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Report of Referee Woodcock on Their Priority.

TAXES MUST BE PAID.

Labor. Material, and Other Debts On an Equality.

A. C. Woodcock, referee to report on validity and priority of claims against the \$100,000 purchase money for which the Oregon Pacific railroad was sold to Bonner & Hammond last spring, has filed his report.

It will be before Judge Fullerton for approval at Corvallis, February 5, at 2 p. m. Mr. Woodcock, assisted by Stenographer Wilkins, has at great labor and pains sifted the millions of dollars of claims presented and his findings are given below.

It will be seen that Marion county recovers taxes to the amount of \$9243-1.5, the claim pressed by Attorney Geo. G. Bingham being allowed in full. Mr. Bingham first got a decision in the supreme court as a basis of his in the supreme court as a basis of his claim, the court reversing the decision of the lower court that exempted the railroad from taxes for twenty years. This decision secured by Mr. Bingham formed the basis of all the tax claims. It is a great victory for Marion county and Mr. Bingham personally as his theory of the corporation's liability was resisted by the ablest counsel in

THE REFEREE'S OPINION. A. C. Woodcock, referee, submits an elaborate opinion, and still more elaborate findings of fact and conclusions of law. The mortgage owners presented no claim. The only question to settle was the priority of claims and the order of payment.

Trustee(Turner, McClure & Ralston) and counsel(J. R. Bryson, of Corvallis) are not allowed anything out of the \$100,000 fund. The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. as plaintiff was not allowed its expense bill. Referee Woodcock then very ably reviews the entire law of assessment and taxation in this state, and holds: "If the property had not been in the hands of the receiver the sheriff could have levied on any of its real or personal for the purpose of collecting the taxes, and if the assessments were valid the purchasers at the sales would have obtained whatever interest the defendant companies had in the property, subject of course to redemption free from all other incumbrances against the property." He holds that a railroad in the hands of a receiver is liable for taxes in precisely the same manner as if there were no receivership, and the lien of the state and counties must take priority.

The question of the priority of claims of counties for taxes is argued with great ability and at length by the referee. The referee continues:

"It as claimed by some of counsel for receivers that their compensation should be allowed preference over all other claims except compensation of receivers. * * * An examination of the various claims for attorney's fees in this proceeding shows that the receivers were very lax in the employment of counsel, The total amount of these claims is enormous compared to the value of the property. Fewer lively Washington Post March." The attorneys could certainly have done all the work necessary to have been done but instead of that counsel were employed in every locality where any difficulty was encountered by the re- through his teeth, joined in the acceivers.

"I do not think any court could allow conscientiously in this proceeding attorney's fees preference over other claims. The most that can be said in favor of the claims for counsel fees is that such services were necessary to preserve and protect the property of the defendant companies, and the same can undoubtedly be said for

the other claimants." Receiver's certificates he holds as not to be given priority over other "It would certainly be certificates should be prior in rank to thusiasm. claims of laborers and those furnishing material. It is the duty of the court to see that repairs are made. If the court exercises this power it is attention. The Steamer Altona will leave for Portland Monday at 9 a. m. certainly its duty not to allow one

class of claims to be preferred, by The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder parlor to all others.

reason of such authority exercised by the court, over another class."

A SILVER SUBSTITUTE

Material and supplies, claimed \$59,167.84 and in-

Benton county taxes, claimed \$19,466.63 and interest. City Corvallis taxes. School district No. 9, taxes, claimed, \$456.70..... Lincoln county taxes, cld. \$20,619.22. Linn county taxes. 10,041 56 Marion county taxes.....
John P. Fay, attorney fees,
claimed \$7,503.95.....
Bronaugh McA.& F., attor-

8,861 00

Geo. S. Coe, trustee rents, claimed \$3,021.78. Wm. M. Hoag, rents and O. D. Co., claimed \$15,041.78 T. E. Hogg, receiver, claimed \$5,594.66.
Chas. Clark, receiver, no claim; accounts approv-

ed. E. W. Hadley, receiver, cld. \$10,000; account approved T. E. Hogg, receiver; ac-

\$30,084.27..... Levi & Ferguson, ct. costs. Amount of fund on hand...\$94,312 17 Expenses of proceeding.... 1,360 60 Balance for distribution... 92,942 00

The report shows that the Hogg receivership is over \$30,000 short, and that no legal reports were made to to his removal.

OTHER FUNDS not yet in the hands of the court are

as follows! \$25,000, less officers' fees of about \$5,000 deposited in Hamilton & Job bank, which will pay a percentage. Also about \$27,000 proceeds of sale of steamship Willamette.

Salem attorneys who are conversant with the facts say the report made by Mr. Woodcock is very creditable to the gentleman.

The labor and material men will get about 10 cents on the dollar and if anything is realized on other funds the labor and material men will get it all. There is not much probability of an appeal to the supreme court.

