

WILL ASK FOR PARDON OF MARTIN

Attorneys Have Promise of Signatures of Many Prominent Citizens Who Believe That Wrong Man Is Serving Time.

Petitions requesting Governor Benson to grant a pardon to Edward H. Martin, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Nathan Wolff on May 1, 1908, will be circulated in Portland tomorrow. Martin's attorneys, who are initiating the movement for pardon, say they have assurances of support from leading business and professional men, and they expect nearly all the members of the jury that convicted Martin to lend their aid.

Usually the governor, in a murder case, desires the concurrence of the trial judge and the district attorney's office in application for pardon, but their recommendation is not controlling, and Martin's attorneys are not counting on the help of either Judge Cleland or District Attorney Cameron. Martin's appeal from the judgment of the supreme court, and the district attorney would naturally resist an effort to secure a pardon in any event, until he is assured of the affirmation of the conviction.

In spite of this handicap Martin's chief counsel, John A. Jeffrey, expresses confidence that his client will be pardoned.

Look for Good Petition.

"We will make a strong showing to the governor," he said in discussing the matter. "I am not at liberty to tell you any names of those who will sign it, as they might object to having their names used in advance. But we have assurances from men whose names will carry weight, and we will get most of the petitions signed before we start out to get a large petition as getting a good one."

"We make this appeal for Martin, first on the ground that he is innocent. When I first undertook his defense there was a doubt in my mind, but I am now convinced that the wrong man was convicted. We will support this view by affidavits and documentary evidence as to the cipher letters from Odessa, Russia, received by Joe Botkin, alias Joe Friedman, and the statements made by Botkin just before he left the state."

"None of this evidence was in our hands at the time of the trial, and we have been unable to use it on appeal. But this is a matter that the governor may properly consider for it tends to show why Wolff was killed and to exonerate Martin."

Cured From Morphine Habit.

"Another ground for asking the pardon at this time is that Martin is a new man. He is cured from the morphine habit that enslaved him. It is the first time in years that he has had a chance to assert himself. Whatever his faults at the time of his arrest, 'dope' and not Martin, was responsible for the conviction. The constitution declares that the object of the penal law is reformatory, and if Martin is released now he will be a good citizen. Several petitions have been offered him, and if released, he will accept an offer in his profession as a mining engineer."

"Confinement has done Martin a world of good. If the public generally could understand this change and could talk with him as he is today there would be a much stronger demand for his release. I anticipate that the governor will not expect help from the district attorney, for he naturally wants to have the judgment of the trial court affirmed first of all. But this ought to stand in the way if the equities of

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Itching Humor Broke Out on Tiny Mite's Cheeks—Would Tear His Face Till Blood Streamed Down Unless Hands were Bandaged—Spent \$50 on Useless Treatments.

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"When my little boy was two and a half months old he broke out on both cheeks with eczema. It was the itchy, watery kind and we had to keep his little hands wrapped up all the time, and if he would happen to get them unwrapped he would claw his face till the blood streamed down on his clothing. We called in a physician at once, but he gave an ointment which was so severe that my babe would scream when it was put on. We changed doctors and medicines until we had spent fifty dollars or more and baby was getting worse. I was so worn out watching and caring for him night and day that I almost felt sure the disease was incurable. But finally reading of the good results of the Cuticura Remedies, I determined to try them. I can truthfully say I was more than surprised, for I bought only a dollar and a half worth of the Cuticura Remedies (Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills), and they did more good than all my doctors' medicines I had tried, and in fact entirely cured him. I will send you a photograph taken when he was fifteen months old and you can see his face is perfectly clear of the least spot or scar of anything. If I ever have this trouble again, I will never think of doctoring but will use the Cuticura Remedies at once. As it is, I would never think of using any other than Cuticura Soap for my babe. You are at liberty to publish this, it may help some of the mothers as I was helped. Mrs. W. M. Comer, Burnett, Pa., Sept. 16, 1908."



the case show that a pardon would best serve the interests of society.

Trial Jury Stood Divided.

