



BRITT AND NELSON TO THE FRONT—ALL OTHERS OFF THE STAGE.

PORTLAND YACHTSMEN DUE TODAY TO RETURN FROM ASTORIA REGATTA



Admiral Charles V. Brown.

Chairman Herman Wise.

The Astoria annual regatta is over and Portlanders who attended the water festival at that popular city on the gateway to the Pacific ocean are returning after having a most enjoyable week's outing. The regatta was very successful. The races and contests were of a high order and close finishes marked every boat race. The Union, a San Francisco auto-boat, easily won the honors in its class by defeating the Telegram and Hattie. The Union can attain the speed of 26 miles an hour and distanced her competitors several miles, even after making a mistake and

going out of the course for a considerable distance. The single scull race was won by E. O. Glos, who beat Patton by two lengths. In the pleasure boat race of two miles, Glos beat Patton by the same distance. The local oarsmen and yachtsmen declare that the regatta was one of the most enjoyable of the functions held at Astoria. Commodore Brown and Chairman Wise of the regatta committee are especially praised for its success. Julius and Ed Glos, Ed Atherton, Dick Brown, W. Bent and W. J. Patton reached home Friday evening. The yachtsmen are due today.

GARDNER WOULD MEET BRITT OR NELSON

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Sept. 2.—George Gardner, who looks after his brother's interests, said last night that Morris Levy had promised to match Jimmy against some good man in September. "I don't know who it will be," said George, "and we don't care as long as he will be a card." "How about Joe Gans?" "We will fight Gans," said George, "but he would prefer to pass him up until later in the fall when the game improves. After the racing season opens, Gans and Gardner would be a big attraction." "I should say we would, Jimmy would give anything to meet the winner."

IRVINGTON CLUB TO HOLD A TOURNAMENT

The Irvington Tennis club has arranged an open handicap tournament to take place on September 3 and 11 to the 14th inclusive. The matches will be played on the courts that the committee may designate. Unusual interest has been manifested in tennis this season by the local devotees of the sport and the playing has been of a high character. The coming matches will be closely contested, as the best players in town will compete. The events will be: Gentlemen's singles, gentlemen's doubles, ladies' and gentlemen's doubles, ladies' singles and ladies' doubles. Consolations—Open to players beaten in first match of ladies' or gentlemen's singles. First and second prizes will begin in all events except consolations, in which the first prize only will be given. Advantage sets will be played in all matches; best two out of three sets will be played in all matches except the semi-finals, and finals of gentlemen's matches, where best three out of five sets will be played. The entrance fee will be \$1 for first event and 50 cents for each subsequent entry. Rules of the United States Lawn Tennis Association will govern all matches. Competitors will play on such

ing teams will be Portland and Oakland. On account of the recent shakeup in the local team better results are expected.

LONG-MONEY HORSES WIN AT LATONIA

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) Cincinnati, Sept. 2.—Racing results at Latonia track: Six furlongs—La Sagitta (Allen), 20 to 1; won; Jack Ruffin, second; Narvan, third. Time, 1:14 3/5. Mile and 100 yards—Eduardo, 97 (Williams), 6 to 1; won; King Ellsworth, second; Hot, third. Time, 1:44 4/5. Six furlongs—Agola (Robinson), 5 to 1; won; Hot Pollot, second; Quinn Brady, third. Time, 1:13 3/5. One mile—Sam Craig won, Crescent second, Marlin third. Time, 1:45 1/5. Six furlongs—Minnie Adams won; Rolla second, Charlie Eastman third. Time, 1:18 2/5. Mile and an eighth—Wexford won; Fonsacua second, Royal Pearl third. Time, 1:44 4/5.

FLANAGAN BREAKS RECORD FOR HAMMER

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Sept. 2.—The world's record for the 56-pound weight, thrown from a stand without follow, was broken last week by John Flanagan of the Irish-American Athletic club, who hurled the missile 51 feet 3 inches, 1 foot 10 inches beyond the record made by himself last winter at Madison Square Garden. The occasion was the opening of the new athletic grounds of the Pastime Athletic club.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

There will be two games of baseball tomorrow, Labor day. The first will be at 10:30 a. m. and the second at the customer's holiday hour. The contest-

NEW COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Announced That New Fair Jury Will Be Chosen Because of Hardt Charges.

STATE COMMISSION HOLDS SECRET SESSION

First Star Chamber Meeting in History of the Board Results in Warm Debate and Disagreement With Corporation.

Charges that were preferred against H. B. Hardt, secretary to the director of exhibits at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and the subsequent objection to his selection as a member of the executive committee for the international jury on awards, will likely result in the selection of an altogether different committee. The charges were considered yesterday at a meeting of the state commission of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

It was the first star chamber session the state commission has held, and the strictest reticence was observed by the members at its conclusion. The session was an amazing one and was also denunciatory. Each member talked in turn and each member denounced Hardt.

