

MISDEMEANOR TO BET.

Registrars Are Judges—Can Send a Person to Jail.

It is the prevailing opinion that a person who makes a bet on the result of the election forfeits his right to vote. Such is not the case, but section 55 of the new election law makes it a misdemeanor.

The new law says that any person who shall discharge from employment, withdraw patronage from or otherwise injure, threaten, oppress, or attempt to intimidate, any qualified voter of this State, because of the vote such voter may or may not have cast in any election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

A person who illegally registers in more than one precinct is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished for every such offense by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment at hard labor, for a term not exceeding two years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

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WATSON FOR GOVERNOR.

Guthrie for Lieut-Governor and U. S. Senator.

AYER SAYS, "NAY."

Democrats Offer A Congressional... Populist Party... Committee Called To-morrow.

The Democratic State Central Committee has made a proposal to the Populists through Chairman Ayer for fusion on Congressmen, State and Legislative offices.

The ticket the Democratic committee would have the Populists and Democrats in the State to vote is:

- CYRUS B. WATSON, Democrat, for Governor. WM. A. GUTHRIE, Populist, for Lieut-Governor. Cyrus Thompson, Populist, for Secretary of State. WM. H. WORTH, Populist, for Treasurer.

- F. I. OSBORNE, Democrat, for Attorney-General. J. C. SCARBOROUGH, Democrat, for Superintendent of Public Instruction. H. M. FURMAN, Democrat, for Auditor.

- A. C. AVERY, Democrat, and W. A. Montgomery, Populist, for Supreme Court Justices. Congressional Ticket. HARRY SKINNER, Populist, 1st District. F. A. WOODARD, Democrat, 2nd District. J. E. FOWLER, Populist, 3rd District. W. F. STROWD, Populist, 4th District. W. W. KITTY, Democrat, 5th District. J. A. LOCKHART, Democrat, 6th District. A. C. SAMPFORD, Populist, 7th District. R. A. DAUGHTON, Democrat, 8th District. J. B. ADAMS, Democrat, 9th District.

Senate. William A. Guthrie, Populist, for United States Senate.

The Democratic proposition will not be accepted by the Populist, though the Executive committee is called to meet here tomorrow night.

Chairman Hal Ayer gave out the following statement this afternoon:

"You can say for me that the proposition will not be accepted. We will not enter into any proposition, whereby we lose any of our congressmen in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th districts, whose election is now assured."

Are you averse to yielding the Governorship? Mr Ayer was asked. "To that I have nothing to say," was his reply.

When chairman Hal Ayer referred chairman Manly to Senator Butler's August proposition for complete fusion, few people hazarded the opinion that the Democrats would consider the reply much less accept it. This has been a year of surprises and so when the people of the State heard that the Democratic party had fallen on its knees before the Populist tin god they were not so badly shocked after all. It has been evident for many months that certain leaders of the party wanted to place the old organization in the buckstaring business. How well they have succeeded every one knows.

The State Central Committee with only two members absent came to the conclusion last evening, near one o'clock that it was best to make a proposal to the Populists for the accomplishment of fusion on all Congressional, State and legislative offices. Today that proposition was submitted to chairman Ayer of the Populist State Executive Committee. It is given herewith:

This committee, believing the white people of the State are intensely in earnest in their desire and purpose to secure the benefits of the reform for which Bryan stands and to preserve good government in North Carolina is prepared to invite a close alliance among all those who hold to these views. This, in our opinion, is made imperative in view of the fact that the colored voters of the State have been united in a compact body in support of those measures for which McKinley and Russell stand. The colored people and their leaders have made a union of the white people necessary to defeat McKinleyism and Russellism in North Carolina. To provide for a union of those believing in white supremacy and good government the chairman of this committee is instructed to propose to the executive

committee of the People's party a ticket to be voted for in the coming election as follows:

For Governor, C. B. Watson, of Forsyth; Lieut-Governor, W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; Secretary of State, Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow; Treasurer, W. H. Worth, of Wake; Attorney-General, F. I. Osborne, of Mecklenburg; Superintendent of Public Instruction, John C. Scarborough, of Johnston; Auditor, R. M. Furman, of Buncombe; Supreme Court, A. C. Avery, W. A. Montgomery; Superior Court, 5th district, J. S. Manning. For Congress that the several districts shall be arranged as follows: To the People's party, 1st, 3d, 4th and 7th districts; to the Democratic party, 2d, 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th districts.

That the committee pledges its best efforts to the election of W. A. Guthrie as United States Senator.

