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## J. C. WILCOX OF NORTH BEND PARDONED BY CHAMBERLAIN

Announcement From Salem That Saloon Man Has Won Out. MUST PAY COSTS OF THE LITIGATION. News Causes Much Surprise On Coos Bay—Was Opposed.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—The Portland Journal in its supreme court decisions from Salem, has the following: "State vs J. C. Wilcox, appealed from the circuit court for Coos county, J. W. Hamilton, judge: on rehearing, former opinion withdrawn and judgment affirmed as to costs: opinion by Chief Justice Moore. Wilcox was pardoned by Governor Chamberlain on agreement that he would pay costs."

**Big Surprise Here.**  
The announcement of the pardon of J. C. Wilcox by Governor Chamberlain, which has just been received on the Bay, occasioned much surprise. It had generally been understood that the adverse decision in the Supreme Court a few months ago under which Wilcox would have to serve the remaining several months of his year's sentence in the county jail, was final.

Sheriff W. W. Gage of Coquille, who was here this morning was greatly surprised when told of the pardon. He said that he had not received any official advice of it and had not had any intimation that any such action was likely.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist could not be reached today concerning the matter but he intimated a short time ago, when Wilcox's appeal was pending, that in case of a victory in the higher courts that Wilcox would be prosecuted on other indictments which are standing against him.

When the movement was started to secure a pardon or parole for Wilcox several months ago, scores of letters from prominent men on Coos Bay were sent to Governor Chamberlain urging him not to interfere in the case. Mayor E. E. Straw of Marshfield, was among those who wrote him opposing Wilcox's pardon. The North Bend Ministerial Association or Law and Order League which took an active part in prosecuting Wilcox circulated a petition opposing the granting of a pardon to Wilcox and this was also sent to Governor Chamberlain.

## BIG MEETING HERE TONIGHT

Joint Session of North Bend and Marshfield Chambers of Commerce.

The joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield and North Bend in Marshfield this evening promises to be one of the most largely attended gatherings recently held here. Addison Bennett, editor of The Dalles Optimist and one of the best speakers and boosters in Oregon, will speak.

Mr. Bennett has taken up the state-aided railroad proposition in Oregon and is enthusiastic over it. He says that the Idaho state legislature was practically unanimous in adopting a measure to permit state aided railroad construction there. Mr. Bennett says that "Coos Bay" is the slogan of southern Idaho boosters and he firmly believes that they will start work on their section of the Boise-Coos Bay railway before another year elapses.

## CARRANZA IS AN EASY VICTOR

Eureka Boy Knocked Out Charles Jost In Thirteenth Round Last Night.

Louis Carranza was a comparatively easy victor over Charles Jost in what was to have been a twenty-round bout at the Skating Rink last evening, but which terminated by a knockout in the thirteenth round. The match was a good one, declared by many to have been the best ever pulled off on Coos Bay, even though Carranza has his opponent clearly outclassed throughout.

The men mixed freely from the start, close-in fighting apparently being sought by both on the start. The crowd was with Jost on the start and even up to the sixth round, there was much lost money without takers. After the sixth, it became clearly evident that the Eureka lad was head and shoulders over Jost in the game and that the latter's only hope of victory lay in a chance blow.

Jost, apparently realized this, as he did not show up as well as his admirers thought he was capable of. Perhaps this was due to Carranza's superior ability making Jost's work appear rather amateurish. After the ninth round, the crowd turned to Carranza and applauded him freely. Carranza continued to crowd Jost and there was so much close-in fighting that many thought that Jost fouled him repeatedly in the under cuts he was attempting. The officials, however, say that Jost did not foul once, the upper cut landing each time well above the belt.

The knockout came in the latter part of the thirteenth round, Jost not being able to regain his feet for a second or after the fatal "ten" had been pronounced.

Prior to the main event of the evening, Whitman and Gordon started what was to have been a six-round preliminary. Whitman had decidedly the best of it and landed a knockout in the fourth round.

Walter Stanton acted as referee of the preliminary and Charles Howard was referee in the main event. There was a good crowd, the receipts crowding the \$800 mark pretty closely.

