

HOW JOHN ARTHUR PENDER OF OGDEN WAS SAVED FROM A TERRIBLE FATE

Confession of an Inmate of the Oregon Asylum, Giving the Details of the Murder of a Woman and a Child, Which Had Been Charged Against a Former Resident of This City—Release of Pender Is Now Promised by the Authorities

MANUFACTURERS AT MEETING IN THE WEBER CLUB

George W. Goddard was re-elected last night as Ogdens representative on the board of directors of the Utah Manufacturers association, at a meeting held in the Weber club.



SCENE IN THE GREAT PLAY THE "WHIP" Coming to the Orpheum Theater for Two Nights, Jan. 10-11th. Seats Now Selling.

Confessing to the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman on the night of September 4, 1911, John G. H. Sierks, an inmate of the homicidal ward of the Oregon insane asylum at Salem, has saved John Arthur Pender of Ogdens from a life imprisonment in the Oregon penitentiary.

Salem, Oregon—Special to the Portland Morning Oregonian says: 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. Sierks, 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 Arthur 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.

Mr. Thacher Solves Case. Credit for solving this most heinous and most mysterious of Oregon crimes belongs to George A. Thacher, a criminologist of Portland. Once convinced that Pender was innocent he worked almost unceasingly in putting the threads of his evidence together.

There seems to be no doubt of the truth of Sierks' confession. While feeble-minded, he is capable of reasoning and seemed to understand thoroughly what was meant when he was asked to stand and take an oath to what he said.

Chaplain Gets Confession. The first confession was wrung from the man, who is 25 years old, by Rev. W. G. MacLaren, chaplain of the State penitentiary, who had been working with Mr. Thacher and Superintendent Steiner of the asylum, upon the young man for several days.

Sight of Hair Startles. Sierks was taken to the office of Superintendent Steiner. There were present besides Dr. Steiner, Mr. Thacher, Mr. MacLaren and Dr. L. F. Griffith, of the hospital staff. Asked about the crime, Sierks refused to talk.

Confession Is Signed. "Then I took the lock of hair from my pocket and said to him 'This is your hair. It was found in Mrs. Wehrman's hand!'" Then he sobbed like a baby and in a moment started with his confession.

There he stole a "speeder" and went on the Northern Pacific road to Scappoose. He "ditched" the car at Parsons station, stole a revolver from a cabin, threw the clawhammer with which he opened the trunk which contained the revolver in Pender's tent and proceeded to Mrs. Wehrman's cabin. He made an insulting proposal to her and she got a gun and shot at him. He fired three shots at her. The last one was fired with the pistol point pressing on her breast.

ORPHEUM THEATER Two Nights, Sun. and Mon., Jan. 10-11th. THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MELODRAMA. THE WHIP. The Original Purity Lane Theater, London, Production and Cast. This is not a Picture, but the World's Greatest Life Melodrama.

President McAllister gave a brief address, reviewing the work of the association during the year, laying particular stress on the publicity work that had been done and of favorable legislation secured.

W. J. Parker, who is president of the Utah Cannery association, spoke of the need of lower freight rates to develop the canning industry of Utah, as the great distance from the big markets makes it extremely difficult for the Utah canners to compete with those of the eastern and middle western states.

James Wotherpoon spoke on the question of proposed legislation. He mentioned several radical measures that are being considered, saying that the manufacturers' approved progressive, but not extremely drastic, laws.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 1, 1915. This is to certify that I have been a great sufferer from Rheumatism since 1894. Contracted the disease while working with a snow plow on the railroad.

Editor Standard: Your issue of December 28 contains the report of a sermon delivered by Pastor Russell, part of which would give you a wrong impression regarding Christian Science, which I desire to correct.

Love! Crime! Mystery! "The Master Key" Lyceum Today. 5c—ALWAYS—5c.

NOTICE, O. E. S. All members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 are specially requested to attend the funeral of our late Sister, Mrs. Annie Jenkins, at the Episcopal church, Friday, Jan. 8, at 2 p. m.

RELIEF FOR GERMANS HELD IN SIBERIA. Washington, Jan. 7.—Food, clothing and medicine valued at \$6000 will be dispatched Saturday from San Francisco direct to Vladivostok for distribution among the German prisoners of war in Siberia.

JAPANESE RED CROSS PARTY OF OGDENITES NURSES AND DOCTORS EN ROUTE TO WAR TO TOUR THE ISLANDS

Ogdens was visited early this morning by seventeen pretty Japanese Red Cross nurses, two surgeons and two civilians. The surgeons are Dr. Jiro Suzuki, medical chief of the Japanese Red Cross, and Dr. T. S. Uneyoshi Oshima.

"THE MASTER KEY" The greatest mining camp picture ever shown. Lyceum today and tomorrow. 5c—ALWAYS—5c.

ACADEMY TEAM WINS IN BASKETBALL CONTEST

In a practice game last night at the State School for the Deaf and Blind, the Weber academy basketball team defeated the team from the state school by the score of 54 to 15.

ATTENTION, MACCABEES The regular meeting of Silver Hive No. 1 will be held Friday, Jan. 8, at 2:30 p. m., at the W. O. W. hall.

RELIEF FOR GERMANS HELD IN SIBERIA. While his work and responsibilities are greater than are those of any of the commanders of the various German army corps, Dr. von Schjerning, general staff surgeon of the army, is almost never heard of.

NOTICE The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Ogdens, Utah, will be held at their banking room, at 2484 Washington avenue, Ogdens, Utah, on Tuesday, January 12, at 11 o'clock a. m.

BLOODED CATTLE ORDERED KILLED. Chicago, Jan. 7.—A prize herd of blooded cattle owned by Enos M. Barton, a wealthy manufacturer, and valued at \$80,000, have been ordered killed by government inspectors.

GARBAGE COMPANY IS ASKING FOR MUCH HIGHER PAY

The Sanitary Garbage company of this city has increased the price for gathering rubbish from cans for the city \$2.50 a month, as stated in a bid by the company for the business to the city board of commissioners this morning.

BILLS TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. Chicago, Jan. 7.—Bills abolishing capital punishment in murder cases will be introduced in the Illinois legislature and thirty-seven other states within the next few weeks by the Anti-Capital Punishment Society of America.

PINCHOTS TO HELP ESTABLISH HOSPITAL. Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States and his wife will sail from New York next Saturday to assist Mr. Pinchot's sister, Lady Almon Johnston, in her work of establishing a hospital in the war zone.

ATTENTION W. R. C. Meet to attend the funeral of Mrs. William Jenkins at the Episcopal church, Friday afternoon, 2 o'clock. PEARL ELLIOTT, Sec'y.

BAKERS MAY RAISE PRICE OF BREAD. Chicago, Jan. 7.—Bakers are considering raising the price of bread to six cents a loaf, an increase of one cent, it became known today, as a result of the advance in the price of wheat and flour.

SAN FRANCISCO ON FIRM BASE. Not Only Recovers Completely From 1906 Disaster, but Outstrips 1905 Valuation.

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Will remove to Eccles Building. A. W. HADLEY Real Estate, Loans and Insurance.