For the legislature both parties pledge their best efforts to defeat all Republican candidates to the legislature and to elect only Democrats and Populists and only such of them as are known to stand for the reform advocated by Mr. Bryan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CLEMENT MANLY, Ch'm'n Dem. State Ex. Com.

Chairman Ayer sent telegrams this morning to every member of the State executive committee urging them to attend the special meeting which is called tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in this city.

The Populists will never accept the proposition as it now stands, as Chairman Ayer has officially announced and it is the opinion of many of those in touch with the Populist State committee that the offer will be rejected. All the local Populists had broad smiles on their faces today and they looked supremely happy. Father Worth was ebullient with joy and Joe Rogers appeared to be in convulsions.

Father Worth gave a positive utterance this morning. It was one of the few times in his always joyful career he was on the aggressive. Father wanted it understood, and he said so plainly, that the Populists would never yield the Governor. "Why don't you all take the Senator," was a query put by our good Treasurer. Father insists on the Populists having five Congressmen and the protection of Hal Ayer in his auditorial canvass.

Populists of influence who had anything to say at all were of the opinion that it was entirely too late to make any change in their ticket. It takes two weeks to get the news to the Pops in the interior.

And would the Populists abide by the committee's action if the Democratic offer was accepted? Unquestionably many of them would not, especially those who think that the Populists are in honor bound to stand by the republican agreement.

Editor Ramsey of the Progressive Farmer was asked if he opposed the Democratic offer. "I don't oppose anything," he replied. It is stated that Senator Butler favors the proposition and that the Democratic Committee made the advance upon assurances from him.

The republicans did not seem to concern themselves about the move and in fact many of them seem tickled. Chairman Holton said: "The Democratic party can't fuse with the Populists, because the Populists will not fuse them. We will carry the State in any event for Russell." The chairman remarked that the Democrats would not do anything to hurt the feelings of a Populist now.

Notice to Advertisers. The special Fair edition of the Press-Visitor which will appear on the 19th of this month will be a success. All advertisers who have not already secured space in this valuable advertising medium and who desire space must have their copy in by Thursday, October 15th, at 12 o'clock sharp. This will be your last chance to get in this edition.

THE CASTLE CASE.

The Trial of the Alleged Shop-Lifters Attracts Attention in London.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. LONDON, Oct. 13.—At Marlborough street police court today Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, who were arrested at the Hotel Cecil Tuesday last, charged with stealing a quantity of furs, etc., from various dealers in this city, were arraigned on remand, and after a short hearing, were again remanded for a week, bail being allowed in the sum of a hundred and fifty thousand pounds. The anticipation of the hearing is a most interesting and extraordinary case. The police court was crowded. James E. Roosevelt, Secretary of the United States Embassy, and H. Hurston, his under secretary, were accommodated with seats specially reserved. Castle entered the dock at 11:40. The wife followed, led by two officers. She was stylishly dressed and had a cape turned up to hide her face. She sobbed violently and kept her face behind her handkerchief. When the first witness was called she became hysterical. Her husband ineffectually tried to quiet her. Treasury prosecutor Avery detailed the case and said it was not a case of wealthy people buying goods they did not want, but shoplifting. He detailed a list of some hundred articles stolen, including nine gold watches. Mrs. Castle at this sank, moaning feebly, upon her husband's shoulder.

The Boston Stars. Thursday night of this week the Boston Stars will open the Raleigh Star Course. The company is said to be up-to-date in every particular. They have appeared under the same auspices, twelve times in St. Louis and have been recalled for three concerts this season. There are four people in the company and all stars. Mr. Frank G. Reynolds Boston's unique singing humorist is with the company. The program is clean and up-to-date in every sense of the word. Only a limited number of season tickets are on sale at W. H. Kings, at the reduced rate but after Thursday night no more of these course tickets will be sold and the seats for each attraction will be \$1.00.

The gallery tickets will be closed out at 50 cents each. Last night a telegram was received from Norfolk saying that the stars were playing to a big house.

Brilliant Musical Tonight. The event of tonight will be the musicale at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Moffitt on Fayetteville street. It will be held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, and all lovers of music in Raleigh are invited to be present at 8 o'clock sharp. Among the participants on the programme for the evening are: Miss Enid Smith, of Peace Institute, will sing "Aria," from Samson and Delilah; Miss Minnie Johnson will play (a) "Allah" and (b) "Bonny Cull"; Miss Caspari will recite "Clearing up Technicalities." These will be assisted by local talent: Misses Bettie and Mary Dinwiddie, Miss Minnie Tucker, Miss Mamie Robbins, Miss Mary Johnson, and little Patie Carroll. The honorable Mayor of the city will close the programme.

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Items of State News. The new city hall at Salisbury is to be completed by the 15th of December.

