PARDON OF PENDER **AGAIN BEING SOUGHT**

Prison Officials Doubt Guilt of Murder Prisoner.

RECORD IS MODEL ONE

Alleged Slayer of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and Little Son Declared Circumstance Victim.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 6 .- (Special.)-Following publication of an article in Sunday's Oregonian reviewing in detail the case involving Arthur John Pender, now serving a life term in the Oregon state penitentiary for the slaying of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little son, Harold, in Columbia county, in September, 1911, state officials today admitted that for several months friends of the convicted man had been making a determined man had been making a determined effort to have him pardoned from

At the time of his trial Pender denied any participation in the crime and his conviction, according to offiand his conviction, according to offi-cials, was based entirely upon circum-stantial evidence. Probably the most damaging testimony against Pender was given by John Sierks, who after-ward was committed to the state hos-pital for the insane. Sierks, for many years prior to being sent to the asylum, had displayed marked homicidal tendencies, and subsequent to his incarceration in the institution he wrote a letter to his father in which he declared that he killed Mrs. Wehrman and her little son. In the same man and her little son. In the same letter he also admitted that he lied against Fender in order that he might clear himself. Prisoner Is Model Onc.

Records at the penitentiary show that Pender has been a model prisoner.

Taking advantage of the parole law, Pender has appeared before the parole board annually and each time denied all knowledge of the crime. In the face of these statements and good the face of these statements and good conduct, however, the parole board has never held out to him any hope that he eventually would be pardoned. It was stated by officials here today that long ago Pender was offered a parole under a previous administration if he would agree to leave the state. Pender refused to accept this concession, it was said, and informed the parole board that he was innocent the parole board that he was innocent of the crime charged against him and would not agree to indefinite banishment from his native land.

Dr. Steiner Believes Innocence. Dr. R. Lee Steiner, who served as warden of the penitentiary for several months following the resignation of Robert Stevens, had the opportunity to observe Pender closely. He stated upon several occasions that he did not believe the prisoner was guilty of the crime for which he is serving a life crime for which he is serving a life sentence. In this statement Dr. Steiner had the sympathy of Louis Compton, present warden of the penitentiary. Mr. Compton believes Pender was the victim of circumstances. Probably the strongest petition in Pender's behalf was received at the executive offices last October asking that the prisoner be pardoned that he might return to his home on Thankssiving day. This petition was signed might return to his home on Thanksgiving day. This petition was signed
by several hundred Spanish-American
war veterans, with whom Pender
served during the engagement with
Spain. Attached to these petitions
were statements signed by several
army officers, bankers and other men

prominent in Oregon. Governor Olcott, as far as is known. has never given any public intima-tion regarding the Pender case, but was said to have been guided in his refusal to issue a pardon by state-ments of the judge who presided at the trial and the district attorney who conducted the prosecution. These officials, is was said, are opposed to Pender's release. Officials said Pender will not ac-

cept a parole, but will stay in prison unless receiving an unconditional pardon so that he may return to his former home in Columbia county.

SNAKES BLOCK PROGRESS 89 Rattlers Reported Found in One

Nest by Surveyors.

FOSSIL, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)— Workmen on the John Day highway are confronting an unusual difficulty encountering large numbers

The survey is through numerous rocky hills and there the snakes abound. In cutting through rocky banks they run onto whole nests of It is said that recently they found 89 in one nest.

Free Textbooks Favored.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 6 .- (Spe cial.)—The voters of Vancouver school district will decide on the proposal to furnish free textbooks and it is thought that it will carry. The labor-ing people particularly are in favor of the plan, as the item of school books ing people particularly are in favor of the plan, as the item of school books is a big one for a man with a fmally, Emma McChesney stories, is nibbling since book prices have advanced about at a motion picture bait. Efforts are

Many districts in the county already have the free textbook system in op-



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VIOLET HEMING, STAR OF "THE COST," SHOWING THIS WEEK AT THE RIVOLII THEATER.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Majestic-Dorothy Dalton, in "Guilty of Love."
Peoples-Alma Rubens, in "The World and His Wife."
Liberty-Wesley Barry, in "The White Circle."

the light!"

which has been in existence now more than five years although under different management.

