

CASE OF MURDER INVESTIGATED

Doubt of John Arthur Pender's Guilt Added.

MURDER MOST ATROCIOUS

Evidence in Flendish Assault on Woman Believed to Fasten Crime on Another Man.

offered to a jury. There was no testimony that he went to the Wehrman cabin; he had no revolver; he was and is a sound, sane, quiet and gentleman in all respects the opposite of the fiend that killed the woman and then assaulted and mutilated her body. All that could be said against him was said by the judge who wrote the opinion confirming the verdict of the lower court as follows: "He may have taken the Bates package and kept it until he obtained the keys to the package and then referring to the contents of the mail box near his tent, and he may have taken the package and delivered it to the Wehrman cabin on Monday night as an excuse for making a call on Mrs. Wehrman, and the murder may have been committed immediately thereafter."

PACIFIC COLLEGE TEACHER JOINS Y. M. C. A. Charles E. Lewis, who has been chosen instructor in mathematics at the college preparatory school of the Oregon institute of technology, fourth floor of the Y. M. C. A. building, is an ex-service man and taught last year at Pacific college in Newberg.

have been committed immediately thereafter. Quite true, all this may have been true, but there wasn't a particle of evidence adduced at the Pender's having done any one of these things. Character Testimonials High. The testimony in Pender's good character is plentiful and convincing; all his friends and his lawyers believe him incapable of such a crime; his mother and sisters testify to his having been a good son and brother. He served in the Spanish-American war and E. E. Coolidge, cashier of the La Grande National bank, says of him: "I knew Pender as a soldier in the Philippines in 1898. He was a member of the same battery and one of the gun detachment of which I had charge at that time. He was a splendid soldier and held the confidence and respect of his comrades at all times. His devotion to duty and his high moral character were of the best type of American soldier. In all my intimate association with him, I never knew of a single act of his that would reflect in any way upon his record as a moral and upright American citizen." The captain of his company speaks of him in the highest terms as a man and a soldier. A prosecutor in Utah, later in the United States attorney general's office, refers to Mr. Pender as a normal man of good instincts and a fine character. He was a ward of the penitentiary for a number of years. All the wardens in the penitentiary agree that the prisoner never contained a more trustworthy or dependable inmate or one of more blameless character than John Arthur Pender.

Hair Pulled Out. He arrived there with his face scratched and the crystal of some broken, also with evidence of some of his hair, which was of light color, having been pulled out. L. Nitchman, a farmer living about six miles from Lewis and Clark county, was the first to take place, according to the testimony of his sister Lena, on Sunday or Monday, September 2 and 3, but he had disappeared before the bodies were discovered and had returned to the residence of his employer in Washington county. He arrived there with his face scratched and the crystal of some broken, also with evidence of some of his hair, which was of light color, having been pulled out. L. Nitchman, a farmer living about six miles from Lewis and Clark county, was the first to take place, according to the testimony of his sister Lena, on Sunday or Monday, September 2 and 3, but he had disappeared before the bodies were discovered and had returned to the residence of his employer in Washington county. REED ADDS TO FACULTY REGENTS FILL BIOLOGY AND LANGUAGE CHAIRS. Lawrence E. Griffin of Pittsburg and Edmund C. Bechtold of Kansas Are Elected. With the announcement of two new faculty additions to Reed, the professional personnel is practically complete, and the regents are satisfied that the present staff is as strong as it has ever been. Professor Lawrence E. Griffin of the University of Pittsburg, who succeeded Professor Harry B. Torrey who goes to the University of Oregon, and Professor Edmund C. Bechtold, a prominent college man of Kansas, has been elected head of the Reed biology department. Reed biology students, including a number of pre-medicals, have been worried over prospects until the election of Dr. Griffin, but according to the recommendations of colleagues at Pittsburg, and Gardner C. Bassett, until this year Stanford psychology man, Mr. Griffin is a teacher of unusual ability, and a man of scholastic enthusiasm. According to James B. Kerr, Reed regent, Mr. Griffin is "just the man for the Reed position," and Dr. Griffin has expressed himself as strongly in sympathy with Reed's ideals in regard to sound scholarship. Mr. Bechtold comes to Reed recommended by W. H. Carruth, poet and English man at the University of Kansas, as a brilliant student and energetic teacher, and the German department promises to be on a par with other Reed departments. This completes the appointments in the language departments, and leaves but two faculty appointments still pending, the chair of history and sociology.

