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THE REAL SLAYER CLEARS PENDER

**Murderer Breaks Down When Closeted
With Chaplain and Tells the
Story in Detail**

Salem, Or., Jan. 3.—A lock of his own hair, taken from the hand of one of his victims, who had fought desperately for her life and that of her child, held before his eyes, caused John G. H. Sierkt, a feeble-minded inmate of the state insane asylum to confess tonight to the killing of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little boy in their cabin, near Scappoose, the night of September 4, 1911.

Thus, the authorities say, is John A. Pender, convicted of the crime and sentenced to be hanged, proved guiltless. He will, it is believed, be freed by executive order in a few days.

Who Knows of a Crippled Child?

County Superintendent Jackson has received an appeal from the Oregon State Federation of Womens Clubs, asking him to tell their hospital committee about any crippled children in this county who could be aided by a state-wide organization to furnish free medical treatment of the most modern scientific kind in all cases where the family income is not sufficient for expensive consultation with specialists.

The Federation, which includes a hundred women's clubs in all parts of the state, asks anyone who knows of a little victim of an accident, of spinal meningitis, of infantile paralysis, of tuberculosis in the bones or joints, or any other crippling cause, to write the details of the case to Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Secretary Child Welfare Commission, 250 1/2 Third St., Portland, Ore. The club women maintain that these little cripples, besides being the most pitiful of all cases of helplessness, and besides being entirely without organized assistance in contrast with the great state institutions which care for the deaf, blind, feeble-minded and even the delinquent, are also the most curable if treated in time and the most able when so treated to make good, strong, useful citizens instead of charges on public charity all their lives.

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Well Pleased With Clearance Sale

Yesterday this writer was in John Wesely's dry goods establishment, not to buy goods, but just to look around and to gather in a stray local or so.

While the store was not crowded, all the clerks were busy. The people seem to know when a bargain is offered them and the marked down prices at Wesely's surely are bargains.

Mr. Wesely stated that as the scarlet fever scare was about over, he was receiving a liberal patronage and his clearance sale was proving a success. If you want ladies suits or mens suits at half the regular price, get busy at once and supply your wants while the sale is on.

CUNTY HAS OVER \$20,000 BALANCE

**Is the First Year of Present Treasurer
That So Much Has Been
on Hand**

That Linn county is not only entirely out of debt, but in addition has \$20,429.98 on the credit side of the ledger, is the statement made by Treasurer W. W. Francis, who finished balancing the books of his office this morning. Mr. Francis has been in office for the last six years, but says that in all this time there has never been a year when the county has been in such a prosperous condition. Most of this time the county has been in debt, and Mr. Francis said that as far as he knew, there had never been a new year opened when the county was so well fixed as it is now.

One of the new assets which the county has had during the year of 1914 was interest on money deposited in the banks. This interest was collected at the rate of two per cent, and Mr. Francis collected \$3005.41, being the returns on over \$150,000 placed in the county depository.

Until this year the county has never made any gain from this source, but in 1913, the state legislature passed a law making it possible for county treasurers to obtain interest on county funds deposited. Some of the banks in the state were unfavorable to the new law and the matter was taken to the courts. Because of the litigation on this subject, the matter has been undecided until this fall when the law was upheld.—Albany Democrat.

Autos Make Road Quit

Ashland, Or., Jan. 5.—The Southern Pacific's motor service today between Ashland and Grants Pass makes its exit after a month of competition with automobiles between this city and Medford. Two rival lines are running on a 34-minute schedule. Fare one way is 25 cents.

The railway fare is 40 cents one way, a distance of 12 miles. Pacific Highway paving improvements make the competition possible. Cuts are being made in freight rates also, the railway tariff being 16 cents a hundred pounds. The automobile trucks haul for less.

THE CITY OF SCIO SOUND FINANCIALLY

**New City Council and Other Officers
Were Sworn in on Friday,
January 1**

Scio, nevertheless after warrants due are paid leaving a balance of only about \$150 to run the city on during the year, is in a very healthy financial condition. Sometime last spring an ordinance was enacted, segregating the revenue arising from the electric light plant from the general fund. Now only the expenses for operating the light plant can be expended from this fund, the balance or profit arising to constitute a sinking fund with which to take up the bonds for building the plant as they mature.

There is, when the outstanding warrants are paid, less than \$150 of the general fund on hand, to pay the city expense during the present year. As Mayor Ewing vetoed the tax levy ordinance, there will be no other funds for general expenses except the rifle which will be collected from license and fines.

