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OLD COUNTY BOARD IN SESSION

Several Opinions on the Commission. ers' Muddle, but No Solution Offered-Judge Cake Holds Short Meeting by Himself,

While Commissioners Showers and Mack have refused to meet with Judge Cake and organize a Com-Court, under the new law, they have both taken a new oath of office before County Clerk Holmes to act as Commissioners, and to support the Constitution of the United States, the State of Oregon, etc. The evident intention of this move is not clear, but it appears to be a case of playnew law is decided to be good, they can assert that they were regularly sworn in under it by the properly constituted officer to administer such oaths, and if it is held to be invalid, they will continue to serve under the former statute, and the additional oath of office will not cut any It would not injure any official to two oaths of office of even more with-

An attorney, speaking upon the subject, said: "Their being sworn in shows that they have recognized the new law, and it "Their being sworn in shows that tops them from acting under the old They also cannot follow the new law for one purpose, and disobey it as to all others. They have recognized the new law and refuse to obey it. The law says they can meet only at the call of the County Judge, and here they are meeting with Steele as chairman. They ought to stand on one foot or the other, either on the old law or the new."

It is stated that the Commissioners were sworn in on advice of their counsel so as to be prepared for any move on the part of the County Judge, who might contend that the offices were vacant on account of their failure to take the oaths under the new statute. It is also said that the course pursued by the two Com-missioners will avoid any legal question concerning their acts as a Board of Commissioners, pending the settlement of the existing dispute. Two constitutes a majority of the board, and the majority

The matter was kept quiet, but for what reason can only be conjectured. County Clerk Holmes said: "Mr. Showers and Mr. Mack notified me that they wanted to be sworn in, and I dld so. It is just the common oath, and there is nothing in it

support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon and the law thereof, and I will faithfully, hon-estly and impartially discharge the duties of and will faithfully demean myself in the office of County Commissioner during my continu-ance therein, to the best of my ability, so

(Signed, subscribed and sworn before me, H. H. HOLMES

Clerk of the County Court.

as chairman, and Clerk of the County

the session. Commissioners Mack and Showers announced themselves as pres-ent. The bailiff, George Fawcett, was in attendance, and everything proceeded the same as if the act of the recent Legisla-Showers and Mack Sworn in Again.

Showers and Mack Sworn in Again. must be construed in like manner. County Physician McKay was also a caller. The Hall, and general county and road busi-

ess was transacted. The first matter was a petition for a road extending along the railroad track from a point on the eastern part of sec-tion 30 to the western boundary of the Rockwood road, and southerly to the Bar-ker road. The viewers reported that the road would be dangerous near the rallroad track, and that the damages incurred by the construction would outweigh the benefits. The viewers' report was adopted, and the petitioners will not get the road. Tax petitions filed by the Ainsworth National Bank, Fleckenstein, Mayer & Co., and Ellen McCormack were considered. Dr. McKay informed the Commis-sioners that he had borrowed some drugs he required for use at the Poor Farm until drugs bought under the bids advertised for could be obtained.

The County Clerk in explanation of his ecognition of the old Board of County Commissioners, states that the situation complicated one, but he thought that ing to win and playing to lose. If the as Showers and Mack compose the majority of the board, it was proper for him to

At the same hour, 10 o'clock, at which the meeting at the City Hall was called to order, Judge Cake sat on the bench in the County Court room walting for Mack and Showers to appear. They came not, however, and his honor, who smiled blandly, as if he had anticipated just what occurred, finally remarked: "Well, I see they are not here, and I don't know that I am disappointed. I cannot tell just exactly what I will do in the future, but I have plans mapped out, and will proceed when I am ready."

Judge Cake said he had issued two orders to the Commissioners to meet with him, and did not intend to issue any more. District Attorney Chamberlain is the attorney for the county, and consequently is interested in the present controversy in his official capacity. He was inter-

viewed by an Oregonian reporter, and expressed himself as follows: "I would have to take cognizance of the existing statute, if I institute proceedings and bring them in the name of the state for the new board. If Mr. Steele brings a suit he can do it himself in his individual capacity. I have not been consulted yet. I haven't given the matter much consideration, but I presume a quo warranto proceeding against Steele to try his title to

the office would be the proper step."

Mr. Chamberlain was asked in case he was called upon by the County Judge whether he would act in the premises. and he answered: "Yes, I would take ction if anybody should request me to institute any proceeding, anybody who has any authority in the matter.

"Suppose the old board should ask you for an opinion as a board concerning a contract or any county business, would

about the new law. There is no bons required." Mr. Holmes produced the papers containing the oaths, which are in by either board for an opinion, I would by either board for an opinion as to which body I thought was the proper Board of County Commissioners."

