

Election Law.

Among the important Acts passed at the recent session of the General Assembly was the following law to protect primary elections and political conventions:

An Act to protect Primary Elections and Conventions of political parties and to punish frauds committed thereat.

Section 1. That every political party, organization or association for the purpose of choosing candidates for office, or the election of delegates to conventions, shall be provided over and conducted in the manner prescribed by the rules of the political party, organization or association holding such primary election by managers selected in the manner prescribed by such rules. Such managers shall before entering upon the discharge of their duties each take and subscribe an oath that he will fairly, impartially and honestly conduct the same according to the provision of this Act and the rules of such party, organization or association. Should one or more of the managers appointed to hold such election fail to appear on the day of election the remaining manager or managers shall appoint others in their stead and administer to them the oath therein prescribed. The managers shall take the oath herein prescribed before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths; but if no such officer can be conveniently had, the managers may administer the oath to each other. Such oaths shall, after being subscribed by managers, be filed in the office of clerk of Court for the county in which such election shall be held within five days after such election.

Section 2. Before any ballots are received at such election, and immediately before opening the polls such managers shall open each ballot-box to be used in such election, and exhibit the same publicly, to show that there are no ballots in such box. They shall then close and lock or seal up such box, except the opening to receive the ballots, and shall not again open the same until the close of the election. They shall keep a poll list with the name of each voter voting in such election, and shall before receiving any ballot administer to the voter an oath that he is duly qualified to vote according to the rules of the party, and that he has not voted before of such election; and at the close of the election they shall proceed publicly to count the votes and declare the result; they shall certify the result of such election and transmit such certificate, with the poll list, ballots and all other papers relating to such election, within the time prescribed and to the person or persons designated by the rules of the party organization or association holding such election.

Section 3. Every such primary election shall be held at the time and place, and under the regulations prescribed by the rules of the party, organization or association holding the same, and the returns shall be made and the result declared as prescribed by such rules, but the returns shall be filed in the office of the clerk of Court for the county in which such election is held within five days after the final declaration of the result thereof, and shall remain there for public inspection.

Section 4. Any manager who shall be guilty of wilfully violating any of the duties devolved upon such position hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisonment not to exceed six months; and any manager who shall be guilty of fraud or corruption in the management of such election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars or imprisoned for a term not to exceed twelve months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Section 5. Any voter who shall swear falsely in taking the prescribed oath, or shall purchase another person and take the oath in his name in order to vote, shall be guilty of perjury, and be punished upon conviction as for perjury.

Section 6. Any person who shall be disgraced with pimples and blotches, caused by a humor in the blood, which may be thoroughly eradicated by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the safest blood medicine in the market, being entirely free from arsenic or any deleterious drug.

The Special Agent for the National Department of Agriculture writes to Col. Butler requesting a variety of samples of sweet potatoes, the finest and largest obtainable in the South, to be a leading part of the vegetable exhibit of the Department at the Paris Exposition. The potatoes will be shown in glass jars, preserved in a chemical fluid, in which they will retain their size and texture. Col. Butler requests of the many farmers in this State that any who can furnish fine potatoes will please ship them as early as possible.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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Speaker Carlisle and Mr. Mills have decided not to call a meeting of the house committee on rules to arrange the order of business for the remainder of the session. Their reason for taking this stand is the fear that the pressure for the passage of such measures as the dependent pension bill, would be greater than many of the democratic members could stand, if an attempt was made to arrange the order of business and all of the leaders of the party are particularly desirous that no legislation carrying extravagant appropriations shall pass the House this session. This decision, which cuts out everything that cannot get the unanimous consent of the House, and the regular appropriation bills, while somewhat hard upon many measures that ought to be passed, and would be, if they could be brought before the House, is nevertheless a wise one. The democrats are confident of re-occupying the House in 1890; they are also confident that the next Congress will make many large and extravagant appropriations, therefore a good and economical record for the last democratic House will furnish the very best of arguments to go before the people to ask for the control of the House again. Economy and tariff reform will be the democratic watch word.

Congress turned up just as smilingly on Wednesday as if many of its members were not suffering from the effects of over-eating, and shall I say it?—over-drinking. However, much can be expected at this season which at other times would call for censure. Congressmen are human, and Christmas comes but once a year. Both Houses had more than a quorum at the opening, and they went right to work, the Senate on the tariff bill and the house on the River and Harbor bill.

The republican members of the Senate finance committee are having a picnic with the people who wish to have changes made in the Senate tariff bill before it is passed. Every mail brings letters by the hundred, and there is a continual stream of telegraph messengers pouring into the committee room. And as if that was not sufficient, the already over-protected manufacturer comes himself to speak his demands. One of them has just handed in a memorandum of 19 different articles that he wishes the duties made higher on.

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Melikov, one of Russia's great generals, is dead.

Reply to Mr. "Forker."

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 5, 1889.

