

PRESIDENT WANTS 2000 SIGNATURES ON CHAMBER ROLL

New Officials Give Snappy Statements of the Lines They Think Should Be Followed in Year's Work.

In his address at the annual banquet of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, H. M. Haller, the new president, paid a high tribute to the work accomplished in the past by the organization.

Asked for an outline of the year's program, the new officers of the chamber dwell particularly upon the campaign for a larger membership, all agreeing that the larger and more generally representative the body, the larger will be its influence in such matters as may come up for action.

Following are the expressions of the officers and trustees of the chamber in reference to the work before them for the year:

By E. C. Giltner, Secretary. The Chamber of Commerce during 1911 will take an active part in everything, avoiding religion and politics, that is for the improvement and the growth of the state in general and the city in particular.

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The land circular is now ready for distribution. In addition to this the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin will have the most complete and reliable statistics and will contain articles of particular interest at the date of issue.

The publications of all the other committees of the state are always kept on hand for distribution.

The usual active part will be taken in river and harbor work, transportation problems, aids to navigation, an exhibit of Oregon's resources both at home and in thickly populated centers of the east, and even in London, an information bureau to care for the settlers that are induced to come after their arrival here, furnishing articles for publications at home and abroad, and a list of regular duties too long to mention, including answering the correspondence in line with our work effected by government, state and Multnomah county officers.

Committees will be selected, both standing and special, to consider and report on every subject of public importance, and assist the public docks commission, the law creating which was prepared and practically carried by the chamber.

It is sufficient to say that backed by over 1000 firms and individuals, the membership increasing daily, no subject that is of importance to Oregon or Portland is too large or too small to be given our careful consideration, and such consideration and a decision, active work either for or against as the best interests of the public, in the best judgment of the trustees, seems to demand.

By H. M. Haller, President.

There is no reason apparent to me why any business or professional man interested in the welfare of the city should not be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The dues are light and the money goes a long way towards bringing results that if attempted individually would mean a very heavy burden upon some one. Many of the questions that come before the chamber could not be considered without the support of an influential organization, and while the chamber has done excellent work in the past, I believe that it can make doubly effective. Los Angeles has a wonderfully active chamber, with some 3000 members; Portland should have at least 2000.

By Rodney L. Gibson, Vice President.

The work and accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce during the year past and in former years, the results that will be obtained from such an organization. The strength is in the membership and it should be increased. The chamber has a very good class of members and more than 1000, but it should be, as President Haller remarked at the annual meeting, increased to 2000. I do not believe that can be accomplished in a year's time, but that is the goal we should have in view and with hopes of reaching it before long. The chamber can bring about much better results with a large membership for every member adds that much to its influence. The chamber in position to do more now than ever because of its greater strength and this strength should be increased continually as the city grows and expands. The splendid results obtained by the chamber during the past are certainly very gratifying and set forth plainly the inestimable value of the organization of the business interests of the city.

By O. M. Clark, Trustee.

Unity in interest among the business men in Portland and a larger membership should be one of the aims for which the chamber should work this year. I think the chamber should also advocate new laws governing our merchant marine. Now is the time to begin the upbuilding of a merchant marine by the establishment of a line of steamers carrying passengers and mail as well as freight between Portland and the orient. The Pacific coast is very much in need of direct mail and freight connection with China. As it is, boats make calls at various ports in other countries before reaching China. In fact

Chamber of Commerce Officials Are Hopeful



1—E. C. Giltner; 2—H. M. Haller, new president; 3—R. L. Gilsan; 4—A. H. Averill; 5—O. M. Clark; 6—Ben Selling; 7—H. A. Sargent; 8—William MacMaster, who just retired from presidency; 9—C. C. Colt.

We do not even have direct communication with our own colony, the Philopiner, which seems to reflect very much on the government at Washington, which should enact some laws that would encourage our merchant marine. We cannot expect to keep pace with other nations in acquiring our share of the commerce of the world unless we have and own the means of delivery. The lumbermen on the Pacific coast feel this need very much in the placing of charters for foreign delivery.

By Ben Selling, Trustee.

The suggestion advanced by President Haller at the annual meeting to the effect that the membership of the chamber should be enlarged is one that I think appeals to all our members. In unity there is strength, and what the chamber wants is all the strength and influence it can muster. When the chamber takes up a matter and indorses it, that matter should be pushed through to the desired end. Having been away from the city for the past two weeks, I have had no opportunity to give the year's program any attention, but the idea to enlarge the membership is one that I feel we should all support to our best ability.

By C. C. Colt, Trustee.

The Chamber of Commerce has and is working for the promotion of the community, the city of Portland, the state of Oregon and the Pacific northwest. One thing that the members should work for this year, is as President Haller outlined in his talk at the annual meeting, a larger membership. By increasing the membership to the extent that every business man, professional man or others having large interests here becomes interested, would lend tremendous influence to the organization. The chamber stands ready to take up matters for the good of the community as they are presented, but it is easily apparent that the larger the membership the better will be the results.

By H. A. Sargent, Trustee.

The Chamber of Commerce aims to keep a guiding hand that will benefit the manufacturer, business men and shippers of Portland, the state of Oregon and the Pacific northwest, being particularly anxious that these interests receive a fair treatment in every respect and that the communities get that to which they are entitled, be it appropriations for improvements from one source or another. To secure the best and quickest results along these lines, nothing will accomplish as much as a large and solid organization of the business interests. For that reason the membership of the chamber should include every individual or firm interested in its work directly or indirectly.

By A. H. Averill, Trustee.