PAVING SAVING INDICATED Municipal Plant Reduces Cost on Tenno Avenue \$1275.62. The municipal paving plant has caused a saving of \$1275.62 for property owners on Tenno avenue, between East Thirteenth and East Fifteenth streets, according to City Commissioner Barbur, in charge of the department of public works. According to Mr. Barbur, the bid of the contractor on this job, recently completed by the city plant, was \$3468.28, while the municipal paving plant was awarded the contract after bidding \$2192.66. The actual cost of the work was \$2126.66. Figures prepared by Superintendent Dulle of the plant show a saving of 84 cents a square yard on this job.

Children to Have Feast. A watermelon feast will be given for the children of South Park, Tuesday afternoon in Dunlawy park. Refreshments of various kinds have been donated for the party, which is scheduled for 6 o'clock.

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SAFETY HELD PRIMARY FOR OREGON AREA

George N. Aitken to Direct National Council Work.

ACCIDENT CURB SOUGHT

Ex-Safety Engineer of Pacific Lumber Company Is Chosen Field Engineer.

George N. Aitken, ex-safety engineer of the Pacific Lumber company of Seattle, Wash., has been appointed field engineer of the national safety council. His duties will be for the district of Oregon and the Columbia river basin. "Under the direction of Mr. Aitken the Pacific Lumber company attained an enviable record in safety and the general prevention of accidents. The industrial accident commission of Oregon has compiled figures showing that there were 21,375 time-loss accidents in various industries within the state during the last year, and that \$1,197,735 was paid out in compensations. The national safety council is endeavoring to reduce these figures.

Hugh H. Herdman, vice-president and general manager, when asked "What is the national safety council, and what are its objects and methods of work?" replied: "These questions are asked me so often that I am glad of this opportunity to answer them publicly. "In the first place, understand that it is a voluntary co-operative association of employers and others—non-political, non-commercial, not for profit. It is now the one national body that is carrying on the movement for accident prevention in this country. Starting in 1912 with 40 members, it now has a membership of over 1000 factories, railways, public service companies, logging and lumber companies, mines, insurance companies, technical schools, colleges, etc. "The National Safety Council and accident prevention are almost synonymous terms. It might well be called the accident prevention council. Here in the northwest its activities have been directed principally to the prevention of public accidents and it has accomplished much in this direction. It co-operates with all public bodies that strive toward this end. For example, it was instrumental in securing the passage, at the recent session of the legislature, of the motor drivers license law. It has a large and well-organized list of committees, composed of public-spirited persons, who render services freely for the public good. "Now, be it understood, it is not a federal body. It is not under the control of any of them; it is not vested with any of their police powers. It co-operates with all of them in preventing law violations that endanger the safety of the people; but it does not affiliate with and should not be confused with any official body.

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"In short, the National Safety Council has for its sole object the promotion of the public and industrial safety of the people of the state. It seeks to save the life, health and limbs of the workers; and while doing so, it contributes very materially to the financial development of the individual industries, and hence to the state as a whole. Its work has both a humane and an economic foundation. It has something of great value for the employer, the employee and the public." Portland Seeks Encampment. J. W. Jones, commander of Over the Top Post, No. 81, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and James Walsh, past commander, will leave Portland Tuesday for Washington, D. C. to attend the national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. An effort will be made by the Portland representatives to bring the next national encampment to Portland. Mr. Jones and Mr. Walsh will be in the east about three weeks.

PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN PLANNED

"Thus, you see, we are planning a progressive campaign of education and co-operation in accident prevention. We do not expect to accomplish wonders at first, but we are going gunning for that preventable percentage of accidents, both industrial and public. We are covering the state, outside of Portland and vicinity, by industries, and just now are centering our attention on the lumber industry, the most extensive, the most hazardous, and consequently the most costly in men and money. We have the unanimous indorsement of the loggers' and lumbermen's organizations, and are rapidly enrolling the operators and promoting the accident prevention work in the camps and mills. In addition to the loggers' and lumbermen's organizations, we have that of the Industrial Association of Oregon, the Associated Industries of Oregon, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Ad Club and the United Metal Trades Association. In and near Portland we are taking care of all kinds of plants output, and all the other consequences that followed these thousands of accidents. "As I said, the National Safety Council is a non-profit making organization. It is supported by dues so low as to be merely nominal, paid by the employers and graduated according to the size of the organization. We have the unanimous indorsement of the loggers' and lumbermen's organizations, and are rapidly enrolling the operators and promoting the accident prevention work in the camps and mills. In addition to the loggers' and lumbermen's organizations, we have that of the Industrial Association of Oregon, the Associated Industries of Oregon, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Ad Club and the United Metal Trades Association. In and near Portland we are taking care of all kinds of plants

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