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ABSENTEE VOTERS LAW IS ATTACKED BY REPUBLICANS

Suit To Enjoin State Board of Elections and Others Started.

KERR ISSUES ORDER UPON DEFENDANTS

J. J. Jenkins, Candidate For Treasurer, Sponsors Court Assault; Injunction Refused But Hearing Will Be Held On September 16 To Determine Matter.

The Republican party yesterday opened fire on the absentee voters' law when attorneys representing J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham, Republican candidate for State treasurer, appeared before Judge John H. Kerr at Louisburg and asked for an injunction against the State Board of Elections and against the State Auditor and the State Treasurer to stop distribution of ballots for these voters.

Judge Kerr declined to grant the injunction but upon the complaint of the plaintiff made an order directing the members of the Board of Elections, State Auditor, W. P. Wood and State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to appear before him in Raleigh on Thursday, September 16, and show cause why the injunction should not be issued.

Jenkins Is Candidate for Treasurer.

Jenkins, the plaintiff, is a candidate for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket and it is in his capacity as the nominee of his party that he seeks to enjoin the Board of Elections from distributing absentee certificates and votes in the State. The complaint against the auditor and treasurer is made in his private capacity of taxpayer and is for the purpose of enjoining the auditor from issuing warrants and the treasurer from paying the certificates, envelopes and ballots.

Candidate Jenkins is represented in his suit, filed in Wake Superior court, by Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, Judge R. C. Strudwick, of Greensboro, and S. S. Alderman, of Pittsboro. The State was not represented before Judge Kerr Tuesday but Attorney General Manning will appear for the State officials involved at the hearing next Thursday.

Unconstitutional, Jenkins Says.

The suit for an injunction is based on the allegation that the absentee voters' law, passed at the regular session of the General Assembly in 1917, is unconstitutional. The provisions of the absentee law of 1917, as amended in 1919, are, Mr. Jenkins complains, "unconstitutional with, repugnant to and in violation of the provisions of the constitution hereinbefore referred to and are void and of no effect." The plaintiff Jenkins also alleges that the votes cast by authority of the said provisions of the said acts of the legislature and in the manner therein provided would be and are illegal votes and should not be counted or taken into consideration in determining the result of the said election.

The complaint cites the clause of the constitution dealing with the residence qualifications of voters and afterwards asserts that the officials of the Board of Elections are "threatening" to carry into execution this absentee law in the general election of November 2, 1920.

How Jenkins Would Be Hurt.

Then the attorneys for Mr. Jenkins proceed to show how he will be hurt if this is done:

"The plaintiff is a candidate for the office of State Treasurer on the Republican ticket, duly nominated by the said party and certified by the defendants constituting the said State Board of Elections, under the requirements of law, with his name to be printed upon the Republican ticket and to be voted for at the said election for the said office of this State; that the plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury as said candidate by the casting of the said illegal votes in said election, pursuant to the said void and unconstitutional provisions of said acts of 1917 and 1919; and the plaintiff is informed and believes and so alleges that a large number of votes will be cast and counted at the said general election in the illegal and unconstitutional manner hereinbefore referred to, unless the said act be declared unconstitutional and void and of no effect and unless the said defendants, constituting the said Board of Elections, be restrained and enjoined from carrying into execution the said provisions of the said acts of 1917 and 1919."

Political Stroke, Simply

Candidate Jenkins, in bringing his suit, is merely the "modus operandi" for the Republican party in a newly turned assault on the absentee voters law. They first asked for its repeal at the 1919 session of the General Assembly; they next sought to unseat State Chairman Warren because he reminded the registrars and judges of election that it afforded a convenient ballot for voters not at home on elec-

Do Not Be Duly Alarmed.

The Tobacco situation has caused some excitement among the growers and producers of the weed. It is admitted the conditions are not so good as one could wish, but we must meet the conditions as they are. The situation is bad but not so bad as some think. No one had hoped that Tobacco would sell for as much this year as it did last year. The prices obtained at the various opening sales is not a criterion as to what the balance of the crop will sell for at all. There is always a rush, at these sales, the floors crowded with all kinds of Tobacco, the weather warm, making the weed unfit for handling, and not in condition to keep, and naturally any buyer will hesitate to load up on Tobacco which is soft and liable to spoil which was the condition at these Sales.