Every business man in Portland should be associated with the Chamber of Commerce. Members should assist in arousing interest to this point—it will mean a tremendous step in the right direction, for with the business interests united in backing any proposition that might come up the result may easily be imagined. Unanimity in purpose and action is what we need and one of the most important goals for

which we can exert our energies during the year.

By F. C. Knapp, Trustee.

President Haller's suggestion to increase the membership until every business man in Portland belongs to the chamber is one that we should advocate to the utmost during the year. The chamber should have a larger membership because in unity there is strength and greater results may be obtained. The chamber is always engaged in furthering some cause for the good of the community and I presume many important questions will come up for consideration and action this year. One of the things we should try to accomplish this year, I would suggest, should be to if possible double our membership. Every member should consider himself a committee of one to talk for new members. By doing so, or if each member could bring another into the organization, then our ambition would be satisfied for the time being.

Every possible support should be given the permanent exhibit which in my opinion is a very valuable feature of the chamber. Larger quarters than those now at our disposal will perhaps also be discussed during the year.

OREGON MAY WIN BACK

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act was passed patenting the land to the state.

Conditions Violated.

Meantime in 1870, the legislature of Oregon granted the land to the Coos Bay Wagon Road company, subject to the conditions of the government. In 1875 and preceding that time the conditions were violated. Up to that time the wagon road company, grantees of the state, had sold about 7000 acres to 53 purchasers, and it then sold the remaining 97,000 acres to John Miller, who was regarded as representing the interests of Collis P. Huntington, Leonard Stanford, Charles Crocker and others of the same financial group.

After passing through several hands the 97,000 acres, still intact, came into the hands of the Southern Oregon company, which is now being sued by the government. This company claims to own the land, now worth many millions. The government expects to show the company has no title, the sale of the land being in apparent direct conflict with the conditions imposed, first by the national government and later by the state.

Representative Cole, agreeing with the contention that the Southern Oregon company does not have good title, contends that the state, having fulfilled every condition of the grant by the United States, is now the rightful owner. He points out that the grant was effective and absolute as soon as the first act was passed by congress. The supplementary act of 1874 relating to the patent was not necessary to complete the title of the state, merely supplying legal evidence of the fact.

In other words Cole contends that as the title of the state was complete with the grant of 1869, the state's transfer to the wagon road company, with conditions attached, was likewise complete, and the act of 1874 has nothing to do with the state's title.

The legislature is expected to speed-

ly authorize the attorney general to take the necessary steps to protect the rights of the state, by which means it is believed \$4,000,000 worth of timber lands will be added to the public domain and saved from private monopoly.

SCHENK DEFENSE STOUTLY CLAIMS FINAL ACQUITTAL

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daughter and son. I have tried, but so far I have not succeeded."

State's Case Nearly All In.

The prosecution has produced most of its testimony in the one solid week of sessions. The remaining witnesses whose appearance is considered an important factor in the state's case are Lundy Wilson, the Schenk chauffeur, and those by whom Prosecutor Handlan purposes to show how Mrs. Schenk purchased the arsenic alleged to have been put into the drinking water and the medicine administered to Schenk.

Handlan tonight said he would call a Wheeling physician who is, said to have instructed Mrs. Schenk how to administer the poison.

Defense Alleges Conspiracy.

The defense will force the state to put Albert Schenk upon the stand. That was definitely stated today by Attorney S. O. Boyce, of Mrs. Schenk's counsel.

Boyce said:

"Our testimony will compel the prosecution to call Albert. That is what we desire. We will show by his testimony the existence of the conspiracy against the defendant."

Boyce was asked if the defense would rely on the insanity plea. "I do not know," he said. "We propose to show the innocence of Mrs. Schenk by direct evidence. We will show further the motive and opportunity to poison John Schenk on the part of another person. This will also be contained in the evidence."

Up to this time there has been no indication in the cross examination that

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the defense will resort to the insanity plea.

The attorneys for Mrs. Schenk have passed no chance to lay emphasis on the family conspiracy claims. While insisting that they would not deny the presence of arsenic in the millionaire's medicine and drinking water, they have bitterly fought every inch of expert testimony.

Synopsis of State's Case.

Epitomized, the state's evidence was: That Schenk drank water containing a large portion of arsenic, and took medicine tinctured with lead.

That Mrs. Schenk acted suspiciously in the sick room, expressed a desire for her husband's death and otherwise showed her hatred for him.

That she preferred "younger and society men" over the prosaic businessman. That she was afraid Albert Schenk, a brother, would get control of the property after her husband's death, a contingency she sought to anticipate by the help of the two nurses.

That she sought clandestine meetings with Dan P. Phillips, the young music clerk, that she spoke repeatedly and indifferently of the death of her husband, and that she tried to bribe a detective-nurse to give Schenk a fatal dose of poison but became frightened over the prospects of an autopsy.

Prosecutor Also Satisfied.

The woman's counsel are looking to sentiment to play a large part in the verdict. This is evidenced in the statement to the United Press tonight by Attorney Frank O'Brien. He said: "I would be willing to let the case go to the jury with the testimony of Phillips unrefuted. I am convinced that the jury will not seriously take into consideration the statements of a traitor. The average man's sympathies are not built to absorb the foulness of betrayal."

Prosecutor Handlan will propound his hypothetical question early next week. The program calls, first, for the completion of the detective nurse's testimony and her cross examination. It is believed the state will have finished its case by Tuesday.

"Am I satisfied with the progress of the trial? Well, rather," Handlan said tonight. "I have proved what I said I would. I am willing to let the evidence speak for itself."

5-Months-Old Child Dies.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) La Center, Wash., Jan. 14.—Bertram Louis Flager, the five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flager, died at its parents' home Wednesday night.

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