

BOWERMAN WORKED FOR J. THORBURN ROSS

"JOINDER" WAS HIS CIPHER WHEN HE WAS WANTED

Acted in Interest of Bank That Was Afterwards Accused of Misusing State Funds; New Light Cast on Record.

TELEGRAPH CODE TO HIDE HIS IDENTITY

Another Case of Where People Were Forgotten in Effort to Serve Corporation.

Jay Bowerman was one of the men trusted by the J. Thorburn Ross bank lobby in framing legislation in its interest in the legislative session in 1907.

Under the name of "Joinder," Bowerman was the man called on by the Ross lobby to "watch" bills for it.

As chairman of the committee in charge, Bowerman, alias "Joinder," killed the Marquam suit review bill.

He assisted in emasculating the Miller bill regulating deposits of state funds, by which Ross was enabled to secure big deposits of state funds practically without security.

He was a member of the committee which extended the time of operation of the banking act, whereby Ross later sought to escape conviction for misuse of state money.

Ever hear of "Joinder?" "Joinder" is the name under which Jay Bowerman, assembly candidate for governor, is held in memory in the archives of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, of which the president, J. Thorburn Ross, is under sentence to the penitentiary because of his misuse of state funds.

Ross maintained an active lobby at Salem during the legislative session of 1907, and carried on telegraphic communication in a cipher code with those who were watching legislation in the interest of the bank. The lobby did its

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Carrie Kersh on Trial for Life



ATTORNEYS DRAW VARYING PICTURES OF WOMAN'S PAST

Opening Arguments Devoted to Tales of Her Career Either as Adventuress or as Unhappy Wife.

The jury empaneled yesterday morning to sit in the trial of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, charged with abetting J. P. Webb in the killing of W. A. Johnson at the Grand Central hotel, June 30, listened to the opening remarks of the state, entailing the case against the woman, and to those of the attorneys for the defense. The jury was afterwards taken by the bailiffs to view the scene of the killing.

Actual taking of testimony will begin Monday, Judge Morrow having postponed the trial in order to give the jury an opportunity to arrange their business affairs.

Deputy District Attorney Eltsegard told the jury the state would prove that Mrs. Kersh had formed a plot with Webb to raise Johnson of his money before the three left Spokane, and that the carrying out of the conspiracy led to the murder of Johnson.

Mrs. Kersh's attorney, George Fouts, began to tell the story of Mrs. Kersh's life to the jury, the woman sobbed audibly and drenched a large handkerchief with tears as her counsel described her early career and went into minute details in the depiction of her unhappy liaisons with Kersh, who became her husband, and later with Webb, now a convicted murderer.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Fouts, "the state has injected into this trial so much of the seamy side of human affairs that it will be necessary for us to do the same. I will endeavor to tell you of things that make a woman blush for shame in the telling in order to present facts which will show that Car-

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FLYING MEN IN MAIN EVENT OF AVIATION MEET

Le Blanc, for France, Tumbles as He is About to Finish the Course at Rate of 66 Miles an Hour; France Out.

WRIGHT BROTHERS' MAN TUMBLES OUT OF RACE

Grahame-White, for England, Finishes at Over 60 Mile Rate; Races Le Blanc.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Belmont Park, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, was declared the winner of the Coupe Internationale race this afternoon, the feature of the international aviation meet being held here.

White was declared the victor after Radley and Hamilton had been disqualified for not getting started within the time limit fixed by the rules.

Entries for the Coupe Internationale: English team—Grahame-White (Blériot); Radley (Blériot); and Ogilvie (Wright).

American team—Hamilton (Hamiltonian); Brooks (Wright); and Drexel (Blériot).

French team—Latham (Antoinette); Le Blanc (Blériot); and Thomas (Antoinette).

Prize—\$5000 cash and the James Gordon Bennett trophy. Distance of course 42.14 miles.

Belmont Park, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Two aviators were injured, a world's record was broken and all meet records surpassed in the Coupe Internationale, the supreme test of aviation, which was

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GOING TO SALEM



ANTICIPATING PUBLIC DOCKS BE BUILT, STEAMSHIP MEN ALREADY APPLYING FOR BERTHS

Even before the people vote for public docks November 8, owners of independent steamship lines, anticipating that modern wharves will be built are applying for berths in them. Under public ownership they will neither be subjected to the use of decaying, insecure, poorly equipped private docks, nor compelled to pay the extortionate rates now imposed on them by reason of their present use of these private docks.

The Richardson Steamship company,

operating from 10 to 15 steam schooners regularly between Portland and San Francisco, wants a landing place at and storage room on the public docks. The line in one year brought 28,000 tons of freight to Portland, paying a dockage rate of \$6500 at the rate of 25 cents a ton during that time. At San Francisco during this time the Richardson Steamship company has been paying dockage charges at the rate of 5 cents a ton. The cost in Portland has been five times as much as in San Francisco where docks belong to the people.

