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## ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

### BOARD OF TRADE STARTS ON THIS YEAR'S WORK.

Samuel Conner Elected President--Several Matters of Timely Importance Referred to Committees.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, Samuel Conner was elected president, P. L. Willis, vice-president, C. W. Miller, secretary, and Tyler Woodward treasurer. The new president is secretary and manager of the Northwest Door Company, and president and manager of the Pacific Coast Milling Company, Albia.

Various papers were read concerning the proposed Oriental Exposition, the establishment of a steamer line to Nome; the development of the Nehalem coal fields, and the erection of a sugar refinery, and a smelter. These papers were all referred to the proper committees.

### Concerning a Smelter

In regard to the smelter, which is needed in Portland, considerable investigation had already been made and the directors thought that arrangements should be made to bring ore from British Columbia and Alaska by water, as well as from Eastern Oregon and Washington by rail. The ore output of Baker County now being about 500 tons a month, a smelter of 100 tons per day capacity in Portland would need other sources of supply, said Vice-President Willis. Besides cheaper rates would have to be obtained from the various railroads and ocean lines in order that more ore and fewer concentrates should be shipped from the mines. A large smelter in Portland would be very convenient for the miners of east of the mountains, but its main supply of ore must come by water, for some time.

### Proposed Sugar Refinery

Director Killingsworth favored the appointing of a committee to confer with the officials of the O. R. & N., in reference to the proposed sugar refinery. "It is necessary," he said, "to come to a better understanding of this important matter and we should find out what steps are required, so that we may act intelligently in the matter. The Board of Trade, desiring to co-operate with other bodies in the city, with a view to establishing this refinery." In this connection, a letter from Dan McCann was read, urging the board to take immediate steps as a sugar refinery would be of more benefit to the city than the building of a battleship.

a more definite plan of operation in connection with the sub-boards of Trade.

The board now consists of 25 members and includes the local heads of Portsmouth, Montavilla and the Tenth Ward. Good work was done last year, but the full effects will not appear until 1901 is well along, as it takes time to establish enterprises which require previous investigation as regards their feasibility. The board is in excellent form and in good spirits to do much more preliminary work this year, as there are a number of good rustlers among its members, who keep in close touch with the masses of the people of Portland. The next meeting of the directors will be held at the office of Secretary Miller, 612 Commercial block, Thursday, January 17, at 2 P. M.

## THE FIGHT TONIGHT.

What Experts Think About Probable Result--Expect a Large Audience.

Tonight the much-talked-about fight between Tommy Tracy and Dick Case will take place at the Exposition building, and the excitement among the sporting classes has been constantly on the increase as the time for the bout approaches. The knowing ones predict that it will be one of the most scientific and exciting contests that has ever taken place in the Northwest, and unless the predictions of disinterested persons are at fault the bout will last at least 10 rounds, and perhaps both men will be on their feet at the end of the 20 rounds. Of course, this is what the "talent" think, but sometimes they are mistaken. Tracy's friends are very positive in the assertion that their man is too clever to be knocked out by any pugilist in his class on the Pacific Coast, while Case's supporters think that Tommy will find that he has run up against a snag and that the man who made such a triumphal tour through Alaska will put the sturdy and shifty Australian to sleep. Tonight the vexed question will be settled before what promises to be the largest audience that has ever assembled at any boxing event in this city for many years.

The six-round preliminary between Jost and La Fontaine will be an event in itself, as both men are anxious to win. Jost would like in a measure to retrieve the laurels he lost when defeated by Tracy in this city a few months ago, while La Fontaine has aspirations to travel the fastest company. The large hall will be made comfortable for the audience and nobody ought to stay away from fear of getting cold feet.

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## HIS WIFE CHARGES PLOT

### J. G. WARNER DEFENDANT IN A DIVORCE SUIT.

Former Prominent Portlander Accused by His Wife of Wanting to Marry Another Man's Wife.

James G. Warner, for several years a contractor, a real estate agent and man of affairs in Portland, now living in Chicago, is defendant in a divorce suit which has sensational features. Mrs. Warner charges her husband with wanting to get rid of her in order to marry another man's wife. Of this suit, the Chicago Inter Ocean of January 6 has the following account:

