he was going to go hunting. Which direction

EUROPEAN MAGICIANS HERE ON WORLD TOUR.



# THE MORNING OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7. 1915.

THACHER SAYS MURDER IS SOLVED

Criminologist Reviews Sierks' **Case and Points to Facts** Revealed.

# PRAISED ACT FATHER'S

Expert Expresses Hope That Investigation, Whatever May Become of Pender, Will, Be Beneficial to Oregon.

BY GEORGE A. THACHER. It is something of an undertaking to lear up a murder mystery that is about three and one-half years old, and especially where a man has been convicted of the murder, sentenced to death, and had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The difficulty is increased where the charge of sex perversion is assumed against the convloted man. The ordi-nary analytical and deductive methods are hopeless in a case of this kind. The only hope is the inductive method, and this involves an accurate knowledge of basic facts, and where the public is to be convinced there must be ample tes-timony to prove these facts. The work is now done and I am through with the case. What remains is a mere matter of detail which the states officers can attend to better The difficulty is increased where the

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curred in the conclusions reached by the veterans. Because Pender was a member of the Order of Railway Trainmen, the Central Labor Council named a committee, of which J. L. Ledwidge was chairman. that pursued an independent investiga-tion and reported to the same effect as the Spanish War Veterans. O. Lau Fred H. Hartwell, an attorney of La Crosse, Wis., arrived at the Multnomah yesterday. O. Laurgaard, engineer of the Tumalo irrigation project, with headquarters at Laidlaw, is at the Oregon. FREE CLINIC TREATS 124 Frank Sloan and R. N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, are at the Imperial. Mr. Stan-field is president of the Oregon Woel-growers' Association. Needy Who Are III Are Alded by Wives of Rotarians. Hugh O'Kane, of Bend, arrived at the

The clinic which has been operated by the wives of members of the Rotary Club and backed financially by the club, in room 920, Selling building, for the benefit of ill people unable to pay

firmed the nomination of Charles E. Bunnell as Judge of the Fourth Divi-sion of Alaska, vice Frederick E. Ful-ler, resigned.



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Mr. Sierks-Weil hat particularity i with the provide and there are sense of duty to be the people of Oregon and they have a right have avoided it all by simply the they are avoid each and forward and there was well not do any good under it. I went away from there was well not do any good under it. I went away from there and returned to the sumal courteous care was along the base and range and they have avoid each to be one and part the base and they have avoid each to be any good under it. They acted under a sense of duty to the people of Oregon and they have avoid each to be any good under it. They acted under a sense of they have they have the people of Oregon and they have they have the they have avoid each to be any good under it.
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F. E. Fortner, a banker of Moro, and his brother, F. R. Fortner, who is a banker at Wasco, are registered at the for a doctor, has treated 124 patients. Patients have been furnished with medicine, medical attention, medical The latter is accompanied by Carlton. his wife.

Spokane & Inland Empire Railway sys-tem, arrived at the Benson yesterfay from Spokane, accompanied by his fam-ily. They are one their way to Call-fornia to pass the Winter.

R. F. Smith, a merchant of Garfield, Wash, arrived at the Carlton yesterday. E. D. Miller, a furniture dealer of Newberg, is registered at the Nortonia. F. H. Waite, of the Sutherlin Land Company, of Sutherlin, is at the Im-perial.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

Alaskan Nominee Confirmed.

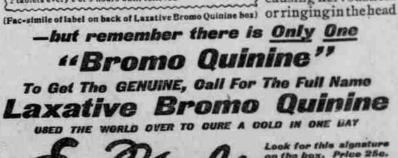
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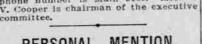
PERSONAL MENTION.

tered at the Eaton.

A. B. Cornell, a Grants Pass insur ance man, is at the Multnomah.

H. W. Rothwell arrived at the Eator yesterday from Vancouver, B. C.

After a careful investigation of the Wehrman murders, undertaken at the request of friends of John A. Pender because he served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, the Wehrman of the executive because he served in the philippines during the Spanish-American War, the Network Cooper is chairman of the executive V. Cooper is chairman of the executive



W. L. Freres, of Salem, is at the perial.

chairman, and Jay H. Upton, secretary Seward.

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Fred A. Lee, a Seattle business man arrived at the Seward yesterday.

HEADACHE, COLDS, TAKE CASCARETS

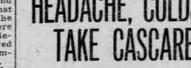
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A. G. Allingham, of Redmond, is at the Perkins. of the special committee named by the veterans to investigate the killing. Two theories of the murders were fol-lowed out by the investigators. They considered that the double murder was committed by one in frenzled rage of by one who was a moral pervert. With neither of these theories could the ar-rest and conviction of Pender be recon-ciled by the committee.

J. H. Lauterman, a Salem insuranc man, is registered at the Seward.

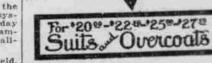
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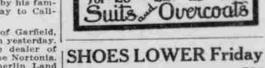
supplies and some have been cared for at hospitals, including confinement and surgical cases. Thirty cases have been reported cured. It was thought that the clinic would close after Christmas, but the Rotary Club has decided to continue the work until February 1. A woman is at the office from 9 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and outside cases, when re-ported will be investigated. The telsupplies and some have been cared for

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