Young Saxe and Walter Stanton, two new stars of the squared circle have both challenged Carranza for a match here and it is likely that the Eureka boy will take on one of them in the near future.

## MYRTLE POINT ELECTION.

New Officials Will Be Chosen There April 5.

The Myrtle Point Enterprise says: "City Recorder Rose has posted notices calling for the annual municipal election for the city of Myrtle Point which is to be held at the city hall between the hours of 8 and 5, on Monday, the 5th day of April. The nominating convention is to be held at the city hall Wednesday, March 24th. The notice calls for the election of mayor, treasurer, recorder and two councilmen, the mayor for a term of two years, the councilmen for terms of three years each, and the recorder and treasurer for terms of one year each. The officers whose terms expire are: Dr. M. O. Stemmler, mayor; I. E. Rose, recorder; J. M. Arrington, treasurer, and Chas. Adams and D. McNair, the latter having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of W. T. McCloskey, resigned. Some unusual interest is taken in the coming election because of the contemplated improvements to the waterworks system to be made this summer."

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## APPROVES STATE-AIDED RAILWAYS

John R. Cochran Gives Details of North Carolina's Success In Building Its Own Railroad Lines.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—State-aided and constructed railroads are practical and a man who has built them in North Carolina is ready and anxious to look over the central and eastern Oregon field and possibly to offer a proposition for the construction of such a road through that territory.

John R. Cochran, of New York, a lumberman and railroad man, who built a large portion of what is known as the "Three C" line in North Carolina, a railroad constructed under a provision of the North Carolina law similar to that recently agreed upon by the Oregon legislature by which the counties voted the bonds for the construction of the line, is at the Portland Hotel and says that the Oregon proposition is a feasible and desirable one.

"In North Carolina as a result of our state built road, lands which sold for \$5 a acre when the railroad was begun are now selling for from \$60 to \$100 an acre, and the stumpage has gone up from \$1 a thousand to \$6 a thousand at the lowest," said Mr. Cochran. "Our situation in western North Carolina was much like that facing you in eastern Oregon. We needed a railroad in order to get our products out to Wilmington. As none of the large systems would build, the various counties bonded themselves and gave the money needed to the company outright."

**Details of Plan.**  
"Our plan was to go into each county, see the executive officer—there the sheriff—make an estimate of the cost of building the line across the county and ask for the lowest amount that the cost would warrant. In every case the counties granted a bond issue as soon as we made our estimates.

"The average cost was \$25,000 a mile through the Blue Ridge mountains and \$15,000 a mile on the flat lands. We secured outright from \$200,000 to \$300,000 from each county. The counties issued 20-year 5 per cent gold bearing bonds which were sold in New York, I believe, to R. T. Wilson for a very good figure.

"Several counties that objected to giving the money outright exchanged

their bonds for those of the railroad company, and some such plan could be adopted in Oregon, I presume. Of course, the railroad bought all its own right of way, excepting where farmers were willing to give land for that purpose. The counties gave no land, timber, coal or anything of that nature.

"This road proved to be immensely valuable to the people of the states. As I have said, it increased the land from \$5 an acre to \$60, \$80 and \$100 an acre. Samuel Hunt of Cincinnati, was one of the chief promoters and I was vice-president of that part known as the Marion & Northwestern.

"In the year of 1893 the road went into the hands of a receiver. Since then it has been reorganized and more than \$20,000,000 has been spent in making it one of the finest roads in the country, connecting Wilmington, N. C., with Cincinnati and practically with Detroit, Mich. There was never any objection to the county aid given the road and it prospered immensely with the country.

**Built Before the War.**  
"North Carolina also has a railroad actually built by the state—the old Carolina Central, now a part of the Southern railway. It was built from Salisbury to Ashland before the war and was a very successful road, and largely increased the value of property through which it ran."

Mr. Cochran has been spending some time in British Columbia investigating timber there and has made some large investments in that province as a result of his trip. He is planning to leave Portland with his wife April 1st and start on an all-summer horseback trip through eastern and central Oregon, going one way over The Dalles military road. He is planning to invest in yellow pine timber in central Oregon and also in desert lands, if there is any chance of getting a railroad through that section.