In replying to Mr. "Forker," I heartily sanction all that he said in regard to the Sunday-school celebration; but in reference to one of the socials, I beg to differ with him in some of the occurrences thereabout. It seems that Mr. "Forker" well knows the party, or parties, who mutilated the ladies' dresses in the manner they were, but ab! there is where he made the mistake—that is what his communication lacks of being complete, by not making mention of the persons, as there are so many, so many individuals of both sexes who would be very much pleased if this mystery was unraveled. I think the matter was not at all trivial that caused the insult, and that it was a lady insulted instead of a gentleman. I also think that society is getting down to a very low ebb when persons invite visitors to their house to insult them. I differ greatly with Mr. "Forker" in regard to the party or parties, who sliced up the ladies' dresses so. Although I do not claim to know, but I have a very strong idea, for I am not as well posted as Mr. "Forker," that it was some poor, empty-headed, deluded youths, who have now, and who it is quite likely will always have, more brass than brains; and that the nature of the cutting implement was a barlow instead of a pen knife. Surely, in the name of common sense, no visitor would have gone to the social for the purpose of converting the ladies' pretty dresses into strings, to disfigure them forever; for they were too highly esteemed, and were not oppressed in the least by the weight of John-Barley-Corn, to be guilty of such a misdemeanor. I venture to say at least, that the party or parties were Lexingtonians by birth, and some too, who have not participated in the amusements of the Fork for the last twenty years. And again I beg to differ with Mr. "Forker," where he says that John-Barley-Corn reigned supremely there. It is very strange indeed if he took such a strong stand that he was not discovered; and unless Mr. "Forker" is a very extraordinary genius, he must certainly have been too heavily loaded with John-Barley-Corn when he (Mr. Forker) was at one place and the social at another.

ALWAYS ON HAND.

Letter from Pine Hill.

Mr. Editor: As it was my pleasure to spend one week at home during the holidays, I will try to give you a few dots of interest for the columns of the good old Dispatch. Our young friend, Mr. W. B. Rast, who has been clerking for McCreery & Bro., during several years past, was married to Miss Ellen Oliver, on the evening of last Christmas day. Many pleasures to him and his loving bride.

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A Card of Thanks.

To my Parishioners and Friends:—

By the rich blessings of God we have lived another year. We now commence another, and it's duties are before us. The old year just closed was freighted with many sorrows and trials for our community. Several dear, kind friends were called, by death, from the church militant to the church triumphant. Other calamities of a providential nature visited us, which appeared to retard the prosperity of the community, but which will, no doubt, work better for good—especially to those who love God. But dear friends, amid all the disasters you never forget your pastor. He feels that he still has a place in your hearts. As the shadows of the old year were gathering around, the pastors heart was gladdened with many evidences of his peoples abiding love. Various articles of usefulness were brought to the pastor, and he believes these articles were cheerfully given. In addition to the articles for the family, the pastor's traveling outfit was replenished by your liberal hands. Besides these things, he has received many expressions of love and esteem. These things, dear friends, produce an indelible impression upon the pastor's heart. It is not the value but the principal that does us good. And while it is admitted that here and there are individuals who are opposed to showing kindness to the poor preacher, who labors for the souls of all people, yet we are glad to know that in our pastorate, our people are not so jealous hearted. Contrary wise to such views, whatever our people have that is nice, it is divided with the pastor. We know not dear friends, should God spare our lives, how long this relation of pastor and people may continue. Duties to our family, our home and the church may soon call us away, but whenever and wherever we go, we will carry you with us in our hearts and prayers. May God, the giver of all good, abundantly bless you with the useful things of this life, and crown your heirs in His everlasting kingdom of glory.

Yours in the love of Christ, E. L. LYBRAND.

Siftings from Turpentine Square.

Mr. Editor: A fellow doesn't mind being heckped some times, but when he becomes roosterpecked, I think it high time for him to begin to kick. I have been pecked by that clever "Rooster." And while his bill or beak has the power of penetrating glass, it also possesses the power of vacinating all the silence and peace of a newspaper correspondent. I'll admit, I am still teaching and fiddling in Turpentine Square, but while I am enjoying that privilege, he is hanging the shorns of "Little Brown Jug," all over Turpentine Square and around a few circles. Though he is a clever rooster, because he never crows late at night or early in the morn to disturb the sweet repose of his own being. I saw a "jewel" whisper softly in his ear just the other night, and I fear now he will crow in his sleep.

Our honorable citizen H. Vansant is a first rate economist. He has decided to await the expiration of H. C. B's term before he butchers. Sensible man? He has recently visited friends in "The Square" and naturally enough, he got stuck,—this being the nature of all Turpentine squares. This square is still holding its own and while the farmers are sustaining a heavy loss from the heavy rainfalls of last autumn they are cheerful with pluck and energy to give the river bottoms another trial. Turpentine business is somewhat on the decline as usual at this season of the year. Health is now good, though we have had several cases of typhoid fever. Snooks is awfully fat, but it hasn't broken out on him yet. His masteche is progressing (under the skin). We have had a rather dull Christmas, as the cash is all in the U. S. Treasury. Guess they had a merry Christmas up there. Joy go with them and let me go too. Wishing the Editor a happy new year and the readers a good crop year. I am, "Snooks."

January 3, 1889.

Fork Frothings.

Col. Rice has a flourishing school at the Blue church. We wish him much success.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowman, died on the 15th of Dec., at her son-in-law's, Wesley A. Younginer, near her old residence.

The farmers are preparing to go to work.

Miss May Younginer, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. A. Younginer, returned home a few days ago, after spending Christmas among relatives and friends at Lewleedle.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle from any drug store.

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