Want Public Docks.

"We will go over to the public docks as soon as they are ready for use," declared James J. Richardson, local manager of the line in Portland, "we pay big money for dockage and we get no service whatever. The docks are not equipped for handling freight; the docks themselves are in the worst kind of condition. At San Francisco we pay one fifth as much dockage and the docks are modern in every respect. The freight is quickly and economically handled, we discharge cargo, load and get away again in about the time it takes to get started to unload in Portland. That is the difference between public and private ownership of the water front at the docks."

The Richardson Steamship company is not alone in its desire to use public docks. It is reliably reported that every independent steamship line whose vessels come to Portland is anxiously watching the progress of the campaign for public docks in Portland. Hereto-

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BENTON COUNTY IS REPUBLICAN, BUT IT PREFERS WEST

Audience Four Times as Large as Bowerman's Greet Popular Candidate at College Town.

ADDRESS WINS VOTES AND HOLDS AUDIENCE

Old Line Republicans Desert Party Right and Left and Boost for West.

By Ralph A. Watson.

Corvallis, Or., Oct. 29.—Up in Benton county everybody is a neighbor of Oswald West and last night his neighbors of Corvallis showed their neighborly feeling by packing the opera house with an audience four times as large as that one which went to hear W. H. Hawley and Jay Bowerman a few nights ago. It was not an audience of numbers alone, but one of bottled-up enthusiasm, that laughed when West laughed with them, that gave him long and loud applause when he took his place on the platform, that interrupted him with applause as he made telling points after telling point in his address.

It was, too, one of those audiences which, when not applauding, sit in silence so intent that a rustling garment or a shifted foot startles and strikes discord against the speaker's voice. It was an audience gathered to listen and to learn, full of sympathy, ominous of Bowerman's defeat.

Republicans for West.

"It is going to be awful close, awful close in Benton county," is the way one of the most prominent Republicans in Corvallis sized it up as he walked to the meeting last night. "They tell me I am committing political suicide," he continued, "but I am out for West, and there are a whole lot of other political suicides in Benton county. I sat down in my office the other day and counted 40 Republicans who are supporting West in Corvallis alone."

"It is a hard game here in Benton county," the speaker continued, "Chamberlain never could carry this county, but West is going to get more votes than Chamberlain did. There is a man-

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PROSECUTOR SAYS CHIEF COX WOULD DISMISS CHARGES

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan Charges Head of Police Department Inclined to Stop Certain Prosecutions.

"We must have legal backing in our prosecution of criminal cases by the city attorney's office," Chief of Police Cox said.

"There is no one who asks to have more cases dismissed than Chief Cox," Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, who has charge of the municipal court prosecutions.

In view of these conflicting statements, the searchlight promises to turn upon the police department, and especially upon Chief of Police Cox. The statements followed as a result of the case in the municipal court Friday against William Grant for gambling in the breezeway hotel. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50. Chief Cox said it should have been more, and laid the blame upon the office of the city attorney. Continuing in his opinion of the police department, the chief said the police department did not have full support in prosecuting cases, and that it was discouraging to his officers.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, who has had charge of the work in the municipal court two years, takes strong exception to the views of the chief and to show that he has some grounds for

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TACOMA VOTES ON PUBLIC DOCK AND OTHER QUESTIONS

City Election in Progress on Proposal to Issue \$1,023,000 Municipal Bonds; Heavy Vote Is Coming Out.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Oct. 29.—An additional city debt of \$1,023,000, to provide funds for a fire tug, two new bridges and a municipal dock, is a question that is being voted on here today. The voting is heavy. Early indications are that the vote will be close. It takes a three-fifths vote to carry any bond issue.

Interest and general discussion have centered largely on the advisability of increasing the city's debt for a municipal dock. The fire tug has also been a bone of contention. Mayor Fawcett has backed the dock project, and has conducted a campaign in its favor.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS SANITARIUM SOLD; \$200,000 IS PRICE

Local Capitalists, Headed by Hartman & Thompson, Are Buyers; 24 Acres to Be Highly Improved by Owners.

Hartman & Thompson, heading a syndicate of local capitalists, closed a deal yesterday afternoon for the purchase of the property of Crystal Springs san-

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RIOTING FOLLOWS EFFORT TO DRIVE EXPRESS WAGONS

Guards Dragged From Seats and Shots Fired by Both Mob and Strikebreakers—Police Charge.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 29.—Rioting began today when the Jersey City offices of the express companies involved sent out their wagons, with guards seated beside the drivers. Eight wagons were stopped by the strikers and their sympathizers. The guards fired over the heads of the crowd that had assembled and the mob returned the fire. No one was injured in the opening fusillade, but the sound of the shots stirred the anger of the crowd, and there was a wild charge on the wagons. Drivers and guards were pulled from the seats, horses were un hitched from the wagons and turned loose, and in a few minutes the fight between the guards and drivers and the police that were rushed to their assistance and the angry crowd of strike sympathizers became general. Stones were hurled by the mob and the officers called into use their clubs.