Violet Heming, star of "Three Faces East." who visited Portland last spring, has the stellar role. She will also be remembered for her interpretation of "Everywoman" in the photo adapatation of the allegory. "Everywoman" which was one of the most successful of all motion pictures in Portland during the last 12 months.

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Tuily Marshall has been signed to play an old South Sea islands leper in the forthcoming production of "Passion Fruit," in which Doraldina will star.

The Cost" is built around Theima Dumont, portrayed by Miss Heming, but who when faced with the cruel realization of this fact proves that she is not a coward but a thoroughbred. Her womanilness

Borsage, a young fellow less than 30 William Courtright and Clarissa Sel-years of age. While he has been directing for several years "Humor-esque" is his first production to re-York premier during August and is still in its first run in that city Alma Rabens is its star, but she has been forced to share honors with what was first called a minor character, the Habrew mother of the rieceive such universal praise and na-tional appreciation. It was its New acter, the Hebrew mother of the play.

Recipe for a News Weekly. One fire.

One funeral. Close-up of a presidential candi-

Soldiers marching. Fade-out on American flag.

Pacific Coast Delegates Meeting at Hoquiam Elect O. C. Nar-

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 6 .- (Special.)-Selection of Astoria, Or., as the place in which to hold the 1921 convention and election of O. C. Nar-

A decision was also reached to in-A decision was also reached to in-titate a movement in each member society of the association to send at least one representative in 1924 to the 500th anniversary at Christiania, Norway.

An unofficial report made at the session was that the association this year cleared about \$600. This gratified the 250 delegates, as last year they lost money through bringing a singer from New York to do the solo work at their concerts. Large audiences were in attendance at both Saturday night's and Sunday afternoon's concerts.

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Fanny, Herself." If successful,

With the admitted influence the motion picture has over the public mind, how is a well-meaning young man ever going to make up his mind

Another cast just selected is that to support Viola Dana in "Cinderella's Twin," another Luther Reed original story. Wallace McDonald will be leading man and Ruth Stonehouse will have one of the crook roles as well as Edward Ceell and Edward Connelly. Others in the cast are Gertrude Shart. Irene Hunt, Victory Bateman, Gilbert Clayton and Galvert Carter. Dallis Fitzgerald is in charge of direction.

100 per cent within a year.

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NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION DE-

CIDES ON NEXT SESSION.

vestad as President.

meeting here last night.

An unofficial report made at the \$25 in cash taken.

Other officers elected were E. C. State of the Oregonal Chemical society today passed resolutions of the Oregonal Chemical society today passed resolutions expressing regret that congress

SEATTLE STORES ROBBED

Police Are Asked to Be on Lookout for Thieves. SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 6 .- Seattle

convention and election of O. C. Narvested of Astoria as president were the principal items of business transacted by the Norwegian Pacific Coast Singers' association at their executive meeting here last night automobile.

The safe of the grocery store was

AROUSES INTEREST

Authorities on Harbor Improvements to Take Part.

ALL PORTS ARE AFFECTED

Increased Freight Rates and Lack of Equipment Handicap Every Line of Industry.

According to reports received at the office of the state chamber of commerce, interest of the leading men o the northwest has been aroused in the Pacific northwest rivers and harbors convention, which is to meet in Portland October 4-5. Secretary Quayle says that men eminently fitted to discuss river and harbor improvements and transportation problems have signified their intention to be present and take part in the programme.

It is not the intention of he programme committee of the state chamber to have any large number of set speeches, but leave the meeting open for a free discussion of transporta-tion problems. The average person, perhaps, does not realize the serious situation that now exists in the northwest in transportation matters. The increased freight rates and the in-ability of transportation companies to furnish equipment is proving a se-Carmel Myers will be featured in the rious handicap to practically every production.

Lunber Industry Affected.

The tumber industry, one of the Liberty—Wesley Barry, in "The While Circle."

Columbia—Mae Murray, in "The Right to Love."

Rivoll—Violet Heming, in "The Cost."

Star—"Thou Art the Man."

Circle—Douglas MacLean and Doris May, "Let's Be Fashionable."

Globe—Will Rogers, in "The Strange Boarder."

