DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY LEAVES BITTER TASTE

Manning's Friends Claim Allen Vote Was Obtained Through Trickery—Complications of Ballot Cause Of Much Comment—The Total Vote.

The official vote from yesterday's Democratic primaries was not tabulated until [illegible] all much. Some [illegible] to make [illegible] the vote of the [illegible] was:

Congressman, Fifth District.

Charles M. Stedman	2,223
E. [illegible]	242
B. [illegible]	41
George A. Mebane	188

Chief Justice Supreme Court.

Walter Clark	2,273

Associate Justice Supreme Court.

J. S. Manning	1,969
Platt D. Walker	1,143
W. R. Allen	1,014

Corporation Commissioner.

W. T. Lee	901
H. C. Brown	1,078
L. C. Bagwell	112
John H. Burgess	343
A. W. Graham	1,117

Solicitor Judicial District.

S. M. Gattis	2,270

State Senator.

T. J. Murphy	966
F. P. Hobgood, jr.	1,011

House of Representatives.

Charles A. Hines	1,031
T. J. Gold	1,107
J. Ed. Kirkman	1,165
T. R. Dillard	1,104
J. M. Davis	404

Sheriff.

R. M. Rees	691
D. B. Stafford	731
R. E. Jones	1,018
J. W. Wharton	288

Register of Deeds.

W. M. Rankin	1,316
A. G. Kirkman	1,222

Clerk of Superior Court.

J. W. Forbis	983
J. R. Gordon	313
W. P. Beall, jr.	1,219

Treasurer.

J. C. Bunch	832
G. H. McKinney	1,921

Coroner.

W. W. Wood	2,367

Surveyor.

F. L. Foust	2,207

County Commissioners.

J. H. McNeill	952
M. L. Kendall	931
M. G. Revill	419
T. A. Wilson	1,079
William T. Greene	988
W. C. Boren	1,009
J. M. Rankin	1,052
W. G. Bradshaw	1,181
J. A. Davidson	1,031
W. T. Tucker	1,269
D. R. Hathcock	858
G. A. Garrett	500

The Precinct Votes.

In the four townships precincts North Gilmer [illegible] throughout the vote for the contested county offices, senator, Congress and Judge [illegible] justice of the Supreme Court [illegible]

Precinct No. 1, Clark 18, Manning 138, Walker 12, Allen 121, Stedman 181, Jones 3, Royster 7, Mebane 23, Beall [illegible], Forbis 129, Gordon 18, Jones 26, Rees 108, Stafford 22, Kirkman 177, Rankin 107.

Precinct No. 2, Clark 211, Manning 17, Walker 106, Allen 15, Stedman 198, Jones 17, Royster 3, Mebane 32, Beall 191, Forbis 89, Gordon 32, Jones 181, Rees 34, Stafford 42, Kirkman 78, Rankin 187.

Precinct No. 3, Clark 149, Manning 120, Walker 81, Allen 85, Stedman 152, Jones 14, Royster 3, Mebane 44, Beall [illegible], Forbis 4, Gordon 21, Jones 24, Rees 10, Stafford 24, Kirkman 78, Rankin 10.

Precinct No. 4, Clark 205, Manning 220, Walker 138, Allen 133, Stedman 205, Jones 25, Royster, 6, Mebane 21, Beall 70, Forbis 89, Gordon 41, Jones 215, Rees 88, Stafford 34, Kirkman, 149, Rankin 153.

North Gilmer, Clark 221, Manning, 140, Walker, 70, Allen 100, Stedman, 219, Jones 1, Royster 1, Mebane, 6, Beall 120, Forbis 68, Gordon 6, Jones, 59, Rees 100, Stafford, 27, Kirkman, 184, Rankin 184.

South Morehead, Clark 85, Manning, 76, Walker 24, Allen 24, Stedman 82, Jones 10, Royster, 1, Mebane 2, Beall, 49, Forbis 28, Gordon 18, Jones, 42, Rees 40, Stafford, 11, Kirkman 49, Rankin 46.

The above results from six precincts give a fair indication of the swapping between Manning and Allen. It also shows that in many instances votes were not cast for Chief Justice Walter Clark who like Walker had no opposition. It is noticed that Jones and Beall received an exceedingly flattering vote in their home precinct, No. 1.

The Nominations

The above vote assures the Democratic nomination for the following candidates for the various county offices: County commissioners, J. A. Davidson, W. C. Boren and W. G. Bradshaw; register of deed, W. M. Rankin; senator, F. P. Hobgood; House, T. Ed. Kirkman; coroner, W. W. Wood; surveyor, F. L. Foust; treasurer, G. H. McKinney.

In the contest for the clerkship the two leading candidates will fight it out at Thursday's primary. They are W. P. Beall, present deputy clerk, and J. W. Forbis. In Saturday's contest Beall lead Forbis by 236 votes. For support of the latter mention that friends of Gordon, who was nominated Saturday, will affect this opponent lead in favor of Beall. Beall on the other hand expresses confidence in the result and his friends declare that Gordon will not be able to throw his vote to Forbis. The fight between these three candidates was the topic of much comment yesterday. The charges of trickery, buying of votes, unfair tactics and obligations of ringing in personalities coming out.

