

The Abbeville Elections.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 2. The Senate to-day took up the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections on the contested election for senator from Abbeville.

The report is as follows: The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the report of the county canvassers for Abbeville County, in an election which was held on the 26th day of May A. D. 1869, to choose a senator for the said county, have had same under consideration, in connection with other documents referred to them concerning the said election. Your committee find, by the report of the county canvassers for the said county, (which report is made out in proper form, signed by the county canvassers and signed and sealed by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Abbeville County) that, for senator, James S. Cothran received fourteen hundred and eighty (148) votes, and L. L. Guffin fourteen hundred and three (1403) votes, making a majority for James S. Cothran of five (5) votes. Your committee have concluded that, according to Article VII and Section 11 of the Constitution of this State also by Section 32 of an act of the General Assembly, passed on the 22d day of September, 1868, that the report of statement of the county canvassers is prima facie evidence of the said James S. Cothran's right to a seat as senator from the County of Abbeville. But the said James S. Cothran's seat is contested by L. L. Guffin, one of the county canvassers for Abbeville county, upon the following grounds, to wit:

First. Because the poll at Calhoun's Mills was not opened according to law. Secondly. Because there was only one of the legally appointed managers that acted as managers at Calhoun's Mills on the day of election, to wit: the 25th day of May, A. D. 1869. Thirdly. Because at Calhoun's Mills there were three young men registered on the day of said election, contrary to the act providing for an election to fill certain vacancies, approved the 23d day of March, A. D. 1869.

Your committee have examined several witnesses in this case, according to the testimony of L. P. Guffin, the poll was not opened at Calhoun's Mill till 8 o'clock A. M. Section 32 of an act of the General Assembly, approved the 26th day of September, A. D. 1868, requires that the polls should be opened at 6 o'clock A. M., and remain open till 6 o'clock P. M. As it has been shown that the poll at Calhoun's Mills was not opened as the law directed, it is plain that the law was not complied with, and the election at that poll was not held according to law.

Again it is shown, by the testimony of the same gentleman, that the polls should be opened at Calhoun's Mills on the day of the said election, as deputy State constable, and saw the chairman of the board of managers appoint a person to act as manager of election at that poll, and he (the said Guffin) did not object to such appointment. Your committee have concluded that, according to section second of an act of the General Assembly, approved the 26th day of September, A. D. 1868, none but the commissioners of election who were appointed by the Governor had the right to appoint a manager or managers of election; and that, therefore, the election which was held at the poll at Calhoun's Mills, on the 25th day of May, 1869, managed by a person who had not the legal authority so to act, is illegal, and should have been declared void by the county canvassers.

The ground upon which the seat of Mr. Cothran is contested, is that the three young men registered on the day of election. The testimony of Mr. L. P. Guffin shows this to be the fact. Your committee hold that the fact of those young men having registered on the day of election did not qualify them to vote, nor the fact of their not being registered disqualified them from voting. They assessed the qualifications prescribed by Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of this State. There is no evidence to show that they were not so qualified. From the statement of Mr. L. L. Guffin, one of the county canvassers, and content in this case it was the opinion of the board of canvassers that it was the duty of the State canvassers to throw out the bad or illegal votes, if it were shown to that such were cast. It is plain that such was the opinion of Mr. L. L. Guffin, the contestant, inasmuch as when the statement of the votes was sent to the State canvassers several affidavits accompanied it, to prove it legal votes, and to show that there were many persons who were intimidated, and were afraid and did not vote.

Your committee is in possession of twelve affidavits, furnished them by Mr. Guffin, the contestant of this character. These affidavits are corroborated by the testimony of Mr. Thomas A. Sullivan, who states that he was acting as deputy State constable on that occasion, and that there were between thirty and forty persons driven from the poll and not permitted to vote. Mr. James S. Cothran, who received the highest number of votes for senator, was not served with a copy of the protest showing the grounds upon which his seat was to be contested, but hearing that it was claimed by Mr. L. L. Guffin that the voters at Calhoun's Mills were intimidated, furnished your committee with the affidavits of ten persons showing that the election was orderly, and that all had the right to vote as they desired, without being molested or made afraid. These affidavits are somewhat corroborated by the testimony of Mr. L. P. Guffin, who, on cross-examination, stated that he told a person before he left the poll that he was satisfied with the election.

Your committee hold that if there were any person or persons who did not vote on account of fear, or for any other reason, that they have not the right to deduct any votes from the highest candidate, as there is not, nor could there be, any testimony given to show for which of the candidates such person or persons would have voted. Your committee further hold that they could not throw out any votes: First, because it is not claimed or shown that there were more votes cast than the legal voters at that poll. Secondly, because, by sections 19 and 20 of an act of the General

Assembly, approved September 26, 1868, it makes it the duty of the managers of election to throw out surplus votes, and prescribes the manner in which it is to be done. Your committee have carefully perused all the documents referred to them, have heard all the testimony adduced, and have concluded that if they were to sit for the space of one month in this case, there would be testimony produced both pro and con.

Your committee have reported the facts in this case to your honorable body, and concluded that, according to Section 14 of Article 2 of the constitution of this State, the Senate can only judge of the election returns, and which of the persons claiming the seat is the proper person to be seated.

J. J. WRIGHT, Chairman (col'd.)

H. BUCK, W. R. HOYT, The following supplementary report was also read:

The undersigned members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, beg leave to submit the following additional report, in regard to the contested election case between L. L. Guffin and J. S. Cothran: That as set forth in the report of this committee, and as shown upon a due investigation of the facts in the case, that from the intimidation, fraud and other irregularities used and practiced at Calhoun's Mills, and other precincts, a fair expression was not had at those precincts, and that the said L. L. Guffin received a majority of the votes cast at the precincts where no such intimidation or fraud was practiced.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend to this honorable body that L. L. Guffin be declared duly elected as a member of this Senate, and entitled to his seat in the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. HOYT, Y. J. P. OWENS, Wm. ROSE, J. J. Wright, colored, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It appears, by the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, that such irregularities occurred in the conduct of the recent election for senator in the County of Abbeville as to vitiate the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said election be declared null and void.

The motion was seconded by W. B. Nash, colored.

Senator Leslie introduced the following:

Resolved, That the subject matter of the election in Abbeville County, for State senator, especially at Calhoun's Mills, in said county, be sent back to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that they have power to send to persons and papers, and take all the evidence pro and con in regard to all charges or allegations of fraud and intimidation that took place at that or any other poll in the county.

Resolved, That the committee report to this Senate the number of votes cast at that and every other poll in the county for State senator.

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