It will be remembered that the jury that convicted Martin was about evenly divided on the question of guilt. There was much criticism of the verdict of manslaughter because it was reached by compromise, the theory being that there was no middle ground. It should have been first degree murder, acquittal or disagreement they argued. In support of the theory that Wolff was murdered as the result of a scheme of blackmail founded on Wolff's connection with some secret revolutionist or nihilist organization at his old home in Odessa, affidavits will be presented from Eric Weinstein and a Washington county storekeeper named Radcliff. Weinstein is a Dane who was for a time a partner of Joe Botkin, the Jew who killed Nathan Wolff in Portland, adding that Wolff would have to put up the money if he said so.

According to Radcliff, who conducted a country store near Laurel, in Washington county, Botkin wanted to buy him out. He ridiculed the idea, as he knew Botkin had very little money, but Botkin said he could get the money from his friend Wolff in Portland, adding that Wolff would have to put up the money if he said so.

This conversation was in April, 1908, according to Radcliff. He paid little attention to the matter and did not think about Nathan Wolff being the man referred to by Botkin when he read about the murder, but when he next saw the peddler Botkin told him he could not buy the store, as Wolff had been killed.

Botkin Betrayed Nervously.

After Martin was arrested, according to Radcliff, Botkin became excited and said that certain Jews in Portland could tell him why Wolff had been killed. Soon after that Botkin left the county, starting south with a peddling outfit. He drove as far as Gervais, where he left his outfit with a liverlyman and took the train for California. From Redding he sent a letter to Eric Weinstein, his partner, telling him where the team could be found and apologizing for leaving the state in such a hurried manner. Since then he has not been heard from.

After this Weinstein explored a box left by Botkin in the house where he and Botkin made their headquarters, and found among other things, several letters from Odessa, a memorandum book and a cipher key. The letters were in cipher. One brief letter from a man in Portland was in English. It was dated a few days before May 1, the date of Wolff's death and conveyed the information that he had written a letter that he desired to give to Botkin, but did not want to trust to the mail.

Letters in Secret Code.

Since Jeffrey received the cipher letters and the key he has shown them to linguists and those whom he thought most likely to interpret them. If they were in any known language, he says he has established the fact that they are not written in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian or Greek. They bear every appearance of being in a secret code, with an occasional Russian character interspersed. They are executed in excellent handwriting.

Jeffrey believes that these letters might throw much light on Botkin's connections with some dark handed plot in Odessa, and it is his theory that Botkin possessed information which was expected to make Wolff "come through." That Wolff refused to be blackmailed and was killed by those who made the demand is the theory that the ministers afterward taking articles of jewelry to give color to the idea that robbery was the motive.

Man Who Bought Gun.

Jeffrey says he has also located the man to whom Martin testified that he sold a gun while sitting on a bench in the plaza block. This was the man Martin said he borrowed from Mrs. Grubb.

Jeffrey states that the name of this man is Williams. He was not discovered in time to use his testimony at the trial, although a man to whom Williams sold the gun was very much interested in the matter. The circumstance of the sale of the gun in the plaza block just as Martin described it. This is important as tending to show that what Martin said as to the disposition of the gun he borrowed from Mrs. Grubb was true.

Mr. Jeffrey's story about the sale of that gun did not sound probable to many people, says his attorney, "and we were not prepared at the time to corroborate what he said. But I know that he was telling the truth, although it may not have sounded much like it at the time."

WILL VOTERS BE AS WISE AS SOLOMON?

Portland, May 29.—To the Editor of The Journal.—King Solomon discovered which was the real mother of a living child by proposing to cut the child in two and giving a half to each claimant. The woman who was not the real mother of the child consented to the arrangement, but the real mother said, no. Let her take it, for it must not die.

Mr. Kellaher has solved the majority contest in like manner. The child is the reforms that have been tried to be carried out in city matters. It is a pretty child and its mother loves it. That mother is the public which wants honesty and economy in the city government, above and beyond all personal interests, and all personal ambitions. It is very important that the life of this child should be preserved.