Hickory is making an effort to have a cotton mill built.

Rutherford county Fair will be held on the 19, 20, 21 and 22nd.

Burke county fair opens Tuesday and will continue three days.

Presentation of Punish Bowl. For the occasion of the presentation of the punish bowl to the U. S. Man-of-War Raleigh at Southport, the Southern Railway will sell tickets on October 14th from Raleigh to Wilmington, N. C., and return at 24 33 for the round trip. Tickets good to return until October 19th.

Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever in Town. There is a case of scarlet fever in town, and also one of diphtheria. The yellow quarantine signal is hung out at the residence of Dr. W. H. Hobbitt for scarlet fever at Mrs. Harvey's on Cabarrus street for diphtheria.

WINSTON REGISTRARS.

Before Judge Montgomery—Magistrates—Names Go On County Tickets.

Justice Montgomery rendered two important decisions today that settled disputed questions in the new election law.

It has been a doubtful question among all three of the State chairmen whether the names of the candidates for magistrates should be voted for on the county or state ticket. A test case, agreed upon by the chairmen came before Justice Montgomery today on application from Durham county. Judge Montgomery decided that a magistrate was a judicial officer in the county in which he resided and therefore a county officer. He held that the names of magistrates should be printed on the county tickets and that the law provided for only two ballot boxes.

Messrs. Reid and Curtis, the Winston registrars, whom chairman Holton changed with irregularities in conducting registrations appeared before Judge Montgomery in response to his summons.

The gentlemen were represented by Mr. E. B. Jones of Winston and Mr. C. M. Busbee, while Mr. Holton was represented by Maj. J. W. Graham.

All the Attorneys in the case had something to say. Mr. Jones did not think the case was within the jurisdiction of Judge Montgomery.

Justice Montgomery held that the two registrars had conducted the registration irregularly, but not knowingly, and he taxed them with the costs.

Maj. Graham prepared the following order at the solicitation of Judge Montgomery:

In this matter after hearing the affidavits filed, it is considered and adjudged that the said defendants E. L. Reed and E. D. Curtis, registrars of the 5th ward precinct of Winston, N. C., have not combined to prevent legal registration, but it appearing from their own affidavits that they have erroneous views as to the duties required of registrars, it is therefore ordered that they proceed on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1896 to discharge their duties as defined in the order made on October 9th, 1896, and allow all persons, who have not registered, to have their names put on the registration book of said fifth ward precinct.

TODAY'S MARKETS. NEW YORK, Oct. 13. Cotton quotations furnished by G. E. Leach, Broker, 311 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C. [By Private Wire.]

MONTHS. OPENING. HIGH-EST. LOW-EST. CLOSING. January, 7 99 8 05 7 96 8 08. February, 8 07 8 07 8 03 8 06. March, 8 11 8 15 8 07 8 11. April, 8 15 8 15 8 08 8 15. May, 8 13 8 22 8 17 8 19. June, .....

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Missouri Pacific..... 42. Union Pacific..... 40. Rock Island..... 39. St. Paul..... 40. General Electric..... 21. Tennessee Coal and Iron..... 21. Manhattan..... 91. American Tobacco..... 74. Burlington and Quincy..... 68. Western Union..... 33. Louisville and Nashville..... 43. United States Leather..... 43. Southern Railroad..... 23. Southern Preferred..... 23. Chicago Gas..... 60. Sugar..... 107. Reading..... 45. Des. and Cst. Food..... 45. Atchafson..... 45. D. L. & W..... 45. Jersey Central..... 45. Erie..... 45. Silver..... 45.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. October..... 4.13. October-November..... 4.18. November-December..... 4.16. December-January..... 4.14. January-February..... 4.14. February-March..... 4.14. March-April..... 4.14. April-May..... 4.15. Chicago Grain and Provision Markets. The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—December, 70; Jan, 74. Corn—December, 24; Jan, 28. Oats—December—, May 21. Pork—October, 7.27; January, 8.10. Lard—October, 47; January 4.67. Clear Rib Sides—October, 3.87; January 4.07.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Port-Parrot of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

The next annual convention of North Carolina Baptists will convene in Morganton on November 11th.

Requisition is made on the War Department for 50 more rifles for the cadets at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Governor Carr makes a requisition on the Governor of Georgia for Junius Bunn, an escaped convict wanted in Rockingham.

Judge McIver had another stroke of paralysis at Durham yesterday and was compelled to end the term of court and go to his home at Carthage.

Mr. S. A. Holton was here today on his way to Louisburg. When asked whether he was going to speak, he said that he never spoke; "I sentence the penitents and I defy the saints."