Whistling With the Band. The Chicago Record says:

At the Columbia theatre on Christmas night the house was absolutely jammed. It was a big, good-natured holiday crowd, that cheered every patriotic speech in "Shenandoah." The gallery was so densely filled that there seemed to be no room for another head.

After the second act, by which time influence of warplay, the leader raised his baton and the orchestra began the crowd recognized it at once and applauded. Then a boy in the gallery Another boy, who could whistle cision. companiment and in a few minutes the whole gallery was at it. The whistling gre v louder and more penetrating, but the boys kept good time and on the long notes simply tried to see now much noise they could make.

The members of the orchestra were badly "broken ·up" and laughing, but the leader pulled them together and while the thunderous noise continued they began playing the march once more. The 500 boys whistled an accompanient and at the conclusion inequitable to hold that receiver's there was another outbreak of en-

Another Excursion.

Republican delegates and visitors, Round trip \$1. Can return any day. M. P. Baldwin, Agt.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

For the House Coin Bond Bill By 43 to 34 Votes.

MITCHELL AND M'BRIDE

Not a Party Measure.

FIRST SILVER VOTES.

vote in the senate today occurred upon the Willamette river to assume the the amendment of Butler, pop., of position of collector of customs for North Carolina to prevent further Oregon, Hermann, just prior to "Bob" issue of bonds without authority of embarking on this hazardous journey congress and pay the coin obligations stirred the waters of the Willamette of the government in silver when, until they became exceedingly "rolled" silver bullion was below the par value and turbulent and there was great of gold. The amendment was de- commotion therein, and when the feated. Yeas, 15; nays, 40. Those waters had subsided, it was disvoting in the affirmitive were Allen, covered that a great "sand bar" Brown, Butler, Cameron, Cannon, had formed across the river at or near mand at home and abroad. George, Hill, Kyle, Peffer, Pritchard, Champoeg in obstructing navigation Roach, Stewart and Tillman. Allen's to such an extent, that "Bob" in his amendment forbidding bonds issues desperate efforts to reach the goal of of the district supreme court, today was defeated by a vote of over 2 to 1 his ambition was shipwrecked. But sentenced Elverton Chapman, a New against.

The vote was yeas, 21, nays, 54. in one sense, it also proved very fortu- tempt for refusing to testify before Mitchell and McBride-voted nays on nate for him, as this disaster overtook the senate sugar trust investigating

the Allen amendment. REFUSED TO TABLE.

> free silver amendment of the finance whom he possessed such great admir- Chapman noted an appeal, and was committee to the bond bill. Lost 34 ation and respect, and in whose be- released on bail. to 43. McBride voted yea, Mitchell half he had said , so many "good and

THE ROLL CALL.

committee's free silver substitute for and gratitude to the great editor, who 560, classified as follows: Gold, \$12,the bond bil was passed by the senate, had "stayed" with him like a 914,600; silver, \$35,000; minor coins yeas 43; nays 34. Yeas-Allen, Bacon, ler, Call, Cameron, Cannon, Carter, Clinton, Clark, Cockrell, Daniel, for Rev. Irwin has increased at a 10- silver dollars at the rate of \$1,300,000 George, Harris, Irby, Jones, of Arkansas, Jones, of Nevada, Kyle, Mantle, Mills, Mitchell, of Oregon, Pasco, Peffer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Pugh, Roach, Shoup, Squire, Stewart, Teller, Tillman, the court for over eight months prior Turpie, Vest, Vorhees, Walthall, wards securing an appropriation for the foreign office at Japan with di-Warren, White, Wilson,-43. Nays- a new post office building in Salem. Allison, Baker, Burrows, Caffery, Chandler, Davis, Elkins, Faulkner, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gibson, Gorman, Gray, Hale, Hawley, Hill, Hoar, Lindsay, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Martin, Mitchell, of Wisconsin, Morrow, Murphy, Nelson, Parmer, Platt, Proctor, Sherman, Thurston, Vilas, Wetmore, -34.

THE MEN WHO PAIRED.

The following pairs were announced: Those against the motion being seven first: Cullom with Blackburn; Aldrich with Hansborough, Sewell with Gordon, Brice with Wolcott, Gray with Morgan, Smith with Dubois.

Laws Unconstitutional.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.-The supreme court has declared invalid the legislative apportionment of 1895 passed by the Republicans. The case involved also the apportionment act of 1893, passed by the Democrats. This also goes down as unconstitutional. By a former decision the apportionments of 1891, and 1889 were found invalid. Today's decision the house had warmed up under the | makes it necessary to go back to the act of 1895.

The decision suggests that a special session of the legislature might be called to remedy the situation, which began to whistle an accompaniment has become chaotic by today's de-

> The Salem Statesman picked the only flaw it could find in Elder Bark- ing. ley's speech at Woodburn-his endorsement of the referendum. It should have told some of the other

good things he said-reduction of salaries of federal officials, pensions for old soldiers and a tariff system for the development and protection of all American industries. Tell it all, Mr. Statesman; tell it all.