Owing to the peculiar condition now existing, let all the Farmers, Merchants and Banks stand by each other. Let the Farmers market their Tobacco slowly, and see that it is good condition for selling and keeping and do all they can to obtain the very best price, pay all possible on their accounts either with the Banks or Merchants. Let the Merchants be as lenient as possible with all their customers and pay the Banks all they can. Let the Banks stand by the Farmers and Merchants who have negotiated loans with them, and give all extensions possible. In short let all CO-OPERATE and do the very best possible in meeting their obligations and make no forced collections where it is possible to avoid same. If every man will do his best, I think the situation can be bridged over until all business re-adjusts itself. We are going through a process of re-adjustment and co-operation among all is absolutely necessary to tide over the situation. There is no question but what Tobacco will bring better prices as the weather conditions improve and business nears its normal stage. Those who have money, deposit same in the Banks of your Town as they are safe as any in the State and thereby relieve any money situation that may arise. Do not hoard your money but put it in circulation. Do not get excited, lose your head, or do anything rash, but think over the situation in a calm way and co-operate with your neighbor and with all with a view of bringing about a better situation in all lines.

J. J. BARROW.

Franklin County Fair.

From present indications it appears that the Franklin County Fair this fall will, from an agricultural standpoint, be the best ever held in the county for many farmers are taking an active interest in it and are preparing to make worth while exhibits from their farms. The general farm exhibits will be the best ever shown here and there will be more of them. The livestock exhibits promise to be good and we are hoping to have the best livestock display of any county fair in this section. But while the prospects are good for the best fair, agriculturally, we have had, to make it the best one in this section we need the cooperation of all of the best farmers in the county and every one who has anything at all good, or a little better than the average, is earnestly requested to put it on exhibition at the fair.

We are especially anxious to get in touch with all breeders of pure-bred livestock as we wish to feature pure-bred stock especially this fall.

JOSEPH C. JONES, Agricultural Secretary.

When you learn to depend upon yourself in all things you will no longer worry over what others may do.

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MASS MEETING TOBACCO FARMERS

Tuesday, September 14th, at 1 O'clock

IN THE COURT HOUSE AT LOUISBURG.

Object Is To Devise Some Plan to Bring About Better Prices For The Present Crop of Tobacco.

Below we publish a call made by a number of Franklin's leading Tobacco growers calling for a Mass Meeting to be held in Louisburg on Tuesday, September 14th, (next Tuesday) at 1 o'clock, in the Court House, for the purpose of trying to devise some plan to assist the farmers to at least get the cost of production out of the present tobacco crop, and to register their disapproval of the present prices being offered by the tobacco companies. The call follows:

We, the undersigned tobacco farmers of Franklin County, being dissatisfied with the prices of tobacco being paid on the various tobacco markets in the fact that they are below cost of production, hereby call a Mass Meeting of the Farmers of Franklin County to be held in the Court House in Louisburg, N. C., on Tuesday, September 14th, 1920, at one o'clock, for the purpose of taking action to protect ourselves against the apparent desire of the big tobacco companies to take our crops without pay.

Each and every tobacco grower is urged to attend this meeting and all other farmers are invited to join with us

- J. A. MITCHNER
- D. G. PEARCE
- J. E. CHANEY
- E. M. SYKES
- A. W. PERRY, JR.
- R. A. WILSON
- R. A. PEARCE
- A. W. PERRY, SR.
- J. L. SPENCER
- H. G. CONN
- N. S. TOMLINSON
- F. S. ALLEN
- F. J. BEASLEY
- JOS. T. INSCOE
- J. T. WESTER
- S. A. NEWELL
- A. B. PERRY
- J. B. WILDER
- D. F. MCKINNE
- J. R. EARLE

- F. B. LEONARD
- R. G. PERSON
- E. H. MALONE
- W. F. MITCHNER
- J. F. MITCHNER
- D. T. HOLLINGSWORTH
- J. E. NELMS
- W. H. AYCOCK
- D. F. ROBERTS
- HENRY HARRISON
- E. B. CHAPPELL
- S. R. BOONE
- T. A. COLLIE
- N. M. PERRY
- R. S. BURCH
- E. S. KILGUM
- B. G. KING
- W. H. SMITH
- L. R. SOUTHWELL
- A. JOHNSON

Mr. Williams Equips Undertaking Department.

