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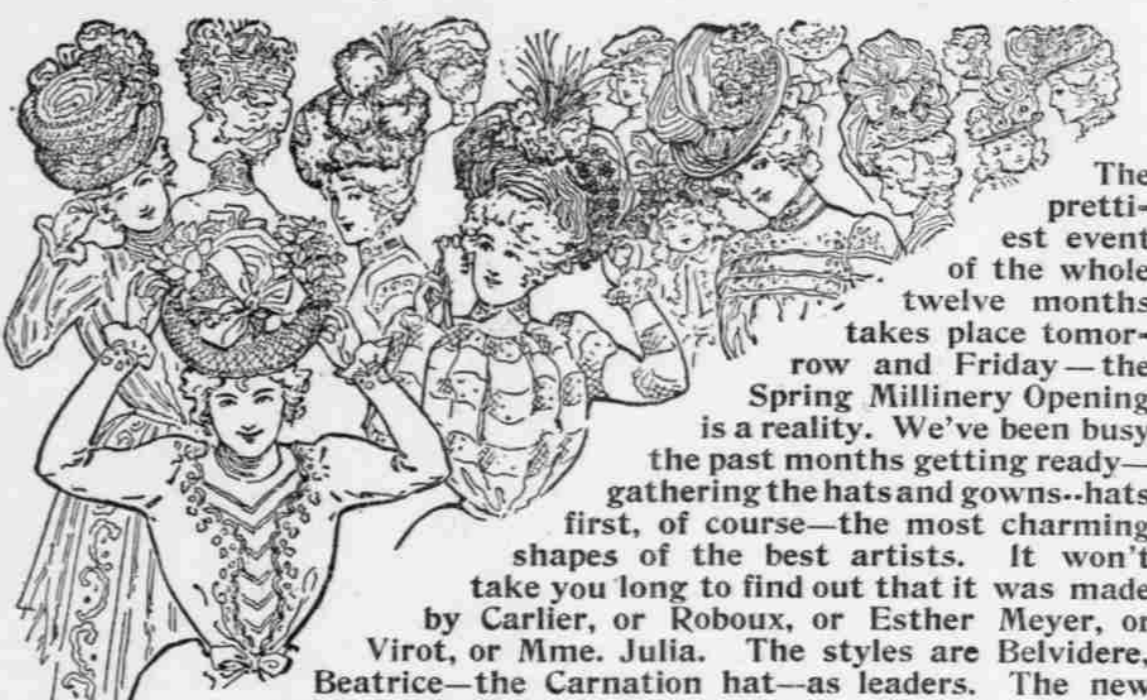
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GAME OF WAITING

This is What County Court Is Playing.

BOTH SIDES ARE HOLDING OFF

No Likelihood That Commissioners Showers and Mack Will Obey Judge Calk's Order to Meet Today—The Attorneys.

Both sides in the County Commissioners' fight appear to be playing a waiting game. Judge M. L. Pipes states that he said Messrs. Bernstein & Cohen will appear as attorneys for Commissioners Showers and Mack, and for W. B. Steele, who either is or is not a Commissioner, depending on what the courts decide.

Mack and Showers are required to take the oath of office under the new law, but their failure to do so at this time would probably not interfere with their right to do so in the future, if the case goes against them.

Judge Pipes is not prepared to state when court proceedings will be begun, nor what ground he and his associates will stand upon.

County Judge Calk is equally noncommittal with regard to what course he will pursue to bring about the organization of a full Board of Commissioners, provided Commissioners Showers and Mack persist in their refusal to meet with him.

The only thing he has done thus far, has been to issue a second call for a meeting, fixing the time at 10 o'clock this morning. The order is similar to the one served on Monday, reciting that William Showers and J. G. Mack were appointed County Commissioners under the recent act of the Legislature, and are required to meet with the County Judge for the transaction of county business upon his call.