Me Fenalty paid by a girl for a mistake—just one mistake—just one mistake—it sounds melodramatic. It is melodramatic, but nothing is more thrilling and interesting than good melodrama and "The Cost." is the first Paramount photographed. Suffice it to say that "The Cost." is the first Paramount photodrama to reach the Rivoll screen which has been in existence now more than five years although under different management.

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Why Marry?"

"Please Get Married."

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cruel realization of this fact proves that she is not a coward but a thoroughbred. Her womaniness touches finally even the heart of her reprobate husband who in his death struggle wins back for her the struggle wins back for her the struggle wins back for her the chief reward of this world.

Miss Barbara Luli, a young violin soloist, is winning great applause at the Rivoil this week. She is being featured in addition to the orchestral concerts each afternoon and evening.

Screen Gossip.

Fannie Hurs t's "Humoresque" which, according to eastern critics, is the biggest picture since George Loan Tucker's "The Miracle Man" and David Wark Griffith's "Broken Blossoms will open tomorrow at the Columbia theater. Its director is Frank Borsage, a young fellow less than 30 years of age. While he has been directing for several years "Humoresque" is his first production to research and the force of the first production to research and the first production to research the making of "All Men Are Valiant" store the making of "All Men Are Valiant" store and the Columbia.

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LABOR CELEBRATION LASTS 3 DAYS IN VANCOUVER.

Many From Surrounding Towns Attend Wild West Show of Pendleton Round-Up.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Sept. 6. (Special.)-The greatest Labor-day celebration ever held in Vancouver ended here tonight, after three days festivities. Saturday and Sunday the big feature was the Pendleton Round-

Portland; John Norman, third vicepresident, Everett; E. P. Hauge, corresponding secretary, and Otto Hauge,
recording secretary, are both of Astoria, and Carl Sunde, treasurer, is of
Seattle, as is John Wigen, marshal,
and Rudolph Moller, director-in-chief,
A memorial committee consisting of
Rev. C. A. Peterson, Seattle, and John
Norman and Jacob Oyen of Everett
was named.

big feature was the Pendleton Roundup company's performance in the post
at the athletic field, and the crowd
there days, hundreds coming from
Portland to get a glimpse of the wild
west promised.

The celebration today was opened
with a parade of the farmers and
union men, mostly union men taking
part, however, all of the unions affiliated with the Vancouver central
labor council taking part. They were
led by a number of children carrying led by a number of children carrying a banner in favor of free textbooks. The carpenters wore new white over-alls for the occasion. All unions car-ried banners and the United States

At 11 o'clock in Esther Short park. C. H. Moran, president of the Van-couver labor council, delivered an address. Later a basket dinner was en-joyed in the park. At I o'clock William Bouck, head of

the Washington state grange, delivered a speech; then the crowd went to the round-up in the post.

At 5 o'clock athletic sports were held at the park, and at 6:30 o'clock Carl Brannin, advocate of the Plumb plan spake in the park. This was plan, spoke in the park, This was followed by dancing on the street and later in Boilermakers' hall. The weather was ideal, being rather

cool, and the crowds were all that could be expected.

At the Yacolt-Yale bridge, recently completed, exercises were held, when the bridge was formally opened, and

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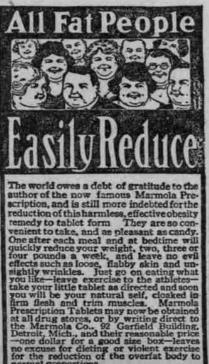
It was pointed out that the same chemicals used in dyes also are used in explosives and poisonous gases and that encouragement of Germany's dye industry gave her a latent military

STEER RUNS WILD IN CITY

Cowboys From Stockyards Have Animal Shot When Cornered. Several men on horseback chasing a wild steer through the streets of North Portland last night recalled to residents of that district the oldfashioned "wild west." The animal was finally cornered in the back yard of a house at 1211 Borthwick street.

where it was shot by James Doddridge, 1201 Commercial street.

The steer escaped from the Portland union stockyards, but employes at the yards said they knew nothing of the affair, and the name of the man who cwied the animal could not be learned. The steer was so wild that learned. The steer was so wild that the cowboys preferred taking it back to the yards dead, and Mr. Doddridge secured his rifle and shot it at their



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