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## Chas. W. Wappenstein Convicted.

Charles W. Wappenstein, who was convicted the evening of the third was given a bitter draught for the Fourth, which was a sad disappointment to both himself and his friends. His attorneys argued that Judge Main was prejudiced and that if given a change before another judge they would be sure of acquittal. A few days ago when the first jury that tried Wappenstein and disagreed, it was the first blood for Wappy, and the public had almost concluded that it meant absolute defeat for the state. In the meantime however the state's star witness was driven out of Portland by the local detectives as an undesirable person and the defense made much of it and had the detective of Portland to come to Seattle to testify in the Wappenstein case. He however made a witness and it was general comment on the streets after he had testified, that he had done more harm than good. Rumor has been flying about the streets all the week since the conviction of Wappenstein that he would give up the whole story if consideration was shown him, but in the face of this his attorneys think they can have the verdict reversed in the supreme court. He will be tried for similar offences early in September.

The grand jury, which indicted Wappenstein and others in connection with the late Gill administration, and which took a recess until after the Fourth, is again grinding away, and it is currently rumored that, it will give the public a sensation in the very near future, that it had never dreamed of. Already Ed. Been, brother in law of Wappenstein, has been before the body and so has Day, the Portland detective, and it is rumored that, they too may become entangled in the meshes of the laws of the state for perjury.

The wilful shooting down of one of the policemen of the city the next day after the Wappenstein verdict was reached by the jury, smacks a good deal of retaliation work being done, and the police force has been selected by those favoring the Gill regime in Seattle to vent their disapproval of Wappenstein's conviction. If there is any truth in the rumor it is a sad commentary upon our much boasted civilization, and if any of the perpetrators of the dastardly deed are apprehended, nothing short of a necktie partie would appease the wrath of an angry mob.

C. T. CONOVER is not D. C. Conover and the Seattle Republican has been informed of the mistake it made in publishing the name of C. T. Conover and referring to the person of D. C. Conover. It was a surprise to learn that D. C. Conover, the Seattle attorney had developed into a magazine writer, but it was more when it developed that C. T. Conover, the real estate man of Seattle, had razzled dazled the public into the belief that he had written the article in Leslie's Weekly under the caption of The Nation's Crime To Alas a.

C. T. Conover or some hired man seems to have sold real estate to an advantage from his offices which has made him quite wealthy, but the presumption that he could write any kind of a letter, much less a magazine article, is even more ridiculous than the presumption that D. C. Conover had written it.

Prosecuting attorney Murphy is by odds the happiest man in all Seattle just now, and all because he whipped the heretofore invincible Morris at his own game, and makes no bones in saying that he will now convict Wappenstein on all the indictments. "I know nothing of the story published, to the effect that Wappenstein is willing to peach if promised mercy at the hands of the prosecution, but I do know Col' Blethen was one of the early and anxious callers at Morris's office after the story appeared in the morning paper," said Mr. Murphy one day this week.

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ALBERT J. GODDARD

Member of the city of Seattle Council, who for three years, while a member of the old Council, made a relentless war on the grading extravagance in the City, by advocating that the City lay out a district in which a cut is necessary and at the same time one in which a fill should be made. He was selected under the new Charter more on account of his persistent fight along this line than for any other reason. In organizing the Council he was put at the head of the street department and in that capacity he has been perfecting his plans until now he has them ready for action and he has a cut and fill district laid out and the same submitted to the Council for its approval, which if passed, will save to the City at least fifty per cent over what the same work would have cost under the old system. He is deserving of the everlasting commendation of the taxpayers for his efforts to save them from the useless expenditure of their money.

Councilman Goddard may be absolutely correct in his contentions against City Engineer Thomson, as being responsible for the wholesale graft that Mr. Goddard and others who have looked into the letting of the hundred and one regrade contracts in Seattle, declare have been practiced, but he will have to go some before the public will believe that Thompson has profited by those contracts or that he knowingly permitted any one else to profit by them at the expense of the tax payers. While Mr. Goddard has for the past two years or more stoutly contended that the city was being robbed by the contractors, who were giving regrade contracts, and even went a step further and intim-

ated that certain members of the city council were in collusion with the contractors, yet he never before openly accused Mr. Thomson of being mixed up in the dirty work. If later developments have been of a nature that Mr. Goddard is thoroughly convinced that Mr. Thomson is mixed up in the regrade graft then Mr. Thomson should not only be forced out of the employ of the city, but the facts should be laid before the grand jury, which is now in session, and is ready and willing to look into the regrade frauds if there be any. It is the opinion of the editor of the Seattle Republican that Councilman Goddard is absolutely honest and just and would not make a slanderous accusation against a fellowman without believing that he knew what he was talking about. On the other hand we have found Reginald H. Thomson to be one of the squarest men with whom we have had any dealings and we have as much confidence in his honesty of purpose as we have in any other man in the world and for that reason, it will take evidence to convince us that Thomson is rotten so far as his public career is concerned. But as said above the grand jury is at the disposal of any reliable informer, and if Goddard has any tangible evidence it is as willing to indict Mr. Thomson for malfeasance in office as it was to indict Wappenstein, and so let the public have the benefit of the whole story and it matters not who gets caught by the expose.

Reginald H. Thomson with the exceptions of a few months, under the J. T. Ronald administration, has been city engineer of Seattle since 1890. The board of public works removed him in 1892 and named Warner as city engineer and during his incumbency

of the office the whole system wreaked with fraud and corruption, and yet it was not believed that Warner himself had anything to do with the corruption or knew anything about it. Under Warner some extensive sewer contracts were let and while digging a large sewer along First avenue someone cut the measuring stick, which meant a wholesale robbery of the sewer fund, but it was discovered in time to remedy the deception and cause the city no mishap. The question then arose, who cut the stick? And to this day it is a mystery among those close to that administration as to who did turn that scaly trick. Mayor Ronald took the bull by the horns and removed the board of public works that discharged Thomson and elected Warner and the new board immediately put Thomson back on the job and he has been on it ever since. That he has fashioned and finished to an extent one of the most beautiful cities in the Northwest is the report of the entire traveling public. There is no doubt but that if he had a desire to make money for himself out of his official position he could now be a multimillionaire, yes richer by far than Jacob Furth himself, and he may be so far as this paper knows, but if he is he keeps his holdings well in the dark and they can not be of much service to him. The enemies of Thomson say he is one of the most thorough civil engineers in the whole country and knows more about the details of the city of Seattle than the whole official

JIM WILSON has been named by Gov. Hay as superintendent of the soldiers home at Pt. Orchard. Jim Wilson has been a contending factor in the politics of the state and county for the past twenty years and all because he wanted a big job and the other fellow did not seem inclined to give it to him. On general principles he is a pessimist and it is here predicted that his administration at the home will be short lived.

FRANK B. WIESTLING, who was recently disbarred by the superior court of Seattle, declares he is making more money in his collection business, which he is building up, than he did as an attorney, and that is saying quite a good deal, all of which but completely demonstrates that there are too many attorneys in Seattle and some kind of a process should be introduced to weed them out.

Mrs. May Arkright Hutton of Spokane desires to be a member of the next legislature and will make the race for the same. She really hopes to be lieutenant governor of the state and is planning the legislative fight as a preliminary to the big job she has her heart on.