

OPINION OF COURT ON ABSENTEE LAW

CIVIL ACTION ENTERED LAST
YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FINAL DECISION.

UPHOLDS CONSTITUTIONALITY

Opinion Firm on the Point That the
Secrecy of the Ballot is Matter
of Privilege of the Voter.

Raleigh.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has declared its faith in the constitutionality of the Absentee Voters Act and affirmed Judge John H. Kerr's denial of the Republican motion to enjoin the State Board of Elections, the State Auditor, and the State Treasurer from complying with the provisions of the law.

The civil action entitled J. J. Jenkins vs State Board of Elections, et al, was heard before Judge Kerr in Wake Superior Court September 15. Judge George H. Brown wrote the opinion of the court and Chief Justice Walter Clark concurred.

Both opinions are firm on the point that the secrecy of the ballot is a matter of privilege for the protection of the voter and may be waived as a personal right and neither finds anything in the way of constitutional violation in the fact that election officials view the ballot of the absentee voter before it is cast.

In addition, Judge Brown points out that the language of the constitution "is susceptible to a fair interpretation which will sustain the statute" and in this case it is the duty of the court "to uphold it and to give it the benefit of the doubt." Moreover, passing to the consideration of the text of the Constitution, Judge Brown holds that the context of Article 6 of the Constitution "indicates that the personal presence of the voter is not required to cast his ballot."

Solicitor Sets New Precedent.

At the instance of Mr. W. C. Douglass, Judge John H. Kerr, presiding over Wake county superior court, formerly ruled that it is within the prerogative of the solicitor to refuse the services of other attorneys retained to assist him in the prosecution of cases on the criminal docket.

The matter came to the attention of the court when Solicitor Herbert E. Norris refused an apology tendered him in open court by Mr. Douglass for criticism of the solicitor made at the September term of court and the solicitor later forced Clyde A. Douglass to retire from a case in which the son of the older attorney had been retained. The action is said to be without precedent and caused quite a stir.

Overman Pleased with Work.

Washington, (Special).—Senator Overman on being questioned concerning the work of the agricultural conference in session for the last two days said the meeting had served to emphasize the real situation in the marketing of farm products, such as cotton, tobacco, wool and wheat, and that he was confident the Federal Reserve Board and the bankers of the country would now solve the problem to the satisfaction of the farmers. Contemporaneous with the conferences of the farmers' organizations here are the conferences of the Federal Reserve Board and the bankers from every part of the country.

Too Much Cotton Being Sold.

Cotton farmers in the state are marketing this year's crop much faster than officials of the North Carolina Cotton Association like and which, to their minds, precludes the possibility of forcing the price back towards the forty-cent mark of last year.

The rapidity with which the farmers are selling their cotton is based upon reports made by the ginners.

Mail Clerk Appointments.

Washington, (Special).—The following railway mail clerks have been appointed in North Carolina: C. F. Fisher, Charlotte; R. W. Mennett, Burlington; C. C. Potent, Bakersville, and O. O. Morgan, Candler.

Doing Well in China.

According to advices from Peking, James A. Thomas, brother of Henry E. Thomas of Charlotte and native of Reidsville, this state, is meeting with much success as a banker in China. He is American vice president of the Commercial and Industrial Bank of China, which has its principal business in the capital, with branches throughout the country. The opening of the Tientsin branch occurred in August. From 10 to 4 on the opening date the bank received deposits totaling \$2,500,000.

Pardoned by The Governor.

Governor Bickett has granted a conditional pardon to Ray Owen, of Moore county, convicted of larceny and receiving at the August term of court last year and sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads of Anson county.

Giving his reasons the governor says that the solicitor, the man whose property was taken, the private attorney for the prosecution and numerous other citizens think the prisoner has been sufficiently punished, and that he is needed by his family.

Valuable Facts About Farming.

For the past fifty years, the State Experiment Stations and the United States Department of Agriculture have been collecting valuable facts about farming that were never known before. This information put into practice will double the profit in farming in many different lines. Yet the greater portion of it is not being used by the farmers of the country.

There may be several reasons why this information is not being used; but one important one is that the farmer has not been educated to read farming literature, and many class this information under the head of "Book Farming," not suitable for the man who is after bigger crops more cheaply produced.

The Farm Demonstration system has been developed to correct this misunderstanding among farmers and to scatter the information; but at best the farm demonstrator can only help to correct a mistake in the farmers' education and must be classed as a "repair man." The High school teacher of agriculture strikes at the root of the trouble, and trains the farmer while yet a boy and a learner to select the information he wants and use it wisely.

We used to train printers, shoemakers, blacksmiths, tailors, etc., in the home shop; but now the most capable young workmen in these lines are first partly trained in the school. Under modern conditions it is essential that our future successful farmers learn something about farming in schools while gaining other forms of learning necessary in our great stage of civilization.

Amendments to Be Voted On.

Five amendments to the constitution of North Carolina will be voted on in the November election. They were drawn up at the special session of the general assembly in Raleigh last August.

Copies of the amendments have been received by the Mecklenburg delegation in the legislature.

The amendments to be voted on are as follows:

1. Give authority to the state to tax net income from all sources above exemption of not less than \$2,000 for married man or widow or widower having dependent minor child or children, and to all other persons not less than \$1,000.
2. To limit poll tax to not exceeding \$2 for state, and for municipalities, \$1.
3. To reduce rate of tax on property for general expenses of state and counties from 66 2/3 cents to a limit of 15 cents on each \$100 worth of property.
4. To substitute a rule of one instead of two years residence in state and four months in precinct, as qualification for voting.
5. To abolish payment of poll tax as qualification for voting.