"Mrs. Flora Warner, of Portland, Or., filed a bill in the Circuit Court yesterday against her husband, James G. Warner, of Chicago, to secure an order of separate maintenance, and asking an injunction to restrain him from disposing of his property, and forbidding him to leave the state. "The bill charges that Warner has been trying to get his wife to consent to divorce proceedings, so that he could marry another woman, who would also secure a divorce in order to marry Warner. Warner denies that he had any such intention, and says that he will answer the bill with a cross petition for divorce on the ground of incompatibility. "Warner is a wealthy insurance adjuster, with offices in the New York Life building. He is also a stockholder in the Elkton Consolidated Mining & Milling Company. It was while Mrs. Warner was in the West visiting her parents that her husband is said to have promulgated his scheme for a readjustment of the marital relations of two families. "The plan, according to Mrs. Warner, was for her to allow him to secure a divorce by default, the woman with whom he was infatuated was to secure one in the same manner, and the divorced pair were to be married again. "Wanted Wife to Sign Letter. "To facilitate the arrangement he is said to have sent Mrs. Warner a letter, which she was required to read, sign, and then mail the copy to him. It was ostensibly to convey to him for the first time information of her desertion, and was to be used as proof of the same at the hearing of the case. She says that her husband explained that if she performed this courtesy he would be put in better touch with her, and be more disposed to contribute to her support. "The letter follows: "Portland, Or., Aug. 20, 1898.--To J. G. Warner, No. 218 La Salle street, Chicago.--My Dear Husband: I am so fully convinced that it is impossible for me to live with you that I have concluded it is best for us to part. I shall remain in Portland or Seattle and never again return to Chicago. Very truly yours, "FLORA WARNER. "Mrs. Warner claims that she refused to consent to a collusive divorce, and indignantly replied that she would not stain her family name with any divorce proceedings. In reply, she asserts, she received a letter, saying that the note was merely a formal matter. Mr. Warner is said to have added that he could secure a legal separation in two years in any event, and by other means in six months. "The couple were married more than 25 years ago at Butler, Mo. They have four grown-up daughters. Mrs. Warner, in her bill, states that on August 21, 1888, she started for Portland, Or., to visit her parents, and accompanied them to Wash., having received her husband's consent to do so. She believes it was at this time that Mr. Warner became acquainted with a Mrs. Hayes, who, she says, is still living with her husband in Chicago. "Mrs. Warner says that Warner became infatuated with the woman, and even in his daily letters to her he expressed his devotion to Mrs. Hayes. "Calls Her Action 'Entirely.' "I have tried to arrange with my wife to secure a divorce quietly in order to avoid publicity," said Mr. Warner, yesterday. "I can only say that her present action is unattractive. She is a nice, innocent little woman, but she lacks tact. We have been very unhappy for years, and in that case I think a divorce is best. "It is my will to provide for Mrs. Warner. I always will provide for her, no matter what comes. I have offered to give her an allowance if she would consent to a divorce, but I do not want the support to be in the form of separate maintenance. I think I am entitled to a divorce on the ground of incompatibility. "The charge that I wish to marry another woman is false. It is made by the lawyers my wife has employed, and not by her. The woman they refer to, and whose name they do not know, lives in the East with her husband, and is entirely above suspicion. In answer to Mrs. Warner's bill I will file a cross bill asking for divorce."

not many are signing it. Plank will send the big wagons that haul from the mill to Troutdale. They cut a gravel road into an impassable condition in a very short time, and nothing short of crushed rock or plank will hold up. It is understood that lumber will be furnished very cheap by the sawmills cutting out railway ties.

TO STATE'S PRISON. District Attorney Asks That Three Convicted Men Be Committed.

District Attorney Chamberlain, yesterday filed motions in the Criminal Court asking that Frank E. McDanel, James L. Warren and George Dixon be committed to the Penitentiary. McDanel is under sentence of 15 years for manslaughter. Warren stands convicted of murder in the second degree, having killed William Kirk, mate of the ship Clarence. Dixon, a common drunkard, is under sentence of 10 years in the Penitentiary on two convictions for forgery. These three men are confined here, pending the decision of their cases on an appeal to the Supreme Court. McDanel has been in the County Jail since July 30, 1899.

Mr. Chamberlain states that he does not desire to assume the responsibility of their being kept in the County Jail, but wants them sent to the prison at Salem. The motion is in the same case, and asks for an order of court directing the clerk to issue a commitment directing the confinement of the defendant in the Penitentiary for the term, and pursuant to the provisions of the judgment herebefore rendered, and further that the transcript of appeal has not yet been filed and that continual applications have been made and extensions granted to the defendant within which to perfect the appeal in this cause.

Henry St. Raymond, who is one of the attorneys in all of these cases, states that McDanel is held here under a certificate of probable cause which is provided for by statute, and the court has therefore already passed upon this question in that case. Dixon is held here on an application for a certificate of probable cause, and the attorney states that in the Warren case the court has held that it will not pass upon the question until the bill of exceptions has been settled, and this has not yet been done. To this extent this question has been disposed of in these two latter cases.

The certificate of probable cause holds the defendant in the County Jail until the final decision is reached by the Supreme Court. It has been the practice in the past to grant these certificates in criminal cases of importance which have been appealed.

## GOT ALL THE SPACE WANTED

Oregon Commissioners to Buffalo Secure Points of Vantage. H. E. Doeh and A. P. Tift, who went to Buffalo about three weeks ago to secure space for Oregon exhibits in the Pan-American Exposition, arrived home yesterday, bringing a snow storm with them. Mr. Doeh says they got all the space they wanted in all the buildings. He knew all the men who had charge of allowing space, and they were very kind and obliging and gave them space just where they wanted it. The buildings are practically completed, but there are 500 people at work on the grounds. They have 110 offices on the grounds, and 600 clerks are kept as busy as niggers. Thirty electric lines and 20 steam car lines enter or surround the grounds, and will furnish ample transportation facilities. Mr. Doeh says Oregon's principal efforts must be put forth to attract capital and manufacturers to this state. A. J. Johnston, of the Forestry Department, who went to Buffalo with Messrs. Doeh and Tift, went on to Washington. On New Year's Mr. Doeh went over to Boston to visit his son, at Harvard University, who had been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism. He was six weeks in the hospital, and received every attention, and is nearly well now, and was able to resume his studies at the opening of the term.

Committee Clerks. PORTLAND, Jan. 7. (To the Editor.)--Will you please give me an idea of what the duties of a committee clerk for a state Legislature are? Does an applicant need more than a good common school education? DAVID STEWART.

Mr. Stewart's letter to The Oregonian is written in a plain hand, and the inference from his last question is that he has had a common school education. But there is no educational qualification for Legislative clerkships, although the work required of clerks calls for some talent. Very competent persons quite often find it impossible to get clerkships, while just as often incompetent persons are selected because they have a pull. If Mr. Stewart should go to Salem next week the question will not be what is his education, but what is his pull.

Business Items. If Baby Is Crying Teeth. Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the gums, brings the teeth out and cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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