Mr. J. S. Williams one of our enterprising furniture dealers informs us he has fully equipped a modern and first class undertaking department and expects to place himself in position to render the people of this section exceptional service. He has recently received a modern Motor Hearse and in other ways equipped himself for this work. Maj. S. P. Boddie has taken charge of the funeral arrangements in this department. With the equipment and the management which are among the best in this section, there is no doubt but that Mr. Williams will be accorded the patronage of quite a good number of the people of Franklin County.

Harris-Mitchell.

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Mission at St. Paul's Church.

Beginning Monday night, September 27th, a mission lasting one week will be held in St. Paul's Church. Services will be short and preaching morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Bentley, a preacher of rare ability and power. Rev. N. C. Duncan, Archdeacon of the Convocation, of Raleigh will assist in the mission, and Rev. N. C. Hughes, rector of the parish, will also assist at the close. All are cordially invited to attend and the people of Louisburg are especially invited to take part and make their community meeting for the advancement of Christianity.

The Riverside.

The Riverside Warehouse which will open with the other two in Louisburg on Tuesday, September 21st will be run this year under a partnership composed of Messrs. G. D. Taylor, W. J. Cooper, A. W. Perry, Jr. and R. R. Perry. Mr. Taylor will have charge of the sales and Mr. H. E. Hight will be the book keeper. With this personnel this warehouse promises to be quite lively and in full trim this season.

"Safety first" is a good slogan, but "safety always" would be a better one

REDUCTION IN PRICES BRINGS STRONG PROTEST FROM ANGRY GROWERS

Warehouses at Greenville, Ayden and Farmville Closed When Indignant Sellers Stop All Sales; Mass Meetings at Wilson and Smithfield Pledge Support To Movement for Organization Backing Up The Holding of Weed For Better Quotations; Heavy Sales at Kinston and Goldsboro But Rocky Mount Light.

Tobacco growers in eastern North Carolina are up in arms because of a fifty per cent reduction in prices for the opening day as compared with last year. Greenville warehouses were closed shortly after opening yesterday when it is reported the angry farmers refused to allow the sales continued. Sales were also discontinued at Farmville and Ayden, but the larger markets remained open though the price slumps caused a lot of the weed to be hauled back home and many indignation meetings were held.

The movement to organize for holding for fair prices continues to gain headway and yesterday Johnston county farmers joined Wilson and Vance county tobacco growers in the organization of a State-wide and South-wide organization to take steps for holding tobacco off the markets.

Wilson, the largest bright leaf market in the world, opened with a million pounds on hand in its six warehouses. Seemingly the price has dropped out and at noon the growers held a mass-meeting in the court house and adopted resolutions calling on the tobacco farmers of the State to keep their tobacco at home until prices improve.

The average for the Smithfield market being about one-third of last year brought consternation to both farmers and business men, and here again a mass-meeting was quickly called. Congressman Edward Pou and other leading citizens promised their support of the movement to secure a fair price for tobacco or else keep it at home.

With a quarter of a million pounds marketed at Rocky Mount, sales were the lightest on record, the average being about 20 to 25 cents, which was the average for the eastern markets as compared with 30 to 50 cents last year.

Kinston took on six hundred thousand pounds and Goldsboro a million and while grave dissatisfaction was expressed over the prices paid, there were no rejections reported. Leaders counseled discretion with the hope that conditions will improve.

In Honor of Mrs. Bickett.

Honoring Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Mrs. W. B. Barrow, who has recently returned to Louisburg from a sojourn in Samoa, and Miss Kate Ballard, of Franklinton, sister of Mrs. Yarborough, Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, Jr., entertained Thursday evening from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock. Thirteen tables for bridge and room were arranged in the living rooms and dining room, which were made lovely with decoration of roses, China asters, nasturtiums and yellow daisies, the color scheme pink in living rooms and yellow in dining room.

While the games continued Misses Fannie and Annie Perry Neal, Ruth Early, Mary Turner, Mildred Scott, Eleanor and Mary Wyatt, Yarborough and Mamie Hayes, in lovely evening costumes, served punch to the assembled guests.

At the close of the games Mrs. Yarborough presented to Mrs. D. F. McKinnis and Mrs. G. A. Ricks, each a cut glass compote for making the highest scores.