"I'm naturally interested in state built roads and would like to study the situation very thoroughly while I am here," said Mr. Cochran. "There is no doubt but that such a railroad would mean an enormous increase in the value of land in the state and in my estimation either the county or the district method of appropriation is a satisfactory manner of securing money for a public aided road."

## FAVOR BUYING B STREET LOT

Citizens League Says City Should Take It If Property Owners Pay \$3,000.

The Marshfield Citizens' League at a meeting last night passed a resolution urging the purchase of the 'B' street lot by the city council providing the private property owners who will be benefited by the opening of the street will subscribe \$3,000 towards the cost. This lot is the one over which there has been so much litigation regarding the price of it. The last suit which ended in Portland a few weeks ago resulted in a federal jury fixing the price at \$10,500. This price with the costs of the litigation will mean that the city will have to pay in the neighborhood of \$13,000, probably, to secure the lot from the C. A. Smith Lumber Company in order to open 'B' street or rather Commercial avenue as it is now known between Front street and the Bay.

The Finance Committee of the city council has had the matter in hand since the courts decided the controversy, and it is likely that the council will take action at its next meeting.

"Resolved, It be the sense of this meeting that the city buy the 'B' street waterfront property for the \$10,500 providing the property owners contribute the \$3,000 that we understand they have subscribed therefore."

**City Funds Discussed.**  
There was also an animated dis-

## J J HILL GETS ANOTHER ROAD

St. Paul Magnate Secures Control of Crows Nest Pass Railway.

(By Associated Press.)  
TORONTO, March 13.—At the annual meeting of the Crows Nest Pass Coal and Railway Company today it was announced that James J. Hill had secured control of the road.

Discussion over the city's finances. Some wanted the city to immediately begin paying the old warrants in the order they were issued and to issue new warrants for current expenditures. Councilman Coke said that this was gradually being done but that he did not think it would be advisable to abolish what is known as the "Current expense fund" for the present. He said that there were some things that the city had to have ready money to pay cash for the current expense fund is the only available means of doing this now. He said that in a short time he hoped it would be able to adopt the policy of paying the warrants in the order they were issued. Many took issue with him and finally a resolution was passed to have Tom Hall, S. B. Cathcart and Nels Rasmussen as a special committee investigate the advisability of enjoining the city from paying new warrants before the old warrants are cashed. This committee was instructed to report back to the next meeting of the league.

## NEW YORK'S NOTED SLEUTH SLAIN BY ITALIAN ASSASSINS

MANY LEAVE ON BREAKWATER

Large Number Sails For Portland On Steamship This Afternoon.

The Breakwater sailed this afternoon for Portland with one of the largest passenger lists she has had in several weeks. Traffic was augmented somewhat by the fact that another week will elapse before a steamer sails from here for Portland, the Alliance being laid up for the annual inspection at Portland. Capt. Magenn was anticipating a very favorable trip up the coast and will probably give his previous records a close shave.

Among those who sailed on the Breakwater were the following:  
Mrs. R. Curtis, G. Thor, S. Anderson, C. Welton, M. O. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, A. Nord, O. Peterson, G. Newton, S. Fenwick, Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Rainer, Chas. Gratton, E. A. Johnson, L. R. McGee, Rev. C. McKee, E. L. Archer, J. C. Lee, J. F. Haines, Dr. Schoonmaker, G. Rotnor, Mrs. Stark, Miss Stark, Miss E. Stark, M. Van Alstine, Mrs. Van Alstine, J. Christensen, W. McCartney, W. F. Howe, Mrs. Howe, M. Webber, J. A. Cowan, E. J. Crawford, M. Harge, Thos. Ryan, O. Carlson, E. Vaughan, Jas. Gray, B. L. Inland, Mrs. C. B. West, C. Calnmack, C. Daniels, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, W. T. Parry, Miss Lillie Petersen, W. C. Chase, Thomas Maloney, Mrs. A. Rood, Ole Anderson, J. Alphonse, F. E. Houseworth, Wm. White, Y. Kosaka, J. A. Johnson, D. C. Bracken, J. Rice, J. Maussel, P. Benort, C. Westbury, A. Trippe, P. Madsack, F. Posel, F. Mask, J. Obura, F. Monja, B. Howard, H. Mende, W. Sturdivent, W. R. Northrup, N. Grub, M. Grub.