Republicans, prepare to attend your primaries. If you let some politician down town put up a slate and elect it for you, you ougut to pay the bill.

The Clackamas county central committee bases the apportionment of delegates to the county convention on Hermann's vote for congress in

EDITOR JOURNAL: I notice by today's Statesman, that Congressman Hermann bad piled up another "sand bar" in the Willamette river, above For Offensive Speeches He Harrisburg, presenting such obstacle to navigation, that the steamer Hoag was prevented from reaching Engene with freight descined for that place. Why Congressman Hermann should persist in "piling" up these "sand 19,468 63
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One for and One Agairst—It Was my comprehension. But it seems that

MITCHELL AND M'BRIDE bars" in the Williamette, just at this time, when the "bashi-bazook" editor of the Statesman is so anxious to pavigate its placid waters, is beyond my comprehension. But it seems that

Mint Report and Formosa Opened It has got to be a kind of pastime or "second nature!" with Mr. Hermann to "throw up" these "sand bars," This peculiarity or "fad" of Hermann's was first observed about four years ago, when Bob" Hendricks was WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The first so desirous of reaching Portland via" while this was disastrous to "Bob" kind" words through the columns of The monthly report of the director disastrous results shat have followed 000,000 have been coined. this sand bar act of Hermann's in the

> GEPKA. DIED.

SHELTON .- At the home of his father, on Front street, Friday, January 31, 1896, Lyle Rodney, youngest son of Dr. J. C. Shelton, aged 13 years.

His illness was of very short duration, Rodney was a pupil of Prof. Long in the North Salem school and was in his classes Wednesday as usual. Upon his return from school he complained of a little cold which, getting worse, settled into pronounced pneumonia, so terribly oppressive that the little fellow passed away at 4:30 yesterday afternoon.

Deceased was born in the house in which he died and was the youngest of three children, his sister and are few boys so young who are so manly as was Rodney.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Sunday, from the house, Rev. W. C. Kantner officiating. Interment in Rural cemetery.

The hopes of advancing prices are now based on the increasing output of gold. If gold gets cheap enough chances, and neither does the bondall other products will go up.

gon talking over that Albany hang-

If such horrible things as executions are necessary it were better if they were in private and by electricity.

The Statesman has a big job, killing off Hermann and Geer both In one

Why do so many more run for assessor than for sheriff?

to the World.

Made in England.

SPECULATOR SENTENCED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.- The house committee on foreign affairs this afternoon adopted, by a party vote, a resolution censuring Ambassador Berardsfor two speeches at Edinburnh and Boston, England. The resolution declares that it is improper for our representatives abroad to condenia any political party or policy in America, and that such actions tend to destroy their influence and impair the confidence they should always com-

SPECULATUR BENTENCED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. Judge Col-York stockbroker, convicted of conhim not far distant from the Che- committee, concerning alleged specumawa Indian school, where reigned lations by senators, to pay a fine of Gorman moved to lay on table the his very dear friend, Rev. Irwin, for \$100 and be imprisoned thirty days.

the "Statesman." So in order to of the mint shows that the total coin-Washington, Feb. 1.—The finance manifest, his great appreciation for age during January has been \$13,933,-"brother," he came to his relief and \$53,960. Beginning today the mints Bate, Berry, Blanchard, Brown, But- offered all succor possible, and from at Philadelphia, San Francisco and that time forward "Bob's" affection New Orleans will begin the coinage of horse power rate, until now it knows a month. It is expected the work no bounds. It is hoped that from the will continue until \$18,000,000 to \$20,-

> FORMOSA OPENED. The Japanese legation today re-

Willamette, that he will stop such nonsense and gi /e more attention to- ceived an important cablegram from rections to make it public by the terms by which the rich Island of Formosa, which Japan accquired from China, will be opened up to trade and commerce.

COPPINGER CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 .- The senate confirmed Coppinger's nomination as brigadier-general.

GIVE US MORE BONDS!

Five hundred millions of idle capital in New York demands more bonds. Two thousand millions of idle capital in England demands more bonds. This idle capital wants interest-bearing gold bonds.

This capital does not want to go into banking, railroading, manufacbrother surviving. Hrs mother died turing, mining, shipping or agricula few years ago, and his father has ture. Those investments all involve been an invalid for many years. There risks. They are open to competition. They are effected by the laws of supply and demand, and subject to taxes to

support the government. Surplus capital wants a sure thing. It don't want to take any chances. If it can get into a government bond it takes no chances. The devil takes no holder. He wants the whole government at his back to guarantee his Think of all the little children at investment. Unless more bonds can school and in all the homes of Ore- be issued, what is surplus capital going to do? How can it escape taxation? Give us more bonds! RATS!!

> Mr. Geer's congressional boom was started at Woodburn today. Mr. Statesman.

> Is not the Salem Post"a little bard" on Jo. Wright of Union county ?

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money and the goods at home,

Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report