The order further is as follows: "And whereas, said William Showers and J. G. Mack were called to meet with the County Judge of Multnomah County at 2:30 P. M., on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1901, and failed and refused to appear and sit with said County Judge for the transaction of county business as required by law:

"New, therefore, it is ordered that Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1901, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., he and she hereby designated as the time for said meeting, and the said William Showers and J. G. Mack are hereby called and directed to qualify by taking oath of office in the manner required by law, and to be and appear at the County Court room in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, at said time, there and then to sit with the said County Judge for the transaction of county business; and

"It is further ordered that a certified copy hereof be forwarded, served by the Sheriff, upon each of said persons.

Judge Calk, expressing a legal opinion regarding the legal effect of any business which should be transacted by the old board in the future, said: "A law is good until it is declared to be invalid, and all acts under it would be de facto and legal up to the time it should be declared unconstitutional, if it should occur. All acts contrary to it would be void, if the law is good, and where there is a tribunal to perform the duties, under the act."

Explaining this theory of the law, His Honor said if the old board continued to act it would be as usurpers, and without authority of law. If they desire to test the law, the proper way was for Commissioners Mack and Showers to meet as provided by the new statute until

the courts passed upon the question. If the new act was found not to be good, all business transacted in the interim would be legal, and they would have been Commissioners de facto, and Commissioner Steele would resume his position as a member of the board and receive the salary for the time he was out.

Not Likely to Appear.

It is not probable that any of the Commissioners will appear at the meeting called for this morning. Commissioner Mack was spoken to about it by an Oregonian reporter, and said: "There is nothing personal in it with me, nor factional. I received a notice from the Sheriff. I may be there, I may be here, and I may be somewhere else." Mr. Mack smiled, and, assuming his remarks, said: "The order directs us to appear. I don't know if the County Judge has any such authority or not. If Judge Calk is the whole thing, why don't he declare the office vacant and appoint others? We want to know if Steele, Showers and I are the Commissioners, or Calk, Showers and I. The Supreme Court, I understand, has never decided whether a man can be legislated out of an elective office." Mr. Mack further stated that if the court held the law to be good, they would meet with the County Judge. He was not prepared to say whether or not the case would be carried to the Supreme Court, if the Circuit Court decided in favor of the law.

That Commissioner Showers will not obey the call to come to the County Court this morning and be sworn in under the new law is indicated by the fact that he and Mr. Steele yesterday afternoon went out on the Macadam road to see about a ditch that is being dug to drain off water and prevent damage accruing to adjoining land. This action portends that Mr. Showers still recognizes Mr. Steele as a Commissioner, and chairman of the board, consequently Mr. Showers cannot well join forces with the County Judge, and the latter seems destined again to have the pleasure of viewing a room full of emptiness when the appointed hour for the assembly arrives.

Mr. Steele has on several occasions stated that the Legislature could not put him out before his term expired, and that he was going into court, but had not altogether made up his mind just how to get in.

No Bill to Audit Now.

County Auditor Pope, whose duties involve more or less dealings with the County Board, is not bothering himself much about the dispute just now. Mr. Pope said there will be no bills to present for approval until next month, and in the meantime, the controversy may be settled. The first Thursday after the first Monday is bill day, and February bills were passed upon on March 7. "Until next bill day," Mr. Pope said, "I will not have much to do with them." Warrants for the salaries of deputies at the Court-house and other county employes are approved on the last day of the month, if the case is not ended before this day, the question then will be whether the Auditor will present the payrolls to Judge Calk or the old Board of Commissioners.

Brokers who deal in county warrants are not disturbed by the situation. Al Salmon yesterday said: "I am still buying and doing business as usual." Salaries are fixed by law, and warrants for these issued either under one authority or the other would hardly be questioned. The salary claims of deputies are approved by the heads of departments, and these warrants will probably also go through all right. Speaking of other claims, a Courthouse attaché said: "If a warrant should be declared invalid, the person in whose favor it was issued would still have valid claim against the county nevertheless, for the service performed or the goods furnished."

