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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

ASK THE OREGONIAN

Sunday the Oregonian printed a dispatch from Salem in which Governor Withycombe denied that Pender was at liberty. According to the Oregonian, the governor stated: Pender has not been released, regardless of any reports to the contrary. He will not until the time comes when the parole board sees fit to recommend his parole." The Oregonian adds, "A story recently circulated and published at St. Helens was to the effect that Pender had been released." Many of our readers consider that the Oregonian contains some truth, but we will ask in all frankness, was such a report circulated? No; it is a lie. The Mist stated that Pender was no longer confined within the walls of the penitentiary, and such information was given to us by no other than Governor Withycombe. And please note that the statement of the governor leaves you in the dark as to whether or no Pender is in the penitentiary. Another matter, he states that Pender will not be released until the parole board sees fit to recommend the parole. Perhaps the wish is father to the thought.

And then that austere being who sits in the high tower of the Oregonian building and attempts to mould public opinion comes out in his paper of the 3rd inst. with a slam at St. Helens people, claiming they have raised an interesting question as to whether a criminal is punished more by idle confinement than by work on a county rock pile. This moult of public opinion tells us that the initiative law of 1912 grants the governor or the prison warden the right, upon request of any county court to "detail from the state penitentiary such convicts as in their judgment may seem proper for use on the public highways." The Oregonian, in concluding its editorial, states:

"The thought persists that if it is punishment of Pender, rather than custody and safe keeping, that the citizens of St. Helens desire, perhaps he is being punished more now than when he was kept at Salem. Probably nobody knows but Pender."

The Columbia county court did not request such action. Please pay attention to this last apasm and ask yourself if a man convicted of the murder of a woman and a little innocent boy should not be sent to the penitentiary for safe keeping. If not for safe keeping, in God's name, what was he sent there for? The people of Columbia county do not wish to persecute Pender, although he has been twice tried and two juries have found him guilty of the most heinous crime that could be perpetrated, viz., the murder of a woman who, from the evidence presented, defended her honor even at the cost of her life, and the murder of a baby boy to still the tongue that might give incriminating evidence against the murderer. The Mist maintains that if either the governor, the pardoning board, or lastly the Oregonian, have evidence that Pender is innocent, that instead of being made a trusty and sent out to do county road work, he should be given full pardon. It is not fair to the convicted man to send him out in the world with the mark of Cain on his brow if he is innocent; nor is it fair to the public, if the evidence presented at the two trials of Pender is correct, to give this man a preference over many others who are confined in the state's penal institution for lesser crimes. Another matter which might be brought to the attention of the Oregonian: At the time of the murder it used many columns of its paper to inform its readers of the crime; at the hearing before the justice of the peace it devoted several more columns of its valuable space, and then when the first and second trials took place many more columns of our esteemed contemporary's space were used to inform the public. When Pender was taken to the penitentiary, awaiting execution, and when Governor West delayed execution until the people

had abolished capital punishment, the Oregonian gave us more space. When a so-called expert on criminology gave Pender his clearance card and fastened the crime on a halfwitted youth, again the Oregonian came to the defense of Pender, but when this same man is made a trusty and sent out to do road work, this same great paper forgets to publish the fact that Pender is not in the penitentiary, where he was sent for punishment for a most diabolical crime. Perhaps the Oregonian was long on news and short on space.

The Oregonian says, "Ask Pender," and the Mist says, "Ask the Oregonian."

EMPLOYERS WILL STAND BACK OF VOLUNTEERS

The employers of Oregon are showing true patriotism. They are putting no obstacles in the way of the army and navy being recruited to the number asked by the president. One of the hardships and handicaps connected with the volunteer system of obtaining soldiers and sailors for our army and navy is that the volunteer is called on for a great and unjust sacrifice. When he returns from serving his country too often, he has found his position filled by another and he has to seek other employment and consequently he, or if he has others dependent upon him, suffer. A large percentage of the Oregon volunteers, in answering the country's call for the defense of the nation, will have no fear that upon his return, should he return, not to find his old position open for him, for the Oregon employers have said, "Answer the call, young man, and when you return your position will be open for you and we will be all the more proud of you." Many of the larger concerns, such as the Pacific Telephone Company, the street railway company in Portland, and manufacturing plants, will pay the dependent families of the volunteer the difference between the amount paid by the government and the amount the volunteer received from his employer. So the volunteer goes to the front to serve his country, knowing full well that the same spirit of patriotism that caused him to enlist for the defense of his country, is in the hearts of his employer and that the loved ones left behind will not suffer. With this concrete example of love of country are there any who think the Stars and Stripes which has waved over the country since 1776 and proclaimed to the world that America is the "Home of the brave and the land of the free" will ever be lowered? It is our flag; it is the emblem of freedom and honor and the American people will ever defend it. The volunteer and the home guard are together, they will stand together and the honor of the flag will be upheld.