"If the old board should ask you to approve a bond for a contract under the new law providing for bids for supplies, would you give approval?" "I am not prepared to say. I would have to dig it out."

cies and distributive shares of personal property, except that a proviso is added exempting bequests for uses of literary, charitable or educational character, or for In conclusion, Mr. Chamberlain said that, not having yet been asked to do anything, he had given the subject little conthe encouragement of art, or for societies There was a meeting of the Commissioners yesterday, but Judge Cake was could arise, which would be the occasion not there. W. B. Stoele, instead, acted of legal search. At this time he did not retary of the Treasurer, upon recommen-dation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to appoint a competent person wish to express his views regarding the Court H. H. Holmes kept the minutes of | constitutionality of the new act. at an annual salary of \$3000, whose spe-

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The official copy of the amendments to

the war revenue act has reached Inter-nal Revenue Collector Dunne. The chief changes that affect the general public

are the omission of the stamp tax on bank checks and certificates of deposit; on patent and proprietary medicines; on mortgages, leases and all deeds under

\$2500; on telegraphic and telephonic mes-sages and on bequesis for charitable or

educational purposes. Reductions in the tax rate are made in several instances, such as beer, cigars, deeds and bills of ex-

change. Except in the case of "bucket

shop" operations the new provisions will go into effect July 1, 1901. Many of the

provisions of the law remain unaltered.

Section 1 of the new revenue law pro-

vides that the tax on beer, ale, porter, etc., shall be \$1 60 per barrel instead of

was \$1 per barrel.
In section 2, the only change is one

that requires bankers to pay on their entire capital when they were not in bus-iness the preceding year. The old law

provides for a tax of \$50 on a capital not

exceeding \$25,000 and \$2 for each addi-tional \$1000 of capital, computed on the

basis of the capital and surplus for the preceding fiscal year. In the case of new banks only the \$50 tax was provided.

no matter how large the capital might

be, there being no preceding fiscal year to supply a different basis of reckoning.

Brokers, pawnbrokers, custom-house brokers, theaters, circuses, bowling alleys and billiard-rooms will continue to pay

present rates. Commercial brokers are

The tax on cigars weighing more than pounds per thousand is reduced from 3 60 to \$3. On other cigars and cigar-

Patent medicines are entirely eliminated from the taxable list, but wines are left

No change is made in the tax on bonds,

indebtedness and other documents and in-

1 requires persons or corporations who shall conduct "bucket-shops" to pay a stamp tax of 2 cents for each \$100 of mer-

chandise or securities covered by their

Certificates of deposit are omitted from the bank paper subject to tax. On bills

of exchange the tax is reduced from 4 to

Conveyances under \$2500 pay no tax.

For conveyances in which the considera-

tion is \$2500 to \$3000 the tax is reduced

from \$2.50 to 25 cents, and for each ad-

ditional \$500 the new tax is 25 cents, in-

Telegraphic, telephonic and other dis-

On passage tickets between the United

States and any foreign port the taxable minimum is raised from \$30 to \$50 and the

lowest tax is 50 cents instead of \$1. The present tax is \$3 on a \$60 ticket, and \$5

on all higher fares. The new rate is 50

on an ingher lares. The new rate is so cents for each increase of \$50 in fare. Ship charters, all insurance policies, leases, morigages, powers of attorney, protests of commercial paper and ware-house receipts, are omitted from the tax-

There is no change in the tax on lega-

for the prevention of cruelty to children, A section is added authorizing the Sec-

messages are omitted from the

not in the new law at all,

transactions

stead of 50 cents.

ettes the tax remains unchanged.

Prior to the Spanish war the tax

Following is the summary of the prin-



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cial duty it shall be to conduct investi-

gations as may be necessary to secure the efficient enforcement of the tax im-posed upon legacies and distributive shares of personal property.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

T. A. Wood Tells of the Pension Bill

and Speaker Henderson.

T. A. Wood, who was with the Indian

War Veterans, who went to Washington

last month to intercede with members of Congress on behalf of a pendeling very comrades, has returned, feeling very

much encouraged over the prospects.

was 31 days in Washington City," he said.

vesterday, "and interviewed quite a num-

ber of prominent officials, endeavoring to

impress them with the justice of our demands, and I think the efforts will

the House, who will probably be Speaker

next session, was opposed to pensioning

the Oregon Indian War veterans, but I

feel sure has been won over to our cause.

He would have been willing to have an

appropriation made in the closing hours

of the session, but felt that the total

amount of all appropriations had al-

ready reached an extraordinary figure, being well on toward \$2,000,000,000. You

may say to the veterans that there is no

bill is properly pushed," Speaker Hender-

reason for a failure next session, if the

Mr. Wood told him that the average

age of the Indian War veterans was now

71% years, and that the day of reward for their services had already been delayed

too long, and he was asked if he would

promise to do what he could next term.