The total value of city property, including light and water plants, fire apparatus, city hall, city park, etc., is \$15,508.38. The total of indebtedness is \$5,092.00, leaving the city's net resource of \$10,416.38.

During the past year Mayor Ewing who succeeds himself, approved one ordinance enacted by the council, vetoed four ordinances and pocket vetoed five more.

Our present city council who were sworn in last Friday are Frank McDonald, W. E. Arnold, J. R. Gill, Wm. Garland, A. L. Plummer, A. L. Taylor and J. N. Long. J. S. Sticha is recorder, J. N. Weddle, marshal and Roy Shelton, treasurer.

The following is the report of the city officers:

Recorders report, ending December 31, 1914.

RESOURCES	
City Franchise	\$ 2000.00
Light and water plant	10,000.00
Fire Apparatus	
Hose	500.00
Engine	592.00
Wagon	100.00
Hose Cart	300.00
City park	250.00
City hall	1000.00
Electric supplies	357.70
Accounts due city	115.78
Extension of lines	192.90
Total	\$15508.38

LIABILITIES	
City bonds	\$ 4500.00
Warrants	592.00
Total	\$5029.00

Net resources of City of Scio	\$10416.38
Electric Light and Water Plant	
Total cash receipts for private service	\$ 1931.28
Service for city:	
5-500 watt lights	54.00
56 Inc. lights	1128.00
16 hydrants	384.00
Lights at city hall	24.00
Lights at Milling Co.	24.00
Lights at School Bldg.	24.00
Total	\$3569.28

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Canal Trip Plans Go On

Washington, Jan. 5.—Secretary Daniels said today that plans for the dispatch of the Atlantic fleet to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal in connection with the Canal opening ceremonies are going forward, notwithstanding the report of Governor Geothals of Panama that he could not guarantee the passage of the battleships through the canal in March because of slides.

Secretary Garrison discussed with the president and cabinet today the Goethals report made to him yesterday. Mr. Garrison said that even though battleships could not pass through the canal, the trip of the president and other officials through Panama to the San Francisco exposition need not be interfered with, since the party could be taken around the slides by rail.

BRITAIN TO GUARD RIGHT OF SEARCH

**The Surrender of Privilege, Even Under
Guarantee, Held to Invite
Smuggling**

London, Jan. 5.—Although the foreign office regards with high favor the American government's plan of certifying cargoes loaded under the direction of officials of the treasury department and destined for European ports, it was said today that England cannot accept such certification as an absolute guaranty of the nature of the cargo in case any cause for suspicion arises after a vessel leaves America.

In other words, the right of search cannot be waived, because of the possibility of shifting cargoes at sea and of the impossibility of having the treasury officer who issues the certificate accompany the ship to her destination to guard against smugglers who may carry copper or other contrabands on small ships to be transferred at sea.

The waiving of the right to search ships bearing contraband cargoes, in the opinion of several prominent British officials, would be an invitation for smugglers to ply their trade whereas the retention of the right would tend to prevent dishonesty.

This position is precisely the same as that taken by the foreign office concerning the certification of manifests of American cargoes by British consuls at American ports.

A decidedly favorable impression has been produced here by the American certification plan. British officials regard it as a further manifestation of the desire of the American government to hasten a satisfactory settlement of the differences concerning the delay and seizure of American cargoes.

Dedication Ball

A dedication ball will be given at the L. O. O. F. Hall, in Scio, Friday evening, January 8, by that lodge. The benefits to go toward fixing the hall. Supper will be served at the hall at 12 p. m. Good music, good floor and a good time assured.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

BRITAIN'S REPLY FRIENDLY, IS BELIEF

**The Outline of the Answer is Sent to
France—Italy Reaches an
Agreement**

London, Jan. 4.—The British government's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of the week.

It is thought the answer will be friendly.

An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly increased because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

A statement will probably be issued shortly, showing that Italy has arrived at an understanding with England and the other allies concerning contraband satisfactory to all the countries effected.

It can be stated authoritatively that only five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since November 15. Two of these were released within three days and the others as soon as the alleged contraband could be removed.

Since December 4 no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the allies.

The rubber cargoes destined for American firms and held in English ports probably will be released soon or purchased by Great Britain, who needs rubber for manufacture of tires, boots, etc.

Constant negotiations are in progress between the allies and the neutral countries situated near Germany looking to a tightening of the export regulations which will prevent American shipments from reaching Germany and Austria through neighboring countries other than Italy.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely on the assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Turkey and Austria with munitions of war.

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