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NEW OFFICIAL OATHS

Showers and Mack Sworn in Again.

OLD COUNTY BOARD IN SESSION

Several Opinions on the Commissioners' Middle, but No Solution Offered—Judge Calkins Holds Short Meeting by Himself.

While Commissioners Showers and Mack have refused to meet with Judge Calkins and organize a Commissioners' 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 playing to win and playing to lose. If the new 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 oath, 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 figure. It would not injure any official to file two oaths of office or even more within his term.

An attorney, speaking upon the subject, said: "Their being sworn in shows that they have recognized the new law, and it estops them from acting under the old law. 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 oath under the new statute. It is also said that the course pursued by the two Commissioners 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 rules.

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 did so. It is just the common oath, and there is nothing in it about the new law. There is no bond required." Mr. Holmes produced the papers containing the oaths, which are in the following form:

I, —, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon and the law thereof, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner during my continuance therein, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

(Signed, subscribed and sworn before me, H. H. HOLMES, Clerk of the County Court.)

the session. Commissioners Mack and Showers announced themselves as present. The bailiff, George Fawcett, was in attendance and everything proceeded the same as if the act of the recent Legislature creating a new County Board had never been heard of. Auditor Pope dropped in and submitted some matters, thus denoting his recognition of the old body, and the presence of Clerk Holmes must be construed in like manner. County Physician McKay was also a caller. The meeting was held at the rooms in the City Hall, and general county and road business was transacted.

The first matter was a petition for a road extending along the railroad track from a point on the eastern part of section 30 to the western boundary of the Rockwood road, and southerly to the Barker road. The viewers reported that the road would be dangerous near the railroad 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 Alinsworth National Bank, Fleckenstein, Mayer & Co., and Ellen McCormack were considered. Dr. McKay informed the Commissioners that he had borrowed some drugs he required for use at the Poor Farm until drugs bought under the bids advertised could be obtained.

The County Clerk in explanation of his resignation of the old Board of County Commissioners, stated that the situation is a complicated one, but he thought that as Showers and Mack compose the majority of the board, it was proper for him to accept their orders.

At the same hour, 10 o'clock, at which the meeting at the City Hall was called to order, Judge Calkins sat on the bench in the County Court room waiting 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 Calkins 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 interviewed 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 for the new board, and he answered: "Yes, I would take action 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 you render it?" "I would give them my advice about it; certainly I would. If called upon by either board for an opinion, I would express to them an opinion as to which body I thought was the proper Board of County Commissioners."

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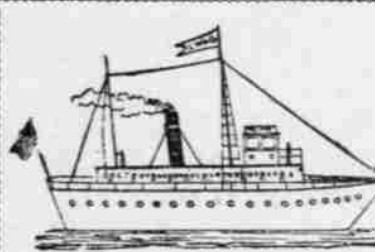
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CHANGES MADE BY THE NEW LAW OF CONGRESS.

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 pension for his comrades, has returned, feeling very much encouraged. Speaker Henderson, of 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 already reached an extraordinary figure, being well on toward \$2,000,000,000. "You may say to the veterans that there is no reason for a failure next session, if the bill is properly pushed," Speaker Henderson said.

Mr. Wood told him that the average age of the Indian War veterans was now 74 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. Henderson said, "and do not think it would be right to pledge myself."

The entire delegation called on President McKinley, whom the veterans found busy, but he received them very cordially, and said they ought to have been recognized by Congress ere this.

"We must have fought on the wrong side," Mr. Wood suggested to the President, "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 rustle for ourselves."

Mr. McKinley replied that the Indians were complaining also of the meager allowances made for their support.

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SECOND HENSCHEL RECITAL

A Notable Programme Rendered With Remarkable Art.

The return concert given by Mr. and Mrs. George Henschel last night at the Marquand attracted a large audience that gave vent to its enthusiasm with unmistakable warmth. Never before has Portland been visited by musicians of truer culture, with surer instincts for the refinements 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 entrancing grace of personality, makes them peculiarly in rapport with their audience. Mrs. Henschel has a soprano of unusual purity and sweetness, admirably trained. Mr. Henschel's voice is not quite so pleasant in quality. He seems to hold it too much in reserve, so that there is sometimes a lack of roundness in the tone; he does not allow himself breath enough 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 infuses real poetry into her work, and, notwithstanding that she is an American, can impart the subtle, elusive spirit of German mysticism with singular success. But Mr. Henschel's exuberance of enthusiasm is very captivating. Among the numbers that gave the greatest enjoyment to the audience last night were the arias from "Alexander's Feast" (Handel), from "Scarlatti's Governance" (Cocchi), Beethoven's song from "Claudine," Loewe's two songs, "The Ruined Mill," "Henry the Fowler," and Schubert's "To Wonder," all sung by Mr.

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