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CALHOUN COUNTY FIGHT IN SUPREME COURT.

Election Law Will be Tested—Rule to Show Cause Issued, Which is Returnable Tomorrow.

Judge Engens B. Gary, of the Supreme court has issued a rule to show cause why the election for the establishment of Calhoun county should not be stopped. The order is made returnable tomorrow, the 12th, and the outcome is awaited with interest.

Last Wednesday Messrs. W. C. Wolfe, D. O. Herbert and B. H. Moss, attorneys from Orangeburg appeared before Mr. Gary in behalf of those in opposition to the new county.

It is alleged that the constitution of 1895 has not been complied with in the matter of issuing registration certificates. Some of the attorneys stated that, should the supreme court decide in their favor when the case comes up on its merits, the entire election machinery of the State would be upset. But better so now, they argue, when there is no congressional election at stake, than next year, for if compliance with the election machinery has been wrong, then the evils may be corrected.

A statement prepared by attorneys who appeared against Calhoun county says:

The most important point that will be raised is that the act under which the election is proposed to be held is unconstitutional and therefore null and void. This is the same point touched upon by the attorney general some days ago in his decision that persons who reside within the territory of the proposed new county, but whose regular voting places were outside of this area, could not vote upon the question of a new county.

It will be stated to the court that the proposed lines have been run in utter disregard of the lines of the township and polling precincts of Orangeburg county, and in several cases the townships and polling precincts are cut up and divided so as to include the greater part of the township or polling precinct, and exclude the polling or voting place, and such is the case with Orange, Goodbys and Poplar townships. For instance, Dantzier's mill and Ellorree are the only voting places in Goodbys and Poplar townships and they are left outside of the proposed new county, and those persons who vote at these places and who reside within the proposed new county territory will be deprived of exercising their constitutional right of voting upon the question. This is in direct conflict with the provisions of the constitution of the State, which upon the question of the establishment of new counties plainly says that all the qualified electors residing within the territory constituting the proposed new county shall have the right to vote in such election for or against the creation of such new county.

Another point of objection is that boundaries and lines of the proposed new county are not surveyed and "plainly marked," as required by law with such clearness to enable those interested to know certainly where these lines are located, and who among those residing near the proposed new lines, are within and who

without, the proposed new county.

Still another objection is that the governor allowed the original petition for the new county to be amended so as to bring in new territory and new people; that the governor had no power under the law to allow such amendment, and that therefore his proclamation, ordering the election is null and void and without force of law.

Of a much more startling nature are some of the other points upon which the court will be asked to halt the election, and these points may have far reaching effects in other directions than in the new county matter. One of the surprising statements is that there are really no legal books of registration in this county at this time, which means, in fact, that there are really no qualified legal voters in Orangeburg county today.

This statement is based upon the following facts:

First. The constitution of 1895 requires that there shall be a new enrollment of every voter once in every 10 years. This has not been done.

Second. The constitution provided that a separate record of all voters registered before January, 1895, should be made up and filed in the offices of the clerk of the court and the secretary of state. That was never done in this county.

Third. The State law requires that the registration books be revised before every election. The registration books of Orangeburg county have never been revised in any particular.

Fourth. The law of February, 1897, requires that the supervisors of registration shall open their books of registration in all towns of the county containing more than 300 inhabitants. This has not been done in Orangeburg county.

The registration books, therefore,

which it is proposed to send out to the polling places are absolutely worthless.

The application for the injunction will be made by the attorneys in the name of Messrs. A. R. Parler, D. H. Rush, C. D. Ball, Fred I. Culler, T. W. Murph, A. C. Smith and H. D. Felkel against the commissioners of election.

New York Prohibitionists.

New York, Dec. 4.—That the prohibitionists are making an effort to move New York State into the "dry column" and that unless action is at once taken they will have the fight more than half won was the statement made before the annual meeting of the Hotel Men's association of the State. A good portion of the session was devoted to a discussion of the subject, several speakers urging that the association take active steps to begin a campaign in opposition to the prohibitionists.

Four Hundred Killed in Mine.

Four hundred coal miners were killed by an explosion in a mine near Monogah, W. Va., on Friday. Only five men in the mine at the time escaped death.

Baptist Convention.

The State Baptist Convention was in session at Orangeburg for four days last week. Many prominent Baptist from all over the country were present.

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