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way to a motion by Mr. ALVORD, (rep. of Oneida, that the committee report and proceed, which was carried. The House then adjourned.

THE BAR AND THE BENCH.

Meeting of the Bar Association Last Night—Extortionate Fees in the Public Department—Proposed Amendments to the Code of Procedure—Judges Cardozo and Barnard to be Re-elected—Justices McCunn and Ingraham to Follow.

At a meeting of the Bar Association, held last evening at 20 West Twenty-seventh street, Mr. Van Winkle presiding, several important matters came up for consideration and occasioned much lively debate.

Mr. HOLLAND, of the Committee on Extortions, reported that the committee were not able to submit a full report. They are still busy investigating the extortionate charges of fees and the immense emolument of the sheriff's, surrogate's and County Clerks' offices.

THE SUBROGATE'S OFFICE. The appraisers' fees for appraisals, which is a monstrous extortionate charge, he mentioned one case in which an appraiser put in a bill for \$500 for appraising a lot of land.

THE REGISTER'S OFFICE. The fees in this office for the last year amounted to over \$30,000. The Sheriff received \$4,000 last year for the single item of fifty cents for each copy of a writ.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PROCEDURE. The committee on amendments, which reported a number of amendments, relating chiefly to the appointment of referees and the mode of making a return.

CHARGES AGAINST JUDGES. Cardozo and Barnard. The committee was to compare the records of the judges with the records of the Judiciary Committee.

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