County Clerk H. H. Holmes, who is the clerk of the County Commissioners, declared that he could not tell what he would do in the matter until it came officially before him. The order by Judge Calk directing the Commissioners to meet with him this forenoon was sent by him to the office of the Court Clerk, to be filed. When an Oregonian reporter called to inquire what disposition had been made of it, Mr. Holmes was not in. Chief Deputy Swetland answered the interrogatory, saying: "No order has been filed here."

This illustrates that the Clerk purposed to admit the auditor to the old board. George Pawcett, Bailiff for the County Commissioners at their rooms at the City Hall, is still doing business at the old stand. Mr. Pawcett attends to all charity applications, and performs various other and numerous duties.

LAMP THIEF CAUGHT.

Police Have the Man Who Has Been Robbing Churches.

After three weeks of night-and-day work Detectives Snow and Kerrigan arrested John C. Fabricius yesterday on Everett street, near Second, charged with the robbery of electric lamps which the police believe were stolen from about a dozen church buildings in this city.

Fabricius was also broken into and robbed several times and the thief, as usual, paid his respects to all the electric lamps within reach. As church after church was robbed, the sufferers moved about in an atmosphere of dread, for they did not know when their turn would come again. At more than one prayer meeting recently the leader would say: "Now that the last prayer has been said and the people gone home, let us lock up our electric lamps, or the robber will get them." The lamps were accordingly placed under lock and key, for safety's sake.

Snow and Kerrigan were placed on the case, and they at first searched fruitlessly among the different pawnbrokers' and second-hand shops for traces of the missing lamps. But the thief was cunning to sell the stolen lamps at the usual places in Portland where loot is disposed of, and few questions asked. Just three weeks ago the first clue was given the police that a pale-faced young man with both the little fingers of his hands and his right eye, was selling electric lamps and umbrellas, and that the Jap in charge had virtuously refused to have anything to do with the proposition. The Jap was seen, and gave the detectives such a good description of the lamp seller that they at once recognized the young man they wanted. They picked up Fabricius, only a short distance away, and when arrested he gave the police the same description of the lamp seller that they at once recognized the young man they wanted. They picked up Fabricius, only a short distance away, and when arrested he gave the police the same description of the lamp seller that they at once recognized the young man they wanted.

"You will find out all about it at the police station," was the soothing answer he got. On being searched, Fabricius had in his pockets five Chinese laundry tickets and two pairs of dentists' forceps. Both fourth fingers on his hands have at one time been broken. He said he was led to a cell: "I have nothing to say. Mind that."

The police afterward gave out this statement: "Fabricius is 35 years old and weighs 140 pounds. By trade, when he works, he is a hatter. He was arrested here and served time in jail in April, 1897, and December, 1898. The charge was larceny. He has lately been in Seattle and Tacoma. Electric lamps have also been stolen from church buildings there. The lamps stolen in Portland have been sold in about 15 Japanese stores. In one instance the robber tried to sell several umbrellas, wrapped up in a copy of The Sunday Oregonian. It was only the other night that a thief broke into the First Baptist Church and, although the building was watched by a policeman, he escaped. More developments will follow."

GAMBLERS GO TO TRIAL

FIRST CASE SINCE "LICENSE" WAS ABOLISHED.

Law Enforcement League Prosecuting Frank Hellen—Jury Will Be Called in Municipal Court.

Reformers, gamblers and the general public crowded the Municipal Court yesterday, to hear the gambling cases against Frank Hellen and four other men of the Portland Club, but no evidence was adduced, and after a wrangle between the respective lawyers, it was decided first to try the case against Frank Hellen, before a jury, this morning, at 10:30.

Henry E. McGinn represented the defendants and G. C. Moser the Law Enforcement League. Mr. McGinn argued that the five cases ought to be consolidated, and then proceeded: "These arrests were made at the same time, and the complaints are the same. One trial ought to end the matter. Consolidation of cases has been made by Judge Sears.

As we want a jury trial, it means that we will be compelled to pay \$5 per day, probably for five days. If my clients are acquitted, there is no chance of their recovering the money deposited for a jury. The city will say: 'We are not responsible, and will not refund.' The power behind this prosecution is something intangible, something in the air, and has nothing back of it."