**SUICIDES BEFORE GUESTS.**  
Gay Parisian Ends Fast Career at Banquet.  
(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, March 13.—Fernand Ravenez, a wealthy young Parisian, after a career of a few years of almost all sensation, gave a supper to a number of friends at Monte Carlo last night. The pace was fast and furious, but Ravenez cried "This is nothing. A big surprise is awaiting you at the end." Just as his guests were to depart he walked toward the Gypsy orchestra, suddenly drew a revolver and fired a bullet into his brain, dying instantly.

**WIRES ARE DOWN.**  
But Little Telegraph Service to Coos Bay Today.

The Western Union Telegraph Company's "shoe-string" wire between Marshfield and Roseburg, snapped shortly before noon today and as a result telegraphic communication with outside points has ceased. Manager Schetter has been busy trying to have the break repaired but had not succeeded up to 4 o'clock. In consequence of the interrupted wire service, The Times was able to secure only a small portion of the day's news of the world as furnished by the Associated Press.

**GIVEN DAY FOR EACH PENNY.**  
GREENFIELD, Ind., March 13.—Riley Johns of Brown township, after a trial in the circuit court, was fined \$1 and sent to jail for 60 days. He was charged with stealing a bale of hay valued at 60 cents from Geo. T. Johnson, a farmer.

His punishment is a day in jail for each penny. Johns did not deny the theft, but the morning after went to the owner and offered to pay him. He is a one-armed man, with a wife and three small children.

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Lieut. Joseph Petrosino at Last Falls Victim to the "Black Hand."

HAD RELENTLESSLY PROSECUTED BANDS

Killed While Perfecting Bureau to Keep Tab On Leaders.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 13.—A special cable to The Herald from Palermo says Lieutenant Joseph Petrosino of the New York police department, was shot and killed early this evening near his hotel. The assassins are unknown. Petrosino had come here on an important mission which had for its object the protection of the peaceful Italians of America.

**TERROR TO CRIMINALS.**  
Petrosino Had Relentlessly Prosecuted "Black Hand" Leaders.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 13.—Joseph Petrosino was the "Black Hand" expert of the New York police department and a terror to Italian criminals by his work. It is said that he had more convictions for murder to his credit than any other detective on the police force, and it is believed that he at last fell a victim to those whom he had so relentlessly prosecuted. He went to Italy to establish bureaus through which it was hoped to keep complete line on the movement of all known leaders in crime.

**WILL STOP WAR.**  
America and Mexico to Unite In Intervening.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The possibility of joint intervention of America and Mexico in the interest of peace in Central America, is believed to be now under serious consideration. The question at issue is the exact extent of the obligation imposed upon the two large Republics under the terms of the last Central American peace compact at which the five republics agreed to submit any quarrel between themselves to arbitration. It will be under this stipulation that intervention will be based.

## NORTH BEND WINS DEBATE

High School Team Victors Over Marshfield at Eckhoff Hall Last Night.

The North Bend High School Debating team last evening won from the Marshfield team at Eckhoff hall in North Bend. The decision of the judges was two to one in North Bend's favor. There was a large audience present, the Marshfield team being accompanied by a number of fellow students and some of the patrons of the school.

The question was "Resolved, That Greece has done more for the World than Rome." Marshfield supported the affirmative.

The members of the Marshfield team were Marjory Cowan, Pearl Watkins and Alpha Mauzey. The members of the North Bend team were Edith Allger, Clarence Kibler with Oscar Stauff as alternate.

The judges were A. J. Sherwood, J. J. Stanley and the Rev. Cees, all of Coquille.

Other numbers of the evening's program was a vocal solo "My Rover" by Miss Platt and a reading by Miss Applegate.