Neopolitan cream and cake were then served. At the hour of separation Mrs. Bickett, Mrs. William Bailey, of Raleigh, Miss Ballard, of Franklinton, and Mrs. Barrow, of Louisburg formed a line on the front veranda to bid the guests good night.

The veranda was artistically decorated with ferns and variety of bright flowers. The Japanese lanterns added soft suffusion of light and prettiness to the scene as the guests departed.

Jab 'Em, Uncle, Jab 'Em!

It is reported from Washington that Uncle Sam has annexed a sharp stick and is beginning to jab the proposition that a tariff on cotton in the price of living is announced.

Just where the decline is we don't know, but we hope it is somewhere. One thing, though, is certain—Uncle's stick will have to be mighty sharp and mighty long before it will even dent the alligator hides of the gougers.

Gouging is a pleasant and lucrative pastime—to the gougers—and they can hardly be expected to reform the ways until they feel the point of the stick or the weight of the star spangled foot.

Washington says there is decline, and because Washington says so it must be so. But personally we decline to fall for a decline that declines to decline.

Any person can give good advice, but it's quite a different thing to set a good example.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady, of Raleigh, is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. N. B. Allisbrook left Tuesday for Mebane to attend the Mebane Fair.

Miss Myrtle Harris, of Vaughan, is visiting Miss Josie Tharrington near town.

Misses Nena and Rita Parker, of Warrenton, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings and son, Harold, of Richmond, Va., visited the home of Mr. W. S. Hale this week.

Rev. T. B. Justice, of Morven, who is visiting his son, Mr. F. W. Justice near town, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, and Mrs. M. J. Hawkins, of Ridgeway, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough Tuesday.

Messrs. J. H. Boone, J. Y. Beasley, Napier Williamson and C. T. Dean left Tuesday for Detroit, Mich., to get a lot of Dodge automobiles.

Constable J. E. Thomas went to Raleigh Tuesday to arrest W. C. Davis and bring him back to Louisburg to answer a charge of false pretense.

FRANKLINTON YOUNG MAN SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

Grady Conyers Falls From Scaffold While at Work On Roof of Building.

Franklinton, Sept. 8.—Mr. Grady Conyers, a popular young man, who lived one mile east of this place, died late yesterday afternoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Wyatt Lane here, from injuries he received in falling from the roof of the Franklinton Hoopery mill, which is in course of construction. He stepped on a loose piece of timber which tilted under him and he fell to the ground a distance of 24 feet. Several ribs were broken, one of which it is thought punctured one of his lungs. It is believed also that his spine was injured. He never regained consciousness. He had only been working for the company a short while and was to stop Saturday night, but the accident occurred about 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

He had been reared on a farm and had followed that occupation until the war when he enlisted for overseas service. He was in France for 12 months and never received a scratch, and made an enviable reputation as a good soldier and a most exemplary young man. He returned home after the armistice was signed and again went to the farm.

He was 29 years old and leaves his mother, Mrs. Lucy G. Conyers and 3 sisters, Mrs. Wyatt Lane and Miss Annie Conyers, of this place, and Mrs. Edgar Freeman, of Granville county. His father died several years ago. Grady was the main dependence of his mother and single sister. He joined the Methodist church at Ebenezer when a boy and had lived a consistent life.

Family Reunion.

On September 3rd, there was a family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams, of Poplar Springs. A barbecue dinner was spread under a giant oak tree in the yard and was enjoyed by thirty relatives and friends. All their children were present as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams and children, of Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Williams, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Williams and son, of Raleigh, and Joe D. Williams, also their grandfather, Mr. Thos. S. Collie, of Cedar Rock.

In Honor of Mrs. Bickett and Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. W. P. Neal was the charming hostess Friday morning at a breakfast party in honor of Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Mrs. William Bailey, of Raleigh. Covers were laid for eight and an elegant course breakfast was served. Pink China asters formed the central decorations of the prettily appointed table.

Those present to partake of Mrs. Neal's hospitality were Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Mr. W. Y. Bickett and Mrs. William Bailey, of Raleigh, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, of Louisburg, and Miss Kate Ballard, of Franklinton.

Make a practice of surmounting the little problems of life and the big ones will be no big ones to bother you.