There was little success about the effort to be made to throw Gordon's vote to Forbis, but these jumblings only served to Beall's part to no small extent to Beall victory.

The official vote shows that R. E. Jones, present incumbent, and D. R. Stafford are to enter the second primary for nomination for sheriff. In Saturday's results Jones led Stafford by 17 votes, and in the contest for commissioner the results were similar to those in the fight for the clerkship. Stafford's friends claiming an advantage in the Rees and Wharton vote. They also say that great stress in the fact that the clerkship goes to a Greensboro man, and that in consideration of this and the further fact that Jones has had two terms, the nomination should go to Stafford. There is no question about the quick change of sentiment for the Oak Ridge candidate and his supporters declare this will turn to a practical landslide for Thursday. But with these confident assertions on the other side Sheriff Jones and his workers show little worry and they declare that the vote Thursday will give him a flattering majority.

Three commissioners were named Saturday, leaving four to enter Thursday's contest. They are W. G. Bradshaw, A. Rankin, William T. Greene and D. A. Wilson. Dr. Bradshaw missed the nomination in the first primary by 13 votes. It is freely predicted that High Point's attitude in voting for both Kirkman and Gold for the legislature as against the other candidates from the county and Greensboro will result in the defeat of Dr. Bradshaw.

To Knife High Point

T. J. Gold and T. R. Dillard, the former an attorney of High Point and the latter a farmer of Battle Ground, will enter the second primary for representative, Gold leading second seat in the House. In Saturday's contest Gold led Dillard by 43 votes. The way things were handled in this contest also caused considerable comment, there being much criticism of the attitude of High Point voters. It was the general understanding that High Point would vote for either Gold or Kirkman and help one of the other candidates for the other seat, but it was not this way. For High Point voted straight for both her candidates, leaving the balance to shuffle for themselves. It was currently reported that Gold had agreed to get the nomination and making the sick game played by High Pointers the 200 to both candidates had gone glimmering, would withdraw from the race, but yesterday afternoon he paid the fee and filed all requirements for entering the second primary. From talk among the old stagers there will be plenty of "knifing" in Thursday's contest as High Point's candidates, Gold and Bradshaw, are concerned.

The Judicial Contest

Though the campaign waged by the candidates and the activity of the partisan managers in furthering the cause of their respective friends caused considerable criticism and elicited many remarks of disgust about the much mixed fair methods of a legislative primary, it remained for the judicial contest between Manning and Allen to raise the big howl and cause expressions severe enough with comment. Friends of the Allen supporters, whether it was politics or not, played a dirty game and it was this that caused the scandal among Manning's friends. The long ballots simply said "For Associate Justice Supreme Court. Vote for two. Allen, Walker, Manning." No distinction whatever was made leaving the impression that the race was between the three men, when the fight was between Manning and Allen, Walker's seat being uncontested.

It was in the hopes that Allen's friends saw their chance and realizing that the vote of Guilford would be a mixed solid for Manning they began thinking. As a result, those who did not fully understand were asked to vote for both Manning and Allen and at every precinct cards exposing the candidacy of Allen and Manning were handed the voters. Hearing so much about these two candidates and so little about the others, the voters naturally went in and put crosses in the name of each leaving Walker running without opposition, blank. And it was a blank being that came over Manning's friends Saturday night when the results began to show the mistake. Allen's friends made no noise about the work, yesterday, declaring that it was fair politics and a pretty clever trick.

As a result of this complication among the voters, Manning will lose 1,000 of Guilford's vote in the state convention and Allen 1,000.

Corporation Commissioner.

The same trouble was experienced in the contest for corporation commissioner, the ballots making no distinction between the opposing candidates. A number voted for Lee and Graham, when both were running for the same seat and vice versa, many put in votes for Brown and Bagwell.

In the other counties these complications were avoided by the following arrangement of the ballots: "For Associate Justice Supreme Court. (Two to be elected). Platt D. Walker, W. R. Allen. For Associate Justice Supreme Court. (To be elected). James S. Manning, James A. Gray, Manning and Walter Clark." The same arrangement was made relative to the candidates for corporation commissioner.

Major Stedman's Vote

The vote accorded Major Charles M. Stedman was a source of much gratification to his friends, he receiving a strong almost solid vote for the candidate who has been trained. In Guilford, Orange, Wake, The result was not so satisfactory in counties has caused a great sigh, in Stokes, Stedman's home county, it is freely predicted that he will be nominated by Congress on the first ballot when the convention meets in next January.

An Element of Sadness

In all of the letters, large or small, letters are sent expressing regret relative to the campaign and method of conducting the primary. There was still an element of sadness in the results this being the defeat of Rev. A. G. Kirkman by more than [illegible] a majority and of the Gordon but it was for this last that the heart of Mr. Kirkman is affected, the principal strength of the opposition being in the fact that Kirkman had lived in the people for enough. [illegible] W. H. Rankin [illegible] will still have a place, [illegible] the representation [illegible] fight on the other side [illegible]

Caused Much Bitterness

After [illegible] the primary [illegible] bitterness [illegible] Thursday [illegible] the contest [illegible] Allen [illegible] Manning [illegible] Walker [illegible] Allen [illegible] Manning [illegible] Allen [illegible] Manning [illegible] Allen [illegible] Manning