"I never mortgage the future" Mr Hen

derson said, "and do not think it would

The entire delegation called on Pres-

ident McKinley, whom the veterans found

busy, but he received them very cor-

dially, and said they ought to have been

"We must have fought on the wrong side," Mr. Wood suggested to the Presi-

dent, "as the Indians, whom we were

fighting, have long since been taken care

of on reservations, and National funds have been expended upon their care and

education, while we have been left to rus-

Mr. McKinley replied that the Indians were complaining also of the meager al-lowances made for their benefit.

'The bill which proposes to relieve the

Indian War veterans of Oregon and Washington," Mr. Wood said, "is coupled

with one pensioning the Indian fighters of

Florida, who fought savages between the

years 1817 and 1858. The total appropria-

TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

Arrangements in Charge of a Joint

Arrangements for entertaining members

Louis Commercial Clubs, who will ar-

of the Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston and

rive March 20, are in charge of a joint committee, which was appointed yesterday

by Presidents Cake, of the Commercial

Club; Hahn, of the Chamber of Com-merce, and Connell, of the Board of

Trade. Five were appointed from each organization. They are:

Chamber of Commerce-General Charles

F. Beebe, George Taylor, Jr., D. D. Oll-phant, E. Ehrman, A. H. Devers.

Commercial Club-Colonel James Jack-son, H. C. Breeden, R. D. Inman, John

Board of Trade-J. W. Cruthers, F. E.

Beach, C. W. Miller, Seneca Smith, C. E.

Presidents Hahn, Cake and Connell are

ex-officio chairman of the respective com-mittees. The joint committee will meet

at the Commercial Club at 2 o'clock this

At the meeting yesterday afternoon

President Cake pledged \$150 from the Com-

mercial Club, and President Hahn the same

amount from the Chamber of Commerce. President Connell said the Board of Trade

could not, under its rules, draw on its

small treasury for entertainment pur-

afternoon, to lay out the work.

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Trade.

Committee of Fifteen.

tion amounts to \$300,000 a year.

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The special sale of Black Dress Goods and Black Silks continues through the week. An exceptional opportunity is offered for buying the most attractive materials in black at exceedingly low prices. Included in this sale are big values in Priestley's cravenetted goods, also warranted black taffeta and peau de sole silks.

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nsisting of himself, J. W. Cruthers and F. E. Beach to solicit subscriptions. He thought \$150 could be raised.

SECOND HENSCHEL RECITAL A Notable Programme Rendered With Remarkable Art.

The return concert given by Mr. and Marquam attracted a large audience that gave vent to its enthusiasm with unn takable warmth. Never before has Po land been visited by musicians of truer ulture with surer instincts for the inements of art. Their two song recitals are a factor in our musical development that can hardly be overestimated. The fine spirit of enthusiasm that animates all their work, together with a certain enthralling grace of personality, makes them peculiarly en rapport with their au-dience. Mrs. Henschel has a soprano of unusual purity and sweetness, admirably so pleasant in quality. He seems to hold it too much in reserve, so that there is tone; he does not allow himself breath ugh to hit the note full and true, Whenever he uses his full voice it is always delightfully sonorous and rich. Most of their work, however, was done in the "half voice," which, as every one knows, requires much higher art than the full voice. But this is a small point to cavil at; and even the most crusty and hypercritical musician is sure to lose sight of it in the extraordinary delight which comes from their interpretative powers. Mrs. Henschel is even superior to Mr. Henschel in this respect. She in-fuses reni poetry into her work, and, notwithstanding that she is an American, can impart the subtle clusive spirit of German mysticism with singular success. But Mr. Henschel's exuberance of en-thusiasm is very captivating. Among the numbers that gave the greatest enjoyment to the audience last night were the arias from "Alexander's Faust" (Handel), from "Scaltra Governatrice" (Cocchi), Beethoven's song from "Claudine," Loewe's two songs, "The Ruined Mill," "Henry the Fowler," and Schu-

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Henschel; the Liszt "Die Loreley," the Henschel juliaby, the Davidoff "Leir Be-wegt," and a group of old British folksongs sung by Mrs. Henschel, and the duet from "Elijah." Both Mr. and Mrs. Henschel are remarkably versatile, and the programmes -which perhaps show greater breadth of

musical culture than any that had ever been previously presented in Portlandwere designed to show this quality to great advantage. Mr. Henschel is some-thing of an antiquarian, and has ferreted out from odd corners in Europe many a quaint and curious old manuscript song. These, combined with standard compo sitions, certainly make an unusually rich and varied programme. The technical perfection of the programmes must also be noted, every song being translated into English for the benefit of the audi-Mr. Henschel possesses rare gifts as an

accompanist, and this added materially to the artistic success of the evening's work. Recalls were frequent, and several of these were given a generous rebert's "To Wonder," all sung by Mr. sponse.



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