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T. J. CLEETON HOLDS OVER

Supreme Court Says He is Still County Judge for Two Years.

Judge Thomas J. Cleeton, of Portland, has recently been experiencing some uncertainties of judicial life, brought about by an act of the 1913 session of the legislature, which legislated him out of his job as county judge and made him a circuit judge, empowering him to handle all probate matters of that county. The constitutionality of the act was recently questioned, and in order to get Judge Cleeton definitely located in a judicial sense, a ruling by the supreme court was necessary. This opinion was written by Justice Frank A. Moore, and given out on October 24, the gist of which abolishes department six of the circuit court of Multnomah county, which Judge Cleeton has presided over for nearly two years, holds that portion of the act valid which created a board of county commissioners for Multnomah county, and extending the term of office as county judge from four to six years. Hence, Judge Cleeton will remain as county judge until January 1, 1917, having for his duties only the disposition of all probate matters. An excerpt from Justice Moore's opinion is given below, as being of general interest throughout the state:

"It is conceded that the provisions of section 3 of chapter 378 of the General Laws of Oregon of 1913, which undertook to abolish the office of county judge of Multnomah County was void," said the court in stating that Judge Cleeton was county judge. "Notwithstanding the county judge of that county was, by such act, attempted to be appointed a circuit judge, as he never resigned, he remained in office as the de jure county judge of that county. It appears that Judge Cleeton was duly elected county judge of Multnomah county, November 8, 1910, at which time the organic act of Oregon was amended making the term of all judges of all courts in this state six years. This amendment was ratified and he was elected when the polls closed on the evening of the day of the election. As the choice of such county judge and the approval of the amendment of section 1 of article 7 of the fundamental law occurred simultaneously, that amended organic act was in force when Judge Cleeton was elected and his term of office is necessarily six years from the first Monday in January, 1911.

"Judge Cleeton being thus the legitimate county judge of Multnomah county, all orders, judgments and decrees made, given or rendered by him since he assumed the duties of that office are valid, and binding, so far as the right to hear and determine matters coming before him in probate and guardianship proceedings are concerned."

TRENHOLM GLEANINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Brockway visited St. Helens the past week.

Miss Smith has been attending Teacher's Institute the past week.

School has been closed since last Monday on account of election and Teachers Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Churchill visited several days with S. J. Churchill and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister, Mrs. Whitenbel and Mrs. McAllister, Sr., were Yankton voters last Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Ketel, who was taken suddenly ill last week, while Mr. Ketel was on the election board, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Chas. Hein returned from Portland with her son Willie last Monday. Willie stood the operation splendidly and will soon be "one of the boys" again.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Gus Whitenbel last night, the occasion being her birthday. As it was also Marie Hein's birthday too, the affair was made merry by the younger people. Card playing games and dancing were enjoyed until a late hour. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Schneider, Mrs. and Mr. Arthur Fowler and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tatro, Marie and Lena Hein, Hilda Coolidge, Francis Coolidge, Guy McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Whitenbel and Mrs. Smith.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon post office for the week ending November 7th, 1914.

Mr. D. R. Cole

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POMONA GRANGE MEETING

Adopt Resolutions Commending the Columbia County Fair.

Columbia County Pomona Grange met in regular quarterly session with Yankton Grange No. 301 Saturday, November 7.

A short session was held in the morning to dispose of routine business, and then the business of disposing of the dinner provided by the ladies of the Yankton Grange was undertaken.

During the afternoon session resolutions were passed asking the County Court to redistrict the county into small road districts as formerly, and also to increase and equalize the pay of district road supervisors to \$3.50 per day.

Also a resolution was adopted commending the work of the County Fair and asking the County Court to appropriate \$1000 for the benefit of the 1915 fair.

The Grange voted \$25 to pay a deficit of that amount in the Fair of 1914.