"As to a jury, we ought to have a regular panel drawn up by this court," began Mr. Moser.

"The Attorney-General has decided that this court is not a Justice's Court," remarked the Judge.

Mr. Moser then read the law governing the selection of a jury in the Municipal Court, and emphasized that section of it which says that the jury of six men shall be drawn from citizens, by the Chief of Police.

"I protest against the consolidation of these five cases," went on Mr. Moser. "I represent the city, as well as an association of people who want to see the law enforced. As to the intangible something of which the defendants' lawyer speaks, it is made up of taxpayers who want to uphold the law."

"You represent spontaneously virtuous people," interrupted Mr. McGinn.

"I represent people whose reputation is known to be good," replied the other lawyer.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Oregon School Teacher Wanted in Kentucky for Pension Frauds.

J. B. Bowlin, who, for the past six months or so has been teaching school in the northeast corner of Wallawa County, was brought here and placed in the county jail yesterday morning by Deputy United States Marshal Roberts. Bowlin is a native of Kentucky, and was arrested on a process issued in the United States Court last Summer in search of Bowlin. They found him residing in Umatilla County under the name of J. B. Smith, and arrested him in his house, but his wife put out the lamp and he sprang through a screen door and made his escape, and the officers were not able to find him and had to return to Kentucky without him.

The indictment was sent out to District Attorney Hill some time ago, and a warrant was sworn out by him for the arrest of Deputy Marshal Roberts, who, after rather a rough journey of about 100 miles by stage from Elgin, found him located near the extreme northeast corner of the state, within an hour's tramp of either Washington or Idaho, and succeeded in arresting him and bringing him safely here. Application will be made to Judge Bellinger for an order for his removal to Kentucky, and if this is granted, United States Marshal Houser will see that he is taken there.

Bowlin is a respectable appearing and intelligent man about 30 years of age, and says that he was employed for four years in the General Pension Office. He has a wife and three children in Wallawa County. His school was closed a short time before he was arrested. He is said to be a member of the same church as United States Attorney Hill, of Kentucky.

DEFICIT WIPED OUT.

Presbyterian Missionary Society Starts New Year Free From Debt.

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. S. T. Lockwood; first vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Goss; second vice-president, Mrs. D. Loring; third vice-president, Mrs. J. J. McKicken; recording secretary, Miss Mary K. Lamberson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert; treasurer, Mrs. Caroline A. Ladd. Mrs. Edgar P. Hill, the retiring president, presided, and the reports of the various officers were heard.

The report of Mrs. Caroline A. Ladd, as treasurer, showed that the total expenditures of the society in the various missionary fields reached \$707.92. Before the day of meeting the society had a deficit of \$53. This was reduced to \$5 through the activity of the treasurer, and in the meeting the remaining amount necessary to subscribe. The report of the secretary, Miss Mary K. Lamberson, reviewing the work of the year, and urging continued loyalty, was adopted.

Dr. Hill was present, making a brief

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POISONOUS PLANTS.

Botanist Chestnut on His Way to Oregon to Investigate Them.

In connection with the work on the poisoning of animals, especially sheep, through poisonous plants, which the United States Department of Agriculture is carrying on, V. K. Chestnut, of the division of botany at Washington, starts for Oregon today. He will spend some time in association with the specialists of the Oregon Agricultural College in the investigation of poisonous plants in this state. His work in Montana last year resulted in great benefits to the sheep-raiser. The work in Oregon will be undertaken under favorable circumstances. It will be greatly facilitated, if stockmen who are troubled with poisonous plants will correspond with the director of the experiment station at Corvallis.

The chief part of the work is aided. Mr. Chestnut and associates will visit the various sections of the state, make collections of plants, and photographs of diseased stock, and plants in the pastures. Antidotes and preventive agents will be applied under just the conditions in which the stockman find themselves. Analyses of plants and such parts of the diseased animals will render any assistance in determining the character and action of supposed poisonous plants as may come



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