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Eminent Head Of Tax Board, He Will Make Able Jurist.

Judge Clinton C. Shinn, appointed by Governor James E. Flushing till the vacancy caused in the Atlantic County Court of Common Pleas by the resignation of Judge Clarence L. Cole, was sworn in Wednesday just by County Clerk Edwin A. Parker and started right in Thursday, the first day of his term, presiding at the Fall session of the Naturalization Court.

Judge Shinn received many warm congratulations and tributes from the bench, bar and the legal community of Atlantic City.

Judge Shinn, a member of the Peacock Club, which he has chartered, including himself, William Burke, William L. Lounsbrough, Warren Somers, Benjamin McNamee and Dr. A. D. Cuskern.

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