Finally the talking was suspended and a committee was appointed to confer with President Goodie, of the corporation, with reference to the withdrawal of Hardt's name. The committee consisted of Richard Scott, J. H. Albert and W. E. Thomas. They were closeted with President Goodie in his office for half an hour before reporting that the president refused to withdraw the name of the secretary to the director of exhibits.

When the report of the committee was heard it was decided to postpone further action in the matter. Accordingly no definite steps were taken with reference to Mr. Hardt's selection, though it was stated positively and officially that a new committee would be appointed.

Charges have been forwarded to members of the state commission reflecting on the official integrity of Mr. Hardt while serving as superintendent of exhibits in the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha seven years ago. The charges emanated from Omaha and are denied by Mr. Hardt.

WILL UNCOVER GUILT

(Continued from Page One.) Pursuant therewith Riddell received from the Portland Consolidated \$2,500 in the form of a check made to him, as a settlement of the claim.

Riddell deposited this check in the Merchants' National bank, drew thereon a check for \$750 in favor of Ruffin, and retained the \$1,750 as counsel for Administrator Scott.

Several hearings were held by Judge Webster in this case, and the statements of Riddell were so conflicting as to produce unalloyed amazement in those who heard the proceedings. These contradictions were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Chicago—Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2. Boston—Boston 1, Brooklyn 0. New York—New York-Philadelphia game postponed; rain. Philadelphia—Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4. Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Cleveland—Cleveland 2, Chicago 4. St. Louis—St. Louis 1, Detroit 0. New York—New York 1, Boston 0. Philadelphia—Philadelphia-Washington game postponed; rain.

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whereas Riddell himself paid the money to Ruffin and himself signed an agreement with Ruffin to divide the money that might be received from the Consolidated company on the Jensen claim.

At another time in open court Riddell stated that he had no agreement of any sort with Ruffin; of course, later, when the truth had developed, Riddell was compelled to admit the truth that he had a written contract with Ruffin for the division of 50 per cent of the estate funds.

Still another time, in the court, Riddell, admitting that he paid \$750 to Ruffin, stated to Judge Webster that the \$750 was \$625, half 50 per cent of the \$2,500, plus \$125 which had been paid to Herman Jensen by Ruffin. When pressed by Frank Schlegel, counsel for the Swedish consul, Endre M. Cederbergh, Riddell admitted that the \$750 was half of 50 per cent and that the boy Herman Jensen did not receive any of the money.

It is said that on the one not signing a complaint against Ruffin for recovery of money he himself paid to Ruffin—an information may be filed against Riddell by the district attorney.

Records May Be Overhauled. The interest in the disclosures in connection with the settlement of estates of deceased and insane persons has been so general that it is intimated that a thorough overhauling of the records may be demanded. It is openly stated that the condition of many estates is such as to indicate remarkable looseness and, if so many irregularities have come to light through a hurried examination of the records, a careful investigation of the books would be worth while.

A short time ago several claims for money due certain estates were purchased by M. M. Bloch, at a discount, from the attorneys who had been in charge of them. When an estate is taken into the probate court, \$7.50 must be deposited with the clerk in advance to provide for all filing fees. If not enough papers are filed to consume the \$7.50, the balance may be demanded from the county clerk by the attorney and should be returned to the estate.

It is asserted that it is the practice of some attorneys to charge up the full amount of the deposit—\$7.50—and retain whatever the balance may be that is unused for fees.

A case in point is that of the estate of Carl Schlect, insane. H. H. Riddell was appointed guardian. Taking charge of the funds of the estate, Riddell deposited \$7.50 with the clerk, but the papers filed called for not more than \$2.50 or \$3 in fees, leaving more than half the \$7.50 that should have been returned to the estate. The report of Riddell to have been properly settled, appear that the entire \$7.50 had been required in filing fees, and there is no record of any return to the estate of the balance.

Bloch Denies There Was Graft.

It is not believed that the statement is true that Bloch was given information relating to these balances by Jay H. Upton. Bloch knew the books at the courthouse as well as anyone else, and needed no assistance in such a transaction.

"Furthermore," said Bloch, "I merely went to the attorneys and offered to buy the claims for balances, and they accepted my offer. There was no graft in it; it was simply the safe to me by a number of attorneys of claims due their clients' estates."

Another feature of the probate situation that interests many persons is the relationship of the bondsmen of the estates that have not been properly settled. In every estate—administrators or guardianship—a bond must be given for twice the amount involved. It is feared that an investigation would disclose many estates in which the law was not observed in this respect—that the bondsmen, who presumed they had been exonerated or released from further responsibility, are yet liable for all money that was not properly disbursed.

Many others in the results of the county court are not valid. The law provides that a claim against the estate of a deceased or insane person must be sworn to before a notary. It has been discovered that numerous claims have been allowed that had not been verified according to the law and that they are therefore not legal proof that the funds of the estates were rightfully paid out.

Quite Unmaterial. From the Glasgow Times. Chemist (to poor woman)—You must take this medicine three times a day after meals. Patient—But, sir, I seldom get meals these days. Chemist—Passing on to next customer—Then take it before

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