Mr. Kellaher, one of the real parents of the baby, has shown that he is willing to sink his personal ambition to save its life. But the political false claimants, as of old, say, no. We will make no sacrifice to save it. We are out for office and mean to stay to the end, and so let the child be cut into three pieces. We don't care who gets it, in any way. The brat really don't love to us, and we have no heart left for it. Let it be cut and sent as far as its flesh be fed to the dogs, as far as we care.

The voters of the city, sitting in the judgment place of Solomon, next election day, must decide who is the real friend of public rights and who are the pretended friends. Who really feels a mother's love for a clean baby, and who are the false claimants. Will the voters see the point, and decide it as wisely as did Solomon? COMMON SENSE.

EXPECTORATES IN CAR AND FIGHT FOLLOWS

Because he objected to being called down for spitting on the floor of a streetcar, Fred Johnson started a vicious attack on a saloonkeeper named Prasil yesterday evening. Johnson, who lives at 75 Overton street, was given a reprimand on the Fulton car by Prasil, who accused him of expectorating on the floor. A fight ensued in which two windows were broken and when Prasil seemed to be getting the better of the argument a friend of Johnson, Bill Janzen by name, took a hand in the fray. Prasil is the proprietor of the saloon at 143 Fourth street.

Officer Klingel hurried to the scene of the fight, but as he was on his way to see the windup of what the conductor said was one of the best fights he had ever seen.

CAR STARTS AND AGED WOMAN IS INJURED

Mrs. Ellen French, who was injured Friday by falling from a streetcar at Third and Morrison streets is resting more easily today and it is thought she will suffer no serious effects.

Mrs. French, who is an elderly woman, while dismounting, was thrown backward on the pavement and bruised about the head. The car having started before she had gotten clear of the steps. Mrs. J. N. Teal was near with her carriage and took Mrs. French to the North Pacific sanitarium. Dr. C. Pantan, after a superficial examination, yesterday, thought there were no bones broken, but was to make a more thorough examination today, when the patient's nerves will be quieted down.

Mrs. French is the mother of Sydney French of the O. R. & N. company.

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BOY STEALS MONEY BUT ESCAPES PRISON

Christian Godson, an 18-year-old boy, passed last night in jail on a charge of having robbed his brother-in-law, A. Carleson of 590 Borthwick avenue, of \$130 in money and \$100 worth of jewelry. The arrest was made by Patrolman Peterson to whom the boy had told a story about having seen two men running from the house with the plunder.

Peterson stepped over to Detective Tom Coleman's home with the lad and Coleman, by series of questions, secured a confession from the boy. Now the robbed persons refuse to sign a complaint against him. In his confession the boy told where he had secreted the money and jewels and these were found in the basement.

The fact that Carleson refuses to sign a complaint against Godson leaves him of the charge of larceny although he is still held on a vagrancy charge. Detectives Price and Coleman attempted to connect the boy with the robbery of a butcher shop in the vicinity, but this was stoutly denied by him this morning.

DELIVER LECTURE ON WHITE SLAVE TRADE

"The White Slave Trade, Its Prevention and Cure," is the subject of a lecture to be delivered at the Taylor Street M. E. church, Wednesday evening, at 8 p. m., by Dr. James D. Corby, late chaplain of New York Training School for Girls. Dr. Corby has just returned to the city, having last lectured in Tacoma and Seattle to large audiences, among which were many city officials and students of the social problems. The mayor, city council and the ministers, all advocates for clean administration, have been invited to attend.

The meeting will be under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society, representing the Portland Commons and Louise Home. Special music by Mrs. Loue Clansedel and Dr. C. L. Haynes. Admission free.

YOUNG MAN DISAPPEARS IN MYSTERIOUS MANNER

Robert Hamilton, a 16-year-old boy who has been living with his parents at Lents, disappeared at 5 o'clock Friday morning and nothing has been heard of him since. His parents have requested the police to aid in locating him. He was a painter by trade and had presumably left for work on Friday. He had \$20.

Hamilton is described as 16 years old, six feet tall, rather slender, with black hair and blue eyes. He wore a pair of black overalls, a black square cut coat, a black shirt and a black hat.

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