The following officers were elected to serve two years: Worthy Master, R. N. Lovelace; overseer, Guy L. Tarbell; steward, M. P. Young; treasurer, Wm. Ross; lecturer, Mrs. E. Adams; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Lovelace; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Collins; assistance steward, Than. Brown; lady assistant steward, Miss Iva Tarbell; gatekeeper, Ralph Tarbell; Cores, Miss Marie Walker; Pomona, Mrs. Margie Tarbell; Flora, Miss Lois Oliver.

During the evening intermission supper was served in the hall.

At the evening session a large class was initiated into the mysteries of Pomona, and the new officers were installed.

A fine program was given and greatly enjoyed. "Farmers, Farmers, hear the call"

Patrons of Husbandry beat them all."

DEATH REVEALS HISTORY

Portland, Ore., Nov. 11, 1914.—John W. Millington, Civil War veteran and one of two Portland residents who took part in the running down of John Wilkes Booth, President Lincoln's assassin, died this morning at the home of his son, Joseph E. Millington, 579 Sumner street, after an illness of three years of cancer. He was 70 years old.

Millington and E. Paraday, of 4317 East Sixth-third street, were members of Company H, Sixteenth New York Cavalry, when Booth, on the night of April 14, 1865, shot President Lincoln in Ford's theatre.

They were ordered with the rest of the company, to Washington, as military escort at the funeral. Ten days later this company was sent for and placed at the service of the Washington chief of detectives.

They boarded the steamer John S. Ide that afternoon and went down the Potomac river, leaving the boat that night about 10 o'clock at Aquia Creek. Their hunt for Booth was continued all that night, and the next day went to the direction of Port Royal.

It was learned that a Confederate officer named Captain Jett had been seen with a soldier supposed to be wounded. They were reported to be heading for Bowling Green, and a hunt was then made for them there, as Jett had a sweetheart living in the town.

Jett was discovered hidden in a hotel, and by threats was induced to lead the party to a farmhouse near there where he had left Booth.

Arriving there, the occupants of the house denied any knowledge of Booth's presence, but the house and barn were surrounded. A Confederate soldier came from the barn, acknowledging that Booth was concealed there with David Herold, a Confederate officer.

The party talked to Booth, who refused to surrender, and asked that he be given a chance to fight his pursuers, one at a time. This was denied, and he then requested that Herold be allowed to leave the barn, refusing to surrender himself.

This was granted, and soon afterward the building was set on fire. In the light Sergeant Boston Corbett, getting a good glimpse of Booth, fired through the cracks and shot him through the neck in almost the same spot in which the martyred president was fatally wounded.

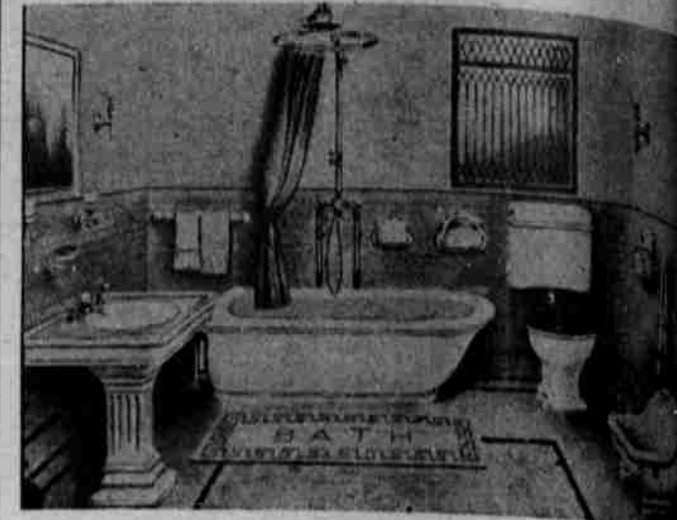
Mr. Millington is survived by a widow, Mary Millington, and three sons, John W. Millington, of this city; George K. Millington, of Sellwood, and James W. Millington, of Vancouver, Wash. With Mrs. Millington he came to Portland 12 years ago. Mr. Millington was born in New York.

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