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Aldermen And Mayor Can Not Fill Office of Fire Chief.

Although the constitution and the laws of the State provide against holding more than one office of trust or profit, it doesn't seem to have been followed in the case of mayors and aldermen of some of the towns and cities of North Carolina.

In order to prohibit the evils that might arise over the double officeholding in towns and cities the last legislature expressly declared against mayors, aldermen and others holding places of honor, trust or profit, and this would indicate that neither the mayor nor aldermen can legally fill the place of Chief of the fire department. The place pays \$175 per year, which is some evidence of profit as well as trust and honor.

It is evident that the courts would hold it is all three and that neither an alderman nor the mayor can be elected to the place, so as it now stands either the office of mayor or chief of the fire department is vacant.

If pressed it might raise an interesting question. At a meeting some time ago of the Board of Aldermen for the election of city officers, Alderman Jones and Mayor McNeill were the candidates for Chief of the fire department, when each received four votes and the Mayor cast the deciding vote in favor of himself, according to reports of the meeting.

If this was a legal election it might vacate the office of Mayor and if it was not the office of Chief of fire department is still vacant. Another question that might arise is, can the Mayor retain the salary for the last year when he acted as chief? The chances are that if some citizen was to sue for the return of the salary to the town that the courts would hold that it must be done.

The reason against double office holding is to prohibit governing bodies from making jobs for themselves.

The law is very close kin to the one against officials buying supplies and provisions from ones self. The law is a jealous mistress and is so jealous that some years ago the Commissioners of Chatham were tried and convicted for selling county property at private sale when the law provided that it must be done at public sale. An Alder-

man of Greensboro was convicted for selling road material to the city when it was claimed that it was bought for less than Greensboro could have bought it from other contractors. Under the law no official can legally sell to himself or his associates in office supplies for the city or town government with which he is connected.

This is one law that is frequently violated and there are some places where men become rich by this kind of transactions.

A third law that is frequently violated is the one requiring an annual statement of expenses to be published yearly in all cities and towns.

These three laws are probably violated by every city and hamlet in the State and it is the duty of all self respecting newspapers to call attention to them.

A Vile Slander.

A stranger coming to this town last week overheard a travelling man say that Fayetteville was the worst liquor-soaked and most immoral town in the State, and was a little later shocked when a hotel clerk in Greensboro made the same statement.

Such remarks are most infamous slanders when applied to Fayetteville people as a whole, but is just what can be expected from the dens of vipers on Blount street and those who are responsible for their being there. Not only the guilty but innocent people suffer from the reputation of these dens of shame.

Bishop John C. Kilgo, the able but erratic ex-president of Trinity College, who was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has resigned and probably shaken the dust off his feet against Trinity.

The trouble is a kind of an old feud between the Bishop and the graduating class of this year. A couple years ago the class of Sophomores ran up the class numeral with the national flag on the flag pole. The Bishop denounced this as treason and asked for the name of the guilty parties but the class refused and later denounced the Bishop as an official intermeddler, so when the class graduated this year he refused to sign their diplomas. The vice president and secretary were called upon and performed the duty when the Bishop-Chairman severed his connection with the college he had changed from a country school to one of the most heavily endowed institutions in the South.

Col. Osborn, Collector of U. S. Internal Revenue, is one man that seems to be earning his salary. Soon after induction into office he discovered frauds of the liquor and oleomargarine interests amounting to \$20,000,000 in taxes and he has just uncovered and collected \$10,000,000 that the munitions manufacturers were attempting to cheat the government out of. If all officials were as diligent as Col. Osborn seems to be Uncle Sam would not need so many bonds.

If any one is interested to know whether the mayor or other officials can legally hold the office of chief of the fire department they might look up chapter 136, sub chapter 16, section 4 of the Public Laws of 1917. There might have been some question about it before the Act of 1917 but there is certainly none now.

Suppressing the news is more popular in some quarters than publishing it.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadowville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not get so well as when young. A few years ago my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and I took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone, I was very weak. I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I know it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it, I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught."

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The Sow Returns to its Wallow.

According to the Durham Sun Logan Meadows, who was released from the Penitentiary last Wednesday by pardon of Governor Bickett, broke into a store in Durham Monday night and carried away a large amount of merchandise. This is the history of 99 cases out of every 100 pardons and the only difference is that it frequently is a more heinous crime than the one committed in this case.

Crude philosophers may rant and theorize upon the futility of punishment and point out the glories of freedom and right living but every time a hardened criminal or wild beast is turned loose upon the country the public suffers from a fresh or more hideous crime.

Occasionally there may be cases where the pardoning power should be invoked but it is a rare case that an innocent man is convicted and the frequent exercise of the pardoning power, chicken hearted judges and officers who wink at violations of the law are about the worst evil that can afflict any community or State.

Illinois, where several convicts were killed and considerable property destroyed the other day, is an example of the effect of misguided but, possibly well meaning men and women can have upon criminal institutions. It is the certainty of punishment and discipline that cures evils and not license and laxity. Many a crime is committed because the fellow feels that his money and friends will get him out.

From pardoning governors, chicken hearted judges and winking officials Good Lord deliver us.

No man would dare say Miss Laws is swift although she is reported to have made 110 miles in 80 minutes.

Potato-Raiser Is It. According to a well informed citizen, 50-car loads, or 10,000 bushels of Irish potatoes have been shipped out of Fayetteville this season, the price ranging from \$6 to \$10 per barrel and amounting to \$75,000 in good hard money.

The gentleman figures that the potato raisers made from 30 to 40 barrels to the acre at a total cost of \$40 and a clear profit of \$5 on each barrel.

Prevent Sorehead in Chickens. To prevent sorehead in poultry, give about a heaping tablespoonful of salts to each dozen hens a day, either in a soft mash or their drinking water. Then, in addition, use about a teaspoonful of sulphur in their mash, dry, about two days a week. Never give sulphur during rainy weather, however. It will make the hens stiff in the joints. Sulphur and salts, given in this manner, are almost sure preventives of sorehead.

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