The rioting occurred near the waterfront, and while it was at its height it was reported that a number of persons had been killed and their bodies thrown into the river. The report incensed the mob, and they took up the fight with renewed fury. Finally a semblance of peace was secured. The mob which had been driven back, however, was in an ugly mood, and the police fear a recurrence of the difficulties.

It is feared that the rioting in Jersey City may have its influence on the strikers in New York, where today the disturbances were inconsequential. Police fear that the strike may develop into a serious affair in New York, as well as Jersey City, and special precautions will be taken to maintain order.

WOULD-BE JURIST IS ARRAIGNED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

John Ditchburn, Candidate for Circuit Judge, Surrenders After Dodging Warrant; Alleged Victim Looks Frail.

John Ditchburn, Republican candidate for circuit judge, was arraigned before Municipal Judge Tazewell this morning on the charge of assaulting John McFadden, attorney of Cathlamet, Wash., and at the request of McFadden the case was continued until Monday for hearing.

McFadden secured the continuance in order to subpoena the witnesses to the assault, which took place Thursday afternoon in the bar room of the Esmond hotel at Front and Morrison streets. These were L. P. Branstetter, vessel owner; C. W. Hayes, an agricultural implement dealer, and Charles Carlson, a painter. Ditchburn had no witnesses and did not ask to have any called, but brought an attorney with him prepared to make a fight on the charge.

McFadden reiterated today that he knew of no reason for the assault made upon him by Ditchburn. He is of the opinion that some one wrote the letter mentioned by Ditchburn before making the assault to Judge Gatens, informing the jurist of things harmful to Ditchburn.

The contrast between the two men was emphasized when they appeared in court today. McFadden, while tall, is of a frail build and Ditchburn is robust and weighs more than 200 pounds.

Ditchburn yesterday dodged the officer who was detailed to serve the warrant upon him. Last night he called Captain of Police Bailey by telephone and told him he would appear in court today. The warrant was then called in. Ditchburn was permitted to leave court on his own recognizance today.

Ditchburn has bragged of his prowess as a pugilist and says he has fought in the ring.

FLOUR WILL GO DOWN 20 CENTS A BARREL; BAKERS WILL PROFIT

Blue Monday won't be so bad next week. From that time on consumers will be able to buy flour at a reduction of 20 cents a barrel from present prices. The wholesale price of flour was reduced a similar amount today, and the retail value will follow. This drop is due entirely to the recent sharp losses sustained by the wheat market.

LIFE LONG FRIENDS JOINED IN DEATH; SELF-DESTRUCTION

Jake Meadows Shoots Himself When He Learns George Sexsmith a Suicide; Both Prominent in California.

El Centro, Cal., Oct. 29.—Inseparable friends through life, Jake Meadows, deputy sheriff and a former Indian fighter of renown, and George Sexsmith, one of the best known surveyors in the southwest, are dead, Meadows having shot himself through the heart when he learned that Sexsmith had committed suicide. Sexsmith yesterday went into the office of Sheriff Mobley Meadows, brother of Jake, in the county jail and fired a bullet through his chest from a gun he found standing in the room. He died late last night.

An hour after Sexsmith died Meadows was told of his friend's death. "Good," he exclaimed; "I'm glad George got off. I'm going the same route."

Meadows then went to his room in the jail building, lay on his bed and sent a soft nosed rifle bullet through his heart, dying almost instantly.

Sexsmith laid out the famous Imperial Valley irrigation canal and built a 300 foot jetty for the Southern Pacific railroad in an attempt to turn the floods of the Colorado river back to their course. He had held several public offices.

Meadows was known as a scout in the early days in Arizona. He had served as a deputy sheriff here for many years. Sexsmith is survived by a young daughter and Meadows leaves a wife and five children.

DR. R. L. GILLESPIE IS TO BE INDICTED

The county grand jury will this afternoon return indictments against Dr. R. L. Gillespie, resident physician at Crystal Springs sanitarium, and two attendants whose names have not been made public. A great number of witnesses have been examined by the jury, the purpose being to clear up allegations that cruelties have been practiced on inmates of the institution.

In finding against Dr. Gillespie, the grand jury has gone on the theory that whether he had knowledge of the cruelties or not, it was his business to know of the way affairs were conducted at the place, and that he should be held generally responsible for whatever may have transpired there.

Graft Graft Graft

Is the entire country honeycombed with graft? Is it helplessly mired in corruption? And, if so, is there any hope of betterment? These are a few of the questions that Edward Marshall, the celebrated correspondent, placed before Woodrow Wilson, who is to desert the presidency of Princeton university for the political field.

Is this eminent educator alarmed at prevailing conditions? Does he despair of the many scandals affecting men high in business and politics, or does he see in these exposures signs of civic reform? Read the answers to these questions as given by Dr. Wilson in his diagnosis of current ills in

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