Laundry Demonstration at Fair.

In the dozen or so booths which will be put on by the State Home Demonstration Division in the Building of Household Demonstrations and Exhibits at the State Fair, one of the most interesting, is to be the booth devoted to Laundry conveniences.

The agents have found that many women with whom they come in contact in their work are anxious to have demonstration of how with very little trouble a housewife may do her household laundry herself, and in the laundry booth at the Fair such demonstration will be given.

A carload of poultry raised by the boys' and girls' clubs of Catawba county is to be featured at the Central North Carolina Fair at Greensboro and at the State Fair at Raleigh. This is said to be the first club car of poultry ever gathered together in the United States and will serve to show the progress in raising pure-bred chickens made by North Carolina boys and girls under the direction of the State Agricultural Extension Service.

Parent-Teachers Council to Meet.

The North Carolina State council of Parent-Teacher associations will hold its second annual meeting in Greensboro on November 3-4, it was announced by officials of the state organization.

Dr. Crampton, dean of the Normal School of Physical Culture, Battle Creek, Mich., will be one of the speakers, his subject being "Putting Physical Training in All of the Schools of North Carolina."

Close Bank for Examination.

The State Corporation Commission has instructed Clarence Latham, state bank examiner, to go to Union Mills, Rutherfordton county, and close the People's Bank of that place.

This action resulted from information received here that the institution had been deserted by one of its officials who is said to have left for unknown parts. It is not known here just what condition the bank was left in but the examiner has been authorized to take possession, close the doors until, after examination.

Governor to Open Fair.

Governor Bickett will open the Fifty-ninth Great State Fair of North Carolina, Tuesday, October 19 and four days of varied attractions in the State capital will follow.

General Julian S. Carr, president of the Fair, Col. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary, and Mr. C. B. Denson, treasurer, join in the tri-une declaration that it will be the best ever.

Certainly the State Fair authorities have spared no money or pains to make it so. The race track has been put in condition.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina,
Hertford County,
In the Superior Court.
C. D. Nickens, Plaintiff,
VS.

The American Railway Express Company, and H. M. Bramberry, Defendants.

The above named Defendants, H. M. Bramberry, will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court, of Hertford County, against him, to recover the possession of one motor out of Plaintiff's Oldsmobile, shipped from Norfolk, Va., in four boxes, via The American Railway Express Company, Defendant, in which Defendant H. M. Bramberry claims a lien or interest, and the purpose of this action is to wholly exclude said Defendant's lien or interest, and the said Defendant, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, at ten o'clock A. M., at the Court-house in said County, in Winton N. C. and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 4th. day of October, 1920.
D. R. McGlohon, Clerk of the Superior Court.

Roswell C. Bridger, Atty for Plaintiff.

NOTICE

By virtue and authority to us given by W. P. Taylor in his last will and testament, we, the undersigned Executors, will on the 18th. day of October, 1920, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door of Hertford County. Two lots in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and known as lots Nos. 36 and 38 Block 11 at corner 4th. Street and Marion Avenue Lafayette Annex.

This the 8th. day of Sept. 1920.

A. W. Taylor, P. H. Taylor and Jno. E. Vann, Executors.

GRIP.

Grip usually starts just the same as a cold with a watery discharge from the nose. You are much more likely to contract the grip when you have a cold. For that reason when grip is prevalent you should go to bed as soon as you feel that you are taking cold and stay in bed until fully recovered which would not be long if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Three days in bed now is better than three weeks later on.—adv.

"NOTICE"

-Sale of Land Under Deed of Trust-

Pursuant to and by virtue of the power and authority conferer upon me by a certain Deed of Trust executed by Rufus Bizzell and wife Ella J. Bizzell on the 21st. day of August 1915, and being duly of record in the Register of Deeds Office of Hertford County, in Book 59 at page 98. Default having been made in the payment of certain indebtedness therein mentioned and secured, and having been requested by the legal holder of said indebtedness to advertise and sell the land as therein provided, I shall on Monday, the 1st. day of November 1920, at the Courthouse door in Winton, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate To-Wit:

A certain lot near the town of Cofield, N. C., Commencing on the public road leading from Winton to Cofield N. C. fifty one yards from Albert Boone's corner at stake on the West side of the A. C. L. Rail Road and running thirty five yards along said Public Road in a North-Westerly direction, and thence seventy yards a South-Westerly direction near corner, thence thirty five yards a South-Eastward direction to corner, thence seventy yards in a North-Eastward direction to starting point on said Public Road. This plot of land being thirty-five yards wide by seventy yards long, and containing one half acre. For further description of this lot, reference is hereby made to Deed Book 39, at Page 598, Register of Deeds Office of Hertford County.

This house and lot is better known as the Rufus Bizzell home place. Time of Sale: Between 12 o'clock M. and 4 o'clock P. M.

This the 25th. day of September, 1920.

C. W. Jones, —Trustee. O8—4t.

NOTICE

There has been taken up by Willie Reynolds on C. S. Godwin land in Ahoskie township one cow and calf; cow color black, with white spot near end of tail; marked crop off left ear and swallow fork and half moon in right.

Owner can reclaim this stock by applying to Willie Reynolds proving ownership and paying all expenses. If not claimed in thirty days same will be advertised by sheriff and sold.

J. A. Northcott, Register of Deeds. Winton, N. C., Sept., 20th, 1920.

FERRY SCHEDULE

On and After April 1, 1920

Leave Chowan Side Opposite

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12:30 P. M.

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