

An Explanation.

Danbury, N. C.,
Dec. 11, 1914.

Editors Danbury Reporter:

Gentlemen: In the Reporter of Dec. 9th, 1914, in the closing paragraph of what you say in reference to the action of the board of county commissioners concerning the Meadows township road commissioners, you have this statement:

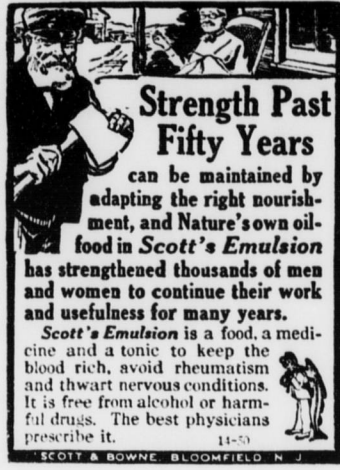
"On the advice of their counsel, N. O. Petree, the board of county commissioners confirmed the action of the canvassing board and declared Messrs. Wall and Moran elected."

As to this I beg to say that the board of county commissioners, as I understood it, having no power to try the title to an office, did not declare any person elected, as that did not pertain to the board, but only inducted into office, Messrs. Wall and Moran, as the parties certified by the board of county canvassers as having been elected.

Section 4350 of the Revisal of N. C., of 1905 reads as follows:

"4350. Canvass returns; determine result. The board of county canvassers at their said meeting, in the presence of such electors as choose to attend, shall open and canvass and judicially determine the returns, stating the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each officer, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given to each person for each different office, and shall sign the same. The said board shall have power and authority to judicially pass upon all facts relative to the election, and judicially determine and declare the result of the same. And they shall also have power and authority to send for papers and persons and examine the same."

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ard, 96 N. C., page 296, this language is used by Smith, C. J.:

"The result of the vote is conclusively settled, so far as the action of the commissioners is concerned, by the Canvassing Board when authenticated by their certificate, but the person elected must be competent to occupy the place."

I make the above statement so that the matter may not be misunderstood.

Respectfully,
N. O. PETREE.

[NOTE.—At the time the statement referred to by Mr. Petree was written the Reporter felt sure of the fact that the county commissioners had no authority to say who were elected highway commissioners, but since some of the citizens of Meadows township had referred the matter to them and asked them to say who were elected, and since the commissioners heard and considered the argument of counsel in the matter, it was, to use a slang expression, "up to them" to render some decision or take some action, even if merely to satisfy

those who had come to them for relief. So, at the conclusion of the argument by the attorneys, the commissioners, or at least a majority of the board, stated in substance that as they saw it their only alternative was to induct Messrs. Wall and Moran into office. Hence our statement that the board confirmed the action of the board of canvassers.—EDITOR.]

Community Improvement.

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