THE COUNTRY AT WAR

Although the president of the United States and a long suffering public have tried in every conceivable way to avoid war with Germany, that nation, through the rulings of the kaiser and the military branch of the government, have forced the issue. We are at war. President Wilson, in no uncertain language, has presented to congress the American cause against Prussianism. The United States has no grievance against, nor desires to punish the downtrodden German people, but for the cause of humanity it has rebelled against the wholesale butchery of non-combatants, especially American citizens, and questioned the right of the German war council to lay down rules by which this government must abide. The German people are enslaved; they are driven to war against their will, for in many respects the German people have been more enslaved by the kaiser and his military party than the Russian people were by the czar. But the common people of Germany must bear the brunt, though it is not their fault. But, no matter whose fault it is, Germany and the United States are at war, and our country needs the help of every loyal citizen. If such citizen cannot be a volunteer, he can be a home guard and help in the support of the volunteer. Those of us who do not go to the front can still serve our country by guarding bridges, watching for spies and suppressing the socialist propaganda which has a strong hold in the country. Americans are aroused to a realization that America's principles of liberty and fair play are at stake and are worth fighting for, and America's sons will protect and defend these principles. America first last and all the time.

THOUGHT AND PURPOSE

Until thought is linked with purpose there is no intelligent accomplishment. With the majority the barque of thought is allowed to "drift" upon the ocean of life. Aimlessness is a vice, and such drifting must not continue for him who would steer clear of catastrophe and destruction.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Ore., endorsed "Proposals for improving the following road in Columbia County, Ore., to-wit:

Pittsburg-St. Helens Road, East from Pittsburg, Stations 0 to 51. will be received by the said County Court until 2 o'clock P. M., April 21st, 1917, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster at his office in St. Helens, Ore., must give prices proposed, both in writing and in figures and must be signed by the bidder with his address.

Plans and Specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk and also at the residence of Judson Weed, County Commissioner at Vernonia, Ore.

Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check, cash or a surety bond, for an amount of at least five per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the County in case the award is made to him and he shall neglect, fail or refuse, for a period of five days, after such award is made to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

R. S. HATTAN, County Judge.
 A. E. HARVEY, Commissioner
 JUDSON WEED, Commissioner.
 16-2 H. E. ABBY, Roadmaster.
 A. F. BARNETT, County Clerk.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

Cela Bagley, Plaintiff, vs. Lucius P. Bagley, Defendant.

To Lucius P. Bagley, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 5th day of May, 1917, said day being after the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said Complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable in the premises. This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled court, which order was made and entered on the 19th day of March, 1917, and the time prescribed for publication thereof is six weeks beginning with the issue of Friday, March 23, 1917, and continuing each week thereafter to and including the issue of Friday, May 4, 1917.

CLARENCE L. EATON,
 Masonic Temple, Oregon City,
 Oregon,
 Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jas. B. Kenny, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that R. L. Kenny has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Jas. B. Kenny, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, and has duly qualified for said trust. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the administrator at his residence, Goble, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, March 31st, 1917.

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PROCLAMATION

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS, OREGON.

At the regular general election of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, on the matter of the adoption or rejection of the following proposed Charter Amendments, the ballot title and number of said proposed measures being as follows, to-wit:

AN ACT

To amend Section 95 of the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon, Entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1889, as subsequently by the Legislative Assembly and as amended by certain Charter Amendments made by the voters of St. Helens, at elections held August 2, 1909, April 4, 1910, April 7, 1913, and July 23, 1915, relative to the SCALE OF PRICES FOR THE USE OF WATER AND FIXING A MAXIMUM RATE FOR ONE FAUCET, AND FOR BATH AND TOILET AND FOR THE SPRINKLING OF LAWNS AND GARDENS.

A total vote of 277 was cast thereon, and the affirmative of said measure, "100" Yes—shall said proposed measure be adopted? received 238 votes, and the negative of said measure "101"—No—shall said proposed measure be adopted? received 39 votes.

Also An Act to Amend Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of St. Helens by inserting therein Section 31 1/2, authorizing a bond issue of \$28,000 for refunding existing indebtedness of the City of St. Helens, consisting of outstanding sewerage district warrants heretofore issued.

A total vote of 271 was cast thereon, and the affirmative of said measure "102" Yes—shall said proposed amendment be adopted? received 200 votes and the negative of said measure "103" No—shall said proposed measure be adopted? received 71 votes, and the Common Council having canvassed the returns of said election and found that said proposed measures have received the affirmative majority of the total number of votes cast thereon, as aforesaid, at its regular meeting on April 3rd, 1917.

Now, therefore, I, S. C. Morton, as Mayor of said City of St. Helens, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the adoption of said ACTS.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 4th day of April, A. D. 1917.

S. C. MORTON,
 Mayor of the City of St. Helens, Oregon. 16-1

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Lv. St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
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Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens	11:50	5:50

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